



The Parish of St. Peter Quincy, IL

~Mass Intentions~

March 31-Apr. 6, 2025

31. Monday 8:00 a.m.

Pat Ellerbrock

31. Monday 6:30 p.m.

Sue Cunningham

1. Tuesday 8:00 a.m.

Bockenfeld Family

2. Wednesday 8:30 a.m.

Tom VanDyke

2. Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

Tom Lepper

3. Thursday 8:00 a.m.

Kay Hellhake Kraus

4. Friday 8:00 a.m.

Ann Anderson

5. Saturday 8:00 a.m.

Joe Penn

5. Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Steve Sinnock

6. Sunday 8:00 a.m.

Our Parish Family

6. Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Jeff Steinkamp

6. Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Zakery Haubrich

— 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.

Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 30, 2025

Dear Parishioners,

It's hard to believe that this is the last weekend in our month of March. This month has sped by with Easter just around the corner. Hopefully with the month of April arriving, we will begin to experience Spring-like weather and be able to enjoy the outside activities.

As I introduced last week, on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of Lent we celebrate what is called the Scrutinies at the 9:30 Mass. In the early Church, these scrutinies were a series of tests (knowledge and formation) for the Elect (those to be baptized). So at this Mass we will hear differing readings than the other Masses because the 9:30 Mass will center on the scrutinies for our Elect. This is why you will notice in our missalettes that there are two sets of readings for this weekend, Cycle A (9:30 Mass) and Cycle C (the other Sunday Masses). For the 9:30 Mass the scrutinies are no longer tests but prayers with the theme of the readings in all of the prayers. This week, the gospel is the man born blind. Jesus encounters a young man who was blind from birth. Because he was blind, this deformity was thought to be a result of sin. Jesus heals him from this deformity and now he is able to see. Because of his new sight, he begins to believe in Jesus and follows him. The people around him want to know from Jesus whose sin it was that caused his blindness. After much interrogation and seeking ways to arrest Jesus, Jesus reveals to those who could see how blind they were to Him. And so this gospel is perfect for this Sunday as we pray that our own Elect will always have that same vision of Jesus that the blind man had in this gospel. For those not present at the 9:30 Mass, you will hear the story of the Prodigal Son or what is often called the Merciful Father. Each of us can find ourselves in the position of both the younger son and the older son in some way throughout our lives. Both are in need of the Father's mercy. The only difficult is that the younger son realized his need for that mercy whereas the older son did not. The older son basically expected it without recognizing a need in his life for it. I only hope that during the rest of Lent, each of us first, will realize how blind we are and how much we need God to help us see. And second, that all of us will make use of God's mercy and forgiveness during Lent by celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent. May God's mercy and forgiveness, always present for us, help us open ourselves to His mercy and may each of us find our need for forgiveness in all of our lives.

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is called Laetare Sunday. The word "Laetare" is a Latin Word which means to "rejoice." It is taken from Isaiah 66:10-11 which is the Entrance Antiphon for our Mass this day. This antiphon proclaims, "rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning, exult and be satisfied, at her consoling breast." We rejoice because God's grace allows us to see with eyes of faith, He heals us of our blindness, and He helps us see our sinfulness and in turn gives us His mercy and forgiveness. We truly rejoice in His abundant mercy. As a sign of our spirit of rejoicing the Church permits rose-colored vestments for our celebration this weekend. No it is not pink, but the color is rose. Let all of us rejoice for the Lord has done great things for all of us and His mercy and forgiveness are gifts open to all of us.

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Next Meeting

Sunday, April 6th

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.


Rest in Peace
 May the soul of
Robert DeVries
 sing praises with the Angels in Heaven forever.

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!

Social Concerns Collection
 Social Concerns will be collecting body wash, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, liquid hand soap, feminine products & toilet paper next weekend, April 5-6 for the 1st Sunday collection for the Ladies of Charity. Containers will be located in the Narthex. Thank you in advance!

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.

Calling All 13-15 Year Olds
 Come join the upcoming Quest #104 and get ready for some fun! Quest is held at the Franciscan Retreat Center of Quincy University and lasts from 6:00pm Friday to 5:30pm Saturday. The cost for a candidate is \$50 and includes room, snacks, breakfast and lunch, and other surprises. Adult observers interested in working with youth are also welcome. To submit applications, please visit Greatrivertec.org under the Quest tab. Any questions, please reach out to Julie Catlett at 217-653-8174

QND Job Openings
 Quincy Notre Dame High School is seeking qualified candidates for the following positions for the 2025-26 school year:

- Full-Time English Teacher
- Full-Time Theology Teacher

 Qualified candidates should submit a cover letter, resume and three letters of reference by Friday, April 11, to QND Principal Mark McDowell at mmcdowell@qndhs.org. Compensation for full-time teachers is based on years of experience and level of education and ranges from \$35,000 - \$65,000. More specific information will be provided upon request. * Students of full-time employees are eligible for a 50% tuition discount.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

~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@cosppq.org.

Baptism
 Olivia Claire Niemann, daughter of Adam & Catherine (Swanson) Niemann, was made a child of God through the reception of the sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, March 23, 2025.

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.

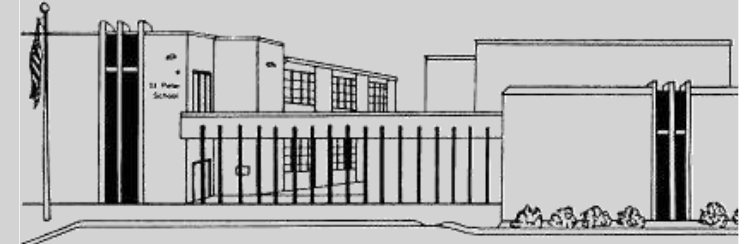
Adoration Chapel Open Hours
 Did you know that the Adoration Chapel has been a vital part of Quincy located at the St Peters Campus since Oct 1987. We are trying to get the chapel open again 24/7 but WE NEED YOU. Are you looking for an uninterrupted quiet hour alone with the Lord once a month or every 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.

April 2025 Usher Schedule
Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Mass
Lead Usher: Sonny Laird **Ushers:** Rodney Becks, Chuck Fitch, Tom Maas, Dave Reis
Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Mass
Lead Usher: Tim Schrage **Ushers:** Dave Cramsey, Nathan Koettters, John Liesen, Lawrence Terwelp
Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Mass
Lead Usher: Kyle Venvertloh **Ushers:** Peter Bond, Harold Ellerbrock, Steve Green, Mike Schwartz
Sunday, 11:00 a.m. Mass
Lead Usher: Ted Niemann **Ushers:** Tim Brenner, Mario Camacho, Jim Deters, Gary Frericks

April 2025 EMHC Schedule
Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Mass – Marilena Frier (1), Carol & Steve Sturhahn (2 & 3), Helen & John Terstriep (4 & 5), Mark Wiewel (6)
Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Mass – Nancy Dolan (1), Mary Ann Klein (2), Nick Moran (3), Dennis & Lynn Semerad (4 & 5), Gary Zanger (6)
Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Mass – Jean Green (1), Barb & Matt Holtmeyer (2 & 3), Brian Terstegge (4), Gabriel VanderBol (5), James Weisenberger (6)
Sunday, 11:00 a.m. Mass – Dianne & Jim Deters (1 & 2), Mindee Miller (3), Linda Myers (4), Diane Weber (5), Beth Young (6)

Area Fish Fries
 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

The School of St. Peter



Week of March 30, 2025
A Message from Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh
"St. Peter School provides a quality education built on Catholic values and teachings."



The 5th Grade concluded their biography unit by presenting a LIVING WAX MUSEUM for parents & visitors

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@cosppq.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: Tenderloin on bun, potato rings, green beans, fruit.
Tuesday: Nachos, corn / black beans, salsa, fruit.
Wednesday: Meatballs, bosco stick, romaine salad, fruit.
Thursday: Breaded chicken on bun, emoji fries, mixed vegetables, fruit.
Friday: Fish sticks, mac & cheese, carrots, fruit.

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Spring Book Fair & MAP Testing All Week

Monday, Mar. 31:
 Tuesday, April 1:
 Wednesday, April 2: **8:30 Children's Mass**—House Mass—students wear House shirts with dress code bottoms; 5th grade in charge of Mass planning.
 Thursday, April 3:
 Friday, April 4: **Scholarships for QCES school tuition due**; applications are found online.

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

Mark Your Calendar

Mon. Mar. 31: Lenten Mass 6:30 p.m., Church

Tues. Apr. 1: OCIA 7:00 p.m., Martha Jane Room

Wed. Apr. 2: Ladies Cursillo 1:30 p.m., Fr. Bauer Prayer Room

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

Thurs. Apr. 3:

Fri. Apr. 4: Men's Group 6:30 a.m., Martha Jane Room
Stations of the Cross 6:30 p.m., Church

Sat. Apr. 5:

Sun. Apr. 6: Coffee & Donuts and Blood Pressures after all Masses
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.

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.

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/FyPolgEh1Y2>

WEEKLY COLLECTION

	March 23	Total to Date
Loose Collections	\$1,200.50	\$42,936.56
Regular Collections	\$35,921.04	\$1,137,459.82
Annual School Fund	\$8,228.55	\$330,161.50
Holy Days	\$0.00	\$55,506.92
Totals	\$45,350.09	\$1,566,064.80
Total Budget Goal	\$32,000.00	\$1,216,000.00
Difference	\$13,350.09	\$350,064.80

Diocesan Collections
Central/Eastern Europe: \$150.00
Catholic Times: \$15.00
Quincy Catholic Charities: \$1,111.00
Catholic Relief Services: \$365.00

Haiti Sister Parish Collections
Collected \$1,155.00

Fr. Leo's column continued..

I do want to highlight our chili cook/off to be held in our school gym from 12:00-2:00 p.m. this Sunday. Plenty of great food as we have so many great cooks who want to share their special recipes with us. I can attest from last year, the food is delicious and reflects a wide variety of recipes, all of them quite good. Do please join us to taste and enjoy the talents of our parish family.

Lent is a time for reconciliation. There are many opportunities available for us to seek out God's mercy and forgiveness. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, we have individual confessions from 5:45-6:15 p.m. on those days during Lent. We also have confessions on Saturday morning from 7:30-7:50 a.m. and on Saturday afternoon from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Also, we will be having a city wide reconciliation service at St. Anthony Church on Sunday, April 13th at 3:00 p.m. Many priests from the area will be present for individual confessions.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: Erma Bombeck's quotes:

1. When the going gets touch, the tough make cookies.
 2. If the nest is truly empty, who owns all this junk?
 3. It's frightening to wake up one morning and discover that while you were asleep you went out of style.
 4. I come from a family where gravy is considered a beverage.
 5. I worry about scientists discovering that lettuce has been fattening all along.
 6. Encourage independence in your children by regularly losing them in the supermarket.
- Magr. Leo J. Eulow*

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



Music for Holy Week

Jesse Mose, Director of Music and Liturgy, and the music ministry team warmly invites any high school and adult parishioners to consider the opportunity to sing for our Holy Week Liturgies this year! Rehearsals begin April 9th in the Parish Choir Room located in the basement of church. Please see a member of the Music Ministry Team after one of the weekend liturgies, or contact Jesse Mose at j.mose@cosppq.org for more info.

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 rcocgg@adams.net.

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: _____