



# The Parish of St. Peter Quincy, IL

**Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, January 1, 2012**

**Dear Parishioners,**

Today we celebrate one of the most ancient solemnities of Mary in our Church calendar. The origin probably was associated with the dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome around the year 350 A.D. This particular basilica claims to possess some of the relics from the nativity of Christ. And so this basilica was dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God. Furthermore, in the year 431 A.D., the Council of Ephesus proclaimed Mary as "Theotokos" a Greek word when translated is the Mother of God. The only unfortunate part about this particular feast was that much of the Church celebrated the Motherhood of Mary on October 11th. So January 1st received other titles through the years from the Octave Day of Christmas to the Circumcision of Jesus. After the Second Vatican Council the Church restored the original title for this day. And so today, we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God.

On this day, we also celebrate the beginning of our new year. My hope and prayer for all of you is found in our first reading from the Book of Numbers:

**The Lord bless you and keep you!  
The Lord let His face shine upon you and be gracious to you!  
The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!**

As we look at the challenges of a New Year, I would like to share some quotes from differing people, quotes which have much to say to us. Please read and absorb and perhaps include them in your new year's resolutions.

"Why is a car's windshield so large and the rearview mirror so small?  
Because our past is not as important as our future. So look ahead and move."

"One way to get high blood pressure is to go mountain climbing over molehills."

"Let us not let the old year die without burying any old grudges."

On behalf of the entire faith community of St. Peter, I want to thank all those who were involved in decorating our Church for Advent and Christmas. The environment that was created helped all of us involve ourselves in the liturgy of the Church. So, my special thanks to the decorating committee. I also want to thank all of our liturgical ministers, the chorale, the jubilation choir, the musicians, the cantors, lectors, servers, cleaners, and ushers. Each of you played a tremendous role as we celebrated the Solemnity of the Incarnation. If I have missed anyone, please consider my thanks to each of you.

I also want to thank the many parishioners for their cards, gifts, and food. Your kindness to us here at the parish office was appreciated and we thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity. May God bless you!

**F.Y.I.** Our parish office is closed on Monday, January 2, 2012.

### —Mass Intentions—

Jan. 2-8, 2012

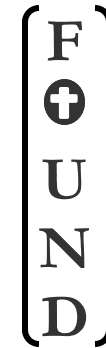
- 2. **Monday 8 am**  
Ruth Wennier  
Bartholomew
- 3. **Tuesday 8 am**  
Rosemary Frericks
- 4. **Wednesday 8:30 am**  
Arlene Lamphere
- 5. **Thursday 8 am**  
Jim Bolton
- 6. **Friday 8 am**  
Louis F. Fuebier
- 7. **Saturday 8 am**  
Our Parish Family
- 7. **Saturday 5:30 pm**  
Arlene Lamphere
- 8. **Sunday 8 am**  
Robbie Steinbrecher
- 8. **Sunday 9:30 am**  
Robert Ziller
- 8. **Sunday 11 am**  
Ann Heckenkamp  
Leistiko

### — Mass Schedule —

Monday-Saturday 8 a.m.  
Except Wed. 8:30 a.m.  
Saturday Evening 5 p.m.  
Sunday 8 a.m.  
9:30 a.m. 11 a.m.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays:  
7:30-7:50 a.m.  
3:30-4:30 p.m.  
or by appointment



## FOUND

Dodge Ball

Sunday,

January 22nd

Meet in the  
**Martha Jane Room**

**6:30-8:00 p.m.**


Pack the Pantry  
Tally: 90


**Come Join Us!**

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

# HAPPY NEW YEAR

## Baptisms

 **Alexandra Claire Reis**, daughter of Christopher and Janeane (Hirsch) Reis was made a child of God through the reception of the sacrament of Baptism on Tuesday December 20, 2011.

**Kathryn Olivia Payne**, daughter of Eric and Lesley (Kuhl) Payne was made a child of God through the reception of the sacrament of Baptism on Monday December 26, 2011. 

## Welcome!

Please welcome to our parish family: **Christopher & Stephanie Peter** and their children, **Victoria and Jocelynn Wagypeter**.

## Area Events


**Fri-Sat. January 6-7, 2012:** Communion of Reparation, Monthly first Friday & first Saturday Devotion. St Anthony; 8pm-1am.

## Sunday School Volunteers Needed!

If you are interested in volunteering to help with Sunday School from 9:15-10:45am, please contact Carrie Lavery at [clavery@hotmail.com](mailto:clavery@hotmail.com) or the parish office at 222-3155. Anyone is welcome to volunteer! Children range from 12 months-5 years.

## QND Pancake & Sausage Breakfast!!!

Quincy Notre Dame is hosting a pancake and sausage breakfast on **Sunday, January 8, 2012** from 7am-1pm; QND 10th & Jackson.

 This year, QND will be selling sausage in bulk. If you would like to pre-order sausage, please call Rick Gengenbacher at 217-257-5670.

The fundraiser will support students going to Catholic Heart Work Camp in July. The cost for adults is \$6, \$3 for children ages 3-12 is \$3, children under 3 are free.

## Funeral Dishes

Please remember to pick up your dishes that have been used for funeral luncheons. These are located in the Gym kitchen. We have quite a few that are left unclaimed. Thank you for your contribution to the funeral luncheons.


## --Memorials for Christmas Poinsettias--

**Mr. & Mrs. Julius Meyer**  
By: Sharon & Don Meyer  
**Becky Siebers**  
By: Steve & Judy Siebers  
**Ben & Mary Jane Stewart**  
By: Pat Geraci  
**Jonda Steinkamp**  
BY: Jack & Mary Souders

## Pyxes and Burses

If you have taken a pyx and burse from the sacristy and are no longer using it, please return it to the drawer in the sacristy.

## Vigil Candle Prices

 Due to the increasing cost to purchase candles, the price for each 6 day vigil candle is now \$3 and each 6 hour vigil candle is now 50 cents.

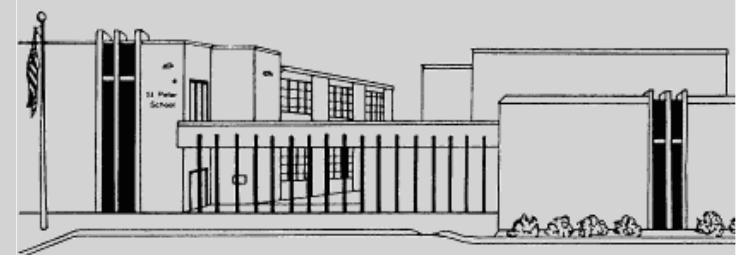
## Gene Grawe Cards

Don't forget to buy your Gene Grawe Fund gift cards, sold in the back of church after each weekend mass. They are also available through the week at the parish schools, on Thursday evenings from 5:15-7pm at St. Peters Church & Saturday mornings 9am-1pm in St. Francis rectory. New gift cards available are Village Inn & Buffalo Wild Wings. Any questions call JoAnn Witte 257-3231.

 **2011!!!**  
*Farewell*

 **HELLO!** **2012!!!**

# The School of St. Peter



Week of January 1, 2012

## A Message from Mrs. Janet Bick

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

We have been busy during the last days before the New Year!



Eighth graders sorting gifts for the Giving Wreath distribution.



Mrs. Claus reading to Preschool!



## MENU

**Mon:** Christmas break continues!  
**Tues:** Christmas break continues!  
**Wed:** Chicken fajitas, soft shell, veggie, fruit, cookie, milk.  
**Thurs:** Chili, peanut butter uncrustable, fruit, carrots/dip, milk.  
**Fri:** Sausage gravy over biscuit, fruit, juice, pop tart, milk.

## THIS WEEK

**Wed. Jan. 4** School resumes; Children's Mass at 8:30 a.m. prepared by our 4th grade.  
**Fri. Jan. 6:** Students should dress in regular dress code as Spirit Day has been changed to Friday, January 13th.

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



Sixth grade D.A.R.E. Graduates with their graduation certificates

**SCHOOL RESUMES** on Wednesday, January 4th. The teachers will return on Tuesday, January 3rd, with a morning of in-service at St. Francis School. They will be able to choose a variety of sessions and all will attend a training on mentoring.

*The faculty and staff wish each of you a Happy and Blessed New Year!*

## Mark Your Calendars!

**Mon. Jan. 2:** Office Closed.,  
Ladies Cursillo 7pm; Cafeteria  
**Tues. Jan.3:** Lect. Bible Study 1pm; Martha Jane  
R.C.I.A. 7pm; Martha Jane  
**Wed. Jan. 4:** PSR 6:15pm; School  
Ladies Cursillo 7pm; Seton Hall  
**Thurs. Jan. 5:** Cribbage 1pm; Martha Jane  
Matthew Bible Study 6pm; Martha Jane & Seton  
**Sat. Jan. 7:** Men's Cursillo 8:30am; Martha Jane ,  
Rosary 7:30am; Church  
**Sun. Jan. 8:** Childcare 9:30am Mass & Children's  
Liturgy of the Word

## —Mass Servers—

**Weekday Masses, January 2-6:**  
8:00 am Alexia Cobain, Jackson Connell  
**Saturday Mass, January 7:**  
5:00 pm Emily Kite, Ben Nord, Michelle Gough  
**Sunday Masses, January 8:**  
8:00 am Savannah Perrine, Jordan Frericks,  
Robert Gallaher  
9:30 am Blaine, Carley, & Aubrey Wilson  
11:00 am Molly, Noah, & Nevin McNally

## —Daily Mass Ministry Schedule—

**January 2-6: Lector: Rich Lavery**  
**Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:**  
Martha Rapp, Marty Venvertloh, Bob Lundberg

### Fr. Leo's column continued...

I want to thank the parish and Fr. Bauer for the opportunity to enjoy some time away after a busy schedule, with my brother and his family. It was enjoyable and a needed respite. I also thank Nancy Boone for playing host to Molly in my absence.

As I look back, it has almost been one year since I arrived as your pastor (January 11, 2011). I am sure that I have made mistakes this past year and I apologize for them. I only hope and pray that we can continue to grow as a parish family, trusting in each other as well as challenging each other to grow closer to our Lord and the Eucharist. May this new year with all the challenges help us draw closer together as a community of faith, knowing that together and with our God, all things are possible. Let that be our theme as we enter into 2012 in the year of the Lord.

**ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:** A father and son were looking at a Nativity scene in a London gallery. It was Titian's world famous painting of the scene at Bethlehem. The boy asked, "Dad, why is the baby lying in such a cruddy cradle in a pile of straw?"

"Well, son," explained the father, "they were poor and they couldn't afford anything better."

Said the boy, "then how come they could afford to have their picture painted by such an expensive artist?"

**On behalf of the parish staff, school personnel, and myself, I want to wish all of you a very Blessed and Happy New Year.**

*Magr. Leo J. Eulov*



Pledges Received Families: 839	Total Cards Returned Families: 1063
<b>Total Amount Pledged</b>	<b>\$ 4,327,274.22</b>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$4,373,525.63</b>
<b>Receipts for Dec.</b>	<b>\$831.00</b>

### WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING 2011

Week 25	Dec. 25	Total to Date
Loose Collections	\$2,838.22	\$25,069.88
Weekly Envelopes	\$31,541.00	\$513,880.22
Annual School Fund	\$25,677.34	\$254,590.98
Holy Days	\$129.00	\$8,088.35
Christmas	\$14,953.50	\$15,849.50
Totals	\$75,139.06	\$817,478.93
Total Budget Goal	\$30,200.00	\$785,200.00
Difference	\$44,939.06	\$32,278.93

**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	\$42,415	\$64,220

*The balance due must be paid out of parish operating expenses.  
Totals as of 12/6/11, 274 contributors*

## Parish in Action

# Great Ideas for 2012!

# 1.

### Get a handle on family finances for once and for all.

It is well documented that money problems lead to breakdowns in families and faith. That is one reason why St. Peter Parish has sponsored Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University for the past three years. Through the program, families learn new ways to manage their money and improve their lives.

The program will be offered again starting in January. Classes will meet on consecutive Monday nights from 6:30 to 9:30pm from Jan. 23 through April 16, and — thanks to a subsidy from the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois — the cost for all materials per family unit is only \$50 for parishioners — half the normal cost. Jeff Buckner will facilitate the program. Registration is on a first-come/first-served basis. To sign up, please phone the Parish Office at 222-3155 weekdays from 8am -4:30pm.

Dave Ramsey's

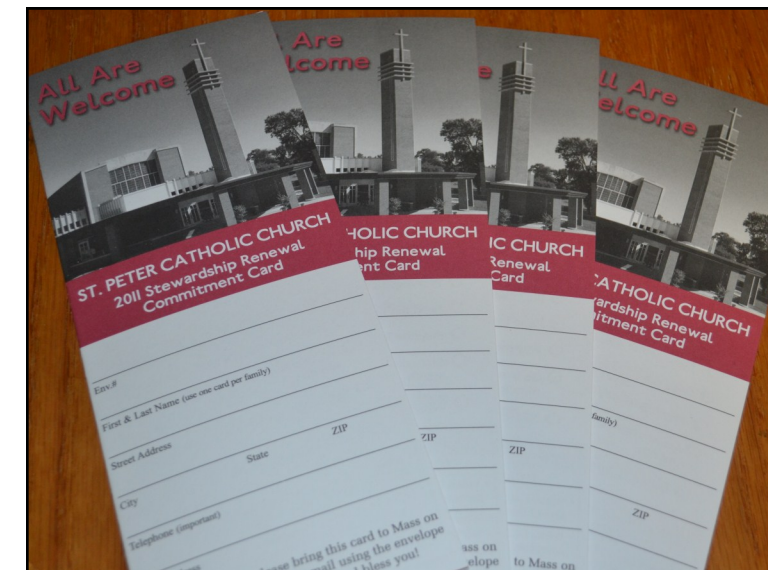


# 3.

### Sign up for the Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study on the Book of James.

The Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study group will begin a 10-part study, *James: Pearls for Wise Living*, on Jan. 13. The group meets from 9 to 11am in the Martha Jane Room (lower level of the church). Childcare is available. The only cost for the study is for a participants' manual, which typically is \$25. To sign up or for more information, please contact Jennifer Dyer at [dyer123@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dyer123@sbcglobal.net) at 228-3148.

**From Ascension Press:** About *James: Pearls for Wise Living*: James is one of the most practical books of the Bible. Like the book of Proverbs, it is a book of wisdom, a collection of teachings on issues faced by ordinary Christians in everyday life. These teachings speak loudly to all those who feel torn between the competing demands of this world and their faith. This study offers "pearls for wise living" by applying the wisdom of James to the present day. For anyone who has struggled to live a truly Christian life, James offers a wealth of practical solutions for handling and even sanctifying everyday circumstances.



# 2.

### Get involved in our Parish.

Every St. Peter Parishioner is asked to take a step in faith to commit to using their time, talents and treasure to build our Church this coming year. We ask that you let us know what your commitment will be by completing and returning the Stewardship Renewal Commitment Card you received in the mail. If you've lost or misplaced your card, please phone the Parish Office (222-3155) from 8am to 4:30pm weekdays.

