



The Parish of St. Peter Quincy, IL

Thirty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 27, 2011

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend, the Church celebrates the First Sunday of our season of Advent. According to the ordo of the Church, namely, the order of the liturgy for the Catholic Church, "Advent has a two-fold character; as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered; and as a season when that remembrance directs our mind and heart to await Christ's second coming at the end of time. Advent thus is a period of devout and joyful expectation." I hope that your Advent season will truly fulfill the words of this guide in order that we will be fully prepared for Christ's coming be it at Christmas or whenever He comes to us.

Advent also begins our new liturgical year. Today we will begin to use the readings of cycle B in our lectionary and gospel book. This cycle of readings will mostly be taken from the gospel of St. Mark. For those who use the weekday readings, the Church uses readings from Year II.

As we begin this season of Advent, you will find in our pews our new pew cards. These cards will assist you as we transition to the new Roman Missal. It might seem a little awkward at first as any type of change does. But in time it will become a part of our celebration and we will know no different in months ahead. So be patient and give our new translation time.

If you have not filled out the stewardship form that you received in the mail, please do so as soon as possible. In these forms, we are asking all of our parishioners to commit their time, talents, and treasures to St. Peter Church. Your participation truly reflects your sense of belonging to St. Peter and speaks volumes to the viability of this parish family. Please fill out these forms and then either place them in the collection basket on the weekends or send them to the parish office. Once again, in terms of belonging and ownership of this parish family, your participation is very important. Thanks to all who responded.

Next Monday, November 28th, St. Peter's will host what we call a St. Andrew's dinner. The Bishop will be here as well as the Vocation Directors of the diocese. The priests of the Quincy deanery have been invited to this meal and have been asked to invite some young men of the area to this meal to perhaps consider a vocation to the priesthood. If we don't ask, some people may never consider priesthood as a possibility. I do think that God is calling more young men to this vocation and for some reason people are not responding. Perhaps some also have this mistaken notion that a person has to be a living saint. I know for a fact from my own life how mistaken that notion is. It is amazing how God can work with any of us. Since vocations begin in the parish, I am open to consider the recommendation of parishioners. If you know of someone who might be thinking about a vocation, or if you would recommend someone, please let me know.

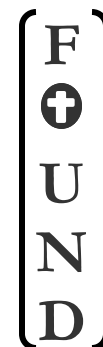
This weekend, we celebrate the Rite of Acceptance at the 9:30 a.m. Mass for those who are involved in the RCIA process. As a community of faith, we commit

**—Mass Intentions—
Nov.28-Dec. 4, 2011**

- 28. Monday 8:00 a.m.
James H. Gibson
- 29. Tuesday 8:00 a.m.
John McCourt
- 30. Wed. 8:30 a.m.
Dorothy Schlipman
- 1. Thursday 8:00 a.m.
Kyle Russell
- 2. Friday 8:00 a.m.
Rita Waterkotte
- 3. Saturday 8:00 a.m.
Larry Meyer
- 3. Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Arlene Lamphere
- 4. Sunday 8:00 a.m.
Jerry Kemner
- 4. Sunday 9:30 a.m.
Wayne & Dorothy Schlipman
- 4. Sunday 11:00 a.m.
Henry Gerding family & Our Parish Family

- Mass Schedule —**
- Mon.-Sat. 8:00 a. m.
 - Except Wed. 8:30 a.m.
 - Sat. Evening 5:00 p.m.
 - Sunday 8:00 a.m.
 - 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays:
7:30-7:50 a.m.
3:30-4:30 p.m.



Christmas Caroling! December 11th



Meet in the Martha Jane
Room at 6-8:00 p.m.
We will be walking in the
neighborhood.

Pack the Pantry
Tally: 90

Come Join Us!

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



CD of the Week: "To Hell & Back: Divine Love at the Cross" by Anna Marie Schmidt. Anna shares her experiences during the Nazi persecution at Auschwitz and on the Russian battlefield.

New Pamphlets in the Narthex: "Pornography", "Why Go Back to Confession", "Forgiveness", "The 12 Days of Christmas: Celebrating the Season as Catholics".

BAPTISMS



Grady Michael St. John, son of Jesse and Ma-linda (Rupp) St. John was made a child of God through the reception of the sacrament of Baptism on Saturday, November 19, 2011

Adult CoEd Volleyball League Openings

League will be starting at the CYO, 700 Broadway in January. It will run for 10 weeks at \$125 per team. No referees, keep your own score. If interested contact Lori Quevillion no later than December 23 at 316-1299.

Service Hour Opportunity!

The St. Peter GSA is still looking for more school door greeter volunteers!!!! The shifts are from 8:15am to 10:15am and from 10:15 to 12:15 Monday through Friday. We have Monday and Tuesday second shift filled at the present time. This is a great way to earn service hours and to help out the office staff. Greeters will be required to have people sign in to the visitor log and to sell Gene Grawe gift cards. Please contact Tina Fetter at t.fetter@att.net or call at 228-1067 to sign up for a shift.

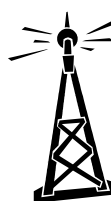
Job Opening at St. Peter

We have an opening for cleaning in various buildings and working Mondays and Fridays 11:00-1:00 in the school kitchen. Please pick up an application in the school or parish office. Inquiries my contact Mrs. Bick at 223-1120 or j.bick@cospq.org.

Advent Giving Wreaths

Tags will be available in the sanctuary November 26-December 4. Gifts should be wrapped and returned to the sanctuary with the tag securely taped on during the weekend of December 10-11. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Tune in...



Tune in to Catholic radio on AM 790 WRMS, where you will hear special programs during the season of Advent and Christmas, along with the daily Holy Mass, devotions, Catechetics, live call-in shows, and much more. For a program schedule and a free CD call (314) 752-7000 or 877-305-1234.

2012 Cursillo Weekend Dates

MEN'S WEEKEND DATES: Jan.26-29, Mar.22-25, June 28-July 1

WOMEN'S WEEKEND DATES: Feb.23-26, April 26-29, July 26-29

Information and applications are in the Narthex. For more information call St. Peter Cursillo Reps. Dave and Terri May 224 - 7027.

Next Baptism Class Dec. 5

St. Peter Church is sponsoring its next Baptism Class at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 5. The class is mandatory for parents who are planning to have an infant baptized at St. Peter's. To sign up for the class, please phone the Parish Office (222-3155) weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Area Events

Fri.-Sat. December 2-3: Communion of Reparation, Monthly first Friday & Saturday Devotion. St Anthony; 8pm-1am.

Saturday, December 3: Blessed Sacrament Holiday Bazaar; 9am-2pm at the Knights of Columbus, 700 South 36th.

Saturday December 10: St. Francis Christmas Bazaar; 9am-2pm. 1720 College, free admission. Many booths & lunch available!

Sat.-Sun. December 10-11: Social Concerns Cookie Sale, after masses; St. Peter cafeteria.

Sunday December 11: St. Anthony Pancake & Sausage Breakfast; 7-30am-12:30pm. Adults \$6, children \$3, under 5 free. Advance meat orders available, please call 224-0874 or 257-2108.

Thursday, December 15: QCT & Kaiser Dance Theatre present "Nutcracker 2011". 10am, 3rd & Kentucky, \$2 per person. Reservations:222-3209, Mon-Fri 10am-5pm.

Holiday Dessert Extravaganza

Our Holiday Fundraiser is underway! Choose from our selection of fresh baked ready to serve pies and delicious cheesecakes. Place your orders Nov. 21-Dec. 30. Pick-up or delivery (within Quincy city limits) available with 24 hours notice. Meals Plus for Seniors, 639 York 224-5031.

Knights of Columbus Breakfast Buffet

700 S. 36th Every Sunday from 8:30-Noon: bacon, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, pancakes, french toast sticks, biscuits & gravy, potatoes, fruit cocktail, coffee, juices & milk. Adults \$7, children 6-12 \$3.50, 5 and under are free.

The School of St. Peter



Week of November 27, 2011

A Message from Mrs. Janet Bick

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



ADVENT PRAYER SERVICE: On Monday, November 28th, we will be celebrating the beginning of the Advent season with an all school prayer service in the gym at 2:00 p.m. Students will be stringing popcorn blessings to hang on our tree to represent those blessings that they have received in their lives. Please join us as we prepare the Birth of our Savior.

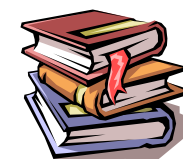
CELEBRATING ADVENT: We will be participating in Advent Bingo during the Advent season. An Advent story will be read each morning centered around an Advent symbol. Students will have the opportunity to listen and play the game each day.

FATHER/DAUGHTER DANCE: If you have not made your reservations for the Father/Daughter Dance this Friday, December 2nd, 6:00-8:00 p.m. it is not too late. You may do so at the school office. If you are not sure if you can attend you may pay at the door.



SPIRIT SHIRTS AND ST. PETER SWEATSHIRTS: Orders for Spirit Shirts and St. Peter Sweatshirts are due on Monday, November 28th. Order forms are on RenWeb. We will not be able to take any orders after this in order for them to arrive before Christmas.

QND PLACEMENT TEST: The QND Placement Test will be held Saturday, December 3rd. Students should arrive any time from 8:00-8:25 a.m. The test will begin at 8:30 a.m. and will end around 11:30 a.m. Each student should bring the completed registration form, their social security number, \$13 (checks payable to QND), a calculator, and two #2 pencils. For more information contact Bob Sheffield at 223-2479.



BOOK BLITZ: Sixth grader Kristin Martin is hosting a book blitz to benefit Cheerful Home. She is accepting new or gently used books ranging from infant to 12 years of age. Donated books can be dropped off at St. Peter School from November 28th -December 9th. Kristin will also be collecting books after all of the Masses on December 4th in the cafeteria. Thank you in advance for supporting the Book Blitz.

NEEDED: Mrs. Weimer is looking for a Little Tykes portable basketball goal to use in P.E. with the primary grades. If you have one that needs a new home we will be glad to adopt it and take good care of it. If you have any questions please give us a call in the school office 223-1120.

MENU

Mon: Beef rib patty on bun, veggies, fruit cup, milk.

Tues: Mac & cheese, mini corn dogs, veggie, fruit, milk.

Wed: Broccoli cheese soup, bread stick, salad, fruit, milk.

Thurs: Cook's choice, fruit, veggies, milk.

Fri: Breakfast burritos, fruit, sweet roll, go-gurt, milk.

THIS WEEK

Mon. Nov. 28: Advent Prayer Service 2:00 p.m.;

School Advisory Board meeting 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Nov. 30: School Mass at 8:30 a.m. prepared by our 8th grade

Thurs. Dec. 1: GSA Meeting 3:30 p.m. in the library

Fri. Dec. 2: Sprit Day and "7 Habits" Assembly; Father/Daughter Dance 6-8 p.m. in the gym

Sat. Dec. 3: QND Placement Test

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Follow us on **FACEBOOK** to keep up with school activities.

Mark Your Calendars!

Tues. Nov. 29: Exodus Bible Study 8:45am; M. Jane Lectionary Bible Study 2pm; Rectory R.C.I.A. 7pm; Martha Jane
Wed. Nov. 30: PSR 6:15pm; School Ladies Cursillo 7pm; Seton Hall
Thurs. Dec. 1: Cribbage 1pm; Martha Jane Matthew Bible Study 6pm; Martha Jane
Sat. Dec. 3: Men's Cursillo 8:30am; Martha Jane
Sun. Dec. 4: Childcare 9:30am Mass & Children's Liturgy of the Word
 Coffee & Donuts, Fair Trade & Blood Pressure in cafeteria after masses.

—Mass Servers—
Weekday Masses, November 28– Dec. 2:
 8:00 a.m. Clarissa Shankland, Leah Six
Saturday Mass, December 3:
 5:00 p.m. Brock & Jordan Elmore, Bradley Holtmeyer
Sunday Masses, December 4:
 8:00 a.m. Emily & Jimmy Kase, Kristin Wolf- Martin
 9:30 a.m. Bilgri family
 11:00 a.m. Carter Cramsey, Grace & George Crickard
Daily Mass Ministry Schedule
November 28-Dec. 2: Lector: Paul Marlin
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Dick Hopkins, Juett & Daniella Kendrick

Fr. Leo's column continued...

our prayer, love and support to them as we formally accept them in this special rite. On the part of the inquirers, they promise to commit themselves to further study and continual openness to God's grace in their lives.

All of our parishioners received a letter from the bishop concerning the Annual Catholic Services Appeal. The unfortunate part for us as a parish, many parishioners discard it, not wanting to contribute toward it. What they don't realize is that the parish must make up the difference from what is paid by parishioners to what our assessment is. This is the reason that we are \$213,685 in debt to the diocese as listed below in the next column. So I ask you to please contribute. It will help your parish family.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: Sven and Ole worked together and both were laid off, so they went to the unemployment office. Asked his occupation, Ole said, "panty stitcher; I sew the elastic onto cotton panties." The clerk looked up panty stitcher. Finding it classified as unskilled labor, she gave him \$300 a week in unemployment pay.

Sven was asked his occupation. "Diesel fitter," he replied. Since diesel fitter was a skilled labor, the clerk gave Sven \$600 a week. When Ole found out, he was furious. He stormed back into the unemployment office to find out why his friend and coworker was collecting double his pay.

The clerk explained that "panty stitchers" were unskilled and "diesel fitters" were skilled labor. "What skill?" yelled Ole. "I sew the elastic on, and Sven pulls on it and says, 'yep, diesel fitter.'" (groaner)

Magi. Leo J. Eulow



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| Pledges Received Families: 839 | Total Cards Returned Families: 1063 |
| Total Amount Pledged | \$ 4,327,274.22 |
| Total Receipts | \$4,370,869.63 |
| Receipts for Nov. | \$140.00 |

| WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING 2011 | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Week 21 | Nov. 20 | Total to Date |
| Loose Collections | \$723.05 | \$19,180.51 |
| Weekly Envelopes | \$21,407.50 | \$404,560.56 |
| Annual School Fund | \$9,639.25 | \$184,433.98 |
| Holy Days | \$70.00 | \$5,273.00 |
| Totals | \$31,839.80 | \$613,448.05 |
| Total Budget Goal | \$30,200.00 | \$634,200.00 |
| Difference | \$1,639.80 | (\$20,751.95) |

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 | \$22,250 | \$84,385 |

The balance due must be paid out of parish operating expenses. Totals as of 11/9/11, 188 contributors

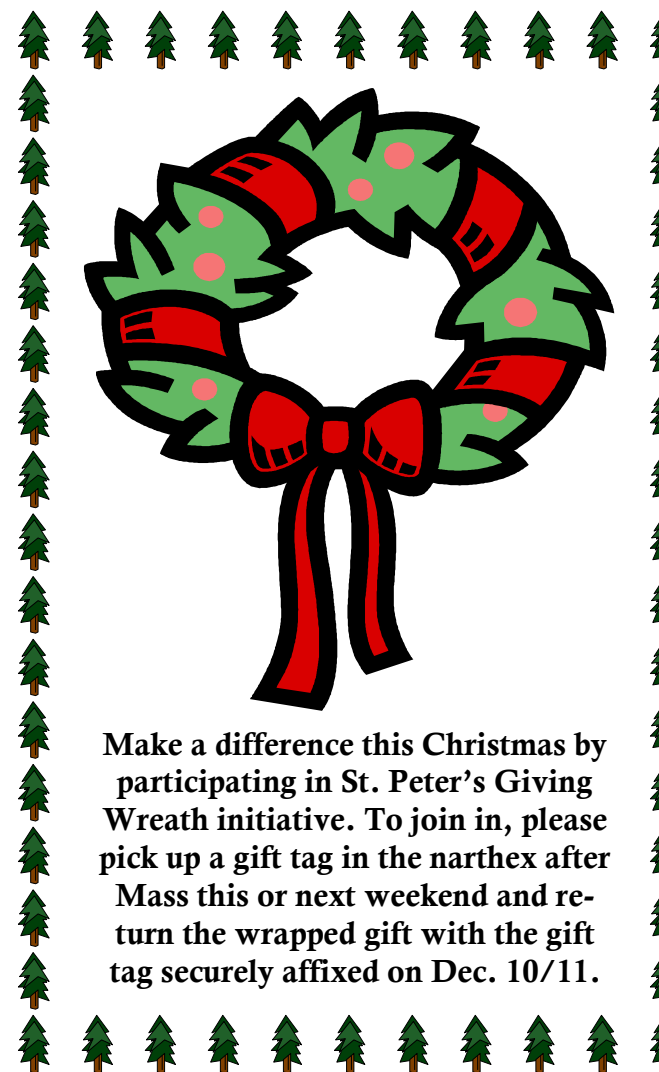
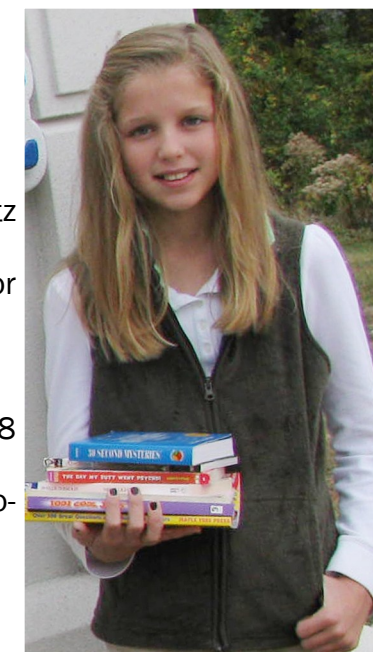
Parish in Action

Seeking Good Children's Books

Passion for Reading Inspires St. Peter Student to Hold Book Blitz to Benefit Cheerful Home

St. Peter School 6th Grader Kristin Wolf-Martin is hosting a book blitz to benefit Cheerful Home. She is accepting new or gently-used books for children ranging in age from infant to 12 years of age.

Books can be dropped off at St. Peter School from November 28 through December 9 or in the St. Peter Cafeteria during Coffee and Donuts on Sunday, December 4.



Make a difference this Christmas by participating in St. Peter's Giving Wreath initiative. To join in, please pick up a gift tag in the narthex after Mass this or next weekend and return the wrapped gift with the gift tag securely affixed on Dec. 10/11.

Looking for unique gifts & stocking stuffers that can help change the lives of the people who make them?

Check out the sale of FAIR TRADE items during Coffee & Donuts Dec. 4 in the Cafeteria.

