



# The Parish of St. Peter Quincy, IL

## ~Mass Intentions~

September 9-15, 2024

- 9. Monday 8:00 a.m.  
Frank Poore
- 10. Tuesday 8:00 a.m.  
Jack Terford
- 11. Wednesday 8:30 a.m.  
Loren Tournear
- 12. Thursday 8:00 a.m.  
Dan Frericks
- 13. Friday 8:00 a.m.  
Dan Barry
- 14. Saturday 8:00 a.m.  
Orville Lubbe
- 14. Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Dave & Pat Stegeman
- 15. Sunday 8:00 a.m.  
Mary Schlipmann
- 15. Sunday 9:30 a.m.  
Our Parish Family
- 15. Sunday 11:00 a.m.  
Zakery Haubrich

## — Mass Schedule —

- Monday-Saturday  
8:00 a.m.
- Wednesday 8:30 a.m.
- Saturday 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday 8:00 a.m.,  
9:30 a.m., & 11:00 a.m.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 7:30-7:50 a.m.  
3:30-4:30 p.m.

*Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 8, 2024*

**Dear Parishioners,**

This weekend we gather and celebrate the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary time. For the past several days we have been enjoying some great October weather, getting a glimpse of what we hope to have when October does arrive. Whatever the case, it's nice to be able to open up the windows for some fresh air. Unless, of course, you have allergies and apparently these people are suffering from this fall like weather.

Our gospel for our Mass this weekend has special meaning for me in my past experiences as a young priest. When I was ordained, I was sent as my first assignment to Our Saviour Church, Jacksonville. Just when I started to adjust myself to parish life during the months of July and August, I was told in early September that I was to have Mass for the deaf students at the Illinois School for the Deaf on that first Sunday. Not knowing what to expect since I had very little experience with any deaf person, I did as I was told and that day changed my life and my priesthood. I celebrated the Mass in a darkened theater, with an interpreter standing next to me. I experienced the frustration of the young deaf students whose world was far different from mine. Some of them, because of behavior, were escorted out of the Mass. Others just sat there, bored and uninterested as my hearing world was far different than their deaf world. And so in our gospel, as Jesus meets a deaf man, He “puts his finger into the man’s ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then He looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, ‘Ephphatha’, that is ‘be opened.’ And immediately the man’s ears were opened.” That first Sunday in September, 1975, I found myself with Jesus doing the same for me, saying to me “Ephphatha,” “be opened.” From that moment on, I resolved that I would try my best to bridge our two worlds, the deaf and hearing, by learning sign language. And you know, from that time on, the young deaf students began to show an interest in our celebrations. This was one of those times that God’s amazing grace touched my life and changed me, and in turn, opened up so much for me in my priesthood.

As some of our picnic numbers have come into the rectory, I am being amazed at some of these figures. This year our picnic has been one of the highest in terms of total revenue and even though this is a “fun-raiser” we can still take pride in its financial success. So to all of you who were involved in the picnic in any way from prayers, to financial support, to working at it. I want to once again thank all of you for making it such a great success. Of course, foremost, I want to thank our God for the weather, the fellowship, and this parish family who know how to throw a parish picnic. Finally, I cannot thank our co-chairs enough for their preparation and coordination: Amanda and Randy Martin, Teresa and Brian Baker, James Weisenberger, and Clayton and Niki Cawthon. To each of you, I thank you for your labor of love.

I want to invite our parish family to what is called “Sharing Sessions” to be held at QU North Campus on either Tuesday or Wednesday evenings beginning at 7:00 p.m. After years of study, there is a working plan to be presented to the community considering the future of our Catholic Schools.

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**Next Meeting**  
**Sunday, September 15th**  
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
**Martha Jane Room**

All 7th, 8th, & 9th graders & their friends welcome!



**Saints Alive!**  
**September 19th**  
3:00-4:30 p.m.

A youth group for 4th, 5th, & 6th grade Parishioners and guests! Have fun with your friends while you learn more about the Saints and your Catholic Faith. Come enjoy the fun! Please check Facebook for updates.

*Rest in Peace*  
*May the soul of*  
***Della Appel***  
*sing praises with the Angels in Heaven forever.*

**Coffee & Donuts and Blood Pressures This Sunday**  
 Please join us this Sunday, Sept. 8th, after all Masses in the cafeteria for Coffee & Donuts and blood pressure screenings.

**St. Veronica Guild**  
 The St. Veronica Guild will meet **Thursday, Sept. 12** in the Lower Level of the rectory at 8:30 a.m., making prayer shawls & blankets for those who need to feel the love of Jesus in a time of need. All are welcome, please join us!

**Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study**  
 Topic: When You Pray: A Clear Path to a Deeper Relationship with God by Edward Sri  
 When: Every Tuesday starting Sept. 17th – Nov. 12th  
 Time: 8:30 am–9:00 am - social, study will start at 9:00 am and end by 10:30 am.  
 If interested in joining this study, please contact Gina Bergman at 217-430-6080 or [g.bergman@cospq.org](mailto:g.bergman@cospq.org) by Sept. 1st so we can order materials. Study guide will be \$20. Please also contact Gina by Sept. 1st if you need childcare.

**Wednesday Evening Bible Study**  
 If you would like to meet with great ladies, study the bible, listen to awesome video speakers and grow in your relationship with the Lord, please consider giving us a try. We meet most Wed nights from 6-7:30 pm and are going to study "Fulfilled" Part 2 by Sonja Corbitt starting Sept 18. We will be ordering books in August. If you have any questions, please call/text Laurie Kennedy 217-779-6552 or email [lakenne-dy589@gmail.com](mailto:lakenne-dy589@gmail.com).

**Quincy Notre Dame Pom Football Camp**  
 Friday, Sept. 20th - 5:30pm to the End of Football Halftime  
 Who: Girls in Preschool - 8th Grade. (Ages 3 and up)  
 When: Friday, Sept. 20 Check in @ 5pm in the QND main Lobby  
 Where: QND Gym, 10th and Jackson  
 Cost: \$30 - includes t shirt, pizza & snack, and admission into the game.  
 TO GUARANTEE T-shirt size and color register by Friday, Sept 13th - extra t shirts will be available the night of but cannot guarantee size or color and quantity.  
 Questions: Contact Coach Jennifer Duesterhaus at: [qndpomcoaches@gmail.com](mailto:qndpomcoaches@gmail.com)  
 Pre-registration not required but recommended.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

~Kristopher Schrecke	~Elias Erd	
~Mario Camacho	~Amy Seibert	
~Hunter Hildebrand	~Isabella Benner	~Jo Buckley
~Kathy Schuckman	~Mary Lavery	~Nancy Bohan
~Alden & Joyce Shipp	~Ken Althoff	~Julie Eftink
~Donna Schutte	~John & Barb Meyer	~Bill Morrison
~Maria (Eberhardt) Sparrow	~Terri May	~Anonymous
~Bonnie Haubrich	~Ian Mehaffy	~Anonymous
~Valerie Fox Ortbal	~Charlotte Siebers	~Liem Thanh Mai
~Drake Willing	~Emmett Hertle	

To have a name added to this list, please call the Parish Office at 222-3155 or email church@cospq.org.

**Welcome!**  
 Please welcome to our parish family **Steven & Joyce Schrage!**

**RCIA Program**  
 If you or a family member is considering the Catholic Faith, please join us in our RCIA program. The program started in September. Wonder no longer, come find out what the Catholic faith is all about. Classes are on Tuesday evenings 7:00 to 8:30pm, in the Martha Jane room, beneath the church. Contact the parish office at 222-3155. You will be glad you did.

**Vocations Holy Hour**  
 The St. Peter Vocation Ministry would like to invite you to a Holy Hour to pray for vocations on Sunday, September 29th from 6:00PM until 7:00PM, in the church. Join us in adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament as we pray for vocations to the priesthood, religious life, and sacramental marriage.

**Technology Committee Volunteers Wanted**  
 St. Peter is looking to start a technology committee! Looking for interested and knowledgeable stewards to meet and discuss our present and future technology needs. Contact [a.goerlich@cospq.org](mailto:a.goerlich@cospq.org) for more information.

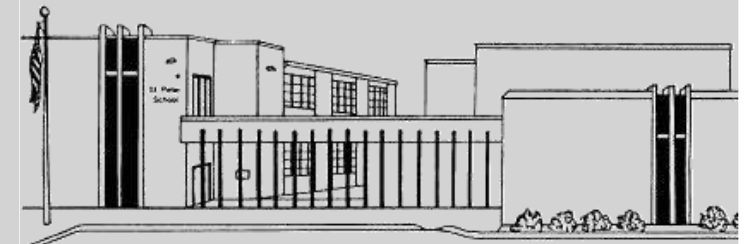
**Men's Cursillo #371**  
 Men's Cursillo #371 will be held September 12 -15 at the Franciscan Retreat Center in Quincy. During this three day experience, those attending pray together, celebrate the Eucharist, listen to talks given by priests, religious and laypersons, and share the fellowship of Jesus Christ and each other. It provides a casual and relaxed experience in a Christian community. Cost of the weekend is \$185 with lodging and all meals provided. A partial monetary gift to defray the cost is available. For more information or to receive an application, please contact Emily Goodapple, 217-242-8802 or go to <https://www.quincycursillo.com/> to print one.

**Quincy's first National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children Memorial Service**  
 Event: National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children  
 When: Saturday, Sept. 14, 2024, 1:00 pm. Where: Knights of Columbus grounds, outdoors near the entrance to the main building, 700 S. 36th Street, Quincy. Sponsored by: Right to Life of Adams County. Please bring a lawn chair. More Info: Jane Haas, 217-257-0533

**St. Anthony Annual Chicken Dinner**  
 The St. Anthony Men's Society invites you along with your family and friends to their annual fried chicken dinner on Sunday, September 15th, 2024, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in St. Anthony Parish Hall, 2223 St. Anthony Road, Quincy. Dine in or carry out! 1/4 chicken (white) Meal \$12, 1/4 chicken (dark) Meal \$12, 1/2 chicken Meal \$16, chicken strips \$8, child's dinner (wing or drumstick) \$8. Meals include 3 sides, homemade dinner rolls, drink and dessert!

**St. Anthony Ladies Society Fall Craft/Vendor Show**  
 If you are interested in being a vendor at our craft/vendor show on Saturday, October 5th, at St. Anthony Parish Hall please contact Janet Bick ([rjbick@comcast.net](mailto:rjbick@comcast.net) or 217-430-7256) or Tawny Benz ([rtbenz77@gmail.com](mailto:rtbenz77@gmail.com) or 217-257-0847). Booth space (10'x10') is \$25. You may furnish your own tables or rent 8' tables for \$5 each.

# The School of St. Peter



*Week of September 8, 2024*

## A Message from Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh

*"St. Peter School provides a quality education built on Catholic values and teachings."*

### SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

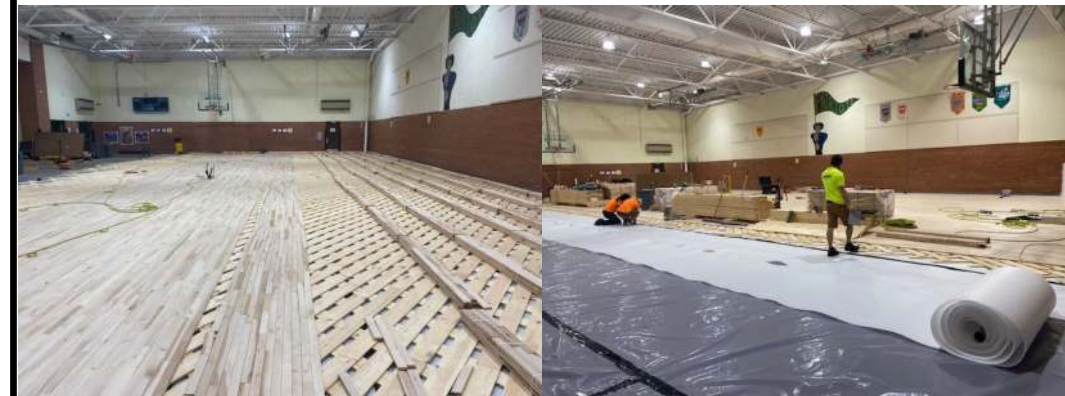
As we begin our new school year we are pleased to share with you the members of the St. Peter School Advisory Board.  
 President—Lydia Miller, Secretary—Jessica Beaston, Megan Lovelace, Nathan Bozarth, Ryan Willingham, Adam Peters, Jack Cornell, Brian Walker, Katelyn Kinscherf, George Meyer—emeritus, Fr. Leo Enlow, Chris Reichert and Cindy Venvertloh. The board meets monthly to discuss what is going on in the school and offer advice to administration on the school. We are grateful to their assistance and commitment to St. Peter School.

### WORKING FACILITY PLANNING MEETINGS

Quincy Catholic community members have been meeting for several years to discuss the future of Catholic education in our area. The provisional advisory board is excited to announce they have a working facility plan to share and will be hosting two sessions at Quincy University, Connie Niemann Center for Music, 1909 N. 18th Street, Quincy, IL.  
 Please attend either session to learn about the working plan and to ask any questions you may have. The sessions take place Sept. 10th at 7:00 p.m. and Sept. 11th at 7:00 p.m.

### RENOVATION OF ST. PETER GYM

We continue to be in the process of renovating our gym floor. Each day the workers are here and we are excited for the construction to be complete.



### SCHOOL MENU

**Monday:** Corn dog, curly fries, green beans, fruit.  
**Tuesday:** Sloppy joe, emoji fries, corn, fruit.  
**Wednesday:** Dorito walking taco, lettuce/tomato, refried beans, fruit.  
**Thursday:** Chicken chunks, mashed potatoes, peas, fruit.  
**Friday:** Sausage pizza, carrots, pudding, fruit.

### EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, Sept. 9  
 Tuesday, Sept. 10: **Fall School Picture Day; Working Plan meeting at 7:00 p.m.**  
 Wednesday, Sept. 11: 8:30 **Children's Mass—4th grade** in charge of planning; **Working Plan Mtg at 7:00 p.m.**  
 Thursday, Sept. 12: **PTA meeting 11:00 a.m.**  
 Friday, Sept. 13: Quarter 1 mid-term

### SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED

**You will love working with our students and staff!**  
 St. Peter is in need of substitute teachers. If you are interested in subbing for the 2024-2025 school year please contact Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh—Principal or Mrs. Chris Reichert—Assistant Principal at 217-223-1120. (Requirements to sub include having a bachelor's degree, completing fingerprinting, a background check and safe environment training.)

**School of St. Peter**  
**2500 Maine Street**  
**Quincy, IL 62301**  
**Phone: 217-223-1120**  
**Website: [www.stpeterschool.com](http://www.stpeterschool.com)**  
**Email: [c.venvertloh@cospq.org](mailto:c.venvertloh@cospq.org)**

**Mark Your Calendar**

**Mon. Sept. 2:** Parish Office Closed

**Tues. Sept. 3:**

**Wed. Sept. 4:** Ladies Cursillo 1:30 p.m., Fr. Bauer Prayer Room  
PSR Opening Mass 6:30 p.m., Church

**Thurs. Sept. 5:**

**Fri. Sept. 6:**

**Sat. Sept. 7:**

**Sun. Sept. 8:** Coffee & Donuts and Blood Pressures after all Masses


**Project Rachel**  
Help for women and men to heal from the pain of abortion. For assistance call 1-877-RACHEL-5.

**Reporting Allegations of Child Sexual Abuse**  
To report allegations of sexual abuse of a minor by clergy or other church personnel -- even if it is in the past -- individuals are encouraged to call the Diocese's Child Abuse Reporting and Investigation number at (217) 321-1155. Individuals may also contact Illinois Department of Children and Family Services Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.25.ABUSE.

**St. Francis Needs Substitute Teachers**  
Substitute teachers are needed for the list at St. Francis Solanus School, 1701 College Ave., Quincy-across the street from QU. Applicants need either a current Illinois Professional Educator License or an Illinois Substitute Teacher License from the Regional Office of Education#1 in Quincy. You may select days you are available and preferred grade levels. If you only accept calls a day in advance, that is fine too. We will accept subs for only morning or afternoon positions. Please contact the school office for information about the required paperwork. Contact: 217-222-4077 or [school@stfrancissolanus.com](mailto:school@stfrancissolanus.com).

**Candlelight Procession.**  
A candlelight procession will occur on Sunday evening, Oct. 13, at St. Peter Church. We will honor the Blessed Virgin Mary and celebrate the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima. More information to follow.

**Online Giving Now Available**  
St. Peter has partnered with Pushpay to create an easy way to make online contributions to the Church, School, or Haiti. Please use QRCode or Pushpay link below to start your yearly giving. Any questions please contact the parish office.  
<https://pushpay.com/g/stpeterquincy>



St Peter Church, Quincy IL  
Church Fund - 8288  
<https://pushpay.com/FyP0qgEh1Y>

WEEKLY COLLECTION		
	September 1	Total to Date
Loose Collections	\$1,143.50	\$10,735.50
Regular Collections	\$27,467.00	\$240,917.45
Annual School Fund	\$9,077.00	\$58,592.00
Holy Days	\$25.00	\$2,601.00
Totals	\$37,712.50	\$312,845.95
Total Budget Goal	\$32,000.00	\$288,000.00
Difference	\$5,712.50	\$24,845.95

**Diocesan Collections**  
Church of Africa: \$120.00  
Missions Co-op: \$265.00

**Haiti Sister Parish Collections**  
Collected \$1,845.00

**Fr. Leo's column continued..**

This Sunday, September 8th, our neighbors, Chaddock, will be celebrating their annual Tea at 2:00 p.m. on their front lawn of their campus. This is the time that they honor someone special for their work and commitment to Chaddock and its mission. This year the award is being given posthumously to a person whom I knew, admired, and respected, Debbie Reed. Debbie was the President and CEO of Chaddock for many years and her vision and commitment made Chaddock a center of learning and education on a national level. I often told Debbie, when I served on the Board, that Chaddock and its work seemed to be Quincy's most well kept secret. What Chaddock does, although not secret, serves young people that so often are forgotten or neglected. Whatever the case, Debbie will be receiving the "Friend of Children Award" that Chaddock gives each year and there is no recipient who is more worthy of it than Debbie Reed. Her husband and two sons will accept the award in her honor. May Debbie rest in peace as she truly served the Lord.

**ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:** While creating husbands, God promised women that good and ideal husbands would be found in all corners of the world.....then He made the earth round.

The prospective father-in-law asked his future son-in-law, "Young man can you support a family?" The surprised groom-to-be replied, "Well, no. I was just planning to support your daughter. The rest of you will have to fend for yourselves."

*Magi. Leo J. Eulow*

# Parish in Action

September, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
The social, spiritual, and psychological effects of the COVID-19 pandemic adversely affected societies throughout the world. Lockdowns, social isolation, loss of jobs, and other factors have all disrupted the faith and family lives of people around the world --including in Africa, where social isolation and church closures negatively impacted the way that Catholics in Uganda lived their faith daily. In Kenya, the challenges posed by COVID-19 deeply affected marriage and family life; and conflict, poverty, and rates of death, including death from suicide, increased. The breakdown of families and many people's isolation and loss of hope formed a crisis that needed a compassionate pastoral response.

The *Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa* stood ready to assist African Church leaders who reached out for help to renew faith, strengthen families, and heal the wounds that lingered in the pandemic's aftermath. The Uganda Episcopal Conference used a grant from the Solidarity Fund to gather 250 priests, religious brothers and sisters, and laity from ten Ugandan dioceses for a series of workshops. Participants focused on understanding the pandemic and its effects on the faith of the people. They also discussed lessons learned about ways to respond to a similar future crisis so they can bring back those who might leave the Church during the crisis.

The Solidarity Fund awarded a grant of collection funds to the Kenya Conference of Catholic Bishops to implement its program to reinvigorate marriage and family life in the Diocese of Nakuru. Trained married couples, clergy, religious brothers and sisters, and catechists facilitated workshops for 450 participants on topics that included marriage preparation, Christian family life, and Natural Family Planning. Participants also learned how to provide pastoral care to people in isolated and vulnerable groups, including prisoners, homeless families, families of truck drivers and fishing industry workers, and prostitutes and their families. When you participate in the collection for the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa, your contribution helps the Church reach out to the people most in need and bring them pastoral care.

The Church in Africa joyfully lives and shares the merciful love of Jesus through its ministries to families, youth, and people made vulnerable or marginalized by poverty. Though it is rich with a spirit of missionary discipleship, it needs your help to carry out its mission. Please be generous to this collection for the Solidarity Fund through the offertory collection envelope or your parish's e-offertory platform. To learn more about the collection and whom it supports, visit [www.usccb.org/africa](http://www.usccb.org/africa).

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
*† Thomas John Paprocki*  
Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki  
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

**QCS To Host Sharing Sessions**

Following months of research and dedicated work, the Quincy Catholic Schools Provisional Advisory Board will host community sharing sessions to present a working facility plan for the elementary schools. The session will feature a presentation of the working plan followed by a Q&A segment. It is intended to be a conversation with the community about the future of Quincy's Catholic Elementary Schools. All are encouraged to attend one of the evenings and participate in this important process.

September 10, 7 pm  
September 11, 7pm  
QU Connie Niemann Center for Music, 1909 N. 18th St.  
For more information, contact Chief Administrative Leader D. Christopher Gill at [dcgill@quincycatholicschools.org](mailto:dcgill@quincycatholicschools.org)

**St. Peter Parish invites you to "A Time To Mourn...A Time to Heal"**

This 4-week series is being offered at the St. Peter Parish Office on:  
October 16th, 23rd, 30th and November 6th at 4:30pm  
Open to those who have lost a loved one whether recently or in the past.

If interested, please RSVP to Rebecca at the Parish Office at 217-222-3155.

**Registration is now open for the Married 50+ Years Mass**

On September 22, 2024 at 2 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, all couples married 50 years or more are invited to attend a special Mass honoring their marriage vocation. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Thomas John Paprocki. To register, go to the following link: <https://dio.org/event/mass-for-couples-married-50-years-or-more/> Or go to the Diocese webpage (dio.org), select Events (on the top line), scroll down to Sept. 22 and click on Mass for couples married 50 years or more. For questions, contact Gracie Ortiz at the Diocese at [gortiz@dio.org](mailto:gortiz@dio.org) or call 217-698-8500.