



The Parish of St. Peter Quincy, IL

~Mass Intentions~

March 24-30, 2025

- 24. Monday 8:00 a.m.
Bockenfeld Family
- 24. Monday 6:30 p.m.
Tom Lepper
- 25. Tuesday 8:00 a.m.
Cindy Brown
- 26. Wednesday 8:30 a.m.
Loren Tournear
- 26. Wednesday 6:30 p.m.
Edgar A. & Virginia R.
Newman
- 27. Thursday 8:00 a.m.
Peggy DeMoss McKenna
- 28. Friday 8:00 a.m.
Leo Bauer
- 29. Saturday 8:00 a.m.
Carol Adams
- 29. Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Bill & Mary Brahler
- 30. Sunday 8:00 a.m.
Our Parish Family
- 30. Sunday 9:30 a.m.
Wayne Schlipman
- 30. Sunday 11:00 a.m.
Dale Tangy

— 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.

Third Sunday of Lent, March 23, 2025

Dear Parishioners,

We gather this Sunday to celebrate the 3rd Sunday in our season of Lent. You will notice that this weekend we are given two sets of readings for our Masses, one set for the cycle A readings and the other set for the cycle C readings. During our Masses, the Cycle A readings will be used at the 9:30 a.m. Mass as we will be celebrating what are called the Scrutinies for those involved in our OCIA process. Our elect (those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil) will be celebrating the First Scrutiny which centers around the Cycle A readings. In these readings what is the predominant thought is that of water. In our first reading from Exodus the people of Israel were complaining as they thirst for water. They grumbled and complained. This is when Moses is told to strike the rock and water will flow from it for the people to drink. And so it happened. When we think of water, we think of the life-giving water that comes to us at Baptism. And so this reading reminds us of that water in which we are baptized or will be baptized that provides life and satisfies all of our thirsts in life. What a beautiful symbol of baptism. Then in our gospel for this weekend, Jesus meets a Samaritan woman at the well. It is said that Jesus was thirsting for this woman's faith. And what happens is that she undergoes a conversion of heart because of this encounter and Jesus provides her with what is termed as "life-giving" water. This gospel is an open invitation to a conversion of heart, where we will discover that living water will spring up from our hearts and bathe us in salvation. These readings are in preparation for the scrutiny which will occur at the 9:30 Mass. A scrutiny used to be a series of tests, in preparation for Baptism. But our scrutiny today is a series of prayers as the community prays for the Elect, those preparing for the Easter sacraments.

For those attending the other Masses, our readings will be from Cycle C. In this first reading from Exodus, we find Moses being introduced to God. God's presence is experienced in the burning bush, a bush on fire but not being consumed. It is in that experience that we find Moses being called by God to go to the people of Israel and to work to set them free from their oppression by the Egyptians. We might never experience a burning bush in our personal lives, but the Lord, nevertheless, calls each of us to have a role in His plan of salvation. Then in our gospel, we find an element of hope in the gospel. Jesus tells the parable about the fig tree that doesn't produce fruit. For years, the fig tree was given chance after chance to produce the fruit. Just when it was to be cut down, the following was said, "Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future." God is patient and never gives up on us. But we have to have some accountability for producing the fruit that God wants from us. Let's pray that all of us will experience God's call in our lives and that we will produce the fruits that reflect the stewardship in our lives.

If you have not contributed to the Catholic Charities collection for Quincy, I ask you to do so this weekend. Just place the donation in an envelope, mark it Catholic Charities, and place it in the collection. Again this is a way to share your almsgiving for Lent with the local community through Catholic Charities. Thank you for your generosity.

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Next Meeting
Sunday, March 23rd
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Meet in the Martha Jane Room

All 7th, 8th, & 9th graders & their friends welcome!



Saints Alive!
April 16th
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.

Social Concerns 5th Sunday Collection

March 29 & 30 is the Fifth Sunday collection for the Social Concerns Committee. Please consider making a donation to help support our community. Thank you for your generosity!

Lenten Evening Masses

We are having the 6:30 p.m. evening Masses Mondays and Wednesdays during Lent. We will have Stations of the Cross on Friday at 6:30pm. There will also be confessions at 5:45 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. on Monday, Wed., & Friday. After the evening Mass stay for a brief (approx., 15 min) video presentation by Bishop Barron on the 7 Deadly Sins & 7 Lively Virtues.

EMHC Training

We will be offering Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) training on March 29th at 3:00pm 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. (Note time change)

Altar Server Training

We will have an altar server training on Saturday, March 29th at 2:00pm 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/70A0C4DA9A822A02-54774625-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. (Note time change)

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: 9 pm (every other week), Midnight (week 2,4,5), 1 am (weeks 2,4,5)
- Fri: 1 am, 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.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

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| ~Kristopher Schreacke | ~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 | ~Ellie Peters |
| ~Bonnie Haubrich | ~Ian Mehaffy | ~Anonymous |
| ~Dave & Bryce Shank | ~Emmett Hertle | ~Anonymous |
| ~Drake Willing | ~Liem Thanh Mai | |
| ~Winnie Vogel | ~Tom Friye | |

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



Lent, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon our diocese will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Your support for this collection provides emergency assistance to victims of war and natural disasters; assists migrants and refugees who need housing, education, and specialized legal assistance; and supports travelers and others whose livelihoods require special pastoral support to access the sacraments. Among the most vulnerable of migrants are the victims of human trafficking.

Millions of men, women, and children worldwide are coerced or forced through human trafficking into commercial sex activities, labor, and slavery — abuses which the Holy Father has called "a crime against humanity." As part of its mission to proclaim Christ's salvation and to restore and promote the dignity of all persons, the Church is called to combat trafficking and to bring comfort and healing to its victims.

The Department of Migration and Refugee Services (MRS) of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops carries out this mission through two anti-trafficking, anti-slavery programs. The Become a Shepherd program is a parish-based awareness campaign that educates lay and religious leaders to recognize human trafficking and combat it through public engagement and advocacy at the community level. The second initiative, COMPASS (Coalition of Organizations and Ministries Promoting the Abolition of Slavery at Sea), is a global effort in which international Catholic and non-Catholic partners coordinate to identify and assist victims of modern slavery encountered in the commercial fishing and seafood-processing industries.

The invaluable work to assist these victims of abuse and injustice is supported by funds received through The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Your participation helps MRS and five other Catholic ministries to reveal Christ's love to victims of trafficking, war, and natural disaster both around the world and here in the United States. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection this year. To learn more about the collection and the people who benefit, please visit www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Thank you for your generous support for The Catholic Relief Services Collection.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

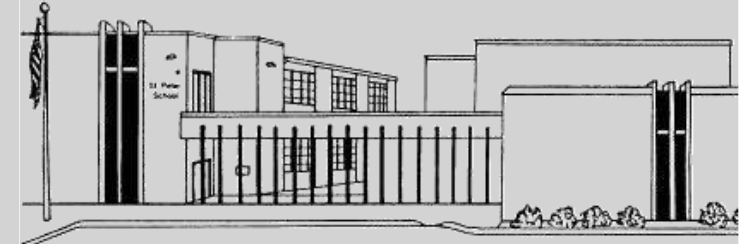
What is CRS Rice Bowl?

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.

St. Anthony's The Way of the Cross Concert

St. Anthony Ladies Society is proud to be hosting a very special concert presentation "The Way of the Cross" presented by Donna Cori, an internationally known Catholic recording artist. Her concerts inspire listeners with a greater yearning to draw closer to God. Please bring your friends join us at St. Anthony Church on Sunday, March 30th, at 2:00 p.m.

The School of St. Peter



Week of March 23, 2025

A Message from Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh

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

RUBE GOLDBERG FAIR



Teacher Opening—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 **grade 4** 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:** Corn dog, curly fries, green beans, fruit.
- Tuesday:** Chicken fries, hash brown, peas, fruit.
- Wednesday:** No Lunch - 11:30am Dismissal.
- Thursday:** Dorito walking taco, refried beans, lettuce / tomato, fruit.
- Friday:** French toast sticks, yogurt, veggie juice, fruit.

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, Mar. 24: **6th grade visit QND for Foreign Language Day; School Advisory Board Mtg 5:30 p.m.**

Tuesday, Mar. 25: **Spring Pictures**—only those planning on purchasing participate.

Wednesday, Mar. 26: **Early dismissal at 11:30; no PM pre-school classes; no afternoon daycare; 8:30 Children's Mass**—6th grade in charge.

Thursday, Mar. 27:

Friday, March 28: **Spirit Day**—bring in a donation, wear Spirit Day shirt & out of dress code bottoms; Preschool 4's field trip to HyVee.

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2500 Maine Street
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Phone: 217-223-1120
Website: www.stpeterschool.com
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Mark Your Calendar

Mon. Mar. 24: Lenten Mass 6:30 p.m., Church

Tues. Mar. 25: OCIA 7:00 p.m., Martha Jane Room

Wed. Mar. 26: Ladies Cursillo 1:30 p.m., Fr. Bauer Prayer Room

PSR 6:30 p.m., School
Lenten Mass 6:30 p.m., Church

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

Fri. Mar. 28: Men's Group 6:30 a.m., Martha Jane Room
Stations of the Cross 6:30 p.m., Church

Sat. Mar. 29: Altar Server Training 2:00 p.m., Church
EMHC Training 3:00 p.m., Church

Sun. Mar. 30:


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.

Area Fish Fries
March 28, 4:30-7:00pm. St. Anthony Church, 2223 St. Anthony Rd., Quincy
April 4, 4:30-7:00pm. St. Dominic School, 4100 Columbus Rd., Quincy
April 11, 4:30-7:00pm. St. Anthony Church, 2223 St. Anthony Rd., Quincy

Save The Date
Save the date for June 8, 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/FyP0qgEhYD>

WEEKLY COLLECTION		
	March ??	Total to Date
Loose Collections	\$947.60	\$40,696.61
Regular Collections	\$27,815.03	\$1,074,762.78
Annual School Fund	\$4,533.55	\$319,609.40
Holy Days	\$1,711.39	\$55,506.92
Totals	\$35,007.57	\$1,490,575.71
Total Budget Goal	\$32,000.00	\$1,152,000.00
Difference	\$3,007.57	\$338,575.71

Diocesan Collections
Central/Eastern Europe: \$607.00
Seminarians: \$10.00
Catholic Relief Services: \$10.00

Haiti Sister Parish Collections
Collected \$985.00

Fr. Leo's column continued..

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: Chirstian one-liners:
1. The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but mosquitoes come close.
2. People are funny; they want the front of the bus, middle of the road, and back of the Church.

Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day. Mary Ann, age 4

During my piano recital, I was on a stage and I was scared. I look at all the people watching me and saw my daddy waving and smiling. He was the only one doing that. I wasn't scared anymore. Cindy, age 8

A four year old child whose next door neighbor was an elderly gentleman who had recently lost his wife. Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the old gentleman's yard, climbed onto his lap, and just sat there. When his mother asked what he had said to the neighbor, the little boy said, "Nothing, I just helped him cry."

Don't forget to include in your almsgiving our sister parishes in Haiti. Whatever we do to the least of or brothers and sisters we do for Christ.

The proud man counts his newspaper clippings; the humble his blessings. Fulton Sheen.

You are infinitely precious because you are loved by God. Fulton Sheen.

Maggi-Lee J. Embury

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

Questions?
CALL
217.214.0187

SCAN QR CODE TO RSVP



Catholic Cemetery Annual Clean-up

The Roman Catholic Cemetery Annual Clean-up will be held March 31 to April 4, 2025. Please remove all arrangements from the ground. They can be on or after April 5, 2025. This is for St. Boniface, St. Peter, and Calvary cemeteries in Quincy.

Attention and Welcome All Women of the Quincy Deanery

Quincy Deanery Council of Catholic Women Spring Gathering Wednesday April 2, Blessed Sacrament, Quincy. Registration: 7:30-7:50. Mass 8:00 followed by Rosary and Adoration, then complete registrations. Speaker- Deacon Dennis Holbrook. Theme-THE SIGN OF THE CROSS. Cost: \$10, meals. Contact Claudia -President QDCCW for more info. 217-653-6716 or rccogg@adams.net.

Quincy Catholic Charities 2025 Annual Fundraiser

Murder at the Pizzeria, March 29th, 5:00-10:00pm, Town & Country Inn & Suites, 110 N. 54th. Tickets \$60 or \$550 for a table of 10, includes dinner and entertainment, silent auction, cash bar. Scan the QR code or go to cc.dio.org/events/quincy-2025/ to order tickets online today!



Easter Flowers

To make a donation for Easter flowers in memory of a loved one, please fill out the envelope in your packet or, for those who do not receive envelopes, please put your donation in a plain envelope labeled "Easter Flowers" along with this form and place it in the collection by Sunday, April 6.

Given by: _____

In Memory of: _____