



The Parish of St. Peter Quincy, IL

~*Mass Intentions*~

March 3-9, 2025

- 3. **Monday 8:00 a.m.**
Roger Frankenhoff
- 4. **Tuesday 8:00 a.m.**
Russ Fairchild
- 5. **Wednesday 8:30 a.m.**
DJ Venvertloh
- 5. **Wednesday 12:10 p.m.**
Roy Uhl
- 5. **Wednesday 6:30 p.m.**
Robert & Dorothy Deters
- 6. **Thursday 8:00 a.m.**
Connie Olps
- 7. **Friday 8:00 a.m.**
Barbara Wolf
- 8. **Saturday 8:00 a.m.**
Bobbette Miller
- 8. **Saturday 5:00 p.m.**
David Adam Oakley
- 9. **Sunday 8:00 a.m.**
Joanne Schleppehorst
- 9. **Sunday 9:30 a.m.**
Robert & Dorothy Deters
- 9. **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.

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, March 2, 2025

Dear Parishioners,

We welcome with open arms and with a breath of fresh air this new month of March. According to the calendar, the season of Spring usually begins March 21st or 22nd. Let us hope Mother Nature is in tune with our calendar. I don't know about you, but I am ready for this change in nature. I'm ready for flowers to bloom, sitting out on my patio, and the grass and trees showing life. But I'm also realistic as I know that we also experienced a snowstorm in March. Let's hope that we have concluded that experience and Mother Nature doesn't want to remind us of who is in control.

This Sunday, we will be celebrating with our young people their second Holy Communion at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. They are invited to wear their communion clothes and receive special recognition as they celebrate their Second Eucharist with their parish family. Again, I congratulate our young people who completed their Initiation Sacraments at the Cathedral this past Saturday. We are very proud of them as they prepared for this day. On behalf of the parish family, I want to thank their parents who are models of our Catholic faith as well as their teachers, Pam Hagerbaumer, Evelyn Downey, and Sandy Gallaher along with our PSR director, Gina Bergman. It truly takes a parish to assist our young people in getting ready for the Sacraments.

This weekend is also our annual commitment weekend for the QND annual fund raiser. Each of you should have received a letter from me asking that you support our Catholic High School and their efforts to provide a secondary Catholic education for our young people. QND is a gift from past generations, and it is up to all of us to make sure that this school remains affordable and growing for our young people. We will be having some of our QND students who will be speaking at all of our Masses, encouraging your generous support.

It is hard to believe but Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent this Wednesday March 5th. I remind you that this day is a day of FAST and ABSTINENCE. This basically means that there is no consumption of meat on that day and our food intake for that day is limited, namely, no in-between meals. Plus, all the Fridays of Lent are also days of ABSTINENCE. When I was growing up, many of my buddies in the neighborhood were not Catholic and would always call me a "fish-eater." I took much pride in that cynical comment as it identified who we are during this season of Lent. Our Masses on Ash Wednesday are as follows:

8:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. (St. Peter) 10:00 am. (QND gym)

The Church during Lent invites us into a spiritual retreat, where we spend time in prayer, almsgiving (charity), and fasting. I invite you to look at some bad habits that you might have and concentrate on changing this vice into some type of virtue. I also invite you to make use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We will be having special times for this sacrament throughout the weekdays of Lent. Also, each Friday in Lent we will be celebrating the Stations of the Cross followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Please join us in this Way of the Cross as we meditate upon God's love for all of us. Happy Lent!

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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!
March 18th
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.

Ash Wednesday Mass Times
Ash Wednesday Mass times are 8:30am, 12:10 & 6:30pm.

EMHC & Usher Sign Up for Ash Wednesday Masses
We need Eucharistic ministers and ushers for the Ash Wednesday Masses on March 5. Please sign up in the Narthex if you can help. Thank you!

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

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

Adoration on March 9
Please join us for Eucharistic Adoration on Sunday, March 9th 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.


Lenten Evening Masses
We are having 6:30p.m Masses on Monday and Wednesday during Lent. Fridays @ 6:30 we will have the Stations of the Cross. There will be confessions from 5:45p.m- 6:15p.m Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Kindergarten Round-Ups
Kindergarten Round-Ups are coming soon! Our four Catholic elementary schools offer exceptional kindergarten programs where children grow academically, socially, and spiritually in a nurturing, faith-filled environment. Join us at one (or all) of our upcoming round-ups to meet our teachers, explore the classrooms, and see how we help young learners thrive.
St. Francis 3/11 6p.m St. Dominic 3/19 1p.m
Blessed Sacrament 3/20 1p.m St. Peter 3/20 5:30p.m

Theology on Tap—Fr. Daren Zehnle
Join Theology on Tap on March 4th at The Fuzzy Bubbler (111 Jail Alley) for a discussion with Father Karl Pikus, FSSP to learn about the 24 different kinds of Catholics who make up the Catholic Church. Doors open at 5:30p.m talk begins at 6:35p.m

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 info contact Fr. Scott 217-645-3444 or ssnider0528@gmail.com

Please keep the following in your prayers:

~Kristopher Schrecke	~Elias Erd	
~Isabella Benner	~Amy Seibert	
~Hunter Hildebrand	~Terri May	
~Kathy Schuckman	~Mary Lavery	
~Joyce Shipp	~Ken Althoff	
~Donna Schutte	~John & Barb Meyer	
~Cheryl Liesen	~Elizabeth Topf	
~Sarah Sturhahn Stegeman	~Maria (Eberhardt) Sparrow	
~John Douglas Holford	~Pat Arnold	
~Ian Mehaffy	~Dave & Bryce Shank	

~Jo Buckley
~Nancy Bohan
~Julie Eftink
~Bill Morrison
~Roger Voorhis
~Bonnie Haubrich
~Anonymous

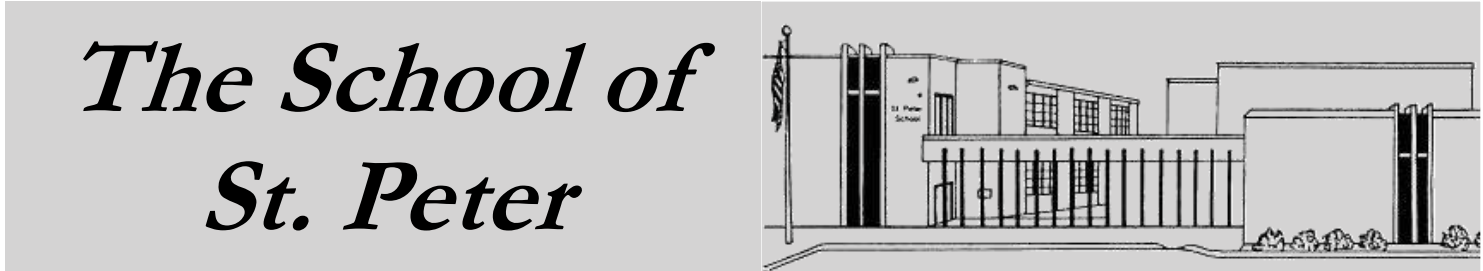
What is CRS Rice Bowl?
CRS Rice Bowl is a Catholic Relief Services' Lenten faith-in-action program for families and faith communities. Through CRS Rice Bowl, we deepen our personal experience of Lent. We can devote our Lenten prayers, fasting and gifts to transform our relationship with God and neighbor. Please pick up your families Rice Bowl. Bowls are in the Narthex and will be collected **April 26 & 27**—the weekend **after** Easter.

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.

Sunshine Crew
St Peter Parish is asking for parishioners to sign up to be part of our Sunshine Crew. This ministry reaches out to our Homebound/Nursing Home parishioners through letters and cards during Lent. If you are interested in signing up, we are asking you to send a letter, card, note with children's artwork, etc., WEEKLY during Lent 2025 (6 weeks total). Once you sign up via the Signup Genius link below, you will be emailed the Name and Address of a Homebound/Nursing Home parishioner before Tuesday, March 4, 2025. Please help us bring some sunshine to our Homebound/Nursing Home parishioners! If you have any questions or need assistance signing up, please contact Jodi (5mcdonaldsjc@gmail.com) or Lyn (l.striker@cospq.org). Signup Genius link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0B4CA5AE22A64-stpeter1>

Fish Fries in the Area
Ash Wednesday, March 5, 4:00-7:00pm. Catfish or wall-eye dinner (includes mac & cheese, potato salad, coleslaw, dessert & drink) for \$14, mac & cheese dinner (includes applesauce, dessert & drink) for \$7. Curbside pickup, carryout or dine in. Blessed Sacrament School (1115 S. 7th).
Ash Wednesday, March 5, 4:30-7:30pm. Catfish filets, potato salad, macaroni & cheese, baked beans, coleslaw and desserts provided by the Ladies of St. Francis. Cost \$13 for adults, \$7 for children 6-12, free for 5 & under. Eat in, carry out, drive through. Prepared by the men of the Holy Name . St. Francis Parish Center (1721 College).
March 7, 4:30-7:00pm. St. Dominic School, 4100 Columbus Rd.
March 14, 5:00-7:30pm. All you can eat, adults for \$12, ages 6-12 for \$8, 5 & under free. Buffet style: catfish fillets, homemade potato chips, potato salad, baked beans, applesauce, homemade desserts, beverage. Carry out available. St. Brigid Church, Liberty, IL



Week of March 2, 2025
A Message from Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh
"St. Peter School provides a quality education built on Catholic values and teachings."

MOTHER SON GLOW PARTY EVENT



AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION KIDS HEART CHALLENGE
Our school will once again be participating in the American Heart Association Challenge. This will take place from March 3-March 21. Students will have their kick off event during their PE classes. The two week event will include fun games and interactive videos. Student will be working hard to raise money for the American Heart Association. The Kids Heart Challenge is always a special event for our school. Students and their families always shine bright as heart hero's.

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: Pepperoni pizza, carrots, yogurt, fruit.
Tuesday: Pulled pork, dinner roll, hash brown, green beans, fruit.
Wednesday: Fish sticks, mac & cheese, peas, fruit.
Thursday: BBQ rib on bun, potato rings, corn, fruit.
Friday: Toasted cheese ravioli, marinara, mixed vegetables, fruit.

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

THIS WEEK
Monday, Mar. 3: **St. Katherine Drexel feast day**—students in this house wear house shirts with dress code bottoms.
Tuesday, Mar. 4: **Mardi Gras Carnival; Lenten Prayer service** at 1:30
Wednesday, Mar. 5: **Ash Wednesday—8:30 Children's Mass—2nd grade in charge; QND reads to K-3; Visions & Hearing**
Thursday, Mar. 6: **Adoration: Vision & Hearing**
Friday, March 7: **STEM Rube Goldberg Fair**

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

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

Parish in Action

March, 2025



DIocese of Springfield in Illinois
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

For more than 40 years, and in some countries more than 70 years, communism ruled Central and Eastern European countries and the Soviet Union's many republics. The Soviet Union stretched from Eastern Europe across central Asia and beyond to the Pacific Ocean. One of its former republics is Tajikistan, in central Asia. Bordering China to the east and Afghanistan to the south, Tajikistan is today the poorest of the former Soviet republics.

The country's economic challenges — along with a population that today is 98% Muslim — make Tajikistan a true mission country for the Church, because Catholics are few and needs are great. In fact, the Church's presence is so small that the Tajikistan Church is not part of a diocese with its own bishop but is an independent mission of the pope, administered by priests from the Institute of the Incarnate Word, a missionary order from Argentina. Along with the institute's order of sisters, the Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matará, these priests faithfully serve the pastoral needs of the people through education and accompaniment. Despite its small size and relative poverty, this community has fostered the first two priestly vocations and ordinations of two Tajik men, as well as the religious vocation of a Tajik woman who professed perpetual vows with the sisters.

With critical support from the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, the sisters continue their mission by educating the children and providing them with instruction, school supplies, school uniforms, and the food they need to develop intellectually, spiritually, physically, and socially. Guided by their faith and this material support, the sisters witness to Christ's love while carrying out their works of mercy. You can participate in their success by donating to this special collection when it is taken up in our diocese, either by contributing at Mass or through your parish's e-giving platform. #iGiveCatholicTogether also accepts funds online for the collection.

For more information about the collection and who it supports, visit www.usccb.org/cee. Thank you for your help to restore the Church and build the future in Central and Eastern Europe.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

† Thomas John Paprocki

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

LENTEN REGULATIONS

ABSTINENCE - Everyone 14 years of age and over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

1. FAST - Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 is required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
2. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is permitted. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to each person's needs, but together these two should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids (including milk and fruit juices) are allowed.
3. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.

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.

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

Questions?

CALL

217.214.0187

SCAN QR CODE TO RSVP

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.

QND Commitment Weekend is March 1 & 2
All parishioners should have or will be receiving a letter and pledge card to consider a gift to support the students of Quincy Notre Dame. Students will speak this weekend at all Masses to share their gratitude for the opportunity to continue their Catholic education in high school. Gifts and pledge cards will be accepted at Masses during Commitment Weekend. Contributions can be placed in the offertory or mailed directly to QND, PO Box 1014, Quincy, IL 62306. Gifts support QND's 48th Fund Drive, which bridges the gap between the cost to educate and the tuition charged to families. To learn more about QND, visit Quincy-NotreDame.org Thank you for your consideration!

Fourth Day Cursillo Renewal
Consider attending a Fourth Day Cursillo Renewal, March 14-15. To learn more go to <https://www.quincycursillo.com/applications/fourth-day-renewal/>, or contact Emily Goodapple, 217-242-8802."

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.

St Peter Church, Quincy IL
Church Fund - 8288
<https://www.usccb.org/cee>

WEEKLY COLLECTION		
	February 23	Total to Date
Loose Collections	\$992.74	\$38,522.26
Regular Collections	\$36,279.00	\$1,014,623.35
Annual School Fund	\$7,524.55	\$310,257.40
Holy Days	\$0.00	\$53,795.53
Totals	\$44,796.29	\$1,417,198.54
Total Budget Goal	\$32,000.00	\$1,088,000.00
Difference	\$12,796.29	\$329,198.54

Diocesan Collections
Catholic Times: \$15.00
Church of Latin America: \$175.00

Haiti Sister Parish Collections
Collected \$665.00

Mark Your Calendar

Mon. Mar. 3:

Tues. Mar. 4: Tuesday Ladies Bible Study 8:30 a.m., Martha Jane Room
OCIA 7:00 p.m., Martha Jane Room

Wed. Mar. 5: Masses: 8:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 6:30 p.m.
Ladies Cursillo 1:30 p.m., Fr. Bauer Prayer Room

Thurs. Mar. 6:

Fri. Mar. 7: Stations of the Cross: 6:30 p.m.
Men's Group 6:30 a.m., Martha Jane Room

Sat. Mar. 8:

Sun. Mar. 9: Adoration 5:45 p.m., Church

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.

Fr. Leo's column continued..

Each year during Lent we always had a special Mass during the weekdays at 6:30 p.m. This year, we are changing things around a little. Instead of Mass on Fridays, we will have the Stations of the Cross. But we will also have a 6:30 p.m. Mass each Monday and Wednesday during Lent, with Confessions being heard from 5:45-6:15 on those days of our Masses and Stations. These times are available especially for our young people who will be receiving this Sacrament for the first time.

As many of you have noticed, I have been having trouble walking and standing for any length of time. This prevents me from distributing Holy Communion and I apologize for that. My right knee has been very burdensome to me, and I will eventually have to have something done to find relief. In the meantime, please put up with my shortcomings. Just wanted you to know why I used a cane and do not distribute Holy Communion anymore.

- ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:** Church bloopers
1. Helpers are needed! Please sign up on the information sheet.
 2. Lent is that period for preparing for HolyWeed and Easter.
 3. The King's Bras will present a concert at our Church this evening at 6:00 p.m.
 4. A worm welcome to all who have come today.
 5. For the group of Ladies called Moms who care and pray for the children in school. When their meeting was cancelled one week" There will be no Moms who care this week.
 6. Hymn: I love thee my Ford. *Magy. Leo J. Eulow*