



# The Parish of St. Peter Quincy, IL

~Mass Intentions~

February 17-23, 2025

- 17. Monday 8:00 a.m.  
Juett & Daniella Kendrick
- 18. Tuesday 8:00 a.m.  
Julius Meyer
- 19. Wednesday 8:30 a.m.  
Brett Allen Miller
- 20. Thursday 8:00 a.m.  
Mary Effrein
- 21. Friday 8:00 a.m.  
Virginia Deters
- 22. Saturday 8:00 a.m.  
Alden Shipp
- 22. Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Dan Frericks
- 23. Sunday 8:00 a.m.  
Dr. John Nolan
- 23. Sunday 9:30 a.m.  
Pat Ellerbrock
- 23. Sunday 11:00 a.m.  
Our Parish Family

— 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.

*Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 16, 2025*

Dear Parishioners,

We gather this weekend to celebrate the 6th Sunday in Ordinary time. Our first reading today for our Mass challenges us to choose, to choose how we live our lives. For many of us, we like to be in control, trusting in ourselves and ourselves alone. The only difficulty with that choice is that this choice often leads to a sense of hopelessness. We might even call it a living death. It may seem rich and rewarding at the outset but when push comes to shove we find ourselves in a type of existence that is meaningless. So today we hear Jeremiah the prophet providing us with a beautiful imagery of differing choices that are before us each and every day. If we choose to trust in human beings, namely ourselves, we find ourselves often cursed as we turn ourselves away from our God. In beautiful imagery, we are like “a barren bush in the desert that enjoys no change of season, but stands in a lava waste, a salt and empty earth.” Not very inviting but that choice in ourselves and away from the Lord leads us to a type of living death. But the person who centers his/her choice in the Lord, whose hope is in the Lord, “is like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream; it fears not the heat when it comes; its leaves stay green; in the year of drought it shows no distress, but still bears fruit.” The imagery of Jeremiah presents a stark reality considering the daily choices that we make, trusting in God, or trusting in ourselves. Who do we want to control our lives? It is the Lord who will offer growth and happiness.

In two weeks, namely March 1-2nd, we will be invited to take part in the Commitment Weekend for Quincy Notre Dame High School. Each of you should be receiving a letter from me asking you to consider supporting the QND annual fund drive. We have been gifted by Catholics from the past with a Catholic high school, and as the present Catholics of today, we are invited to continue to support this gift passed down to us through the many years. We are privileged to have one of seven Catholic high schools in our diocese and we are responsible to make sure that these schools remain viable and operational for future young people. I challenge you to respond with generous hearts as we support Quincy Notre Dame High School.

Also, I ask your prayers for our young people who will be traveling to the Cathedral in Springfield to celebrate their First Communion and their Confirmation with Bishop Paprocki on Saturday, March 1st. After this celebration, these same young people will return to us on Sunday, March 2nd to celebrate with our parish their 2nd Holy Communion at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Please keep our young people in your prayers as they complete their rites of Initiation. May God bless them and keep them safe from all harm as they make their travels to Springfield and back. And as they experience the closeness of God in their Eucharist and the power of the Holy Spirit in their Confirmation, may they return to us strengthened by these sacraments to grow ever closer to our Lord and His Church.

As we send our young people to Springfield, I want to thank first our parents, who are the first teachers of their children in the ways of faith. Continue to be the best of teachers. Second, I want to thank our current teachers in our Grade

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Next Meeting  
Sunday, February 16th  
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  
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  
**Joanne Scarbrough**  
 sing praises with the Angels in Heaven forever.

**Social Concerns Meeting**

Social Concerns will be meeting **Friday, February 21** at 8:30 a.m. in the Martha Jane Room. All are welcome!

**Fellowship Tuesdays**

Join us for Fellowship Tuesdays after 8:00am Mass this week (2/18). Come for Mass, fellowship, coffee and treats!

**Mart Heinen Club of QU Chili Cook-Off**

The Mart Heinen Club of Quincy University will be holding the 35<sup>th</sup> annual Chili Cook-Off on Sunday, February 16, from 11am until 2pm in the QU Health & Fitness Center & Hall of Fame Room, 19<sup>th</sup> and Oak. Admission is \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 per family at the door. Sample various chilies and soups and vote for your favorites.

**Blessed Sacrament Battle of the Paddles**

Saturday, Feb. 22, doors open at 5:00pm, bidding starts at 6:00pm at the K of C McGivney Hall. This is a fundraiser for the school. Bidding paddles are \$1 each. Approx. 50 or more items available for bid. Bring snacks to share with your table, non-alcoholic drinks and lots of quarters. To reserve a table, call 228-1477.

**Enrollment for 2025-2026 School Year Open**

Enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year is now open! As we welcome back returning families, we also encourage school families and parishioners to invite new families to experience the faith-filled, high-quality education our schools provide. From preschool through 8th grade, our four Catholic elementary schools offer a supportive environment where students grow academically and spiritually. Tuition assistance is available through the QCES Foundation. More information can be found at [quincycatholicschools.org](http://quincycatholicschools.org).

**Coordinator of Religious Education Needed**

We are in search of a new Coordinator of Religious Education for St. Brigid and St. Joseph parishes. Duties include managing all aspects of our Parish School of Religion and sacramental preparations. This is a part time paid position. For more information contact Fr. Scott at 217-645-3444 or [ssnid-er0528@gmail.com](mailto:ssnid-er0528@gmail.com)

Please keep the following in your prayers:

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| ~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   |
| ~Cheryl Liesen           | ~Tom Schutte               | ~Roger Voorhis   |
| ~Sarah Sturhahn Stegeman | ~Maria (Eberhardt) Sparrow |                  |
| ~John Douglas Holford    | ~Pat Arnold                | ~Bonnie Haubrich |
| ~Ian Mehaffy             | ~Dave & Bryce Shank        | ~Anonymous       |
| ~Drake Willing           | ~Valerie Fox Ortbal        | ~Anonymous       |
| ~Liem Thanh Mai          | ~Emmett Hertle             | ~Winnie Vogel    |

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



**Quincy Catholic School Chess Tournament**

St. Peter is holding a Chess Tournament for all Catholic grade school students on February 22 in the cafeteria. Registration at 8:00am, games begin at 8:30am. Children in K-8th grade are eligible to play in the tournament regardless if they came to Chess Club meetings or not. Games will be divided into different age groups depending upon the amount of students that sign up. Tourney should conclude by 12:30pm. Cost is \$7 per child. You must register by February 19.

Contact Chris Gill for more information at 573-719-9331 or at fishgills1208@gmail.com.

**EMHC Training**

We will be offering Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) training on March 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am in the church. If you are interested and plan to attend, please contact Gina Bergman at g.bergman@cospg.org or text 217-430-6080.

**Altar Server Training**

We will have an altar server training on Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am in the church for anyone interested in serving at daily or weekend Masses. Anyone in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and older is welcome to attend. Please RSVP here if you can make it: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70AOC4DA9A822A02-54774625-altar>  
 You can also text or call Gina Bergman at 217-430-6080 if you need her to sign you up for the training. Parents do not need to stay for the training but are welcome to if they'd like.

**Mens Group Spring Session**

The Spring sessions of St. Peter's Mens Group will be starting up again on Friday March 7, 2025. The six sessions planned will carry us through Lent. Once again, we will be using the Martha Jane Room under the church on the south side. Parking will be easiest on the south side in the lot behind the church. The south side door will be opened at 6am with the program beginning at 6:30 am and discussion finishing by 7:30 am. Coffee and rolls will be available.

The program will be "My father's Father" with Father Dave Pivonka. The link to the trailer for you to preview is:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lm2NU5hPAw>

We hope that you will be able to join us in this Lenten study. As always, the meeting is informal. In the past I have attached a link to our past programs so that they can be watched afterward to review or if you could not attend. This year I will not be able to do that because it is a program from Wild Goose that requires paid subscription.

**Adoration Chapel Open Hours**

Did you know that the Adoration Chapel has been a vital part of Quincy located at the St Peters Campus since Oct 1987. We are trying to get the chapel open again 24/7 but WE NEED YOU.

Are you looking for an uninterrupted quiet hour alone with the Lord once a month or every week? Doesn't everyone need an hour with the Lord? We need you and are asking for your assistance in getting the hours below filled!

- Wed: 2 am, 3 am, 8pm (week 5)
- Thurs: Midnight (week 2,4,5), 1 am (weeks 2,4,5)
- Fri: 1 am, 2 pm (weeks 1,2), 11 pm
- Sat: 1 am, 2 am

Contact Mary at 217-653-3127 or Jean at 217-430-6967.

# The School of St. Peter



Week of February 16, 2025

## A Message from Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh

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



**HELPING FEED OUR COMMUNITY**



During Catholic Schools Week our students were presented with a challenge. Students were asked to bring in canned food items for the Souper Bowl of Caring Campaign. I am so proud of our students. They brought in a total of 5332 items. These items will help feed our community. We are so fortunate to have food in our pantries while others do not have this luxury on a daily basis. We congratulate our sixth grade students for bringing in the most items per student. We also congratulate Mrs. Downey's third grade classroom. They alone brought in 932 items.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

At the end of January we were fortunate to install a new sound system in our gym. This only happened because of generous donations as well as grants that were written to support this initiative. We were able to showcase this new sound at the Catholic Schools Week talent show. We are so very happy with the new improvements. Thank you to everyone who supports St. Peter School. We are incredibly grateful for the generosity of our parishioners and our community.

**Teacher Openings—We are hiring!**

**Come and be part of an outstanding and committed staff!**

St. Peter School is accepting applications for full-time teaching positions in grades 3, 4, and 6 for the 2025-2026 school year. Applicants must hold an active Illinois teaching license and demonstrate enthusiasm and dedication to student success. As a Catholic school, we seek educators who are committed to fostering both academic excellence and spiritual growth in a faith-filled environment that supports the values of our Catholic tradition. Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume, and three letters of reference via email to [c.venvertloh@cospg.org](mailto:c.venvertloh@cospg.org) or by mail to Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh, Principal, St. Peter School, 2500 Maine Street, Quincy, IL 62301. For inquiries, please contact the school office at 217-223-1120. St. Peter School wages are based on years of experience and education ranging from \$33,000 to \$70,000 depending upon education and experience. More specific information will be provided upon request." A summary of benefits can be found at <https://dio.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Benefits-Flyer-1.pdf>

**SCHOOL MENU**

- Monday: No School
- Tuesday: Corn dog, curly fries, baked beans, fruit.
- Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, corn, fruit.
- Thursday: Tenderloin on bun, potato rings, mixed vegetables, fruit.
- Friday: French bread pizza, marinara, carrots, fruit.

**EVENTS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday, Feb. 17: **NO SCHOOL**—President's Day.
- Tuesday, Feb. 18: **Chess Club** 6:30.
- Wednesday, Feb. 19: **8:30 Children's Mass**—4th grade.
- Thursday, Feb. 20: **Scotties Fun Spot Event** from 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- Friday, Feb. 21: **St. Peter Mother/Son Event** 6-8 p.m.

**Mark Your Calendars:**

**2025-2026 Registration has begun! Be sure to sign up for next year!**

**Mother Son Event**  
Feb. 21: 6-8 p.m.

**Kindergarten Round Up**  
March 20 from 5:30-7p.m.

**School of St. Peter**  
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 Phone: 217-223-1120  
 Website: [www.stpeterschool.com](http://www.stpeterschool.com)  
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**Mark Your Calendar**

**Mon. Feb. 17:**

**Tues. Feb. 18:** Tuesday Ladies Bible Study 8:30 a.m., Martha Jane Room  
 Tuesday Treats after Mass in Narthex OCIA 7:00 p.m., Martha Jane Room

**Wed. Feb. 19:** Ladies Cursillo 1:30 p.m., Fr. Bauer Prayer Room  
 PSR 6:30 p.m., School

**Thurs. Feb. 20:**

**Fri. Feb. 21:** Social Concerns Meeting 8:30 a.m., Martha Jane Room

**Sat. Feb. 22:**

**Sun. Feb. 23:**


**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.

**Portugal with Fr. Bob Barko**  
 Travel through Portugal with Fr. Bob Barko, July 18th - 29th, 2026. Enjoy 3 nights Lisbon, visit the Shrine of Fatima, and sail 7 nights on the Douro River. For more information contact Quincy's Discount Travel at 217-228-1122. Limited space available.

**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.

**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/FyFolp6Eh1Y>

WEEKLY COLLECTION		
	February 9	Total to Date
Loose Collections	\$959.50	\$36,494.67
Regular Collections	\$53,632.00	\$958,587.35
Annual School Fund	\$10,213.55	\$299,534.30
Holy Days	\$50.00	\$53,795.53
Totals	\$64,855.05	\$1,348,411.85
Total Budget Goal	\$32,000.00	\$1,024,000.00
Difference	\$32,855.05	\$324,411.85

**Diocesan Collections**  
 Catholic Times: \$85.00  
 Church of Latin America: \$55.00

**Haiti Sister Parish Collections**  
 Collected \$1,015.00

**Fr. Leo's column continued..**  
 School and PSR program for their ministry assisting our young people. These teachers are Pam Hagerbaumer, Evelyn Downey, and Sandy Gallaher. You have given much and we will always appreciate your ministry—thank you. Finally, to Gina Bergman, our DRE, who continues to prepare our students to receive their sacraments. She truly gives of her time and talents for our young people.

**ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:** From Erma Bombeck on Parenting: Erma was a well-known comedienne who years ago wrote extensively on differing subjects.

1. Grand-parenthood is one of life's rewards for surviving your own children.
2. Cleaning the house while the children are home is like shoveling while it's still snowing.
3. Onion rings in the car cushions do not improve with time.
4. Have you any idea how many children it takes to turn off one light in the kitchen. It takes one to say, "What light?" and two more to say, "I didn't turn it on."
5. Youngsters of the age of two and three are endowed with extraordinary strength. They can lift a dog twice their own weight and dump him into the bathtub.
6. My sister and I never engaged in sibling rivalry. Our parents weren't crazy about either one of us.
7. I became hysterical and frightened and begged for sedation. And that was just the first prenatal visit.

*Magi. Leo J. Embor*

# Parish in Action

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

**SUNDAY  
MARCH 30**



**CHILI  
COOKOFF**

**FRIDAY  
APRIL 25**

**PARENTS'  
NIGHT OUT**

**SATURDAY  
MAY 17**



**BLOCK  
PARTY**

**Adoration on February 16**

Please join us for Adoration on Sunday, February 16th. Stan and Kathy Schwartz will give a short reflection starting at 5:45pm with Adoration following from 6:00pm until 7:00pm. This is an open Adoration hour, come for as long as you are able.

**Women's Cursillo #374**

Women's Cursillo weekend #374 will be held Feb. 20 through Feb. 23 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://quincycursillo.com> to print one."

**QND Open House February 23**

QND Open House Quincy Notre Dame High School will hold their annual Open House for parents on Sunday, February 23, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Interested families will have the opportunity to meet QND students, parents and faculty, find out more about the academic programs offered, take a tour and explore the school and discover what's happening at QND. Everyone is welcome to come for all or part of the afternoon. The schedule for the QND Open House is as follows: 1 - 2 pm - Presentations in the QND Cafeteria - Welcome, overview, QND House system, question and answer session about financial assistance and more. 2 - 3 pm - Tour QND and meet teachers in their classrooms on a student-guided tour or explore on your own. For more information, please contact Natalie Genenbacher at [nngenbacher@quincynotredame.org](mailto:nngenbacher@quincynotredame.org) or 217-223-2479.

**40 Days For Life**

40 Days for Life - the nation's most innovative, peaceful prayer outreach - is coming to Quincy for its third campaign. We are eager to join together with people of faith and conscience from our city to pray for an end to abortion. 40 Days for Life begins March 05 and runs through April 12. We want to prevent abortion from coming to Quincy. The campaign will feature a peaceful 40-day prayer vigil in the public right-of-way outside of Walgreens on Broadway between 17th and 18th streets. All prayer vigil participants are asked to sign a statement of peace, pledging to conduct themselves in a Christ-like manner at all times. A Kick-off dinner meeting will be held at Bethel Assembly of God Church at 839 South 12th Street in Quincy Sunday, February 16 at 4pm RSVP to: Colleen Maalouf, [quincy40daysforlife@gmail.com](mailto:quincy40daysforlife@gmail.com)

**Lenten Retreat "Walking with Jesus through Holy Week"**

The Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women invites all women to this annual Lenten Retreat at Villa Maria in Springfield, March 25-26 with Deacon Jeff Beals of our diocese, as retreat master. Retreat begins with lunch at noon on Tues. March 25 and concludes at 3:30 pm on Wed. March 26, We encourage you to begin the retreat with the March for Life Mass at Sangamon Auditorium at UIS at 10:00 am on Tuesday the 25 with required registration for this Mass found at dio.org. All are welcome! Registration deadline: March 15. Contact: Mary Ann Sullivan: [gma.sullivan80@gmail.com](mailto:gma.sullivan80@gmail.com).