



The Parish of St. Peter Quincy, IL

The Epiphany of the Lord, January 8, 2012

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany. The word “epiphany” means a “manifestation” or a “glorious appearance.” This word was used in ancient times when the king or emperor would make his appearance to the people of his kingdom or province. It was a time of rejoicing as this king or emperor would bring gifts to his people. With this understanding, one can understand why the Church uses this term in relationship to Christ. Jesus, our King, makes His “glorious appearance” to His people, bringing gifts of forgiveness, peace, reconciliation and salvation to all people.

When we celebrated Christmas, we celebrated Jesus’ “glorious appearance” to the Jewish world. Present at that first Christmas were Mary, Joseph and the shepherds. This grouping of people at that Christmas scene were members of God’s chosen people. However, the “Epiphany” celebrates the presence of non-Jewish people, the Gentile world, who are called to “adore” the newborn king of all people. So, in a sense, this day really celebrates our Christmas as the Magi represent you and me as the glorious appearance of Jesus is revealed to these new persons who had been seeking this “newborn king.” So for us in the Gentile world, we can once again say to each other, “Merry Christmas!” As our responsorial psalm proclaimed and we celebrate, “Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.” Jesus Christ, the newborn king, has come for all people, Jew and Gentile, male and female, declaring to us that we are loved and that He has entered the world to save us from ourselves and show us the way to the Father.

With this celebration of the Epiphany, we bring to a close our Christmas season. This is always a sad time for me as we take down the beautiful Christmas decorations and store them for another year. Once again, I do thank all those who were involved in decorating the Church and to those who will help “undecorate” this same Church. We will once again begin “ordinary time” after the celebration of the Baptism of Jesus on Monday, January 9th.

As I announced previously, we are planning to have a priest from India to be our new parochial vicar. If the paperwork is all in order, he is supposed to be arriving in February of this year. In anticipation of his arrival, we need to start getting things in order. I plan on giving him the back room of the rectory that used to be the housekeeper’s quarters. There will be privacy plus he will have the benefit of his own kitchen space. In order to transition this room from a meeting room to a residence, I am in need of a bedroom outfit. If anyone in the parish is thinking about getting a new bedroom set for their home, I invite you to consider donating the old one to the parish. I would like to get things in order before he arrives. So if anyone could help, please call me and let me know.

As we look ahead, I ask you to mark your calendars for Sunday, January 29th. On the morning of this particular Sunday, in the cafeteria below the Church, we will be having a pancake and sausage breakfast. More details later.

—Mass Intentions—

Jan. 9-15, 2012

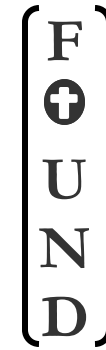
- 2. Monday 8 am**
George Nelson
- 3. Tuesday 8 am**
The Joseph Wennier Family
- 4. Wednesday 8:30 am**
Jim Bolton
- 5. Thursday 8 am**
Marge & Dick Welchans
- 6. Friday 8 am**
Jim Bolton
- 7. Saturday 8 am**
Daniel Bohan
- 7. Saturday 5 pm**
Arlene Lamphere
- 8. Sunday 8 am**
Bob Miller &
Our Parish Family
- 8. Sunday 9:30 am**
Richard Waterkotte
- 8. Sunday 11 am**
Sib Kamphaus

— 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!**

Rest in Peace
May the soul of
Frances Upshulte
sing praises with the Angels in Heaven forever.

 **CD of the Week:** "Aborting America" by Bernard Nathanson. The story of ex-abortionist, atheist, & pro-choicer, responsible for 75,000 abortions, who turned to God & pro-life activism.

Welcome!

Please welcome to our parish family: **Haley Moss.**

Children's Liturgy of the Word

There will not be Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sunday, January 29 due to the Pancake & Sausage Breakfast.

Area Events

Sun. January 8: QND Pancake & Sausage Breakfast 7am-1pm; QND. Adults \$6, children ages 3-12 \$3, children under 3 free. Sausage pre-orders call Rick Gengenbacher at 257-5670. Proceeds to benefit Catholic Heart Work Camp trip in July.

Fri. January 13: St. Thomas Youth Group Fish Fry 4-7:30pm; Camp Point. Adults \$7.50, 12 & under \$6.50. Proceeds to benefit Catholic Heart Work Camp trip in July.

Sat. January 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.

Social Concerns Collections January 14-15

Social Concerns will be collecting boxed cereal next weekend, January 14th & 15th for the Ladies of Charity Food Pantry for the first Sunday collection. Containers will be located in the Narthex.

St. Veronica Guild

The St. Peter Veronica Guild will meet Thursday, January 12 in the Lower Level, making prayer shawls and blankets for those who need to feel the love of Jesus in a time of need. Our guild gathering will begin following the 8am mass. Please come and join us.

It's not too late to join PMO Choir

We'll begin rehearsal for the spring semester on Wednesday, January 11 at 4pm in the music room at St. Peter Church. Any interested 4-8 grader attending Quincy Parochial Schools is welcome and invited to join us! For more information, contact Monica Scholz at cgschoz@adams.net or 217-430-8015.

January 2012 Ministry Schedule

Saturday, 5 pm Mass

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Terry & Tom Bordewick (1 & 2), Mike & Angie Hancox (3 & 4), Dick Hopkins (5), Angela Lepper (6), Jeff Mayfield (7)

Lector: Ray Heilmann

Lead Usher: Ron Cudney

Ushers: Chuck Fitch, Rich Halter, Tom Maas, John Meyer

Sunday, 8 am Mass

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Paul Bauer (1), Marie Eckert (2), Ruth Koch (3), Dave & Sue Kuhl (4 & 5), Tom McGlaughlin (6), Bob Musolino (7)

Lector: Kenneth Heinze

Lead Usher: Gene Churchwell

Ushers: Wayne Fessler, Merle Hellhake, Ted Burgdorf, Ken Loos

Sunday, 9:30 am Mass

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Louis Anderson (1), Mary Christensen (2), Betty & William Cornwell (3 & 4), Jim Cramsey (5), Marilena Frier (6), Jean Green(7)

Lector: Kathy Cramsey

Lead Usher: George Caspermeyer

Ushers: Neal Cornwell, Harold Ellerbrock, Steve Green, Kevin Haider

Sunday, 11 am Mass

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Lori Bertram (1), Steve Boll (2), Dennis & Susie Boudreau (3 & 4), Terri May (5), Tammy Niemann (6), Donna O'Neal (7)

Lector: David Adam

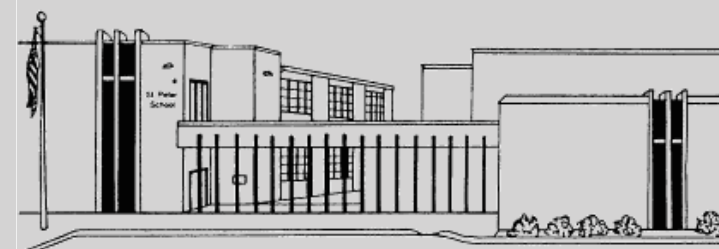
Lead Usher: John Flynn

Ushers: Tom Deters, Steve Koester, Art Kunkel, Dave May

QND Foundation Music Trivia Night

Join us for the QND Music Trivia Night Saturday, January 28, 2012 in St. Peter's gym. Doors open at 6:30pm & the event starts at 7pm. Cost is \$100 per table of 8. Get your friends together, bring your own refreshments & snacks & test your music knowledge! Proceeds will provide QND students with financial assistance. For reservations, call the QND Foundation 224-2598 or e-mail estegeman@quincynotredame.org. Reservations are confirmed when payment is received. Deadline to register is January 23, 2012. Must be 21 to participate.

The Parish of
St. Peter



Week of January 8, 2012

A Message from Mrs. Janet Bick

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

TEACHER LEARN FROM THEIR COLLEAGUES: Tuesday morning, January 3rd, teachers from the Quincy Catholic Elementary Schools gathered at St. Francis School. They were given the opportunity to attend three of seven sessions offered to learn more to enhance their teaching. Thank you to four of our St. Peter teachers who offered two sessions: "The Implementation of the Daily Five Program" by Martha Hogge and Becky McCutchen, our second grade teachers and "Injecting Technology into YOUR Curriculum: by Sally Blickhan, our computer teacher, and Nancy Schodroski, our seventh and eighth grade geography and history teacher. Sessions offered by other teachers in the Catholic elementary schools were: One on One Computing With Netbooks; The Irlen Method-Discovering Light Sensitivity; Utilizing iPads in Learning Centers; Using an Elmo in Your Classroom; and Quality Tools. Teachers were able to earn continuing professional development units to meet their requirements for teacher certificate renewal.

The final session for all teachers was "Teacher Training for the Mentoring Program" by Amy Hyer. This is a program that will begin in our schools possibly this spring. Please watch for more information and how you can become involved.

OUR TEACHERS HAVE iPADS!!!! Before the Christmas break each teacher was surprised when she was presented with an iPad. Needless to say they were delighted. They were instructed to explore their iPad over the Christmas break, check out APPS that could be used to enhance their teaching and help students. We are working with APPLE to secure dates for training for the teachers so that they may get the most out of their iPad. This may mean a couple of changes to our school calendar. As soon as dates are secured we will be publishing them in the Weekly Update and in this column.

ELKS HOOP SHOOT: The following students have qualified for the Elks Hoop Shoot Contest. The following students have qualified to move on to the next step for the Elks Hoop Shoot:

- 8-9 yr. old boys – Hunter Leindecker & Gabe Whitacker
- 8-9 yr. old girls – Madeline Miller & Elaine Wolter
- 10-11 year old boys – Mitchell Murphy & Peyton Stegeman
- 10-11 yr. old girls – Karlie Crear & Layne Frericks
- 12-13 yr. old boys – T.J. Wensing.

The next step of the contest will be held at the Quincy Senior High School on **Sunday, January 8th**. Winners will advance to the National competition that will be held in Jacksonville, IL. We wish them good luck as they represent St. Peter School. We are proud of you.

MENU

- Mon:** Corn dogs, veggie, fruit, chips, dessert, milk.
- Tues:** Chicken stir-fry, egg roll, rice, fruit, fortune cookie, milk.
- Wed:** Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, corn, fruit, milk.
- Thurs:** Tomato soup, grilled cheese, veggie, fruit, cookie, milk.
- Fri:** Breakfast Pizza, applesauce, yogurt, granola bar, milk.

THIS WEEK

- Sun., Jan. 8:** Elks Hoop Shoot 1:00 p.m. at QSHS
- Mon., Jan. 9:** Technology Committee Meeting 4:00 p.m. in the library
- Tues., Jan. 10:** Out of dress code for students who met their AR goals; St. Peter Night at Papa John's
- Wed., Jan. 11:** Children's Mass at 8:30 a.m. prepared by our 3rd grade; St. Peter Night at Bonkers 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Thurs., Jan. 12:** GSA Meeting 3:30 p.m. in library
- Fri., Jan. 13:** Spirit Day; Seven Habits Assembly 8:15 in the gym presented by grade 2.

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Parish in Action

Scenes from Christmas Past



Fr. Leo Enlow and members of St. Peter Parish celebrating Midnight Mass Christmas 2011



Managing Money as a Matter of Faith

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 & Amy Siebers will facilitate the program. Registration is on a first come, first serve basis. To sign up, please phone the Parish Office at 222-3155 weekdays from 8-4:30pm.

Mark Your Calendars!

Mon. Jan. 9: Ladies Cursillo 7pm; Cafeteria
Tues. Jan. 10: Bible Study 9am & 1pm; Martha Jane R.C.I.A. 7pm; Martha Jane
Wed. Jan. 11: PSR 6:15pm; School Ladies Cursillo 7pm; Seton Hall
Thurs. Jan. 12: Why Catholic 8:30am; Prayer room St. Veronica Guild 8:30am; Lower level Cribbage 1pm; Martha Jane Matthew Bible Study 6pm; Martha Jane & Seton
Sat. Jan. 14: Rosary 7:30am; Church Men's Cursillo 8:30am; Martha Jane
Sun. Jan. 15: Childcare & Children's Liturgy/Word, Social Concerns collect cereal for Ladies of Charity

—Mass Servers—

Weekday Masses, January 9-13:
8:00 am Jack Deters, Robert Gallaher
Saturday Mass, January 14:
5:00 pm Brenna Phillips, Zach VanderBol, Luke Mayfield
Sunday Masses, January 15:
8:00 am Wade Schieferdecker, Logan Doane, Elena Ehrhardt
9:30 am Ben Scholz, Leah Six, Sydney Strieker
11:00 am Autumn Rischar, Trevor Reichert, Kristin Wolf-Martin

—Daily Mass Ministry Schedule—

January 9-13: Lector: John Ley
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Dick Hopkins, Julette & Daniella Kendrick



Pledges Received Families: 839	Total Cards Returned Families: 1063
Total Amount Pledged	\$ 4,327,274.22
Total Receipts	\$4,373,540.63
Receipts for Jan.	\$15.00

WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING 2011

Week 27	Jan. 1	Total to Date
Loose Collections	\$1,006.30	\$26,076.18
Weekly Envelopes	\$12,189.00	\$526,069.22
Annual School Fund	\$21,603.00	\$276,193.98
Holy Days	\$2,922.00	\$11,010.35
Christmas	\$1,351.00	\$17,200.50
Totals	\$39,071.30	\$856,550.23
Total Budget Goal	\$30,200.00	\$815,400.00
Difference	\$8,871.30	\$41,150.23

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

Fr. Leo's column contin....

We recently received highlights of the 2011 October Mass Count. The 2011 Mass count indicates that 58,875 people attended Masses in October in our diocese. This is a decrease of 1,080 people (-1.8%) from last October count and a decrease of 25,533 people (-30.25%) since 1996. What is happening in our diocese is also happening throughout the world. It is a sad commentary on the faith life of some Catholics. However, there is a bright spot in our diocese. St. Peter Church was listed in the five parishes in the diocese with the highest number of people attending Mass in 2011. Our October count found that 1,779 people attended the weekend Masses which is a 3.97% increase from last year. And this is from a parish that eliminated one of our Sunday Masses last September. My congratulations and thanks to all of you who made this possible.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: A seven year old child was drawing a picture of the nativity. The picture was very good, including Mary, Joseph, and of course, Baby Jesus.

However, there was a fat man standing in the corner of the stable, that just didn't seem to fit in. When the child as asked about it, she replied, "Oh, that's Round John Virgin."

As a little girl climbed onto Santa's lap, Santa asked the usual, "and what would you like for Christmas?" The child stared at him open mouthed and horrified for a minute, then gasped:

"Didn't you get my e-mail?" *Magr. Leo J. Enlow*