



The Parish of St. Peter Quincy, IL

~Mass Intentions~

December 9-15, 2024

- 9. Monday 8:30 a.m.
John McCourt
- 9. Monday 12:10 p.m.
Mandi Dickerman
- 9. Monday 6:00 p.m.
Jim Musolino
- 10. Tuesday 8:00 a.m.
Tom & Pat Welding
- 11. Wednesday 8:30 a.m.
Frank Poore
- 12. Thursday 8:00 a.m.
Jim Schlipmann
- 13. Friday 8:00 a.m.
Dan Frericks
- 14. Saturday 8:00 a.m.
Zachery Haubrich
- 14. Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Bill & Mary Brahler
- 15. Sunday 8:00 a.m.
Priscilla Morrison
- 15. Sunday 9:30 a.m.
Our Parish Family
- 15. Sunday 11:00 a.m.
Sue Cunningham

— 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.

Second Sunday of Advent, December 8, 2024

Dear Parishioners,

On this Second Sunday of our season of Advent, the Church introduces us to a man named John the Baptist. As the introduction takes place in our gospel, Luke places John in the context of a historical time, *“in the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor, Herod the tetrarch of Galilee, and during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas.”* It was in this historical context that we find John proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. He was fulfilling the words of the prophet Isaiah: *“A voice of one crying out in the desert: Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His paths.”* John became that prophet who ushered in a new era, an era of a Savior who would change the world and our relationship with our God. This Savior was born in history, suffered and died and rose, and will come again to bring His kingdom to fulfillment. Advent then is that time to prepare our lives and hearts for whenever Christ comes to us both in mystery and in history. Come Lord Jesus, Come!

It times past, whenever a Holyday of Obligation fell on a Monday or Saturday, the obligation was abrogated. This was always warmly received by the priests who would find himself doubling his Masses over a two day period. Recently, however, upon raising the question about obligations being abrogated, the Vatican answered by saying that this was no longer the case. If a Holyday fell on a Monday or Saturday, the obligation to attend Mass was still present. Because the Immaculate Conception, December 8th, a Holyday of Obligation falls on a Sunday, and because the season of Advent takes precedence over the Holyday, this Holyday is then moved to Monday, December 9th. And so Monday, December 9th becomes the Holyday of Obligation. This Solemnity celebrates the feast day of our country and diocese, under the title of Mary, the Immaculate Conception. In fact our Basilica in Washington D.C., along with our Cathedral in Springfield are named after Mary, under the title of the Immaculate Conception. This Solemnity proclaims that *“from the first moment of her conception, Mary, by the singular grace of God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, was preserved immune from original sin.* Our Mass schedule for this Solemnity is as follows:

Sunday, December 8th, 6:00 p.m. Vigil Mass for the Holyday

Monday, December 9th, 8:30 Children’s Mass, (10:00 a.m. Mass at QND)

12:10 Mass, and 6:00 p.m. Mass.

I do want to thank our parish family for remembering my nephew, Fr. Steve Arisman in your prayers. Through the efforts of doctors and nurses, as well as his family, but especially the grace of God, Fr. Steve is doing much better. He has a long road of recovery and will be doing so at his home in Springfield. Please continue to remember him in your prayers. +

If you haven’t picked up your tag for the “giving wreath” project, you still have time to do so this weekend. There are still some tags available in the narthex. With our participation, it will bring many smiles on peoples faces as they experience the joy of receiving from our generosity. Let’s help make Christmas this year a day of memory.

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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.


Rest in Peace
 May the souls of
Al Pogge
 and **Carol Davis**
 sing praises with the Angels in Heaven forever.

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 Monday

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, 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 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.

Adoration on December 22


Please join us for Adoration on December 22nd from 5:45pm until 7:00pm. There will be a reflection on hope at 5:45pm with Adoration from 6:00pm until 7:00pm. Confessions will be available. This is an open Adoration hour, come for as long as you are able.

St. Anthony Men's Society Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

St. Anthony Men's Society pancake & sausage breakfast will be Sunday, Dec. 8, 7:00 a.m.-noon. Adults \$12, Children \$6 (under 5 free). Dine in or carry out.

Advance meat orders: Link & bulk sausage and chops 5lbs-\$25, cooked links (precooked weight) 5lbs-\$30, ribs 5lbs-\$20. Call orders to 217-257-2108. Orders will be taken from Nov. 1-Dec. 1 or until 2000 lbs. are sold! The Ladies Society will be holding a free will offering bake sale at the breakfast.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

~Kristopher Schrecke	~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	
	~Tom Schutte	
	~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.

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.

Lost & Found Items

We have quite a few items in our Lost & Found. Please check out the table in the narthex.

Adoration Chapel Open Hours

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 with questions.

Chaddock Christmas Gifts Wrapping


Each year, St. Peter parishioners help our neighbors at Chaddock sort, categorize, and wrap hundreds of Christmas gifts for the children and families they serve. Please consider lending your time and talent to support their initiative by visiting the SignUp Genius link below. Any questions, please contact Kristen Walker (708) 227-5721.
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409044AA9AE22A7FB6-53610996-chaddock#/>

Christmas Mass Times

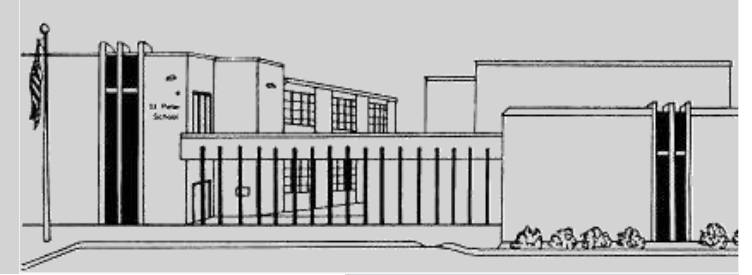
The following are the Mass Times we will have for Christmas this year:

Christmas Eve:
 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.

Christmas Day:
 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.



The School of St. Peter



Week of December 8, 2024
A Message from Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh
"St. Peter School provides a quality education built on Catholic values and teachings."

AUTHOR RON KINSCHERF VISITS KINDERGARTEN



Kindergarten students received a special visit from local author Ron Kinscherf. (He also happens to be a grandparent of children in our school!) Mr. Kinscherf shared a recent book he wrote with the students. Central State Bank generously purchased a book for each kindergarten student.

6th Grade MACY'S THANKSGIVING DAY ST. PETER FLOATS



6th grade students recently constructed their own Macy's Thanksgiving Day Floats.



SCHOOL MENU

Monday: Corn dog, emoji fries, green beans, fruit.
Tuesday: Chicken fries, hash brown, corn, fruit.
Wednesday: Hamburger on bun, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, fruit.
Thursday: Dorito walking taco, lettuce / tomato, refried beans, fruit.
Friday: Pepperoni pizza, carrots, pudding, fruit.

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

THE ADVENT SEASON IS UPON US

Monday, Dec. 9: Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass at 8:30—children attending Mass; 6th grade in charge of planning; St. Juan Diego feast day—student in this house wear HOUSE shirt with dress code bottoms.

Tuesday, Dec. 10: 6th grade DARE graduation at 2:00 in the church.

Wednesday, Dec. 11: 8:30 Children's Mass—5th grade in charge.

Thursday, Dec. 12: Adoration; 10:00 PTA mtg.

Friday, Dec. 13: Spirit Day

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

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 Website: www.stpeterschool.com
 Email: c.venvertloh@cospq.org

Mark Your Calendar

Mon. Dec. 9: Holy Day Masses at 8:30 a.m. (NO 8:00 a.m.), 12:10pm and 6:00 p.m.

Tues. Dec. 10: OCIA 7:00 p.m., Martha Jane Room

Wed. Dec. 11: Ladies Cursillo 1:30 p.m., Fr. Bauer Prayer Room
PSR 6:30 p.m., School

Thurs. Dec. 12: St. Veronica's Guild 8:30 a.m., Lower Level Conf. Room

Fri. Dec. 13:

Sat. Dec. 14: Social Concerns Cookie Sale after Mass in the Cafeteria
Giving Wreath Gifts Return Weekend

Sun. Dec. 15: Social Concerns Cookie Sale after Mass in the Cafeteria
Giving Wreath Gifts Return Weekend

Fr. Leo's column continued..

I always think our Church is so beautiful during our Christmas season. This beauty is the result of so many of you who donate each year toward our Christmas decorations. I challenge you once again to be as generous as always and we will maintain this tradition of a beautiful Christmas celebration.

Finally, as we bring our stewardship renewal to a close, there is still an opportunity for any parishioner to send in their stewardship renewal forms to the parish. Once again since we are striving to be that "stewardship parish" we need our parishioners to participate in this renewal each year. Please take your forms to prayer. Then fill them out and return to the parish office. It truly is our goal to have most of our parish family embrace and celebrate stewardship as a family and a parish community. Please do so before the start of a new year.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: Toward the end of a church service, the minister asked the congregation, "How many of you have forgiven your enemies?" All held up their hands except one small elderly lady. "Mrs. Jones? Are you not willing to forgive your enemies?" "I don't have an enemy in the world," she replied smiling sweetly. "Mrs. Jones, that is very unusual. How old are you?" "I happen to be 98 years young," she replied. "Oh, Mrs. Jones, would you please come down in front and tell us all how a person can live 98 years and not have a single enemy." The little sweetheart of a lady tottered down the aisle, faced the congregation, and said, "I outlived them all."

Magi. Leo J. Embor

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 QR Code 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/FyP0q6EhY0>

WEEKLY COLLECTION		
	December 1	Total to Date
Loose Collections	\$1,120.01	\$25,236.22
Regular Collections	\$16,403.68	\$598,244.54
Annual School Fund	\$5,431.00	\$180,863.48
Holy Days	\$140.00	\$8,274.47
Totals	\$23,094.69	\$812,618.71
Total Budget Goal	\$32,000.00	\$704,000.00
Difference	(\$8,905.31)	\$108,618.71

Diocesan Collections
Retired Religious: \$25.00 Justice & Hope: \$20.00
Catholic Cemeteries: \$75.00 Church of Africa: \$20.00
Catholic Home Mission: \$25.00

Haiti Sister Parish Collections
Collected \$1,839.00

Parish in Action



DIocese of Springfield in Illinois
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: _____