



# The Parish of St. Peter Quincy, IL

### ~Mass Intentions~

Dec. 30-Jan. 5, 2025

- 30. Monday 8:00 a.m.  
Joseph Ley
- 31. Tuesday 8:00 a.m.  
Daniella Kendrick
- 31. Tuesday 5:00 p.m.  
Dan Frericks
- 1. Wednesday 8:00 a.m.  
Special Intention
- 1. Wednesday 10:00 a.m.  
Kent Paul
- 2. Thursday 8:00 a.m.  
Cindy Brown
- 3. Friday 8:00 a.m.  
Joe & Anita Lavery
- 4. Saturday 8:00 a.m.  
Russ Fairchild
- 4. Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Our Parish Family
- 5. Sunday 8:00 a.m.  
Janet Hellhake  
Shaughnessy
- 5. Sunday 9:30 a.m.  
Sherrie Craven
- 5. 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.

*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Feast, December 29, 2024*

Dear Parishioners,

After a beautiful celebration of Christmas, the Church draws our attention to the reality that the Word of God, the Second Person of the Trinity, took on our flesh and blood and truly dwelt among us. What this means is the fact that Jesus was a part of a human family, learned what was important within the context of a human family, and experienced the love of his parents, Mary and Joseph. And so we celebrate this weekend, the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, a community of persons with differing roles to play, assisting each other in understanding of God’s love expressed and shown within a family. As we celebrate the family life of Jesus, so it’s important that we look at our own families, people who choose to love us, people who forgive us, and people who are patient and tolerant of our flaws and weaknesses and often poor decisions. And yet through it all, these parents challenge each of us to be our best. As we celebrate the Feast of the Family of Jesus, maybe today is a great opportunity to thank our God for the parents that we have as I am sure that Jesus was filled with gratitude for His parents.

In our gospel for this weekend, we find the Fifth Joyful Mystery, that mystery that speaks about Jesus’ parents finding their son in the temple preaching. Mary and Joseph took Jesus when He was 12 years of age to Jerusalem for a pilgrimage as was their custom. However, as they were returning home in the caravan, Mary and Joseph thought that He was with relatives as they journeyed home. To their surprise, Jesus could not be located. Like any parent, I am sure they were devastated that they couldn’t find Him among those journeying home. And so Mary and Joseph returned to Jerusalem where they found Him in the “midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.” I can just imagine what they thought when they finally found Him. Then we hear Jesus asking them questions when He says, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” The gospel passage then says “but they did not understand what He said to them.” That understanding would be revealed gradually to them as this child was “obedient to them, advancing in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.” But there is a brief statement in that same gospel that most mothers can relate, namely, “His mother kept all these things in her heart” as most mothers do even though they do not understand their children.

This Wednesday, January 1st, is the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. This Solemnity is also a Holyday of Obligation for all Catholics. To celebrate this Solemnity, we will have a **Vigil Mass on Tuesday, December 31st, at 5:00 p.m. Then the Mass on the Holyday itself, Wednesday, January 1st, will be 8:00 and 10:00 A.M.**

As we celebrate the New Year of our Lord, 2025, my prayer for each of you is found in our Book of Numbers:

**The Lord bless you and keep you!**

**The Lord let His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you!**

**The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!**

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Next Meeting  
Sunday, January 12th  
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Meet in the Martha Jane Room

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



Saints Alive!  
TBA

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**  
 Holy day Mass times are as follows:  
 Tuesday, December 31: 5:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday, January 1: 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

**Social Concerns Collection**  
 Social Concerns will be collecting adult & kids gloves & hats, adult & kids socks, bedding: sheets, blankets, comforters, mattress covers (new or clean, gently used bedding) next weekend, January 4-5 for the 1st Sunday collection for the Ladies of Charity. Containers will be located in the Narthex. Thank you in advance!

**Social Concerns 5th Sunday Collection**  
 January 4 & 5 is the Fifth Sunday collection for the Social Concerns Committee. Please consider making a donation to help support our community. Thank you for your generosity!

**No Coffee & Donuts in January**  
 Because of the QND Breakfast, we will not have coffee & donuts in January.

**St. Veronica Guild**  
 The St. Veronica Guild will meet **Thursday, January 9** 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!

**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) ASAP so we can order materials. Cost will be \$28 (study guide).

**Going Somewhere For the Winter?**  
 If you are going somewhere warmer for the winter, please contact the parish office by email at [church@cospq.org](mailto:church@cospq.org) or call 222-3155 to let us know when you will be gone. We get charged for any returned newsletters, contribution envelopes, or mailings.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

~Kristopher Schrecke	~Elias Erd	
~Isabella Benner	~Amy Seibert	
~Hunter Hildebrand	~Terri May	~Jo Buckley
~Kathy Schuckman	~Mary Lavery	~Nancy Bohan
~Joyce Shipp	~Ken Althoff	~Julie Eftink
~Donna Schutte	~John & Barb Meyer	~Bill Morrison
~Maria (Eberhardt) Sparrow	~Butch Ditto	~Cheryl Liesen
~Sarah Sturhahn Stegeman	~Bonnie Haubrich	~Anonymous
~John Douglas Holford	~Ian Mehaffy	~Anonymous
~Charlotte Siebers	~Drake Willing	~Dave Shank
~Valerie Fox Ortbal	~Liem Thanh Mai	~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).



**Welcome!**  
 Please welcome to our parish family **Christine Russell!**

**Job Opening at St. Peter School**  
**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.

**New Contribution Envelope Company**  
 We are working with a new contribution envelope company. If you currently receive contribution envelopes, you should receive the new January & February envelopes in the next week or two. You will notice the envelopes look different. If you do not receive them by January 2, please call the parish office at 217-222-3155 or email [church@cospq.org](mailto:church@cospq.org). Also, there was a mix-up at the envelope company. You will receive a packet of envelopes for a cathedral in South Dakota. Please throw those away. You will also get a packet of our church envelopes at the same time or maybe a few days later.

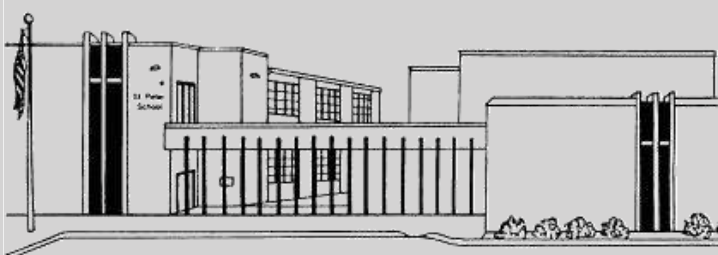
**Adoration Chapel Open Hours**  
 "Adoration is a sign of devotion to and worship of Jesus Christ under the appearance of the consecrated host." Come spent time in prayer with Jesus.  
 We have had numerous people step up and take an hour and we are grateful!! Please pray about taking an hour at the Adoration Chapel.  
 OPEN Hours that are available are:  
 Wed 2 am, 3 am, 7pm  
 Thurs Midnight (week 2,4,5), 1 am (weeks 2,4,5)  
 Fri 1 am  
 Sat 1 am, 2 am (starting January)  
 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 or call or text Gina Wolf at 217-257-9966 with questions.

**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.

**QND Pancake & Sausage Breakfast**  
 The Annual QND Pancake and Sausage Breakfast will be Sunday, January 5th from 8:30am-12:30pm in the QND cafeteria. The cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. (Children under 5 eat free). All proceeds benefit the Catholic Heart Workcamp trip this summer.

**KofC 2025 Calendar Raffle for Charity**  
 The Knights of Columbus "2025 Calendar Raffle" is in progress which helps support our catholic schools as well as other charitable causes such as Ladies of Charity and Birthright. Please consider purchasing a raffle calendar for \$25 with 365 chances to win \$24,400 in cash prizes. They make great Christmas gifts!  
 The calendars are available at the KofC main building during business hours or by calling Mike Schlipmann at 653-9318 or John Veith at 653-0258. Thank for your consideration and support.

# The School of St. Peter



*Week of December 29, 2024*  
**A Message from Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh**  
*"St. Peter School provides a quality education built on Catholic values and teachings."*

Did you know that we have a tradition at St. Peter School?



Did you know that we have a tradition at St. Peter School? For the last 38 years our Kindergarten students have constructed a gingerbread house with their parents or chosen loved one. Many of the St. Peter School alumni still talk about the time when they made their gingerbread houses. In fact, some have reported that they still have their creation and they bring it out every year as they decorate for Christmas!

**Happy New Year!**

The students and staff at St. Peter School wish to thank you for your constant support and prayers. We are truly blessed. Wishing you a Happy New Year!

Christmas Break ends on Jan. 6. We look forward to welcoming the staff and students back on Tuesday, January 7, 2025.

**School of St. Peter**  
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**Mark Your Calendar**

**Mon. Dec. 30:**  
**Tues. Dec. 31: New Year's Eve Mass: 5:00 p.m.**  
 Parish Office Closed

**Wed. Jan. 1: Masses at 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.**  
 Parish Office Closed

**Thurs. Jan. 2:**

**Fri. Jan. 3:**

**Sat. Jan. 4:**

**Sun. Jan. 5:**

**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.

**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.

**UPON this ROCK**  
 The Campaign to Build on Faith at St. Peter

**Upon This Rock!**

Don't forget to fulfill your yearly pledge if you have not already done so! With the QR Code to the right you can make a one time payment or even set up reoccurring payments.

If you have any questions, please contact the Parish office at 217-222-3155.




St Peter Church, Quincy IL  
 Upon This Rock Campaign  
<https://pay.com/7/BQ-0x0>

**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://pay.com/FyPolgEhYQ>

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

Loose Collections	Because of the Holiday, December 21st/22nd & Christmas collections will be in a later bulletin.	
Regular Collections		
Annual School Fund		
Holy Days		
Totals		
Total Budget Goal		
Difference		

**Diocesan Collections**

**Haiti Sister Parish Collections**

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

Parishioners of St. Peter Parish always seem to amaze me in their practice of stewardship. This past weekend, we were in need of people to help decorate our Church as we were short on people signing up for this annual endeavor. We encouraged people at our Masses and we had more than enough so that our work of getting our environment ready for Christmas only took about 2 hours. To all of you, I thank you for responding so generously. And as always, our Church is beautifully decorated as we welcome the mystery of Christmas into our Church. For those who helped in any way, I truly thank you.

I also want to thank many of you who remembered us in your cards, prayers, and generous gifts. How I appreciate all of you who gave Christmas gifts to me with your kindness and thoughtfulness.

On behalf of Fr. Paul, myself, and the entire parish staff, I want to wish all of you a very Happy and Blessed New Year. I pray that God's graces will continue to surprise you this New Year .

**ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:** When children come in to the doctor's office where I work, it's my job to weigh and measure them.

After several unsuccessful attempts to get one frightened three year old on the scale, her mother said, "Honey, mommy has a scale at home. Do like I do and stand on it."

Recognition dawned on the child's face and she confidently stepped on the scale, looked down and with a smile exclaimed, "Oh, darn."

*Magy. Leo J. Embor*

**Parish in Action**

**SAVE THE DATE FOR ST. PETER 2025 EVENTS!**

**SUNDAY | JANUARY 26**

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**



**FRIDAY  
 APRIL 25**

**PARENTS'  
 NIGHT OUT**

**SATURDAY  
 FEBRUARY 8**

**QUINCY  
 BREWING CO.**

**HAPPY  
 HOUR**

**SUNDAY  
 MARCH 30**



**CHILI  
 COOKOFF**

**SATURDAY  
 MAY 17**

**KICKOFF TO  
 SUMMER** 

**BLOCK  
 PARTY**

**January 2025 Usher Schedule**

**Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Mass**  
**Lead Usher:** Kent Lepper  
**Ushers:** Rodney Becks, Chuck Fitch, Tom Maas, Dave Reis

**Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Mass**  
**Lead Usher:** Kent Schreacke  
**Ushers:** John Cunningham, Kurt Stuckman, Nick Terwelp, Jay Zanger

**Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Mass**  
**Lead Usher:** Jil Johnson  
**Ushers:** Matt George, Chris Gill, Robert Johnson, Larry Viar

**Sunday, 11:00 a.m. Mass**  
**Lead Usher:** Steve Koester  
**Ushers:** Mario Camacho, Jim Deters, Gary Frericks, Steve Adair

**January 2025 Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Schedule**

**Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Mass** - Cathy Becks (1), Steve Boll (2), Angie & Mike Hancox (3 & 4), Ruth Koch (5), Angela Lepper (6)  
**Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Mass** - Nancy Dolan (1), Pam Holliday (2), Dave & Sue Kuhl (3 & 4), Richard Redmond (5), Nina Taylor (6)  
**Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Mass** - Lindsay Bond (1), Rose Ann Huber (2), Debbie & Randy Miller (3 & 4), Mike Schwartz (5), Kari Weisenberger (6)  
**Sunday, 11:00 a.m. Mass** - Michelle & Nathan Bozarth (1 & 2), Monica Epping (3), Mary Howe (4), Jennifer Kewney (5), Tammy Niemann (6)