



The Parish of St. Peter Quincy, IL

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 19, 2012

—Mass Intentions—
- Feb. 20-26, 2012 -

- 20. Monday 8:00 am
Dr. John Nolan
- 21. Tuesday 8:00 am
Jacqueline Taylor
- 22. Wed. 8:30 am
Fr. Leo Enlow
- 22. Wed. 12:10 pm
Donald J. Meehling
- 22. Wed. 6:30 pm
Steve McNally
- 23. Thursday 8:00 am
Tom McNeil
- 23. Thursday 7:00 pm
Marvin Boone
- 24. Friday 8:00 am
Donald J. Meehling
- 24. Friday 7:00 pm
Marcella Logue
- 25. Saturday 8:00 am
Lois Sefton
- 25. Saturday 5:00 pm
Arlene Lamphere
- 26. Sunday 8:00 am
Edward Churchwell
- 26. Sunday 9:30 am
Robert F. Dittmer &
Our Parish Family
- 26. Sunday 11:00 am
Charlie Scholz

— Mass Schedule —
Mon.—Sat. 8:00 am
Except Wed. 8:30am
Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am,
9:30am, and 11:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend, the Church celebrates the 7th Sunday in Ordinary time. It is the last weekend before we begin the season of Lent. As we begin to reflect upon the season of Lent, the Church presents to us the story of the healing of the paralyzed man by Jesus. This healing by Jesus takes place on two differing levels. The first level is the obvious—Jesus heals the man so that he was able to walk once again. But on another level, Jesus heals this man spiritually as He says to him, “Child, your sins are forgiven.” The people were astonished by these healings for as the words of the gospel state: “we have never seen anything like this.” As we begin to think about our season of Lent, what is it in our lives that needs healing? So often since we are unable to heal ourselves because we are so entrenched in a habit, an addiction, or just a comfort zone, perhaps this Lent we can ask the healing of Jesus to help us overcome the ways of the world. With Jesus’ healing graces, be they forgiveness and/or an actual physical healing, let each of us open our hearts and our lives to be touched by the power of Christ so that this Lenten season does make a difference in our lives.

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the season of Lent. Our Mass schedule for this day is as follows:

8:30 a.m. School Mass; 9:45 a.m. Mass at QND
12:10 Mass; 6:30 p.m. Mass PSR students

Ashes will be distributed during each of these Masses. Besides the morning Masses during Lent, Fr. Bauer has once again offered to share his priesthood with us by celebrating an evening Mass during each weekday of Lent at 7:00 p.m. Hopefully, you will make these opportunities to celebrate the Eucharist as part of your Lenten practice.

During the season of Lent, the Christian faithful are urged to develop and maintain a voluntary program of self-denial, serious prayer, and the performing of deeds of charity and mercy, including the giving of alms. In addition, Catholics are obliged to follow the Lenten regulations that include:

1) **Abstinence:** Everyone 14 years of age and over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. (My personal commentary is that if the parents abstain, then our young people should also do the same. I cannot imagine parents making a separate meal for those under 14 years of age. This would not harm anyone to follow this practice.)

2) **Fast:** Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 is required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is permitted. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to each person’s needs, but together these two should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milks and fruit juices are allowed.

3) To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.

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Sunday,
February 26th

Meet in the
Martha Jane Room

6:30-8:00 p.m.

Pack the Pantry
Tally: 120

Come Join
Us!

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

Dear Friends in Christ, Feb. 1, 2012

As Jesus' disciples, we are called to care for our brothers and sisters in need both around the corner and around the world. This Lent, I encourage your faith community to participate in Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl as one way to fulfill this obligation to reach out beyond our own community boundaries.

Through CRS' Operation Rice Bowl, millions of Catholics across the United States pray as a community of faith, fast in solidarity with those who hunger, learn about the joys and challenges in the lives of people around the world and give sacrificial contributions to assist the poor.

These actions provide tangible assistance to our brothers and sisters in need. Seventy-five percent of our gifts will go to CRS to help farmers in Madagascar receive training to improve harvests using environmentally sensitive techniques, to entrepreneurs in Zambia to build up credit and savings to start small businesses, and to children with physical disabilities in Vietnam so that they receive quality education opportunities. Twenty-five percent of our gifts remain here in our diocese to support local hunger alleviation efforts at parish food pantries and community based programs that help lift women and children out of poverty.

Operation Rice Bowl resources can be integrated into your existing Lenten activities, including community soup suppers, religious education classes and Stations of the Cross. You may find these and other Operation Rice Bowl resources in both English and Spanish at orb.crs.org.

Your prayers and contributions during the season of Lent do make a difference. On behalf of all those who benefit from your participation in Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl, I thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

† Thomas John Paprocki

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

Events

Mon. Feb. 20: St. Peter Mom's Group—School's out Gym Day 9:30-11am; St. Peter School gym.

Wed. Feb. 22: Blessed Sacrament Boy Scout Fish Fry 4-7pm; dine-in, drive-up, or carry-out.

Sat. Feb. 25: Knights of Columbus huge Indoor Garage Sale 7am-1pm; Quincy. \$1 entrance fee, 40+ booths available, for info. call Phil Haxel 653-4614 or 224-5823.

Tues. Feb. 28: St. Rose of Lima Card Party 11am, lunch at noon. Info 223-8015 or 222-7219.

Wed. Feb. 29: St. Peter Troop 5 Boy Scout Open house 7:30-9pm; cafeteria.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Feb. 1, 2012

Soon our diocese will take up the **Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe**. This collection supports essential unmet pastoral needs in Central and Eastern Europe and areas of Asia formerly under Soviet control. Our assistance is vital to the growth and strength of the Church in these regions.

In addition to pastoral projects, scholarships and other initiatives, the collection supports Catholic organizations that work to ease the burdens facing those who live in the region. Many elderly residents of the former Soviet region of Georgia awoke one morning to find their pensions and life savings gone. Former doctors, lawyers and musicians now find themselves with the equivalent of \$50 a month to live on. This stipend doesn't even cover the cost of one loaf of bread per day, leaving nothing to pay for transportation, clothing or medicine. Collection funds are essential to keeping medical dispensaries and shelters open and ensuring that religious and lay ministers are available to help those in need.

In the neighboring Republic of Azerbaijan, Mother Teresa of Calcutta's Sisters of Charity run a homeless shelter with aid from the collection. In addition to providing bread, medical care and transitional housing at the shelter, the sisters visit the poor and elderly who are bedridden or too sick to travel to the city, helping to bring the light of Christ to those living in the darkness of poverty, illness and loneliness. The sisters combat the destruction brought on by 70 years of state atheism, which undermined Christian ideals and contributed to increased alcoholism and deterioration of the family unit.

Please be generous in the collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe where **Christ, the Light, continues to illuminate the way**. Your support will truly make a difference. Thank you and God bless you.

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† Thomas John Paprocki

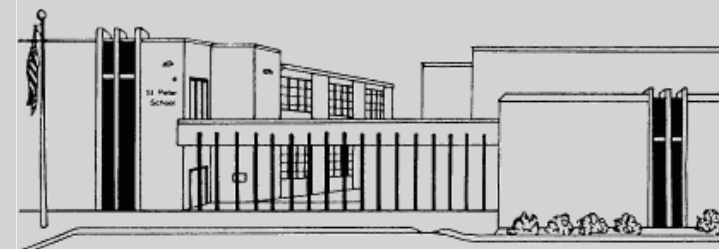
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CD of the Week: "The Passion of the Christ in Light of the Shroud of Turin" by Fr. Francis Peffley. The Shroud brings greater clarity to the depth of Christ's Passion. **New Lenten Pamphlets:** "Lent: Living the 40 Days as Catholics" and "The Way of the Cross With Pope Benedict XVI".

Needing help with a ride...

Parishioner seeking a ride to 8am Mass during Lent, lives on north east side of Quincy. Contact Marty Venvertloh in the Parish Office 222-3155 for info.

The Parish of St. Peter



Week of February 19, 2012

A Message from Mrs. Janet Bick



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

ENROLLMENT MEETINGS FOR 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR: This year instead of sending home with the students registration paperwork the Quincy Catholic Schools have planned Parent Information Meetings at each of the four elementary schools. These are for current families and anyone who is interested in more information or enrolling their child in one of the Catholic elementary schools. They are all held at 7:00 p.m. on the following dates and locations: **Monday, Feb. 20th, St. Peter School gym; Tuesday, Feb. 21st, St. Dominic School gym; Wednesday, Mar. 7th, Blessed Sacrament School cafeteria; Thursday, Mar. 8th, St. Francis School "Tuesday Club" room.**

Each meeting will last about an hour. A \$250 QCES Tuition-Credit Voucher, compliments of the Quincy Catholic Elementary Schools Foundation, will be awarded to someone in attendance at each of the four meetings. Parents may attend any of the four meetings regardless of which school their children currently attend or will attend next year. In addition to learning about the tuition and fees for the 2012-2013 school year and receiving registration materials, information about the process for applying for tuition assistance will be explained. The Private School Aid Service (PSAS) application forms as well as the application forms for the Fr. Augustine Tolton Scholarship will be available. Please plan on attending one of the four meetings.



The PaperGator has arrived!!! It is located behind the school by the garages. It is easy to locate as it is bright green and yellow. We are not only helping our environment but this is a win-win for us as St. Peter's will be receiving \$\$ for our recycling. The more we recycle the more funds earned. We urge you to bring in recyclable paper anytime from your home or any other sources and place it in the PaperGator bin.

What can go in the PaperGator? Newspapers, Catalogs, Magazines, Junk mail, Books (hard and soft covered)

On school days 7:45-3:00 we have a chain across the road by the gym for the safety of the children so you are not able to drive to the container during those times.

Thank you to Quincy Recycle for giving us this opportunity to help our environment and earn funds.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

St. Peter School Talent Show	March 9	First Communion	May 6
Kindergarten Roundup	March 15	8th grade Graduation	May 15
Grandparents Day	April 13		
Confirmation	April 16		
St. Peter School Play	April 27		
Arts in the Park	April 29		

MENU

- Mon: NO SCHOOL!!!**
- Tues:** Hamburger, veggies, fruit, chips, milk.
- Wed:** Cheese Pizza, garlic bread, salad, peaches, milk.
- Thurs:** Broccoli cheese soup, turkey cheese croissant, fruit, dessert, milk.
- Fri:** French toast sticks, hard boiled eggs, fruit cup, juice, cereal bar, milk.

THIS WEEK

- Sun., Feb. 19:** QND Open House 1:00-3:00
- Mon., Feb. 20:** No School; Enrollment meeting 7:00 p.m. in the gym
- Tues., Feb. 21:** Bury the Alleluia Prayer Service 2:00 p.m. in church
- Wed., Feb. 22:** Children's Mass at 8:30 a.m. prepared by sixth grade.
- Fri., Feb. 24:** 7 Habits Celebration Assembly 8:15 a.m. in the gym.

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Parish in Action

Mark Your Calendars!

Mon. Feb. 20: Why Catholic 9pm; Martha Jane Mom's Group 9:30am; Gym, Pastoral Council 5:30pm; Seton Hall Ladies Cursillo 7pm; Cafeteria
Tues. Feb. 21: Bible Study 9am & 1pm; Martha Jane R.C.I.A. 7pm; Martha Jane
Wed. Feb. 22: PSR 6:15pm; School Ladies Cursillo 7pm; Church Prayer Room Troop 5 Boy Scouts 7:30 pm; Cafeteria
Thurs. Feb. 23: Why Catholic 8:30am; Prayer room Cribbage 1pm; Martha Jane Matthew Bible Study 6 pm; Martha Jane & Seton Why Catholic 7pm, Maria Goretti & Seton Hall
Sat. Feb. 25: Rosary 7:30am; Church Men's Cursillo 8:30am; Martha Jane
Sun. Feb. 26: Childcare & Children's Liturgy of the Word; 9:30am FOUND 6:30pm; Martha Jane

Fr. Leo's column contin..

A custom in our diocese during the season of Lent is the Operation Rice Bowl. These "rice bowls" will be available to all parishioners and can be found in the narthex of our Church this weekend. With Operation Rice Bowl, you are invited to join millions of Catholics across the country this Lent to pray with our family and faith community, fast in solidarity with those who are hungry, learn about our brothers and sisters around the world and give sacrificial contributions to those in need. The rice bowl is to be placed on our tables where we eat, reminding us that millions of people go hungry each day. The monies saved by your fast then is placed in these bowls which will be collected sometime after Lent, our small way of helping others.

Reminder that next Sunday, Feb. 26th, is an important meeting for the parents of our 2nd graders. This meeting begins at 1:00 p.m. in the Church.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: One day a salesman stopped by the Jammer Jones farm and knocked. Jammer's wife, Frannie, came to the door. "Is your husband home, ma'am?" he asked.

"Sure is. He's over to the cow barn."

"Well, I've got something to show him, ma'am. Will I have any difficulty finding him?"

"Shouldn't have any difficulties. He's the one with the beard and the mustache."

Magr. Leo J. Eulow

—Mass Servers—

Weekday Masses, February 20-24:
 8:00 am Alexia Cobian, Jackson Connell
Saturday Mass, February 25:
 5:00 pm Jillian Pratt, Lauren & Ian Mehaffy
Sunday Masses, February 26:
 8:00 am Ulrich Family
 9:30 am Zach McDonald, Carter Cramsey, Robert Gallaher
 11:00 am Hun Family

—Daily Mass Ministry Schedule —

February 20-24:
Lector: Rich Lavery
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:
 Juett & Daniella Kendrick, Bob Lundberg



Pledges Received Families: 839	Total Cards Returned Families: 1063
Total Amount Pledged	\$ 4,327,274.22
Total Receipts	\$4,373,615.63
Receipts for Feb.	\$90.00

WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING 2012

Week 33	Feb. 12	Total to Date
Loose Collections	\$715.50	\$30,699.39
Weekly Envelopes	\$15,093.00	\$644,393.89
Annual School Fund	\$5,828.00	\$322,163.53
Holy Days	\$20.00	\$12,148.35
Christmas		\$17,485.50
Totals	\$21,656.50	\$1,026,890.66
Total Budget Goal	\$30,200.00	\$966,600.00
Difference	(\$8,543.50)	\$30,290.66

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	\$56,105	\$50,530

The balance due must be paid out of parish operating expenses. Totals as of 2/09/12, 319 contributors



A Day of Fasting...

Catholics ages 18-59 with no medical conditions that would prevent it are required to fast on this day and Good Friday. Only one full meal can be eaten this day.

...and Abstinence

Those 14 and over must abstain from eating meat on this day, Good Friday, and every Friday in Lent.

Preparing for Lent...

Lent is a season of conversion ... a time to look at our lives and to take steps to become closer to God. We are asked to do this in three ways — through prayer (spending extra time to build a relationship with God), fasting (intentionally doing without something we enjoy), and almsgiving (sharing what we have with others who need it). We have some ideas to help you do this:

1. Join our Walk to Jerusalem

We're challenging all of our parishioners to take time for extra walks, swims, bike rides, runs, etc. and record your mileage each week or so in a log we will maintain in the narthex. Spend at least part of your time thinking about Jesus' sacrifice and the difference it makes in your life.

2. Participate in Operation Rice Bowl (Bowls will be in the Narthex)

Operation Rice Bowl is about more than raising money that will be used by Catholic Relief Services to help those who are starving. It is about raising consciousness that we, as members of the Catholic Church and the Body of Christ, cannot ignore the needs of others. Why not pick up a Rice Bowl, review the calendar inside with your family, and decide what you will do? It does matter!

3. Make Time for Extra Prayer.

Prayer has been described as hanging out with God. It's a habit that over time, will change your life and your heart!

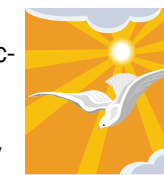
St. Peter Parish Slates 'Time to Mourn, Time to Heal' for the Grieving

If you are mourning the death of a loved one, you are invited to join us for a very special four-week healing program, *A Time to Mourn, A Time to Heal*. Day-time and evening sessions will be offered. The day session will take place from 9:30 to 11 a.m. on consecutive Wednesdays from Feb. 29 through March 31, and the evening session from 6 to 7 p.m. on consecutive Thursdays from March 1 through March 22. All are welcome! Please phone Marty at 222-3155 to sign up.



An Invitation to Adult Catholics Who Have Not Been Confirmed

St. Peter Parish invites adult Catholics who have received the sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist but who have not been Confirmed to complete their initiation into the Catholic Church by receiving Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, May 27, at 2 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. To sign up, please phone Jill at the Parish Office: 222-3155.



A Great Sunday Lunch Idea!!!!

Why Catholic? Team Slates Parish Carry-In March 11

WHAT: St. Peter Parish's *Why Catholic?* Team is planning its annual Carry-In after 11 a.m. Mass on Sunday, March 11, in the Cafeteria (lower level of the church). All are welcome!

DATE & TIME: Sunday, Jan. 11. Come for noon Mass; stay for a carry-in and short reflections to follow in cafeteria.

WHAT TO BRING: Please bring an entrée to share and...if your last name starts with A through L, please bring a veggie or salad; last names M through Z, please bring a dessert.

PLEASE RSVP: Call 222-3155 (Parish Office) before March 8.

FAMILIES WELCOME!