



The Parish of St. Peter Quincy, IL

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 28, 2011

Dear Parishioners,

We gather today on the last weekend of August. Who can believe that this summer is over? The question I have to ask myself is “Where did the summer go?” I remember bits and pieces of it—I remember a couple of weddings, one surgery, and a few outings on the golf course—but other than that, much of it remains a blur. Maybe that’s because of the aging process.

I remind you that next weekend, September 3-4, we will begin our new Mass schedule. I know that it might take some time adjusting ourselves to this new schedule, but like with any change, we will adapt. So our Mass schedule is as follows:

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

Because of the Mass schedule change, this will also entail a change in our Confessional time on Saturday afternoon. So as of September 3-4, we will have the Sacrament of Reconciliation celebrated between 3:30-4:30 p.m. every Saturday.

On behalf of the entire parish family, I want to welcome any visitors to our parish who are present for our first annual parish picnic. We want you to feel at home with us and enjoy our hospitality for the evening. I also want to thank the following chairpersons for all their work in making this dream of a parish picnic the reality that it is: Brian and Jeanne Anderson, Todd and Tracy Keck, and Randy and Amanda Martin. Besides our chairpersons, there are many other people involved in this picnic as chairpersons of differing activities and events. To each of them and to all volunteers who are helping us with this picnic, I want to thank you. This is another example of a parish whose parishioners are stewards of the parish. I also thank all of our parishioners for their generous support, involvement, and participation in this picnic. The success of any endeavor is attributed to the participation and ownership of the people involved—and you have done that. Thank you! Thank you! At a later date, we will publish the chairpersons of the various activities and events to give them thanks and recognition.

Since this is the last weekend for our Noon Mass, I want to say thank you to a special group of musicians who have participated in this liturgical celebration as the Praise Band for several years. Because of the change, the new Mass times will not accommodate this group of devoted and talented individuals. So my thanks and the thanks of the parish is given to Steve Buckman, David Lunt, along with a number of other musicians and vocalists who have been apart of this group and who have shared their time and talents with us. We thank you! Hopefully, there will be a time that we can tap into their talents at some of our liturgical celebrations of the future.

If you know of anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, please contact the parish office with their names. Our first RCIA class will be on

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Field Fest



Meet in the
Martha Jane Room

6:30-8:00 p.m.

Bring a friend!

Pack the Pantry
Tally: 42

Come Join
Us!

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

—Mass Intentions—
August 29-Sept. 4,
2011

29, Monday: 8:00 a.m.
Bob Mays

30, Tuesday: 8:00 a.m.
Sharon Miller

21, Wednesday: 8:30 a.m.
Milly Grussenmeyer

1, Thursday: 8:00 a.m.
Rosalia Bentrop

2, Friday: 8:00 a.m.
Norma Schuttler

3, Saturday: 8:00 a.m.
Carol Chandler

3, Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Helen Maddox

4, Sunday: 8:00 a.m.
Our Parish Family

4, Sunday : 9:30 a.m.
Karen Elliot

4, Sunday: 11:00 a.m.
Dr. Donald Dowler

— Mass Schedule —
Mon.-Sat. at 8:00 a.m.
Except Wed. 8:30 a.m.

Saturday Evening Mass:
5:30 p.m.

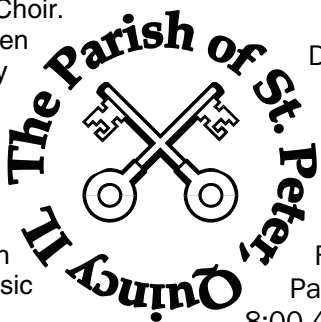
Sunday Masses:
8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m.,
11:00 a.m.

Sacrament of
Reconciliation
Saturdays:
7:30-7:50 a.m.
3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Or By Appointment

Quincy Notre Dame
 Quincy Notre Dame High School in Quincy, IL is seeking a principal beginning the 2012-13 school year. For more information, please visit: www.quincynotredame.org/info/principalopening.html.

5-Week Money Bootcamp!
 Join Financial Coach Mike Young, certified through national money expert Dave Ramsey's organization, for the **5-Week Past Due Money Bootcamp for a Stronger Financial Foundation**. This 5-week course is designed to bring security and less stress to your life by gaining control over your finances and reaching your financial goals, such as saving for your children's education. Learn how to tell your money what to do instead of wondering where it went! To reserve your seat and materials for this 5-week class, please email Mary Pat Vahlkamp at mvahlkamp@quincynotredame.org or call the QND Foundation at 217-224-2598 before September 7th.

Calling all kids - Join the PMO Choir!
 All parochial school students in grades 4-8 are invited to sign up for the Parochial Music Organization Choir. Informational flyers and sign-up forms have been given to all 4-8 grade students in each Quincy parochial school - St. Dominic, St. Peter, St. Francis, Blessed Sacrament and St. James Lutheran. Join us for another great year of making music! For more information, contact Monica Scholz, director - 430-8015, or cgscholz@adams.net. Rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 7 at 4:00 p.m. in the music room at St. Peter Church.



Rest in Peace
 May the soul of
 Jim Hilgenbrinck
 sing praises with the Angels in Heaven forever.

Children's Liturgy of the Word
 We will be starting the Children's Liturgy of the Word back up on **Sunday, September 11**. This will be available for the children at the 9:30 Mass.

QND CANDY SALE
 The annual QND candy sale will be August 18 thru September 6, 2011. Carmel, Krunch, Almond and Milk Chocolate bars will be available as well as mint melt-a-ways at area churches, businesses and door to door. Profits from the sale support the QND band program so please let your purchase support these talented young people.

PSR Registration Is Now!
 Do you have a child in Grades 1 through 8 who does not attend a Catholic School? Now is the time to enroll your child in St. Peter's PSR Program. Classes meet on Wednesdays during the school year starting on September 14 from **6:15-7:30 p.m.** For a registration form, please phone the Parish office at 222-3155 weekdays from 8:00-4:30 p.m.

WHY CATHOLIC?
 JOURNEY THROUGH THE CATECHISM

Sign-up Sunday September 10-11: This Year's Focus Is Prayer
 All adult parishioners are invited to sign up for *Why Catholic?*, an opportunity to grow in your knowledge of our faith and to get to know great people in a small-group setting. Groups will meet for six weeks this fall, beginning the week of October 2, and for six weeks during Lent to study what the Church teaches about prayer. Sign-up will take place September 10 and 11 in the Narthex after Sunday Masses.
Seeking Facilitators...
 Would you (or you and a friend) be willing to help facilitate a *Why Catholic?* Group? We will provide training. To volunteer, please phone the Parish Office at 222-3155.

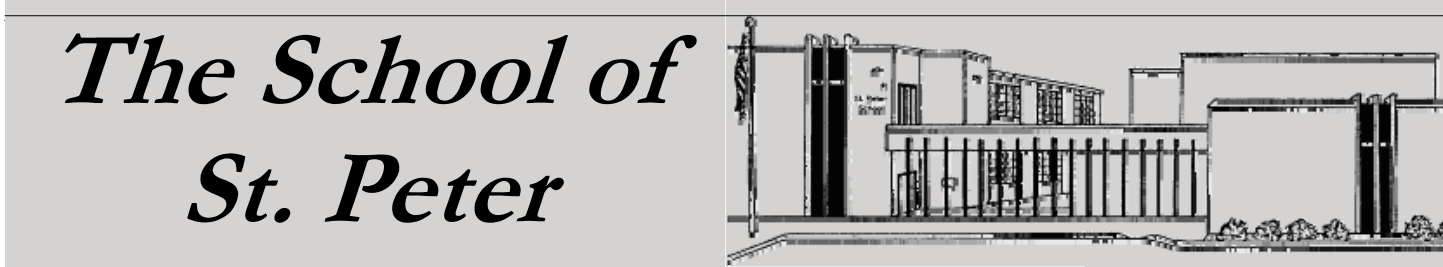
FALL BIBLE STUDIES!

MATTHEW
The King and His Kingdom **Starts Sept. 8!**

This Catholic Bible study, featuring popular Biblicist Jeff Cavins, will meet beginning on Thursday, September 8 at 6:30 p.m. and continuing for 24 weeks. Jim Citro will facilitate. The \$25 fee covers the cost of your workbook. To register, please phone the Parish Office: 222-3155 weekdays between 8:00-4:30 p.m.

EXODUS
Called to Freedom **Starts Sept. 13!**

The Exodus study, hosted by Dr. Tim Gray, will meet for 10 weeks from 9:00-11:00 a.m. on Tuesdays starting September 13. Jen Dyer is facilitator. The \$25 fee covers the cost of your workbook. Childcare is available. To sign up, please phone the Parish Office at 222-3155 weekdays from 8:00-4:30.



Week of August 28, 2011

A Message from Mrs. Janet Bick

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

WHAT IS THE ENROLLMENT AT ST. PETER SCHOOL?? Now that school has begun we would like to share our class numbers for the 2011-2012 school year:
 Preschool 42 Kindergarten 27 Grade 1 41
 Grade 2 25 Grade 3 38 Grade 4 52
 Grade 5 39 Grade 6 37 Grade 7 38 Grade 8 52
 Our total enrollment is 391 students. We are so happy to have so many of our St. Peter families attending our school. Anyone who would like more information, we would love to visit with you and show you what we have to offer spiritually and in academics.

ST. PETER SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD: The St. Peter School Advisory Board held their first meeting August 22nd. Board members are: Kyle Venvertloh, President, Tim Schieferdecker, Jeanne Anderson, Maureen Schuering, Larry Perrine, Kevin Schreacke, George Meyer, Ruth Siebers, and Amy Reitz. Fr. Leo, Mrs. Venvertloh, and I serve as ex-officio members of the board. Thank you to each of you for your time and commitment to St. Peter School.

At this first meeting we discussed goals for the year which include budgeting, enrollment, and technology planning. The board will be moving into the role of overseeing the Long Range Strategic Plan and the Implementation teams. Training will be provided in November for this by Bernard DuMond from the Institute of School and Parish Development. The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 19th.

CONGRATULATIONS: The St. Peter Grade School Association (GSA) asks that each family donate \$50 each year to the GSA rather than have a number of fundraisers. This year the names of those families who paid their dues at Taking Care of Business Day were put in a drawing for one week of out of dress code. Congratulations to the VanderBol family. Josh and Noel will be out of dress code during the week of September 19th. Thank you to everyone who has made their donation which is the main source of income for the GSA.

SCHOOL MASSES: The school Masses will be held again on Wednesday mornings at 8:30 a.m. We are looking forward to attending Mass with our parish family each week.

NEW PARKING LOT: The new parking lot/playground area is complete except for painting the parking space lines. This lot will be used for the busses to drop off and pick up students each day as well as a play area for the students. There will be NO PARKING in this lot Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. during the school year.

LUNCH MENU
 August 29-Sept. 2
 Mon., Hamburger/bun, cheese, potatoes, fruit, pickles, milk
 Tues., American sub sand., turkey, ham, roast beef, cheese, lettuce, mayo, mustard, pickle, fruit, milk
 Wed., Corn dogs, baked beans, fruit, chips, ice cream cup, milk
 Thurs., Chicken quesadilla, Spanish rice, chilled apple-sauce, carrots, salsa, sour cream, milk
 Fri., Cereal w/milk, fresh fruit, hard boiled eggs, granola bars, fruit snack, milk

THIS WEEK
 Tues., Aug. 30: Kindergarten Teachers/ Parent Meeting 6:30 p.m. in their classrooms.
 Wed., Aug. 31: School Mass at 8:30 a.m. prepared by our 7th grade
 Thurs., Sept. 1: GSA Meeting 3:30 p.m. in the library
 Fri., Sept. 2: Spirit Day
 Mon., Sept. 5: Labor Day-No School

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Mark Your Calendars!
 Tues., Aug. 30: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena, After Mass in Church
 Wed., Aug. 31: Scout Night, Cafeteria, 6:30 p.m.
 Thurs., Sept. 1: Lectionary Bible Study, 2:00 p.m.
 Thurs., Sept. 1: Cribbage, 1 p.m., Martha Jane
 Thurs., Sept. 1: Men's Cursillo, 7 p.m., Rectory
 Sat., Sept. 3: Rosary 7:30 a.m., Church
 Sat., Sept. 3: Men's Cursillo, 8:30 a.m., Martha Jane Room
 Sun., Sept. 4: Childcare, 9:00 a.m. Mass
 Mon., Sept. 5: Labor Day, Parish Office Closed and School Closed

—Mass Servers—
 Weekday Masses, August 29—September 3, 2011
 8:00 a.m. Jenna Zanger, Jack Brown
 Saturday Mass, September 4, 2011
 5:00 p.m. Emily Kite, Kristin Wolf-Martin, Ben Nord
 Sunday Masses, September 5, 2011
 8:00 a.m. Savannah Perrine, Jordan Frericks, Robert Gallaher
 9 :30 a.m. Kayla Mast, Zach McDonald, Erin Norris
 11:00 a.m. Molly, Nevin, & Noah McNally

~ Daily Mass Ministry Schedule ~
 August 29—September 3, 2011
 Lector: Bob DeVries
 Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:
 Dick Hopkins, Juett & Daniella Kendrick

Fr. Leo's column continued....

on Tuesday, September 13th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Martha Jane Room of the Cafeteria. I challenge members of our parish family to invite their family, neighbors, and friends to this class of inquirers. I reassure you that there will be no pressure exerted to join but all we ask is an openness to learn about what it means to be Catholic.

I want to announce that we have hired a new music director for our parish family. His name is Scott Fitzgerald and he comes to us with his wife Robin from San Diego, California. He is very talented and comes with high recommendations. He can play the guitar, piano, and organ, and has even written some of his own music. He also is quite adapted with computers and will help us when the need arises in this area. His first practice with chorale will be Wednesday, September 7th. I ask you to welcome him with open hearts and minds.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: This is a story with which I can recently relate since my knee surgery:

While I sat in the reception area of my doctor's office, a woman rolled an elderly man in a wheelchair into the room. As she went to the receptionist's desk, the man sat there, alone and silent. Just as I was thinking I should make small talk with him, a little boy slipped off his mother's lap and walked over to the wheelchair. Placing his hand on the man's, the little boy said, "I know how you feel. My mom makes me ride in the stroller too."

Magy. Leo J. Eulow



Pledges Received Families: 839	Total Cards Returned Families: 1,063
Total Amount Pledged	\$ 4,327,274.22
Total Receipts	\$4,368,704.63
Receipts for August	\$2,370.00

WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING 2011		
Week 8	Aug. 21	Total to Date
Loose Collections	\$752.35	\$8,037.83
Weekly Envelopes	\$22,790.50	\$159,082.97
Annual School Fund	\$3,246.00	\$58,099.27
Holy Days	\$504.00	\$1,380.00
Totals	\$27,292.85	\$226,600.07
Total Budget Goal	\$30,200.00	\$241,600.00
Difference	(\$2,907.15)	(\$14,999.93)

Thank you for your sacrificial giving to God through our Parish. May God reward your faithful generosity!

—Annual Catholic Services Appeal—

	Amt. Assessed	Amt. Pd.	Bal. Due
2009	\$119,681	\$49,826	\$ 69,855
2010	\$118,020	\$58,575	\$ 59,445
2011	\$106,635	\$0	\$106,635

The balance due must be paid out of parish operating expenses. Totals as of 5/11/11, 314 contributors



Parish in Action



The Sound of Music

When Scott Fitzgerald – a professional musician and church music director, liturgist, religion educator and technologist with more than 20 years in pastoral ministry – arrives at St. Peter Parish to become Director of Music this week, his return to the Midwest from the San Diego area will be like coming home.

"My wife Robin and I are so comfortable in the Midwest," says Scott. "We share its culture and values."

He adds, "We also were very comfortable at St. Peter's, a parish we found welcoming and open with a strong music culture." The couple visited Quincy for a series of interviews a week ago.

Music as a Gateway

A gifted musician who has taught guitar, voice, pipe organ and piano, Scott also has strong training in theology and liturgy. He received a B.A. in theology and philosophy at Indianapolis' Marian College (which honored him as Distinguished Alumni of the Year in 2008). He also holds an M.A. in theology from the Saint Meinrad School of Theology in Indiana – the same school that provides formation and training for candidates to the permanent diaconate for our Diocese. In 2003, Scott was received as a Benedictine Oblate by Saint Meinrad Abbey.

Scott brings to his position a desire to ensure Church musicians have a deep understanding of music's connection to the liturgy. Beyond incorporating theology into rehearsals at the parish level, Scott has provided cantor's training for the Dioceses of San Bernadino and Lansing. He also has given workshops at many parishes.

He will put his understanding to use as he helps prepare St. Peter musicians for the changes in the Roman Missal that will be effective the first Sunday of Advent.

As one of Scott's past colleagues says, "He uses music as a gateway to deeper faith and understanding."

A Technology Hat

Beyond expertise in music and liturgy, Scott brings to St. Peter's a strong background in another needed area – technology. This self-described "geek" became fascinated by computers as a hobbyist 25 years ago. In the 1990s, Scott had a computer company that helped small-business clients use software more effectively and plan upgrades intelligently. In the 1990s, he authored a column, "Parish and Technology," for *Modern Liturgy* magazine.

As part of his job at St. Peter's, Scott will serve as technology advisor and "lend a hand to keep the parish computer system healthy," he says.

The Move to Quincy

Scott will be at Masses next weekend. Robin – his wife of 13 years – is arranging the move and winding down her job as a data manager. She will be here later in September with the family poodle, Gracie.

"We are looking forward to being at St. Peter's and meeting parishioners," Scott says. "If anyone has practical advice for getting settled, it will be most welcome!"



Robin and Scott Fitzgerald

With Appreciation...

Heartfelt thanks to Matt Bergman, Susie Boudreau, Amy Looten, Fr. Leo, Monica Scholz and Janet Bick, who helped lead the Music Director search process. Also our gratitude to musicians Ann Soltys, Susan Asher, Jan and Lawson Faler, Sara Reeder and Doris Malacarne, who participated in interviews and to Ann Soltys, who is providing behind-the-scenes assistance to help facilitate Scott's transition to St. Peter's. —Martha Rapp

THANK YOU, MONICA!

Best wishes to Monica Scholz, our beloved music director for the past 20 years, who resigned from St. Peter's recently to focus on serving as choral director for Quincy Notre Dame High School. An incredibly talented musician and teacher, Monica built one of the (if not *the!*) best parish music programs in our Diocese. We wish her and her family every joy, happiness, and blessedly free weekends! Monica—we miss you, we thank you, and we love you.

