



Dear Queen of Peace Community,

I am blessed for the fortuity to serve as the interim principal at Queen of Peace School following Ms. Miller's resignation to pursue other opportunities. I join you in thanking Jill for her service to the parish and wishing her well in her future endeavors.

By way of introduction to the parish in this interim capacity, it is appropriate that you know my background. I grew up on a 380-acre farm in Marshall County, Indiana. Following graduation from high school, I earned a Bachelor's Degree from Indiana State University in Education/English. I taught English and Social Studies at the middle school level in the South Bend Community School Corporation for twelve years. During that time, I received a Master's Degree from Indiana State. I then moved to School City of Mishawaka and taught at the upper elementary level while completing additional graduate classes at Ball State University and Indiana University to earn an administrative license. While working with School City of Mishawaka, I served as principal in three different schools. After ten years as a building principal, I moved to the central office and completed assignments as the Director of Human Resources and as Business Manager. During this time period, I completed a PhD from Indiana State University in School Administration/Public Finance. I returned to the South Bend Community School Corporation as Deputy Superintendent for Administration with responsibilities for all non-instructional support services. I also taught graduate courses in finance at IUSB as an adjunct faculty member until I left the South Bend schools in 2001 to accept a position as principal at St. Thomas the Apostle School in Elkhart where I remained until retirement in 2010.

My wife and I were married at St. John the Baptist Church in South Bend in 1966. We have two adult children, a son and a daughter, as well as two grandsons. My wife passed this earthly life just short of our 50th wedding anniversary in 2016. I am a fervent sports fan, a voracious reader of books of all sorts, an enthusiastic bridge player, and an avid bicyclist.

I am committed to working with the Queen of Peace staff to continue the outstanding educational and faith growing experiences offered to students in our parish school. I have had a vested interest in our parish school for many years, having served as Pastoral Council president during the planning and early implementation phases of the school. Our school is a source of parish pride, and I shall give my best efforts to provide positive leadership and support to students, parents, and staff.

Yours in Christ,
Fred M. Stump, PhD

