



# The Parish of St. Peter Quincy, IL

## ~Mass Intentions~

December 2-8, 2024

- 2. Monday 8:00 a.m.  
Joseph Ley
- 3. Tuesday 8:00 a.m.  
Dale Tangy
- 4. Wednesday 8:30 a.m.  
Sherrie Craven
- 5. Thursday 8:00 a.m.  
Isabelle Daly
- 6. Friday 8:00 a.m.  
Dan Frericks
- 7. Saturday 8:00 a.m.  
Mary Nell Meyer
- 7. Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Fr. Mike Grawe OFM
- 8. Sunday 8:00 a.m.  
Bob & Eileene Anderson
- 8. Sunday 9:30 a.m.  
Robert Deters
- 8. Sunday 11:00 a.m.  
Our Parish Family
- 8. Sunday 6:00 p.m.  
Herb Steinkamp

## — 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.

*First Sunday of Advent, December 1, 2024*

**Dear Parishioners,**

As we begin this new month of December, the Church also begins a new liturgical season called Advent. According to the “ordo,” which is the pastoral guide to the liturgy of the Church, *“Advent has a two-fold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ’s Second Coming at the end of time.”* This Advent time then is a period of four weeks and the official color is violet.

During this Advent time, most Churches and homes make use of the Advent wreath. This wreath consists of four candles, three being violet, and the fourth being rose colored. The following blessing may be used in your homes as you bless your wreath:

*“Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ: He is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, He is the Wisdom that teaches and guides us, He is the Savior of every nation.”*

*Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ’s promise to bring us salvation. May He come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord.” Amen!* (The first candle is then lighted)

Often times the Advent season is filled with much activity from parties to shopping. It is difficult to find time to pray, to use this season to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. Because of the busy-ness in life, St. Peter Church is providing a grace moment for the women of our parish and surrounding area. At 7:00 p.m. Sunday evening, December 1st, there will be an opportunity for reflection, music, prayer, and fellowship as we prepare our hearts for Advent. Those in attendance will hear a speaker, Kristina Radley from Wentzville, Missouri, who will share her faith with all those in attendance. She is a dynamic speaker and will provide insights from a woman to women. Still time to RSVP to Lyn at [l.strieker@cospq.org](mailto:l.strieker@cospq.org) or call her at 217-316-4590.

Hopefully many of you will continue taking part in our 2024 Giving Wreath initiative. This project allows St. Peter parishioners to help out those in our community who are less fortunate. Local organizations send the needs of their people to us through a tag that will be on a table in the narthex. Parishioners choose one or two, wrap the gifts with the tags attached, and then will leave them in the narthex where these local organizations will pick them up on Dec. 16th. This is one way that we reflect our stewardship to the community and often bring a smile to the face of many people who are often neglected.

St. Peter School will be celebrating an Advent Service in Church this Monday, December 2nd, at 1:15 p.m. Parents and parishioners are invited to attend. Then on Tuesday morning December 3rd, we will be celebrating Reconciliation Services for all of our students from about 8:45 –11:45 a.m. A number of priests will be present for individual confessions.

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**Next Meeting**  
**Sunday, December 8th**  
**6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

**Meet in the Martha Jane Room**

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



**Saints Alive!**  
**December 19**  
**6:00-7:30 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.

**Holy Day Mass Schedule**  
 Immaculate Conception Mass schedule is as follows:  
 Sunday, 12/8, 6:00pm  
 Monday, 12/9, 8:30am (school), 12:10pm, 6:00pm  
 \*\* Note: We will not have 8:00am Mass on that Monday

**EMHC & Usher Sign Up for the Holy Day Masses**  
 We need Eucharistic ministers and ushers for the Holy Day on Dec. 8 & 9. Please signup in the Narthex if you can help. Thank you!

**Don't Forget to Turn in Your Commitment Card**  
 We're still in the midst of our annual Stewardship Renewal. If you haven't returned your Commitment Card or completed one online at the parish website, [www.cospq.org](http://www.cospq.org), it is NOT too late. Returning your card is an important part of being an active member of St. Peter Church. Please take this opportunity to discern how God is calling you to grow closer to Him this year.

**Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study**  
 Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study Topic: "Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled" by Jeff Cavins and Dr. Jeffrey Morrow. When: Every Tuesday starting January 14th - March 11th 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 December 15th so we can order materials. Cost will be \$28 (study guide). Please also contact Gina by December 15th if you need childcare with the number of children and their ages.

**Women's Advent by Candlelight**  
 All are invited to share in an evening of reflection, music, prayer and fellowship as we prepare our hearts for Advent. It will be held December 1 at 7:00pm. We will be joined by speaker Kristina Radley from Wentzville. She is a wife and mom with a passion for Jesus that she shares dynamically. RSVP to Lyn at [l.strieker@cospq.org](mailto:l.strieker@cospq.org) or 217-316-4590.

**Quincy Notre Dame Pom Basketball Camp**  
 Friday, Dec 6th - 5:30Pm to the End of Varsity Boys Halftime  
 Who: Girls in Preschool - 8th Grade. (Ages 3 and up)  
 When: Friday, Dec. 6th Check in @ 5:30-5:45pm in the QND main Lobby  
 Where: QND Multipurpose Room, 10th and Jackson  
 Cost: \$30 - includes t shirt, pizza & snack, and admission into the game  
 TO GUARANTEE T-shirt size Register by Friday, Nov. 29th - extra tshirts will be available the night of camp but cannot guarantee size 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 Schreacke ~Elias Erd  
 ~Isabella Benner ~Amy Seibert  
 ~Hunter Hildebrand ~Terri May  
 ~Kathy Schuckman ~Mary Lavery  
 ~Alden & Joyce Shipp ~Ken Althoff  
 ~Donna Schutte ~John & Barb Meyer  
 ~Maria (Eberhardt) Sparrow ~Butch Ditto  
 ~Sarah Sturhahn Stegeman ~Bonnie Haubrich  
 ~John Douglas Holford ~Ian Mehaffy  
 ~Charlotte Siebers ~Drake Willing  
 ~Valerie Fox Ortbal ~Liem Thanh Mai  
 ~Jo Buckley  
 ~Nancy Bohan  
 ~Julie Eftink  
 ~Bill Morrison  
 ~Anonymous  
 ~Anonymous  
 ~Dave Shank  
 ~Emmett Hertle  
 To have a name added to this list, please call the Parish Office at 222-3155 or email [church@cospq.org](mailto:church@cospq.org).

**Baptisms**  
**Regan Elise Howard**, daughter of **John Howard & Amanda (Bergman) Kuehl**, was made a child of God through the reception of the sacrament of Baptism on Saturday, Nov. 23.  
**Camden Edward Rabe**, son of **Josh & Debra (Meyer) Rabe**, was made a child of God through the reception of the sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, Nov. 24, 2024.

**Job Openings at St. Peter Church & School**  
**Full-time Director of Liturgy and Music**  
 The Director of Liturgy and Music is responsible for overseeing all aspects of the parish's liturgical life. This person, a professional who holds specialized credentials in music and has a thorough understanding of Roman Catholic liturgy, serves the parish as principal musician, organist/pianist, and choir director. This person of faith is responsible for the technology in the church and effective planning, coordination, and execution of both the rituals and music for the parish liturgies.

**Part-time Cafeteria Manager**  
 The Cafeteria Manager will be responsible for reporting and providing State approved meals for the school lunch program. Other duties included but are not limited to cooking, managing employee schedules, and maintaining a clean, safe, and welcoming environment for staff and students.

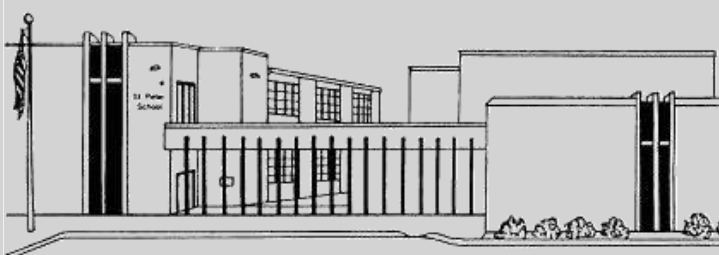
**Part-time Parish Nurse**  
 A Parish Nurse will work as a liaison for St. Peter parishioners who are home bound, nursing home residents, or hospital patients. Offering physical, emotional, and spiritual support to individuals and families.  
 For more information contact St Peter Parish office, 217-222-3155 or email [k.smith@cospq.org](mailto:k.smith@cospq.org).

**Adoration Chapel Open Hours**  
 "Adoration is a sign of devotion to and worship of Jesus Christ under the appearance of the consecrated host." Come spent time in prayer with Jesus.  
 We have had numerous people step up and take an hour and we are grateful!! Please pray about taking an hour at the Adoration Chapel.  
 OPEN Hours that are available are:  
 Wed 2 am, 3 am  
 Thurs Midnight (week 2,4,5), 1 am (weeks 2,4,5)  
 Fri 1 am, 1 pm (week 4), 6 pm every other week  
 Sat 1 am, 2 am  
 Ask a friend, spouse, sibling...to join you in taking an hour or share the time slot! Please call Mary Voorhis 217-653-3127 or call or text Jean Anne Cook at 217-430-6967.

**St. Anthony Parish Mission**  
 St. Anthony Church Advent Parish Mission will be held on the evenings of 12/12-12/14 with Sister Clementia Toalson, FSGM who was born and raised in Hannibal, Mo and now works for the Diocese of Springfield, IL in the Office for Catholic Education as the Parish Liason for the Restored Order will lead the mission. Through the lens of joy in suffering, Sister brings hope and humor to places which are vulnerable and tender. She enjoys meeting people within the "stuff" of life, most often with a coffee cup in hand.

**Save The Date**  
 Save the date for June 1, 2025 for a celebration of Fr. Leo's 50th anniversary of his Ordination. More details to follow in the future.

# The School of St. Peter



Week of December 1, 2024  
**A Message from Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh**  
 "St. Peter School provides a quality education built on Catholic values and teachings."

**WELCOMING OUR NEW HOUSE MEMBERS DURING THE ALL SCHOOL HOUSE ASSEMBLY**



We celebrated with our houses by welcoming the new students and staff who joined us for the school year. Students shared in activities to learn more about each other during the assembly in our newly renovated gym.

**SCHOOL MENU**  
**Monday:** Sausage pizza, broccoli, yogurt, fruit.  
**Tuesday:** Sausage/egg biscuit, hash brown, veggie juice, fruit.  
**Wednesday:** Meatballs, bosco stick, romaine salad, fruit.  
**Thursday:** Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, corn, fruit.  
**Friday:** Hot dog on bun, chips, carrots, fruit.

**EVENTS FOR THE WEEK**

**THE ADVENT SEASON IS UPON US**  
 Monday, Dec. 2: **Advent Prayer Service** at 1:15 in the church.

Tuesday, Dec. 3: **Kindergarten Christmas with Santa** at QND 6:00-7:30.

Wednesday, Dec. 4: **8:30 Children's Mass**—7th grade in charge.

Thursday, Dec. 5:  
 Friday, Dec. 6: **HOUSE lunch day**—wear your House Shirts with dress code bottoms.

Saturday, Dec. 7: Annual Kindergarten Gingerbread House making Day!

**Mark your Calendars:**  
 Dec. 20: Grandparent's Day 8:30-11:30.

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**Mark Your Calendar**

**Mon. Dec. 2:**  
**Tues. Dec. 3:** OCIA 7:00 p.m., Martha Jane Room  
**Wed. Dec. 4:** Ladies Cursillo 1:30 p.m., Fr. Bauer Prayer Room  
 PSR 6:30 p.m., School  
**Thurs. Dec. 5:**  
**Fri. Dec. 6:**  
**Sat. Dec. 7:**  
**Sun. Dec. 8:** Vigil Mass at 6:00 p.m.  
 FOUND 6:30 p.m., Martha Jane Room  
**Mon. Dec. 9:** Holy Day Masses at 8:30 a.m.  
 (NO 8:00 a.m.), 12:10pm and 6:00 p.m.


**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.

**Fourth Day Renewal**  
 Consider attending a Fourth Day Renewal to deepen your spiritual journey. If you have ever attended a Cursillo weekend, you are invited to attend. All are welcome - couples, singles, widowed, divorced, male and female. This 24 hours can be a real gift from God to you and a re-fueling of your Piety, Study, and Action. The December weekend is December 6-7 (7pm Friday to 7pm Saturday) and is held at the Franciscan Retreat Center, Quincy, Il. Cost is \$55 per person. To learn more and to register online, go to <https://www.quincycursillo.com/applications/fourth-day-renewal/>, or contact Emily Goodapple, 217-242-8802.

**2025 Calendars**  
 We now have the new 2025 calendars in the Narthex. Please take one. If you know someone in a nursing home, or that is staying at home right now, please take one for them.

**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.



St Peter Church, Quincy IL  
 Church Fund - 8288  
<https://pushpay.com/FrPolg6H1Y2>

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

I want to remind everyone that the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is celebrated on December 8th each year. Since this Solemnity happens to fall on a Sunday this year, this Solemnity is then moved to Monday, December 9th. It had been the custom that when this happens, the obligation to attend Mass was lifted on that day. However, this is no longer the case so that this Solemnity whenever it is celebrated will have the obligation to attend Mass on that day. We will publish our Mass schedules next bulletin.

**ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:** A man walked into a bar, sat down, and ordered a club soda. As he sipped the soda, he heard a soothing voice say, "nice tie."  
 Looking around, he noticed that the bar was empty except for himself and the bartender at the end of the bar. A few sips later, the voice said, "beautiful shirt."  
 At this, the man called the bartender over. "Hey, I must be losing my mind," he told the bartender. I keep hearing these voices saying nice things, and there's not a soul in her but us."  
 "It's the peanuts," answered the bartender.  
 "Say what?" replied the man in disbelief.  
 "You heard me," said the barkeep. "It's the peanuts.....they're complimentary."

2025 parish calendars are still available in the narthex of the Church. Take as many as you want especially making sure that our shut-in have one.

*Magi. Leo J. Embow*

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

	November 24	Total to Date
Loose Collections	\$1,098.20	\$24,116.21
Regular Collections	\$34,137.91	\$581,840.86
Annual School Fund	\$7,001.00	\$175,432.48
Holy Days	\$60.00	\$8,134.47
Totals	\$42,297.11	\$789,524.02
Total Budget Goal	\$32,000.00	\$672,000.00
Difference	\$10,297.11	\$117,524.02

**Diocesan Collections**  
 Justice & Hope: \$342.00  
 Catholic Cemeteries: \$696.00

**Haiti Sister Parish Collections**  
 Collected \$790.00

**Parish in Action**



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 OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

December, 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,  
 In the coming weeks, our parishes will take up the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. This campaign is crucial, benefiting more than 24,000 elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have been faithful servants within the Church, devoting their lives to service.  
 As I reflect on their ministry, I am grateful for the impact these women and men religious have had on our faith journeys. Their devoted service has impacted our diocese, inspiring and guiding us as we grow in faith.  
 Most senior religious worked many years for little pay, leaving their religious communities with a shortage of retirement savings. Rising healthcare costs and decreased income compound the challenge to meet day-to-day needs for medications, nursing assistance, and other necessities.  
 Your contributions to the Retirement Fund for Religious play a vital role in providing necessary financial support. This support enables religious communities to care for their aging members while ensuring that the younger generation can carry forward the invaluable work of their elders.  
 Please consider contributing when asked and giving what you are able. Above all, I ask for your prayers for God's continued blessings on all our women and men religious, who keep you in their prayers as well.  
 Together, let us support the many religious women and men who have made enormous contributions to our Church and to the world.  
 May God's abundant blessings be upon you and your loved ones.

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

**2024 Giving Wreaths**

Can you believe we are fast approaching Christmas. Where does the time go? Again this year, St. Peters will sponsor the Giving Wreath. This is a program that allows us at St. Peters a way to help those in our community who are less fortunate. Several local organizations send the needs of their people. Each need is put on a tag and we put those tags out on tables in the Narthex. This is happening **November 28 through December 8**. You can choose a tag(s) before or after church. The gifts are to be wrapped and returned to Church with the gift tag **securely taped** during the weekend of **December 14 and 15**. The local organizations will pick up their gifts on December 16, so NO gifts delivered after December 15. This will replace the Social Concerns 1st Sunday collection for December. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

**St. Peter Social Concerns Christmas Cookie Sale - Bakers!**  
**December 14th & 15th**

We need your help! Bake a batch of Christmas cookies for this special fundraiser. Bring Cookies to the Cafeteria on that SATURDAY (12/14) after 2:00 pm or on SUNDAY (12/15) before 9:30 am Mass. If you are willing to volunteer to work the sale, call Sharon at (217) 257-1376. Coffee & Cinnamon Rolls Will Be Available!

**Christmas Decorations (Please print legibly)**  
 To make a donation (\$10.00) for Christmas poinsettias & decorations in memory of a loved one, please put money in a plain envelope labeled "Christmas Decorations" by Sunday, December 15, or email church@cospq.org.

**A Donation for Christmas Decorations**

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_