



The Parish of St. Peter Quincy, IL

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 15, 2012

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend, the Church celebrates the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. The guide that we use called the “ordo” describes “ordinary time” as the following: “apart from the seasons having their own distinctive character, there remains in the yearly cycle those weeks (33 or 34) that do not celebrate a specific mystery of Christ. Rather, especially on Sundays, they are devoted to the mystery of Christ in all its fullness. This period is known as “Ordinary Time.” As most of you are well aware, the color of our vestments and Church décor should be green, a sign of growth, new life, and therefore a sign of hope. Our “Ordinary Time” began on Tuesday, January 10th, and will continue through Tuesday, February 21st, the day before Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent. Ordinary Time will then resume after the Easter season ends on Sunday, May 27th, the Solemnity of Pentecost.

As we begin this “Ordinary Time,” there are two phrases in our readings for this weekend upon which we should reflect. The first reading from the Book of Samuel finds Samuel asleep in the temple. Three times the Lord calls him, “Samuel, Samuel”. Thinking it was Eli the priest, he goes to him and says, “Here I am, you called me”. After the third time, Eli realizes that the Lord was calling the youth and told Samuel the next time he hears the voice calling him to reply, “Speak Lord, your servant is listening”. And that is what Samuel did. Well, the Lord does continue to speak to us. However, we are so distracted with television, iPhones, games, music, and technology, that there is little time for the Lord to speak to us in the silence of our hearts. Perhaps this new year, we might try to find some time for silence, a time that we not only voice our prayers, but also a time that we might listen to what God is saying to us. Then, and only then, can we be like Samuel and say, “speak, Lord, your servant is listening.” The second phrase is found in our gospel. Andrew and another disciple of John the Baptist were standing with John and watched Jesus walk by. It is then that John states, “behold, the Lamb of God.” It is at that point that Andrew and the other disciple began to follow Jesus. Jesus notices them and asks them, “what are you looking for?” It was a question whose answer would lead them to follow Jesus. Not only that, but Andrew would soon bring his brother Simon to Jesus with the statement, “we have found the Messiah.” That question, “what are you looking for?” is a question that all of us need to answer. And hopefully, we can also state that we have found not only the Messiah, but also the very person who is our way, our truth, and our very life. It is Jesus who is the beginning and end of our lives and the true source of happiness.

The Quincy Notre Dame annual fund drive will kick-off with a special breakfast this Friday, January 20th, at 7:00 a.m. at the QND cafeteria. This drive is very important for our Catholic High School. Each of us should take much pride in our Catholic High School and be firm in our support of it. I ask you to be very generous when asked in order to support secondary Catholic education in our Quincy community. In this day and age of secularism, we need to provide an environment

—Mass Intentions—

Jan. 16-22, 2012

16. Monday 8 am

Ruth Wennier
Bartholomew

17. Tuesday 8 am

Bertha Bargman
Sander

18. Wed. 8:30 am

George & Mildred
Harvey

19. Thursday 8 am

Orville Lubbe

20. Friday 8 am

Mildred Meyer

21. Saturday 8 am

John Taylor

21. Saturday 5 pm

Wilma Maxwell

22. Sunday 8 am

Charlie Scholz

22. Sunday 9:30 am

Wilma Maxwell

22. Sunday 11 am

Our Parish Family

— Mass Schedule —

Monday—Saturday 8am

Except Wed. 8:30am

Saturday 5pm

**Sunday 8am, 9:30am,
and 11am**

**Sacrament of
Reconciliation**

Saturdays:

7:30-7:50 a.m.

3:30-4:30 p.m.

or by appointment.

**F
+
U
N
D**

FOUND

**Mission Impossible
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!**

 **CD of the Week:** "Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues" by Fr. Robert Baren. An enlightening presentation.

Baptisms

 **Nicholas William Greving**, son of Jacob and Valerie (Morris) Greving was made a child of God through the reception of the sacrament of Baptism on Sunday January 8, 2012.

Welcome!

Welcome to our parish family: **David Samuels.**

Events

Fri. Jan. 20: Social Concerns meeting 8:30am; Martha Jane Room. All are welcome!

Sat. Jan. 21: QND Winter Cheer Camp 5-8pm, 3 yrs.-8th grade; QND. Will perform at half-time, registration 4:30-5:15pm, info call Tracy Grant 257-2524.

Sat. Jan. 28: QND Foundation Music Trivia Night 6:30pm; St Peter Gym. \$100/table of 8, to register 224-2598 or estegeman@quincynotredame.org by January 23. Must be 21 to participate. Proceeds help QND students with financial assistance.

Sun. January 29: 1st Annual St. Peter's Pancake & Sausage Breakfast & Bake Sale 8-11am; Cafeteria. Pancakes, sausage, bacon, and drinks served! 3yrs—adult \$5, children under 3 free, family maximum \$20. Proceeds to benefit St. Peter School.

QCES Foundation Honor Pam Potter & Dan Sherman "Friend of Catholic Education Award" Dinner

Pam Potter & Dan Sherman have been selected to receive the 2012 Quincy Catholic Elementary Schools (QCES) Foundation's "Friend of Catholic Education Award," in recognition of their many years of dedicated service to the Parochial Music Organization (PMO).

Potter & Sherman will be honored at a fundraising dinner on Sat., Feb. 4, at the Quincy Holiday Inn at 4821 Oak St. A social hour will begin at 6:30pm with the dinner & program to follow. Tickets for the dinner are \$100 per person. Corporate table sponsorships are available for \$1,000, & include 8 dinner tickets. Revenue from the dinner will go toward the QCES Foundation's Tuition-Assistance Fund for Quincy's 4 Catholic elementary schools. For the 4th consecutive year, the Western Catholic Union will provide a matching grant for funds raised from the dinner. This year's matching grant will provide up to \$12,500 toward the QCES Foundation's Tuition-Assistance Fund.

Those interested in purchasing tickets or wishing to sponsor a corporate table, as well as those wanting to donate to the QCES Foundation's Tuition-Assistance Fund, contact Paul Rittof, executive director QCES Foundation 779-3157 p.rittof@cospq.org.



Diocese of Springfield in Illinois
Catholic Pastoral Center • 1615 West Washington • P.O. Box 3187 • Springfield, Illinois 62708-3187
www.dio.org 217-698-8500 FAX 217-698-0802

Office of the Bishop

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ, Jan. 1, 2012

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that "the disciple of Christ must not only keep the faith and live on it, but also profess it, confidently bear witness to it, and spread it" (no. 1816). As we give generously to the Collection for the Church in Latin America, we keep faith and help spread it with our support.

In 2010, the generosity of Catholics in the United States allowed the Collection to distribute over \$7.5 million to support the Church in Latin America. It funded seminarian formation and the continuing education of clergy as well as the formation of lay ministers. By using collected funds for these causes and more, we are able to ensure that our impact will be felt for years to come and will help create self-sustaining Catholic communities.

Our diocese takes up this Collection the weekend of January 22nd. Please be generous in the Collection for the Church in Latin America and keep faith. Your support will truly make a difference. Thank you and God bless you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

† Thomas John Paprocki

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

Like to bake? Want to make a difference?

Why not bake a batch of your favorite cookies, a pie, or a cake for the 1st Annual St. Peter Parish Breakfast Bake Sale to be held Jan. 29th. Donations accepted Jan. 28th or before 8am Jan. 29th.

Calling all Boy Scouts!

Troop 5 is a Boy-Run troop, & believes that our goals in Scouting: to develop character, citizenship & leadership ability, can best be achieved by giving our scouts the responsibility for organizing themselves to plan & implement the Troop programs. We invite every boy 5th-12th grade to join our fellowship for friendship, fun, adventure, & to grow in the spirit of Scouting-preparedness, readiness to help others, honesty, & responsibility. **We meet Wednesdays 7-8:30pm in the St. Peter cafeteria**, for more information, email slack.kent@yahoo.com.

The Parish of St. Peter



Week of January 15, 2012

A Message from Mrs. Janet Bick

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



T.J. Wensing

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Peyton Stegeman
and
T.J. Wensing
each earned
second place
in the Elks Hoop Shoot
Contest last Sunday!



Peyton Stegeman



CHANGES IN OUR SCHOOL CALENDAR: Last week I mentioned that each of our teachers received an iPad to use to enhance their teaching. In order for them to be successful we have set up professional development with Apple on three different dates: Thursday, February 9; Saturday, March 3; and Thursday, April 19th. All three workshops will run 8:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m. In order to be cost effective we selected dates that coordinate with the day before or after the days that Apple representatives will be training teachers at QND. This means there is no school on February 9th or April 19th and we will have to make those days up at the end of the school year. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

WESTERN CATHOLIC UNION Catholic Grade School Grant: The WCU is offering twenty \$500 grants for the 2012-2013 school year. The eligibility requirements are: the student must currently be in K-8th grades, must attend a Catholic grade school and must be a WCU life or annuity member. Also at least one parent of the student must be a WCU life or annuity member. Application forms are available in the school office and are due March 1, 2012. All monies awarded are paid directly to the school. If you have any questions please call 223-4928.

SIXTH GRADE STUDENTS VISIT QND: Our sixth grade class is scheduled to visit QND for "We're Wild About QND" Day on Jan. 19th from 9:00-11:30 a.m. QND students will talk to our 6th graders about the various clubs, organizations, and sports that are offered at QND. Students will hear about the spirituality of QND and the strong faith that binds everyone together. They will briefly hear about the financial aid that QND offers and the new trends in technology they are embracing. They will enjoy lunch before they return back to St. Peter.



MENU

Mon: No School!
Tues: Sloppy joe, veggie, fruit, cookie, milk.
Wed: Beefy cheesy nachos, corn, fruit, milk.
Thurs: Loaded baked potato soup, fruit, veggie, dessert, milk.
Fri: Pancake, sausage sticks, gogurt, fruit, cinnamon roll, milk.

THIS WEEK

Mon. Jan. 16: No School—Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday
Wed. Jan. 18: Children's Mass at 8:30 a.m. prepared by our 2nd grade
Thurs. Jan. 19: 6th grade goes to QND

School of St. Peter
2500 Maine Street
Quincy, IL 62301

Phone: 217-223-1120

Website: www.st.peterschool.com

Email: j.bick@cospq.org

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

Parish in Action

Sanctity of Life Activities Slated Next Weekend



Sanctity of Human Life Memorial Walk & Prayer Service—1-22

This event will begin at 1:30 p.m. at Rock Church, 307 N. 36th St. The walk is short — just a few blocks. It will be followed by a prayer service and refreshments. Awards will be presented to winners of the city-wide school poster and essay contest. This is a great way for families to stand up for life.

Pennies for Life Collection Slated Next Weekend

Right-to-Life's annual Pennies for Life Campaign also is slated next weekend. Please consider donating 1-cent for each year of life for each person in your family. (Of course, more will be welcome!) Proceeds will go to Right for Life.



The Catholic Church has always condemned abortion as a grave evil. Following is an excerpt from *The Didache*, one of the earliest Church documents which is believed to have been written circa 70 A.D.: "The second commandment of the teaching: You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not seduce boys. You shall not commit fornication. You shall not steal. You shall not use potions. You shall not procure an abortion, nor destroy a newborn child."

Mark Your Calendars!

Mon. Jan. 16: Mom's Group 9:30am; Gym Ladies Cursillo 7pm; Cafeteria
Tues. Jan. 17: Bible Study 9am & 1pm; Martha Jane R.C.I.A. 7pm; Martha Jane
Wed. Jan. 18: PSR 6:15pm; School Ladies Cursillo 7pm; Seton Hall
Thurs. Jan. 19: Why Catholic 8:30am; Prayer room Cribbage 1pm; Martha Jane Matthew Bible Study 6pm; Martha Jane & Seton
Sat. Jan. 21: Rosary 7:30am; Church Men's Cursillo 8:30am; Martha Jane
Sun. Jan. 22: Childcare & Children's Liturgy of the Word 9:30am; Cafeteria

—Mass Servers—

Weekday Masses, January 16-20:
 8 am Kristin Wolf-Martin, Zach McDonald
Saturday Mass, January 21:
 5 pm Drew & Matt Stegeman, Lizzie Weimer
Sunday Masses, January 22:
 8 am Randy, Blake, & Shelby Ulrich
 9:30 am Adam & Emily Stupavsky, Mark Anderson
 11 am Hanna Smith, Nick Stegeman, Jamie Adam

—Daily Mass Ministry Schedule—

January 16-20: Lector: Jim Steinkamp
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Bob Lundberg, Mary Braehler, Martha Rapp



Pledges Received Families: 839	Total Cards Returned Families: 1063
Total Amount Pledged	\$ 4,327,274.22
Total Receipts	\$4,373,555.63
Receipts for Jan.	\$30.00

WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING 2012

Week 28	Jan. 8	Total to Date
Loose Collections	\$583.83	\$26,660.01
Weekly Envelopes	\$26,498.69	\$552,567.91
Annual School Fund	\$8,776.00	\$284,969.98
Holy Days	\$514.00	\$11,524.35
Christmas	\$115.00	\$17,315.50
Totals	\$36,487.52	\$893,037.75
Total Budget Goal	\$30,200.00	\$845,600.00
Difference	\$6,287.52	\$47,437.75

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	\$52,640	\$53,995

The balance due must be paid out of parish operating expenses. Totals as of 1/9/12, 310 contributors

Fr. Leo's column contin....

in which our young people can practice their Catholic faith, celebrate the sacraments, pray with each other, and learn about their faith. However, I remind our parents, that QND can only supplement what they should be learning at home and is not a substitute for parents who do not practice their faith, nor share it with their young people. So please support the efforts of the chairpersons and make this annual appeal a great success.

One of the privileges that I have enjoyed since I have been here is to celebrate the Eucharist with QND students twice each week. I am always amazed at their attendance and their eagerness for the Eucharist and the strength of their faith. These young people celebrate with me at 7:00 a.m.—at least 45 minutes before school begins—and have been a gift and inspiration to me.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: While taking a routine vandalism report at an elementary school, the policeman was interrupted by a little girl about 6 years old. Looking up and down at his uniform, she asked, "Are you a cop?"

"Yes," he answered and continued writing the report.

"My mother said if I ever needed help I should ask a policeman. Is that right?"

"Yes, that's right," he told her.

"Well, then," she said as she extended her foot toward him, "would you please tie my shoe?"

Magi. Leo J. Eulov

St. Peter Wants YOU!

Seeking High School Students To Serve as Lectors & Extraordinary Ministers

St. Peter Church invites high school parishioners who are baptized, confirmed, and practicing our Catholic faith to be trained to serve as Lectors and as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. We would love for you to serve occasionally at Sunday Mass! Please e-mail Jill Anderson (j.anderson01@cospq.org) if interested, and we'll let you know about training.

Next Baptism Class Feb. 1

St. Peter Church will sponsor its next Baptism Class at 5 p.m. on Feb. 1. The one-hour class is for parishioners who wish to have their infant child baptized. After completing the class, the baptism can be scheduled. We ask that parents who plan to attend phone or e-mail Jill Anderson (222-3155; j.anderson01@cospq.org).

Pre-Cana Team Being Formed

St. Peter Church is forming a Team that will design and help the parish offer retreats for couples who are planning to be married. To sign up or learn more about this ministry, please contact Martha Rapp (m.rapp@cospq.org; 222-3155).

Catholic Schools Week Kickoff Event

1st Annual St. Peter's Pancake & Sausage Breakfast and Bake Sale



**SUN, JAN. 29, 2012
8 - 11 AM**

Breakfast will be served in the St. Peter Cafeteria. Pancakes, sausages, bacon, coffee, milk and orange juice will be served.

Tickets can be purchased at the door.

**\$5 per person; \$20 family maximum
No charge for children under age 3
Tickets on sale after Sunday Mass next week!**

All proceeds benefit St. Peter School.

Thank you...

