

Queen of Peace Children's Ministry Programs
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**Family Newsletter
September 30, 2007**

First Reconciliation and Eucharist (Grades 2-5) Parent Orientation Meeting: NEXT

Sunday, Oct. 7, during WCFF, 10-10:45am in the QP School library. **Program registration deadline:**

Monday, Oct. 1. Meeting agenda includes an overview of program expectations, assignments and activity dates including receiving home preparation materials for parents and child. Please contact Tricia Boyle at the parish office with questions or if you plan to participate but are unable to attend the parent meeting.

Grades 1, 2 and 3 need additional classroom aides and/or parent help! Grades 1, 2 and 3 need additional help in their classrooms. Grades 1 or 3 do not have any classroom aides. Grade 2 has an aide but is our largest class and is in need of additional assistance during learning sessions. Please contact Tricia Boyle or the classroom catechist if you can help. Thanks!

What are "Faith Bucks"? In addition to in-class learning activities the program also offers weekly opportunities to grow in faith through take home activities. Children have decorated folders which they brought home last week. Inside the folder each week you will find a variety of take home activities. Please review these activities with your child and select at least one activity in which your family participates during the week. The parent needs to sign off on the Family Faith Building Activity Log and the child needs to bring back the folder with them to class the next week.

How does my child earn Faith Bucks? Your child has an opportunity to earn 2 Faith Buck/week redeemable for prizes during our seasonal intergenerational events. Each week that your child attends WCFF AND brings back their take home folder they earn one Faith Buck. Each week your family participates in a family faith building activity AND the parent has signed off on the Family Faith Building Activity Log (found in the folder) the child will earn one Faith Buck.

When do they cash them in? Faith Bucks will be collected throughout the year and "cashed in" at a special prize table set up during our seasonal intergenerational events. The first intergenerational event is scheduled for Oct. 14th. See the Children's Ministry calendar for our weekly WCFF meeting dates and the seasonal intergenerational event dates.

Why do we have Faith Bucks? The purpose of the Faith Bucks is to encourage the children to extend their learning and faith experiences into their daily lives, to encourage children and parents to talk about their faith and find ways to put faith into action in our daily lives. Additional purposes are to encourage the family's regular participation in WCFF and to help the children develop the habit of bringing back their folders each week!

Attendance Check In: It is essential that you continue to check in your child **each week** at the registration table in the gym. Find your child's class attendance notebook and check their name off the list in the space provided. Also, add any special needs information you would like to communicate to the catechist on this day i.e. who may/may not pick up your child from class today. This is how the catechists know which children are supposed to arrive with them to their classroom in the school building. If you do not check off your child's name and your child does not make it to the classroom, the catechist will have no way of knowing your child is missing. You are always welcome to accompany your child to the classroom.

If your child's name is not pre-printed on the list it means we still need you to complete a parish/program registration form. Please add your child's name to the appropriate class list. Please complete the form and leave on the registration table or return to the parish office ASAP. You will need to continue to add your child's name

to the attendance list each week until we receive your registration form. We will not add your child's name to the pre-printed list until we receive your form. Thank you for your cooperation!

Visitors: Visitors are welcome to attend WCFE. If you bring a visitor to WCFE, please complete the yellow visitor form and give the form to the child's teacher during the dismissal line up.

Special Request from the Catechists: Please take your child to the restroom prior to the WCFE opening session in the gym. Hopefully this will reduce the amount of class time spent taking children to the restroom! Thanks!

Please pick up children from classrooms at 10:45am: Parents will pick up their children from the school at 10:45am unless an intergenerational event is held that week. During intergenerational events the family stays together in the gym for learning activities.

Children's Ministry Calendar: Please use the CM calendar as a guide for Whole Community Faith Formation (WCFE) meeting dates, intergenerational events and other special information and activities. All CM information is also available online at the Queen of Peace website: www.queenofpeacesalem.org. Current information is emailed weekly through the WCFE email newsletter with links to the parish bulletin, CM news, and sacramental preparation parent information. Extra copies of the CM calendar are on the "This Month's Resource" table in the gym on WCFE mornings.

Children's Ministry Staff: Thank you for your willingness to get involved in your child's faith formation and support the efforts of your child's catechists. These men and women volunteer their time to provide leadership to our Sunday morning faith formation programs. We are also blessed to have students from Mt. Angel seminary serve as catechists in our grade school program as part of their apostolic ministry experience. Our parish will commission and bless all those involved in catechetical ministry today, Sept. 30 during our 8:30am mass.

Our Children's Ministry catechists are as follows:

- Kindergarten: Patti Morrill and Pio Afu (seminarian)
- Grade 1: Samantha Montgomery and John Crutchfield (seminarian)
- Grade 2: Ann Andrews and Tony Vallicillo (seminarian)
- Grade 3: Malinda Kyle and Jason Handcock (seminarian)
- Grade 4/5: Jane Bartosz, Lisa Martinez, and Ace Racela (seminarian)

CM Classroom Aides: Dawn Plechl (K), Kelsey Wilson (K), Roberta Perez (Gr. 2), Tony Crisi (Gr. 4/5) and Diana Pierce (Gr. 4/5); **Aides needed for Grade 1, 2, and 3.**

CM Support Staff: Lorna Hodges, Kathleen Hoonhout, Stacey Cochran, Gloria Watson, Roberta Perez and Roger Holm

Children's Liturgy of the Word Leaders: Miranda Bartosz (8:30am aide), Michaelene Larson and Charlotte Eugenio (11am mass leaders)