

2021-2022 Guide Book & Directory

*Our Lady Queen
of Peace*

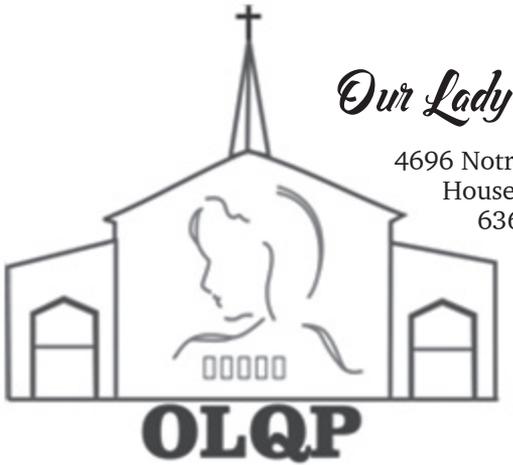
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Our Lady Queen of Peace

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This Guide Book and Directory is produced every year to help us acknowledge our greatest resource: our parish family.

I invite you to take some time to look through the front part of the book to see what different ministries we have going on in the parish. These are the ministries that help us help each other and the parish. The second half of the book is to help us stay connected to each other.

We are called through our baptism to be part of the Body of Christ. I hope that this book will inspire us to work together and help each other.

Thank our patrons, who make it possible for us to receive this directory free of charge. Please support them.

God Bless,

Fr. Dennis

Mission Statement

“Through the guidance of the Blessed Mother, we strive to help others to know, love and serve our God and each other.”

Parish Office Hours

Monday & Tuesday: 7:00am-3:00pm
Wednesday – Friday: 7:00am-5:00pm
636-671-3062
Fax-636-671-0003

Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish Staff

Pastor - Reverend Dennis C. Schmidt,
636-671-3062 or **frdennis@olqpmo.org**
Deacon Dr. Thomas J. Gerling, **deacontom@olqpmo.org**
Deacon Mr. Paul J. Turek, Sr., **deaconpaul@olqpmo.org**

Parish Bookkeeper – Jan Schultheiss **bookkeeper@olqpmo.org**

Parish Secretary – Donna Webb **office@olqpmo.org**

Protecting God's Children Coordinator & Cemetery Manager – Bev Gregory

bev.gregory@olqpmo.org

Bulletin email – **bulletin@olqpmo.org**

Parish Website – **www.olqpmo.org**

Parish Religious Administrator 636-671-0247

John Bonsanti – **john.bonsanti@olqpmo.org**

Preschool 636-671-0247

Coordinator – **prek@olqpmo.org**

Lead Teacher – **pkteach@olqpmo.org**

Parish School of Religion

Terry Ostlund – 314-566-8363 **psr@olqpmo.org**

High School Youth Coordinator

James Bolte – 314-805-9622

Music/Choir Director

Bob Ellison – 636-677-5431

Maintenance Supervisor

Eric Dennis – **edennis@olqpmo.org**

Our Lady Queen of Peace *Church Dedicated July 20, 1961*

This parish was formed out of two parishes, St. Columbkille established in the 1800's and St. Philomena from 1905-1961. On April 10, 1960 ground was broken for a new Church. On July 20, 1961, the new Church with a new name, Our Lady Queen of Peace, was dedicated.

Pastors - Our Lady Queen of Peace

Dedicated on July 20, 1961

1961	Fr. James Curtin
1961-1972	Fr. Thomas Woracek
1972-1983	Fr. Robert L. Roedig
1983-1989	Fr. Hubert E. Creason
1990-1990	Fr. Donald Heck
1991-2004	Msgr. Norbert A. Ernst
2004-2008	Fr. Ferdinand J. Wesloh
2008-2010	Fr. Patrick J. Christopher
2010-2016	Fr. Michael G. Murphy
2016-present	Fr. Dennis Schmidt

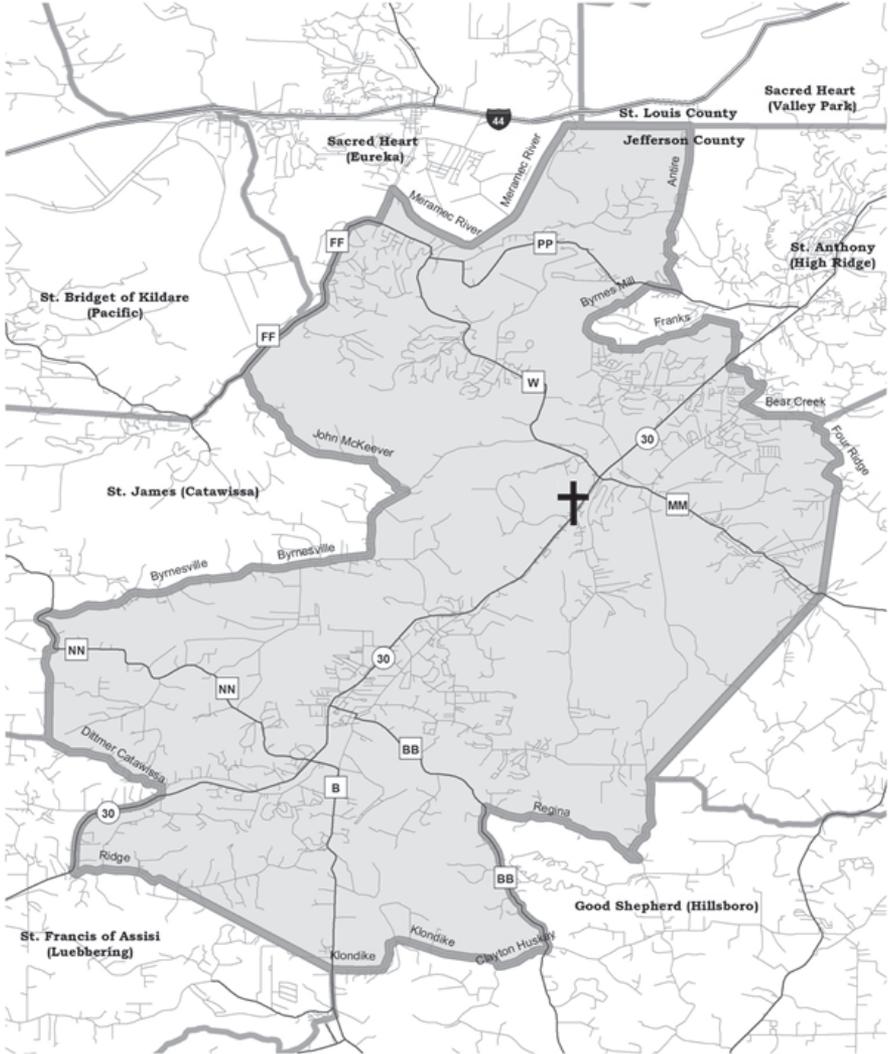
Associate Pastors

1961	Fr. Raymond Kramer
1961-1964	<i>(no associate pastor)</i>
1964-1966	Fr. Albert Rehme
1966-1968	Fr. David Sullivan
1968-1972	Fr. George Garthoeffner
1972-1979	<i>(no associate pastor – assisted by the Franciscan at Evergreen Hills)</i>
1979-1980	Fr. Donald Straub
1980-1986	Fr. Frederick Meyer
1986-1988	Fr. Donald R. Wester
1989-1995	Fr. Joseph G. Kempf
1995-2001	Fr. Larry T. Huber <i>(1997-1999 Faculty at St. Pius X)</i>
2001-2015	Reverend Donald F. Molitor <i>(retired in 2009)</i>
2009-2019	Reverend James T. Beighlie C.M.

Deacons - Our Lady Queen of Peace

1986-1990	Deacon Fred Hirtz
1990-present	Deacon Thomas J. Gerling
2000-present	Deacon Paul J. Turek, Sr.
2001-2005	Deacon Frederick J. Mueller

**Our Lady Queen of Peace - House Springs
Parish Boundary Map**



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Our Lady Queen of Peace

Fiscal Year 2021 (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021)

Parish Statistics

Baptisms	16
First Communions	26
Confirmations	27
Marriages	5
Funerals	62
New Registrations	21

Our Lady Queen of Peace History

The story of Our Lady Queen of Peace begins in the early 1800's with Irish Catholics settling in the area between the Meramec and the Big River. In 1843 the first parish to serve the settlers of this area was established by Bishop Kenrick, the first Archbishop of St. Louis. The first Church built to serve the new settlers was St. Patrick's Armagh, located on the Meramec River about four miles south of Pacific. As the population of the area increased, St. Patrick's was no longer centrally located. A new St. Patrick's was built, as well as the Church of St. Columbkille in the present House Springs area in Byrnesville. Initially, both churches were served and administered from St. Patrick's. It wasn't until 1880 that they had a resident pastor.

Fr. William Gallagher was appointed to St. Columbkille and was a mission parish until 1948. Some of the later pastors of St. Columbkille parish were Fr. Jeremiah Murphy, who became pastor in 1918 and retired in 1955. In 1956 the next pastor was Fr. Joseph O'Brien, who in 1957, was sent off for military service.

In 1905, St. Philomena's Church was built in House Springs as a mission of St. Columbkille. It remained a mission church until 1948. During World War I, Fr. Jeremiah Murphy was appointed to serve the two Byrnesville-House Springs parishes. He remained pastor until his retirement in 1955. Through the time of the two World Wars and the Great Depression, the population of St. Columbkille remained rather stable or decreased slightly, while the construction of Highway 30, giving easy access to St. Louis, contributed to the development of subdivisions and a rapid expansion in the population of House Springs and St. Philomena. St. Philomena had Fr. Joseph Dwyer as one of the earlier pastors; he arrived on April 23, 1948.

In 1956 Fr. James Curtin came to St. Philomena. He was pastor at St. Philomena, but also administered to St. Columbkille in 1957 when Fr. O'Brien left.

In 1957, St. Columbkille no longer had a resident pastor because Fr. O'Brien was sent off to military service, but was administered by Fr. James Curtin, the resident pastor of St. Philomena until the two parishes were merged in 1959.

The population of the area continued to grow and new parishes emerged. By the turn of the century, many Catholics from House Springs and High Ridge who had been attending Mass at St. Columbkille were now attending at St. John's Church in Rock Creek or St. Joseph's Church in Kimmswick.

On September 18, 1959 it was announced that St. Philomena and St. Columbkille would become one parish, the New Philomena. On April 10, 1960 ground was broken for a new church. On July 20, 1961 the dedication of the new church with a new name took place – Our Lady Queen of Peace by Cardinal Joseph Ritter. In September, 1961 Fr. Thomas Woracek became the next pastor of Our Lady Queen of Peace.

A new 35 foot bell tower, to house the three bells, was begun the week of December 11, 1971 on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of Father Woracek. The Columbkille bell tuned F sharp, The St. Philomena bell tuned C and a new bell tuned B (and consecrated at Our Lady Queen of Peace) is used as the toll bell to make up the three bells in the bell tower. The bells were rung for the first time on April 2, 1972. A special memorial plaque calling attention to the significance of the tower was placed on the concrete base of the tower.

Since its dedication in 1961, Our Lady Queen of Peace has served the needs of Catholics in a large area of Jefferson County. By the parish's Twenty Fifth Anniversary in 1986, an excellent parish school was operating and a large Parish School of Religion (PSR) program was in place. Parish based service groups and faith formation groups were in place to nourish the spiritual needs of parishioners and take the spirit of Catholic faith at Our Lady Queen of Peace beyond our borders.

Our Lady Queen of Peace has moved into the new millennium and celebrated its fiftieth anniversary in 2011. In 2012 a new Strategic Plan for Renewal and Growth was implemented. This plan will lead us into our future.

Due to enrollment, the parish school was forced to close its doors after the 2018-2019 school year.

The parish remains a vibrant community of faith, a caring family of believers, and a model of Christian Witness in Jefferson County and the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

Our Lady Queen of Peace Worship and Pray

Mass

Mass, a celebration of the Eucharist, the Real Presence of Jesus, is the foremost sacrament of the Catholic Church. It is the center of our spiritual life.

Monday - Friday 8:00am

Sundays - 8:00, 10:00am

Saturday Evening - 5:00pm

Saturday Morning on 1st Saturday of each month - 8:00am

Holy Days of Obligation times are printed in the Sunday Bulletin.

Cemetery Masses

9:00am

Memorial Day - House Springs, Fourth of July - Chapel Hill Mortuary,
Labor Day - Byrnesville

Mass Intention

Arrangements are made with the Parish Office any weekday between 7:00am-3:00pm.

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Wednesday after 8:00am Mass, with Vespers and Benediction led by the Young Adults starting at 7:30pm; to inquire please call Mary Myers, 314-210-5098.

Feast of Divine Mercy

Divine Mercy is celebrated the first Sunday after Easter; to inquire call Mary Myers, 314-210-5098.

Divine Mercy Chaplet said every Wednesday after 8:00am Mass.

Lenten Devotions

Special Devotions are scheduled during the Lenten season; they are announced in the bulletin.

Perpetual Help Devotions

Each Tuesday after 8:00am Mass

Rosary

The Rosary may be prayed before the 5:00pm, 8:00am and 10:00am Masses.

Sacrament of Baptisms

Baptisms are the first and third Sunday of the month either during the Mass or immediately after the 10:00am Mass; arrangements are made by calling the Parish Office, 636-671-3062.

Sacrament of Matrimony

As soon as marriage is contemplated please contact the pastor by calling the Parish Office, 636-671-3062.

Sacrament of Penance or Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00-4:45pm or by appointment, call the Parish Office, 636-671-3062.

Rosary Mysteries

Joyful Mysteries	Sorrowful Mysteries	Glorious Mysteries	Luminous Mysteries
Mondays and Saturdays	Tuesdays and Fridays	Wednesdays and Sundays	Thursdays
Annunciation	Agony in the Garden	Resurrection of the Lord	Baptism of Jesus
Visitation	Scourging at the Pillar	Ascension of Our Lord into Heaven	Miracle at Cana
Birth of Jesus	Crowning with Thorns	Descent of the Holy Spirit	Proclamation of Kingdom of God
Presentation in the Temple	Jesus Carries His Cross	Assumption of Mary into Heaven	Transfiguration
Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple	Crucifixion	Mary is Crowned Queen of Heaven and Earth	Institution on the Eucharist

Rosary Prayers

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil graciously grant peace in our days that by the help of your mercy, we may always be free from sin and safe from distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed are thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Communications

Our Lady Queen of Peace strives to inform all parishioners, not only regarding parish and community events, but also teachings and events within the Archdiocese of St. Louis, and the Catholic Church.

Calendar Scheduling

At least one month in advance of your planned event, check with the parish office to determine if the time and place you want to reserve is available. It is possible that an event is already scheduled for the time and space you want but has not yet been added to the calendar. Final approval for using parish facilities rests with the pastor and the parish staff.

Cemeteries

With the combining of two churches, St. Columbkille and St. Philomena, there are two cemeteries that are maintained by Our Lady Queen of Peace. There are burial plots available in both cemeteries that can be purchased by contacting the Parish Office. The address of the cemeteries are as follows:

4531 Church Road	8701 Byrnesville Road
House Springs, MO 63051	Cedar Hill, MO 63016
(Formerly St. Philomena Church)	(Formerly St. Columbkille Church)

Hospital Visitation

The staff of Our Lady Queen of Peace wants to visit members of our Parish when they are hospitalized. Hospitals no longer inform the Parish Office when parishioners are admitted. Either the hospitalized person or another family member at the patient's direction should notify the Parish Office, 636-671-3062, of their hospitalization or to request a visit during their hospital stay.

In Time of Death and Bereavement

The family makes funeral arrangements with the priest or deacon, with the assistance of the funeral home of their choice. When arrangements are made for a funeral, the parish staff can provide the following: full participation at the Funeral Mass, including musician and choir, ministers needed for the Funeral Mass, including Servers, Proclaimers, Eucharistic Ministers and prayers. A Funeral Luncheon is offered following the burial service. Please contact the Parish Office, 636-671-3062, regarding the Funeral Luncheon.

Mass Offerings

To arrange a Mass for your intention, call the Parish Office, 636-671-3062, or make your request in writing, via an email to office@olqpmo.org, the mail or the collection basket. Dates for Masses are assigned on a first come, first served basis. If no particular date is requested, the Mass will be scheduled as soon as a date is available. If a requested date is already filled, your requested Mass will be scheduled as close to your requested date as possible. Mass cards (either for healing, the living, or the deceased) are available at the Parish Office. Mass offerings are \$10.00 per Mass.

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Parish Bulletin

The weekly bulletin is the ordinary means of communication for Our Lady Queen of Peace. Items for the parish bulletin can be submitted to the Parish Office either directly to the Parish Office in person or by email bulletin@olqpmo.org. All items for the parish bulletin must include the name of the person submitting the article and their phone number. The deadline for submission of articles is Friday, 4:00pm, 9 days prior to the Sunday bulletin you wish it to appear in. For weeks that include a holiday the deadline is earlier. The Parish Office reserves the right to edit the submitted articles for both length and content. Non-parish articles will be published as space permits.

Parish “What’s On Tap” Newsletter

“What’s On Tap” lists upcoming events and activities and is published once a month. Notices must be received no later than 10 days prior to the publication of the newsletters. Only major, parish-wide events will be publicized with individual emails (i.e. the picnic, gala, a parish mission or retreat, etc.). The requesting party is responsible for providing the text of the announcement. This text must be clear and unambiguous, clearly understood by new parishioners and non-parishioners who subscribe to our emails. If the event involves in any way the collecting of funds, the announcement must clearly state how these funds are intended to be used. Contact pastor with information.

Parish Facebook Page

Our Facebook page is “Our Lady Queen of Peace, House Springs”.

Parish Mailing

Mailings to all parishioners come from the Parish Office; all costs incurred for the mailings will be paid by the requesting organization. Should an organization of the parish wish to send a mailing to the parishioners, the pastor must approve this beforehand. No individual or organization may identify itself as an agent of Our Lady Queen of Peace without prior and proper authorization.

Parish Website

In addition to posting events and activities in the Parish bulletin, it is possible to provide more information about your event in the “Upcoming Events” section of the website. Requests to post in Upcoming Events must be submitted 2-4 weeks prior to the event. The requesting party is responsible for providing the text of the announcement. This text must be clear and unambiguous, clearly understood by new parishioners and non-parishioners who subscribe to our emails. If the event involves in any way the collecting of funds, the announcement must clearly state how these funds are intended to be used. Send information to john.bonsanti@olqpmo.org. Our website is www.olqpmo.org.

Parking Lot Flyers and Handouts

Our Lady Queen of Peace does not give permission for flyers or handouts to be placed on vehicles parked on the parish parking lots. If any are found on vehicles on the parking lots, know these have been placed without permission of the parish.

Prayer List

We support one another through our prayers. We include names of the sick and those in need of our special prayers by listing them in the bulletin. We are happy to include family members and friends in our prayers. Please notify the Parish Office, 636-671-3062, when you want someone included in our prayers. We will leave them on the list for three weeks or as space permits.

Preschool

Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish offers a preschool geared towards preparing our students for kindergarten. A structured daily routine is maintained focused on the individual academic needs of each child. The program is offered to students ages 3-5. For more information call the preschool at 636-671-0247.

Prevent and Protect STL

Our Lady Queen of Peace follows the guidelines of Protect and Prevent STL as outlined by the St. Louis Archdiocese to protect the children, the elderly, and the vulnerable. For information regarding the Archdiocese’s Safe Environment Program go to <https://www.preventandprotectstl.org/> or contact the Prevent & Protect Coordinator at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish Office.

Sacramental Records

To request a Baptismal, First Communion, Confirmation, Wedding or Funeral Record, please call the Parish Office, 636-671-3062. There is no charge for this service.

Signage/Bulletin Board

We maintain a “Parish Life” Bulletin Board in the vestibule of the Church. Contact Rene Heibeck at 314-691-1203 to request for information to be included on the bulletin board or on the large electronic sign.

Sunday Announcements

Requests to have an event or activity mentioned in the Sunday Mass announcements must be submitted in writing no later than Thursday noon of the week prior to the weekend on which the announcement is to be made. Announcements are restricted to event name, place and time. If the event involves in any way the collecting of funds, the announcement must clearly state how these funds are intended to be used.

Will and Bequests

This is a wonderful way to remember and help secure a sound future. This form of contribution allows you to make use of your funds in daily life while earmarking those funds for Church use when you no longer need them. You might also consider naming Our Lady Queen of Peace the beneficiary for insurance policies, annuities, etc.

Parish Organization Descriptions

ACA (Annual Catholic Appeal) Committee (Parish Organization/Activity)

Contact.... Bob and Cheryl Brinker, 636-938-3960

The ACA Committee, a sub-committee of the Parish Finance Council, coordinates one of the Archdiocese and parish's most significant fundraising and outreach efforts for those in need, the Annual Catholic Appeal.

Altar Server (4th grade and up) (Prayer and Liturgical Ministry)

Contact.... John Bonsanti, 636-671-0247

Altar Servers are ministers of the altar (fourth grade through adults) who assist celebrants in all liturgical celebrations. Training for new servers is arranged through the Parish School of Religion (PSR) program, adults can contact John Bonsanti directly.

Art and Environment/Church Decorating (Prayer and Liturgical Ministry)

Contact.... Heidi Besemer, 636-575-8424

The Art and Environment Committee, a sub-committee of the Liturgy Committee, in conjunction with the Liturgy Planning Committee, plans and executes appropriate church decorations for each liturgical season and for special ceremonies and feasts so that the church environment draws parishioners into full participation consistent with liturgical themes.

Athletic Association (Youth Program)

Contact.... Tom Johnson, 314-565-6160

The Athletic Association is a group of parishioners who coordinate the parish sports program, maintain the fields and athletic facilities and equipment, and promote sportsmanship and fair play among children and adults alike.

Bereavement Counselor (Ministry of Consolation)

Contact.... Deacon Thomas J. Gerling, 314-623-0476

Bereavement Group (Ministry of Consolation)

Contact....Linda Weber, 636-671-4281

The Bereavement Support Group, under the direction of trained bereavement specialists and with the aid of parish volunteers, provides monthly meetings for the grieving.

Blood Pressure Screening (Parish Organization/Activity)

Contact....Fran Corley, 314-809-2676

Blood Pressure Screeners are a special group of nurses who monthly host a blood pressure screening and provide simple health advice as well as recommending when parishioners need to seek more extensive medical evaluation.

Catholic Social Response Committee (Parish Organization/Activity)

Contact...Gail DeGunia, 636-274-3954

The Catholic Social Response Committee, a sub-committee of the Parish Social Ministry Commission, is a group of volunteers who research and provide basic information to parishioners on such life issues as budgeting, planning for retirement, dealing with Medicare/Medicaid, applying for disability, finding appropriate counseling, parenting issues, dealing with aging parents and relatives, and the like. They maintain a resource list and provide referral to needed services upon request. They also organize speakers and workshop session for those coping with significant life issues and promote speakers and workshops on Catholic Social Teaching and Social Justice for the entire parish.

Choir/Cantors/Musicians (Prayer and Liturgical Ministry)

Contact....Bob Ellison, 636-677-5431

Music Ministers are singers and musicians (of all ages) who assist in leading congregational music participation during liturgical celebrations.

Church Cleaners (Prayer and Liturgical Ministry)

Contact....Joanne David, 636-274-0590

The Mission of the Church Cleaners is to maintain a neat and clean environment for parish worship by providing rotating teams of about five workers, each team working one day a month, to dust, vacuum, wash windows and provide other general cleaning and straightening up services. Membership on this committee is open to men and women of all ages.

Daughters of Isabella (Independent Organization)

Contact....Jan Sankey, 636-671-9093

The Daughters of Isabella is an International Catholic Women's Organization that promotes spiritual, social and charitable events. Membership is open to women, 16 years of age and older.

Dinners/Fish Fry Committee (Parish Organization/Activity)

Contact.... Kevin Miller, 314-698-3462

The Fish Fries/Dinners committee is a group of parishioners who plan and organize the Lenten Fish Fries and other parish dinners and social events. The committee is broken into areas of promotion and publicity, kitchen preparation and supplies, and volunteer recruitment. In addition to fundraising and enhancing parish social life, the committee works to promote parish unity through increased opportunities to socialize and be involved with fellow parishioners in a significant aspect of parish life.

Drivers for Shut-Ins (Parish Organization/Activity)

Contact.... John Bonsanti, 636-671-0247

Drivers for Shut-Ins are volunteers that, primarily, are available to bring parishioners to Sunday Mass who otherwise would have no way of attending. They may also provide rides, from time to time, for such things as doctor's appointments or light shopping. Requires Protecting God's Children compliance.

Eucharistic Adoration (Prayer and Liturgical Ministry)

Contact.... Mary Myers, 314-210-5098

Eucharistic Adoration is every Wednesday from 9:00am to 8:00pm. Every hour of Adoration is covered by one or two adorers. We would like to have two people signed up for each hour to make sure someone is always present.

Eucharistic Ministers (Prayer and Liturgical Ministry)

Contact.... Jim and Carol England, 636-274-0545

Eucharistic Ministers are ministers (18 years of age and older) of Holy Communion. They assist the ordinary ministers of communion in celebrations where additional communion stations are necessary. (Specially trained Eucharistic Ministers can also function as Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick.)

Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick (Prayer and Liturgical Ministry)

Contact.... John Bonsanti, 636-671-0247

Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick are a special group of Eucharistic Ministers who take on the ministry of bringing Communion to those confined to their homes, nursing homes, hospitals, or other care facilities, and have Protecting God's Children requirements.

Facilities and Maintenance (Leadership Ministry)

Contact.... Eric Dennis, edennis@olqpmo.org

The Facilities and Maintenance Committee, mandated by the Parish Strategic Plan for Growth and Improvement of 2012, works to provide an assessment of parish maintenance and improvement needs, evaluation of possible plans to meet those needs, and the formation of an overall plan to manage parish resources to provide and maintain a safe and healthy environment for parish activities. The committee also works to plan for long range replacement of parish equipment and resources and to provide capital improvements to the parish.

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In its task of managing parish maintenance, the committee oversees and prioritizes all maintenance work, recruits skilled parishioners for maintenance tasks beyond the expertise of the parish maintenance employees, and arranges contracting with professional service providers for any repairs and plant improvements that cannot be safely and effectively handled by parish maintenance workers or skilled volunteers.

Facilities/Maintenance Skilled Volunteers (Parish Organization/Activity)

Contact.... 636-671-3062

The Facilities and Maintenance Work Group is a group of parishioners with expertise in carpentry, plumbing, electrical work, heating and air conditioning, and the like, who are available for repair and plant improvement projects.

Finance Council (Leadership Ministry)

Contact.... Christine Sanchez, 636-692-1820

The Finance Council, composed of members of the staff and parishioners with expertise in financial planning and management, advises the pastor on all decisions involving fundraising and expenditure of parish funds. It is the particular function of the council to make sure that the parish operates within budget, to advise on all matters of capital expenditures, and to formulate procedures and policies affecting the financial well-being of the parish.

Funeral Choir (Prayer and Liturgical Ministry)

Contact.... Bob Ellison, 636-677-5431

The Funeral Choir is made up of members of the choir and others who are available to lead the congregation in singing at all funerals celebrated at Our Lady Queen of Peace.

Funeral Luncheon Committee (Ministry of Consolation)

Contact.... Parish Office, 636-671-3062

The Funeral Luncheon Committee is a group of parishioners who provide parish families with a meal after the celebration of a loved one's funeral. They provide the first outreach on the part of the parish to the bereaved.

Gala Auction (Parish Organization/Activity)

Contact.... John Bonsanti, 636-671-0247 or

.....john.bonsanti@olqpmo.org

A fun and interactive way to meet people of the community and support the parish! This event is filled with numerous silent and oral auction items for bidding, raffles, and more! Many people are needed to help make the event a success. People are needed for both behind the scenes tasks in advance of the auction as well as those visible on auction night. This is also a large fund-raising event for the Parish! You don't want to miss this one!

Good Neighbor Ministry (Prayer and Liturgical Ministry)

Contact Carol Freihaut, 314-717-3387

This ministry provides wellness calls to many of our parishioners who may be in need or who do not have an established family support system. Members of our group call about once a month or as needed for Morale, Welfare and Fellowship. This ministry is also a great help in identifying individuals who may require assistance for other ministries of the parish including Communion Calls, Drivers for the homebound, and St. Vincent de Paul.

High School Youth Group (Youth Program)

Contact.... James Bolte, 314-805-9622

Offering our high school youth opportunities to strengthen their Catholic faith and to share their talents with the parish and wider community. We meet for faith sharing, participate in the Steubenville youth conference, host Hope Builders summer service week and offer leadership opportunities for our youth.

Hospitality/Welcome Committee (Parish Organization/Activity)

Contact.... Mary Terry, 314-629-4985

The Hospitality/Welcome Committee is a sub-committee of the Evangelization Commission that coordinates and directs parish efforts at hospitality, as well as efforts at formation in embracing and living the Gospel together as a Christian Community.

Knights of Columbus (Independent Organization)

Contact.... Bill Gregory, 314-753-0471

The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal benefit society offering mutual social, financial and intellectual support to its members and their families. Through outreach efforts, the Knights provide support to local churches as well as significant relief for those in need, locally and globally. The local council provides support to the parish through fundraisers and scholarship programs, has adopted an outreach program for mentally handicapped children, and actively promotes pro-life activities and programs.

Knights of Columbus Ladies' Auxiliary (Independent Organization)

Contact.... Vicki DeLong, 636-274-2415

The Knights of Columbus Ladies' Auxiliary is a group of women who assist the Knights in their charitable and fundraising efforts and, likewise, provide mutual support for its members.

Liturgy Committee (Prayer and Liturgical Ministry)

Contact.... Fr. Dennis Schmidt, 636-671-3062

The Liturgy Planning Committee meets at least quarterly to plan for each season of the Church Year and coordinate with the Music Committee and Arts and Environment Committee seasonal themes and special ceremonies. The goal of the committee is to plan liturgical and sacramental celebrations in such a way as to foster full participation of all parishioners.

Music Committee (Prayer and Liturgical Ministry)

Contact.... Bob Ellison, 636-677-5431

The Music Committee, a sub-committee of the Liturgy Committee, in conjunction with the Liturgy Planning Committee, selects all music for each season of the Church year so that the seasonal liturgical themes find expression in the congregation's singing.

Office Aides (Parish Organization/Activity)

Contact.... Parish Office, 636-671-3062

Office Aides are parishioners who, under the direction of the parish secretary and parish bookkeeper, provide assistance with parish mailings, answer phones, count the weekly collection, insert additional materials into the weekly bulletin, and assist with other clerical work for the parish. Please call the parish office if you would like to volunteer for any of these.

Parish Council (Leadership Ministry)

Contact.... Caitlin Brand, 314-280-4794

The parish council consists of parishioners, elected or appointed for a three-year term, and parish staff members. The mandate of the council is to advise the pastor on matters concerning parish life, implement the strategic plan for parish growth and renewal, and oversee the work of the adjunct commissions of the council that carry out the financial, spiritual, educational and social programs of the parish.

Parish Picnic Committee (Parish Organization/Activity)

The Parish Picnic Committee, comprised of a committee chair, four captains, and interested and involved parishioners working in each of the four areas of publicity and promotion, rides, games and entertainment, food, and volunteer recruitment, takes on the responsibility of organizing and executing the parish's main annual fundraising and social event.

Parish Pride (Parish Organization/Activity)

Contact.... René Heibeck, 314-691-1203

Parish Pride is a group of parishioners dedicated to periodically tending to plants, landscaping, painting, and other light repairs to the parish grounds and facilities.

Peace Pantry Volunteers (Independent Organization)

The Peace Pantry provides food and other assistance to those in need in our immediate area. The pantry is supported by all local Churches. OLPQ Peace Pantry Volunteers represent our parish in this important work and relay to the parish particular needs the Peace Pantry is trying to meet, involving the entire parish in this outreach. Contact Peace Pantry to see how you can help, 636-285-0934.

Pro-Life Committee (Parish Organization/Activity)

Contact.... Donna Larson, 314-440-8865

The Pro-Life Committee is the parish's outreach group to work against assaults on human life through abortion.

Proclaimers (Prayer and Liturgical Ministry)

Contact.... Don Moeller, 314-392-1751

Proclaimers of the Word are ministers (from teenage to adult) of God's Word. They make announcements, read the scripture readings, and, in the absence of a deacon, proclaim the prayer of the faithful.

Parish School of Religion (PSR) Coordinator (Education and Faith Formation Ministry)

Contact.... Terry Ostlund, 314-566-8363

PSR Teachers are a group of parish volunteers approved by the Pastor. These volunteers wish to share their love of God and our Catholic faith with the children of our parish who attend the Parish School of Religion through the use of material approved by the St. Louis Archdiocese Catholic Education Office. Religion instruction and sacrament preparation is provided to children in Kindergarten through 8th grade.

RCIA/RCIC Team (Education and Faith Formation Ministry)

Contact.... Parish Office 636-671-3062

The RCIA/RCIC Team provides systematic religious education for non-Catholics wanting to join the Church, Catholics wanting to complete the Sacraments of Initiation, Catholics wanting to refresh themselves on the teachings of the Church, and older children preparing for sacraments.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul (Independent Organization)

ContactParish Office, 636-671-3062, or svdp@olqpmo.org

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is an international organization of lay Catholics dedicated to direct service to the poor. The OLQP conference handles requests for food, prescription medicine, utility bills and other requested assistance as funds are available.

Stewardship Committee (Leadership Ministry)

Contact.... Donna Larson, 314-440-8865

The Stewardship Committee is a sub-committee of the Finance Council charged with educating the parish about costs involved in providing parish services, promote a sense of ownership of the parish through committed and responsible contributions, and increase involvement in the parish through recruitment efforts for the various ministries and organizations in the community. The Stewardship Committee promotes the giving of time, talent, and treasure.

Ushers (Prayer and Liturgical Ministry)

Contact.... Sam Pierceall, 636-677-3518

Ushers and greeters are ministers (from teenage to adult) of hospitality and order. They provide the first welcome to all entering the Church and serve the needs of the assembly by making sure the Church is in good order for each celebration, taking up the collection and assisting the congregation in any way needed.

Young Adults (Parish Organization/Activity)

Contact.... Daniel Ryerson, Chairperson,, 573-569-5592

..... Caitlin Brand, Secretary, 314-280-4794

The Young Adults group seeks to build relations amongst Catholics ages 21-40 in our parish and surrounding parishes. Meetings are held on Wednesday evenings to lead a rosary, Vespers, and Benediction. This group is focused on traditional liturgies and growing as servants to our Lord Jesus Christ and the people of our parish. It is our goal to renew traditions of our faith and implement them in our parish liturgies. There is usually one pilgrimage per year, and we are involved in the parish as much as possible. We also plan fun get-togethers to grow in faith and fellowship. Please contact us for more information.