



The Parish of St. Peter Quincy, IL

~Mass Intentions~

Feb. 24-March 2, 2025

- 24. Monday 8:00 a.m.
Patricia Sloan
- 25. Tuesday 8:00 a.m.
Dan Frericks
- 26. Wednesday 8:30 a.m.
Becky Bliefnick
- 27. Thursday 8:00 a.m.
Leta Mae Frese
- 28. Friday 8:00 a.m.
Robert Simms
- 1. Saturday 8:00 a.m.
Marguerite Schlipmann
- 1. Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Raymond & Viola Deters
- 2. Sunday 8:00 a.m.
Our Parish Family
- 2. Sunday 9:30 a.m.
Kenneth Schlipman
- 2. Sunday 11:00 a.m.
Dave & Pat Stegeman

— 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.

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 23, 2025

Dear Parishioners,

We gather on this last weekend of February to celebrate the 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The month of January seemed to pass so slowly whereas this month of February has come and gone without much notice. Whatever the case, after this recent bout of winter weather the hope of Spring is right around the corner. At least that's what the calendar states although mother nature never seems to abide with dates on a calendar. But we can always hope as we await the coming of Spring.

I remember my grade school days. The good sisters would continually remind us of what was known as the golden rule. Although Jesus Himself never called it the "golden rule" yet this rule has come down through history as very golden if only we lived by it. This "golden rule" is found in our gospel for our Mass this weekend, as we hear Jesus proclaiming it to His disciples, "Do to others as you would have them do to you." In other words, treat others the way we want to be treated. That seems fair and right although Jesus takes this golden rule even a step further. He tells us to "love your enemies." That might be pushing it but there is wisdom in that statement. But He continues to push the limits in our lives. "Do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who maltreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes you cloak, do not withhold your tunic." Now there is not one of us who likes to be taken advantage of, nor to be used by others. But as I said, there is wisdom in the insights Jesus gives us today in this gospel. He expects more from His followers because through these expectations, this is how we change people and our world. If we love only those who love us, there is no credit in that. Even sinners love those who love them. But Jesus pushes us, challenges us, without expecting anything in return. Our reward as He tells us, we will be children of the Most High. So this reading challenges us today. Let's begin by looking at our families. How many of us still carry grudges from years ago because we were not treated fairly or someone took advantage of us. We've carried that a long time and its time that we give it up and follow the wisdom of Jesus in this gospel. Remember, the "measure with which we measure will in turn be measured out to you." And that's a tough statement to swallow let alone live.

Next Saturday, our 3rd graders will be going to the Cathedral in Springfield to celebrate the last sacraments of their Initiation, namely, Confirmation and their First Communion. Bishop Paprocki will be celebrating these sacraments for our young people on Saturday morning. Because I have a wedding here at St. Peter, and because this wedding had been scheduled a year in advance, I will not be able to attend this important celebration for our young people and their families. But we are planning on having our own celebration that Sunday, March 2nd at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. I ask that our parish pray for these young people as they receive these Sacraments and will become greater participants in the life of the Church. May the Eucharist be a weekly celebration for them and their families, growing ever closer to our Lord. And may the Holy Spirit inspire them and guide them to be those disciples of Jesus, living His life and doing His will.

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Next Meeting
Sunday, March 2nd
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Meet at the KC Range

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
Tom Schutte
sing praises with the Angels in Heaven forever.

St. Veronica Guild

The St. Veronica Guild will meet **Thursday, Feb. 27** in the Lower Level of the rectory at 1:00 p.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!

Social Concerns Collection

Social Concerns is collecting canned meat, tuna, canned fruit, canned green beans & corn, peanut butter and jelly next weekend, March 1-2 for the 1st Sunday collection for Ladies of Charity. Containers will be located in the Narthex. Thank you in advance!

Coffee & Donuts and Blood Pressures Next Sunday

Please join us next Sunday, March 2nd, after all Masses in the cafeteria for Coffee & Donuts and blood pressure screenings.

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 or 217-223-2479.

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.

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 | ~Elizabeth Topf | ~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.



Baptism

Saige Lia Cramsey, daughter of **Connor & Hannah (Witte) Cramsey**, was made a child of God through the reception of the sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, Feb. 16, 2025.

EMHC Training

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

Altar Server Training

We will have an altar server training on Saturday, March 29th at 10:30 am in the church for anyone interested in serving at daily or weekend Masses. Anyone in 3rd 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.

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? We 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

Please consider an hour in the Adoration Chapel. Contact Mary at 217-653-3127 or Jean Anne at 217-430-6967.

March 2025 Usher Schedule

Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Mass
Lead Usher: Bob Weckbach **Ushers:** Rick Halter, Mike Kurk, Tom Moore, Mark Wiewel
Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Mass
Lead Usher: Mark Strieker **Ushers:** David Busen, Terry Hickey, Isaac Scoggin, Dale Venvertloh
Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Mass
Lead Usher: Eric Entrup **Ushers:** Anna & Russ Hinkamper, Jeremy Stegeman, Bill Vollrath
Sunday, 11:00 a.m. Mass
Lead Usher: Tom Strieker **Ushers:** Steve Adair, Patrick McDonald, Kevin Meyer, Kevin Schuckman

March 2025 EMHC Schedule

Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Mass - Kent Anderson (1), Tom Klene (2), Mary Oakley (3), Tim Oitker (4), Kent Stegeman (5), Holly VanderBol (6)
Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Mass - Mary Christensen (1), Maria Eckert (2), John & Judy Liesen (3 & 4), Jeff Norton (5), Richard Taylor (6)
Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Mass - Mindy Entrup (1), Natalie Genenbacher (2), Lydia Miller (3), Allison Ohnemus (4), Sarah Stegeman (5), Bobbi Vollrath (6)
Sunday, 11:00 a.m. Mass - Patrick Carley (1), Liz Lowenberg (2), Julie Radel (3), Bradley Smith (4), Kim Strieker (5), Nick Venvertloh (6)

The School of St. Peter



Week of February 23, 2025

A Message from Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh

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

**SECOND GRADE
MAD SCIENTIST, GLOW DAY, and FOOTBALL ACTIVITIES**



Students in second grade enjoyed special themed educational activities as they rotated classrooms to experience a "Mad Scientist" experiment, football lessons and glow activities.

**KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP
March 20th**

Are you interested in learning more about Kindergarten at St. Peter School? If so, please be sure to attend our Kindergarten Round Up on Thursday, March 20th from 5:30-7:30. Call 217-223-1120 to register you and your child to attend.

Children must be 5 years old by Sept. 1, 2025 to attend Kindergarten for the 2025-2026 school year.

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@cospq.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:** Sausage pizza, peas, yogurt, fruit.
- Tuesday:** Hamburger on bun, curly fries, corn, fruit.
- Wednesday:** Chicken fries, hash brown, mixed vegetables, fruit.
- Thursday:** Dorito walking taco, lettuce/tomato, refried beans, fruit.
- Friday:** Pancakes, sausage, veggie juice, fruit.

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday, Feb. 24: Right to Life posters/essays due.
- Tuesday, Feb. 25: **5th grade field trip to History Museum & Eels House.**
- Wednesday, Feb. 26: **8:30 Children's Mass—3rd grade; 2nd gr. First Reconciliation mtg. 6:30.**
- Thursday, Feb. 27:
- Friday, Feb. 28: **Spirit Day; 6th grade Panera fundraising night.**

Mark Your Calendars:

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

Attention PreK 3-7th grade—
Don't forget to enroll for the 2025-2026 School Year.

School of St. Peter
2500 Maine Street
Quincy, IL 62301
Phone: 217-223-1120
Website: www.stpeterschool.com
Email: c.venvertloh@cospq.org

Mark Your Calendar

Mon. Feb. 24:

Tues. Feb. 25: Tuesday Ladies Bible Study 8:30 a.m., Martha Jane Room
OCIA 7:00 p.m., Martha Jane Room

Wed. Feb. 26: Ladies Cursillo 1:30 p.m., Fr. Bauer Prayer Room
PSR 6:30 p.m., School

Thurs. Feb. 27: St. Veronica's Guild 1:00 p.m., Lower Level Conf. Room

Fri. Feb. 28:

Sat. Mar. 1:

Sun. Mar. 2: 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.

Thank You for Pennies for Life
A big thank you for the generous donations for Pennies for Life! This funding helps to sponsor the bus to the March for Life in Springfield, prizes for the poster and essay contests, prolife billboards, and a prolife speaker for the annual Respect Life dinner in October. Thank you from Right to Life of Adams County.

Fr. Leo's column continued..

As I stated in a previous column, Fr. Delix Michel, the pastor of our sister parishes in Haiti, is in need of a truck in order to transport himself between his parishes as well as transporting members of his parish who might need to go to a doctor or hospital. And the way the roads are in Haiti, his current means of transportation, a truck, is on its last leg. If you ever rode with him like I did years ago, it is understandable why his truck is on its last leg. I currently have about \$20,000 collected for this project but I am thinking that I need at least another \$25,000 to make this happen for him. Any ideas on how I can raise these funds? Please let me know as he is riding on the back of motorcycles of parishioners to various places. Thank you!

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: A young country preacher was going to do his first funeral at a little countryside cemetery. This was the first burial in this cemetery.


He got lost trying to find the cemetery and was an hour late. He sees the grave is dug and goes over and was surprised that they already had the coffin in the encasement. The gravediggers were already having lunch over by the backhoe and dump truck. So he takes out his Bible and starts preaching and the workers were saying, "Amen, praise the Lord, Hallelujah."

This encouraged the young preacher and he preached two and a half hours. So he walks back to his car and opens the door and took off his jacket to put it in the seat and he heard one of the men say, "Man I have been installing septic tanks for 15 years, and I have never seen anything like this."

Magy. Leo J. Embor

Save The Date - Updated
Save the date for June 8, 2025 for a celebration of Fr. Leo's 50th anniversary of his Ordination (previously stated June 1). 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/FyFolp6Eh1Y2>

| WEEKLY COLLECTION | | |
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| | February 16 | Total to Date |
| Loose Collections | \$1,034.85 | \$37,529.52 |
| Regular Collections | \$19,757.00 | \$978,344.35 |
| Annual School Fund | \$3,198.55 | \$302,732.85 |
| Holy Days | \$0.00 | \$53,795.53 |
| Totals | \$23,990.40 | \$1,372,402.25 |
| Total Budget Goal | \$32,000.00 | \$1,056,000.00 |
| Difference | (\$8,009.60) | \$316,402.25 |

Diocesan Collections
Catholic Times: \$15.00
Church of Latin America: \$80.00

Haiti Sister Parish Collections
Collected \$365.00

Parish in Action

ST. PETER CHILI COOK OFF
SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2025
12:00 - 2:00 PM



ST. PETER SCHOOL GYM
2500 MAINE ST. IN QUINCY

FLIGHT OF CHILI: \$5 PERSON / \$10 FAMILY
Hot dogs, chips, cookies, cornbread and drinks provided.

DOES YOUR CHILI HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO WIN?

- FREE to enter cookoff contest
- Chefs set up at 10:00 a.m. / Doors open at Noon
- Prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and People's Choice
- Limited to 18 entries

SCAN QR CODE TO RSVP



Questions?
CALL
217.214.0187

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.

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. Chemical abortions make up the majority (>65%) of abortions and Walgreen and CVS corporations are on their way to becoming the largest abortion providers in the country.

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.

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=lm2NU5hPAdw>

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.