



# The Parish of St. Peter Quincy, IL

## ~Mass Intentions~

February 10-15, 2025

- 10. Monday 8:00 a.m.  
Luke Mayfield
- 11. Tuesday 8:00 a.m.  
Mary Brahler
- 12. Wednesday 8:30 a.m.  
Loren Tournear
- 13. Thursday 8:00 a.m.  
Cindy & Dave Brown
- 14. Friday 8:00 a.m.  
Norma Johnson
- 15. Saturday 8:00 a.m.  
Jeanette Noel
- 15. Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Don Vancil
- 16. Sunday 8:00 a.m.  
Priscilla Morrison
- 16. Sunday 9:30 a.m.  
Our Parish Family
- 16. Sunday 11:00 a.m.  
Jack Souders

## — 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.

*Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 9, 2025*

Dear Parishioners,

Last weekend, those who put any stock in the predictions of Punxsutawney Phil were saddened to hear that he saw his shadow. According to this prognosticator, we are then supposed to have six more weeks of winter. I'm ready for this groundhog to go back into his burrow and not be seen again. These past several days with temperatures in the 60's followed by freezing rain, I am more than ready for winter to come to an end.

Last weekend we took a break from Ordinary time and celebrated the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple. The Church this week returns to Ordinary Time as it celebrates the 5th Sunday. Our readings this weekend consider the experiences of two people who were touched in their lives by the mystery of God. The first experience was the prophet Isaiah. Isaiah had a vision in which the glory of the Lord was revealed to him. Because of that vision, Isaiah felt so unworthy and his response was "woe to me, I am doomed! I am a man of unclean lips, living among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" In spite of this experience of the glory of God, in spite of his feeling of unworthiness, the Lord touched his life with His mercy and forgiveness and removed his wickedness. Realizing what the Lord God did, Isaiah with a heart touched by God responded with a willingness to serve God. He was so moved by what the Lord did for him that he responded with the words, "here I am, Lord, send me."

Our gospel is the story of another man who was touched by the glory of the Lord in his life. We find Jesus getting in the boat of Peter and being asked to be taken out into the sea so that Jesus could teach the crowds from the boat. After a time of preaching, Jesus asks Peter to put into the deep water to throw out their nets. Peter who was exhausted after fishing all night, reluctantly did as Jesus asked. To his surprise, they caught such a large number of fish that the net was ready to tear. The glory of the Lord was revealed to Peter in this catch of fish. And Peter's response was one of unworthiness as he fell to his knees and said to Jesus, "depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." But Jesus had plans for Peter and the other disciples as He said to them, "Do not be afraid, from now on you will be catching men." Like Isaiah, Peter and the others left everything and followed Jesus. When the Lord calls us, we are expected to respond. He calls us at our baptisms to follow Him and live a life of holiness. Even though when He so often reveals His glory to us in differing ways, we might find ourselves unworthy, yet, He still calls us to follow Him and equips us with the necessary talents to fulfill this call.

As we reflect upon our readings today, we so often excuse ourselves from following Jesus because we feel unworthy or sinful, or whatever negative vice you can think of. But God takes each of us where we are, with all of our negative thoughts about ourselves, and then asks us to open up our hearts and our lives to Him so that He can work in and through us. And I truly believe that our God continues to call especially our young people to serve Him in the Church. I only wish our parents would see that call and encourage it in their young people. May each of us discover God's call as we respond, "here I am, Lord, send me."

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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*  
**Patrick Haugh**  
*sing praises with the Angels in Heaven forever.*

**Baptism**

**Claire Josephine Dietrich**, daughter of **Ryan & Jenna (Zanger) Dietrich**, was made a child of God through the reception of the sacrament of Baptism on Saturday, February 1, 2025.

**Pennies for Life**

We will be collecting Pennies for Life after all Masses this weekend, February 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>. The pennies/money collected goes to Right to Life of Adams County. Please consider donating to help support our community.

**St. Edward Annual Whole Hog Sausage & Pancake Day**

St. Edward Church, Mendon, Annual Whole Hog Sausage and Pancake Day with biscuits and gravy. Sunday, February 9 from 7:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Adults \$12; 10 and under \$6 To place a meat order by February 5 call Lindsey at 430-7437 or [stedwardsmeatorders@gmail.com](mailto:stedwardsmeatorders@gmail.com).

**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.

**Mini Holy Family Fest 2025**

The mini Holy Family Fest 2025 will be held March 1st, 8:30am-5:30pm at Quincy Notre Dame High School (1400 S. 11th). This one day event will feature speakers from The Apostolate for Family Consecration, Deacon Dennis & Pat Holbrook, and Megan Murphy. We will also have the Sacrament of Reconciliation, children's activities, coffee and donuts, lunch, Celebrate Mass at 4:30, and plenty of time to have recreation with your family! For more info. contact [quincyhollyfamilyfest@gmail.com](mailto:quincyhollyfamilyfest@gmail.com) or 217-440-8187.



**St. Joseph Annual Shrimp Boil and Fish Fry**

St. Joseph Annual Shrimp Boil and Fish Fry is on Saturday, March 1st. Come to Mass at 4 pm, Food Served at 5 pm. Shrimp/Fish/Andouille Sausage/Corn on the Cob/French Fries/Potatoes/Corn Dogs/Onion Rings/and More. All You Can Eat for \$20.00, 5 to 12 - \$5.00, 4 and Under Free

Please keep the following in your prayers:

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| ~Kristopher Schrecke     | ~Elias Erd                 | ~Jo Buckley    |
| ~Isabella Benner         | ~Amy Seibert               | ~Nancy Bohan   |
| ~Hunter Hildebrand       | ~Terri May                 | ~Julie Eftink  |
| ~Kathy Schuckman         | ~Mary Lavery               | ~Bill Morrison |
| ~Joyce Shipp             | ~Ken Althoff               | ~Roger Voorhis |
| ~Donna Schutte           | ~John & Barb Meyer         | ~Bill Morrison |
| ~Cheryl Liesen           | ~Tom Schutte               | ~Roger Voorhis |
| ~Sarah Sturhahn Stegeman | ~Maria (Eberhardt) Sparrow |                |
| ~John Douglas Holford    | ~Bonnie Haubrich           | ~Anonymous     |
| ~Ian Mehaffy             | ~Dave & Bryce Shank        | ~Anonymous     |
| ~Drake Willing           | ~Valerie Fox Ortbal        |                |
| ~Liem Thanh Mai          | ~Emmett Hertle             | ~Winnie Vogel  |
- To have a name added to this list, please call the Parish Office



**St. Veronica Guild**

The St. Veronica Guild will meet **Thursday, Feb. 13** 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!

**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. Tournery 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](mailto:fishgills1208@gmail.com).

**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.

**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@cospq.org](mailto:g.bergman@cospq.org) or text 217-430-6080.

**Adoration Chapel Open Hours**

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

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

**Quincy Notre Dame High School Job Openings**

QND High School is seeking qualified candidates for the following positions for the 2025-26 school year:

**Full-Time Spanish Teacher** - Qualified candidates should submit a cover letter, resume and three letters of reference by Friday, February 14, to QND Principal Mark McDowell at [mmcdowell@qndhs.org](mailto:mmcdowell@qndhs.org). Compensation for full-time teaching staff is based on years of experience and education ranging from \$35,000 - \$65,000. More specific information will be provided upon request.

**Full-Time Administrative Assistant** - Qualified candidates should submit a cover letter, resume and three letters of reference by Friday, February 14, to QND Principal Mark McDowell at [mmcdowell@qndhs.org](mailto:mmcdowell@qndhs.org). Compensation is based on skill set and related experience ranging from \$15 - \$20 per hour. More specific info. provided upon request.

# The School of St. Peter



Week of February 9, 2025

## A Message from Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh

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

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK HIGHLIGHTS**



Catholic Schools Week 2025

**SCHOOL MENU**

- Monday:** French toast sticks, sausage, veggie juice, fruit.
- Tuesday:** Breaded chicken on bun, emoji fries, corn, fruit.
- Wednesday:** Pulled pork, dinner roll, hash brown, mixed vegetables, fruit.
- Thursday:** Toasted cheese ravioli, peas, pudding, fruit.
- Friday:** No School

**EVENTS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday, Feb. 10: 8th grade visit QND.
- Tuesday, Feb. 11: **Chess Club** 6:30.
- Wednesday, Feb. 12: **8:30 Children's Mass—5th grade.**
- Thursday, Feb. 13: **Q3 Midterms sent; Preschool Open House** 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- Friday, Feb. 14: **NO SCHOOL—**Teacher's on Retreat; Happy Valentine's Day.

**Mark Your Calendars:**

- 2025-2026 Registration** began Feb. 7!
- Mother Son Event** Feb. 21: 6-8 p.m.

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

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**Mark Your Calendar**

**Mon. Feb. 10:**

**Tues. Feb. 11:** Tuesday Ladies Bible Study 8:30 a.m., Martha Jane Room  
OCIA 7:00 p.m., Martha Jane Room

**Wed. Feb. 12:** Ladies Cursillo 1:30 p.m., Fr. Bauer Prayer Room  
PSR 6:30 p.m., School

**Thurs. Feb. 13:** St. Veronica's Guild 8:30 a.m., Lower Level Conf. Room

**Fri. Feb. 14:**

**Sat. Feb. 15:**

**Sun. Feb. 16:** Adoration 5:45 p.m., Church  
FOUND 6:30 p.m., Martha Jane Room

**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.

**Feast Day Of Our Lady Of Lourdes** is Tuesday, Feb. 11. There will be the Annual Rosary Prayer Service on this Feast Day at 'Our Lady of Lourdes of Ghost Hollow Grotto' at 1:00pm weather permitting. The Grotto is located at the 'Spring' at the corner of 4507 Ghost Hollow and Herleman Roads, Quincy. Our Lady "Welcomes and Awaits" each of you. Bring a folding chair and dress for the weather. All are invited! The Grotto was dedicated on Feb. 11, 1998 by Fr. John Carberry who was Pastor of St. Boniface Catholic Church and named by Fr. Francis Lee Pastor of St. Rose of Lima on May 16, 1997. Contact: R.M. 'Pete' or Janice E. Pohlman at 217-257-2400 for additional information.

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

This weekend, our school families in conjunction with our Right to Life group will be collecting Pennies for Life after all of our Masses. These monies are used to support the efforts of our Right to Life Adams County.

We also try to publish letters from our sister parishes in Haiti, giving us an update on the condition of our sister parishes. Fr. Michel tries to keep us in tune with what is happening as he serves our brothers and sisters in Haiti. I have promised to them that they would be a part of our stewardship as a parish family. I just remind you to use your Haiti envelopes each month so that we can continue to show our care and love for the poorest of the poor in the world.

**ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:** One Sunday a pastor found several letters awaiting him. He opened one and found it contained a single word, "Fool."


Quietly and with becoming seriousness he shared the letter with the congregation and announced, "I have known many an instance of a person writing a letter and forgetting to sign his name, but this is the only instance I have ever known of someone signing his name and forgetting to write the letter."

A young man is an avid listener to the city's police frequency and leaves the scanner on all the time. One morning while making his bed, he heard the dispatcher say, "Car 34, there is a 17 foot boa constrictor in someone's front yard. The resident wants a police officer to come and remove it." There was a long pause and some static. Slowly, a voice said, "uh...we can't get the car started."

*Magy. Leo J. Embury*

**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://open.spotify.com/playlist/3P162010>

<b>WEEKLY COLLECTION</b>		
	<b>February 2</b>	<b>Total to Date</b>
Loose Collections	\$1,020.01	\$35,535.17
Regular Collections	\$21,592.55	\$904,955.35
Annual School Fund	\$4,758.45	\$289,320.75
Holy Days	\$40.00	\$53,745.53
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$27,411.01</b>	<b>\$1,283,556.80</b>
Total Budget Goal	\$32,000.00	\$992,000.00
Difference	(\$4,588.99)	\$291,556.80

**Diocesan Collections**

Catholic Times: \$335.00 Retired Religious: \$135.00  
Retired Dio. Priests: \$135.00 Seminarians: \$125.00  
Church of Latin America: \$595.00 Other: \$460.00

**Haiti Sister Parish Collections**  
Collected \$2,458.75

**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 Eucharistic Adoration on February 16th from 5:45pm until 7:00pm. There will be a reflection at 5:45pm with Adoration from 6:00pm until 7:00pm. This is an open Adoration hour, come for as long as you are able.

**St. Peter Teacher Openings**

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>

**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."

**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. 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)