



The Parish of St. Peter Quincy, IL

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 5, 2012

Dear Parishioners,

As we begin this first weekend in our month of February, the Church celebrates the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time. In our first two readings today, we are presented with people from the past with whom we can relate if we are ever feeling discouraged or dejected. Our first reading presents the character of Job. Whether he is factual or not, the lesson of his life is invaluable to us. Job lost everything—his family, his possessions, everything that had value. He did not understand why this happened and what is presented to us today is a man who is filled with discouragement. We have to remember that at that time, Job had no idea of eternal rewards and punishment. His life was truly a drudgery and so he declares, “remember that my life is like the wind, I shall not see happiness again.” This is one reading that we would not like to read when we are down for it provides little hope. For most of us, we can relate to the experience of Job for it so often happens to each of us. What do we do when discouraged? Our prayer and our source of encouragement is Jesus Christ and He becomes our hope when life seems to fall apart for us.

Our second character is St. Paul found in our second reading from his letter to the Corinthians. Paul finds himself a little hurt, unappreciated by the people of Corinth. He had given himself totally to them and they in turn show very little thanks to him. Paul finds himself dejected in this reading. How often can parents relate to these feelings, often finding themselves unappreciated by their children? How often can people of the Church feel these feelings of dejection for all that they do with very little thanks from anyone? But what people of faith need to remember, as St. Paul understood, is “that all this I do for the sake of the gospel, so that I too may have a share in it.” Remember when we do things for God and His Church, we do them because we are stewards of God’s many blessings. Yes, it is good to hear thank you from people, but our thanks should come from the realization that God is blessing us in so many ways and He is the source of everything that we are and everything that we do. But for all those who help us and share with us in so many ministries, let me say “thank you.” Know that you are truly appreciated by me.

Just to let you know that I will be leaving this Sunday, February 5th for a little R & R away from the parish. Fr. Bauer has graciously agreed to serve in my place and I appreciate that. I will be returning to the parish on February 14th. Please keep me in your prayers as I will keep you in mine.

I hope that everyone had the opportunity to read the letter in the bulletin last week from Bishop Paprocki. A similar letter was read in most dioceses throughout the United States for the recent decision by the Obama Administration is an attack on the religious liberty of all Catholics here in the United States. Whatever political persuasion you are, this should alarm you as it is an affront on the basic principal of the first amendment and religious liberty. If this decision is not reversed, we are faced with a type of tyranny by our elected leaders. I wonder to myself where are

—Mass Intentions—

Feb. 6-12, 2012

- 6. Monday 8:00 am**
Joe Quinn
- 7. Tuesday 8:00 am**
Connie Nesbit
- 8. Wednesday 8:30 am**
Marvin Boone
- 9. Thursday 8:00 am**
Tom McNeil
- 10. Friday 8:00 am**
Karen Timpe Elliot
- 11. Saturday 8:00 am**
Donald J. Meehling
- 11. Saturday 5:00 pm**
Arlene Lamphere &
Our Parish Family
- 12. Sunday 8:00 am**
Charles Scholz
- 12. Sunday 9:30 am**
Robert F. Dittmer
- 12. Sunday 11:00 am**
All the Poor Souls

— 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.

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**FOUND
Pizza Party!**



**Sunday,
February 12th**

**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!**

Rest in Peace
May the soul of
Janice Trowbridge
sing praises with the Angels in Heaven forever.

 **CD of the Week:** "Overlooking the New Age movement" by Matthew Arnold. Reveals how his journey from darkness set him free from the powers of the occult, the New Age practices, and shows their incompatibility with the Church.

Baptisms

 **Aubrielle Rylee Bradfield**, daughter of Daniel and Heather (Becks) Bradfield was made a child of God through the reception of the sacrament of Baptism on Saturday, January 28, 2012.

Welcome!

Please welcome to our parish family: **Nathan Leach.**

Ministry Trainings happening now!

We are setting up training sessions for Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors. If you are interested in becoming or are currently a Eucharistic Minister or Lector & have not had training, please call the Parish Office.

St. Veronica Guild

The St. Peter Veronica Guild will meet Thursday, February 9th 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 join us!

WCU Job Opening

Western Catholic Union has a full-time position available with benefits, working in our sales department. Applicants who have knowledge of life insurance/annuity products preferred. Must have excellent telephone, typing, Excel, Word, Power Point, data entry skills & be able to multi-task. Send resumes & minimum salary requirement to Human Resource Director, Western Catholic Union, PO Box 410, Quincy, IL 62306. No phone calls or walk-ins.

Thanks for the overwhelming support & response!!

We want to thank everyone who came & ate with us. And to those of you who were not able to because of the wait, room in the cafeteria, etc. thank you too for wanting to attend! We want you to know that we have **big plans for next year** already in the works for **more room & more food, faster** and hope that you'll join us again to kick off the 2013 Catholic Schools Week! If you would like to help next year, please email kimeb603@aol.com. Thank you again, for the overwhelming and inspiring response to our 1st Annual Pancake and Sausage Breakfast & Bake Sale!

Events

Sun. Feb. 5: WCU Pancake & Sausage Breakfast 7:30am-12pm; St. Anthony. Adults \$7, 6-12 years \$3.50, under 3 are free.

Fri. Feb. 10: St Thomas Youth Group Fish Fry 4-7:30pm; Camp Point. Adults \$7.50, 12 & under \$3.50, Senior Special from 4-5: \$6.50. Proceeds to benefit Catholic Heart Work Camp in July.

Sat. Feb 11: 11th Annual St. Peter Mardi Gras Dance 7:30pm-midnight; St. Peter gym. \$25 per couple, \$15 singles, adults only, 50/50 drawing, music by "Eleven", BYOB and appetizer/snack to share. Info 242-0967 or greg.reis@comcast.net.

Sat. Feb. 11: Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes & Rosary Prayers Service 1:30pm; Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes of Ghost Hollow at the Spring, 4507 Ghost Hollow Road, Quincy. Fr. Jeff Stone leading the service. Info, call Janice Pohlman 222-5769 or 257-2400. Bring a folding chair, blanket, and dress for the weather.

Sat. Feb. 18: Quincy Catholic Charities 4th Annual Casino Night 6:30-10pm; K of C Hall. Tickets \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door, for info. 222-0958. Also Cubs/Cards game raffle tickets \$5 each/ \$10 for 3, need not be present to win.

Wed. Feb. 22: Blessed Sacrament Boy Scout Fish Fry 4-7pm; dine-in, drive-up, or carry-out. Catfish \$9, Walleye \$7, Carp \$7.

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

Needing help with a ride...

Parishioner seeking a ride to 8am Mass during Lent. She lives in the north east side of Quincy. Please contact Marty 222-3155 for information.

Blood Pressure screenings this weekend

Blood Pressures in the cafeteria this Sunday after the 8am and 9:30am masses.

QND Open House Sunday February 19th 1-3pm

Discover what's new at QND! QND will implement a four year rollout program of 1:1 learning for the 2012-13 school year. All incoming freshmen will receive iPads starting this fall. 1pm—Welcome and overview with Principal Ray Heilmann and QND students. 1:30pm—iPad demonstration. 2pm—"Ways to Make QND a Reality" presentation with question and answer session about scholarships, PSAS financial assistance forms, Gene Grawe Fund and more. 2:30pm—Tour QND. Please RSVP Mary Pat Vahlkamp 224-2598 or mvahlkamp@quincynotredame.org before February 16 to reserve your spot.

The Parish of St. Peter



Week of February 5, 2012

A Message from Mrs. Janet Bick



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

STUDENT MENTORING PROGRAM: The Quincy Catholic Schools are implementing a mentoring program in our school in the near future. We are looking for adults who would be willing to spend some time during the school day interacting one-on-one with our students who could benefit from the extra attention and support. He or she would be asked to meet regularly with the student at school (ex: an hour every week or every other week) in order to build a positive relationship and provide consistent support and guidance. Training will be provided and each mentor will need to attend a *Protecting God's Children* session. If you or someone you know has the time to spend mentoring a student, please call us at 223-1120. Mentor training is scheduled for Thursday, February 23rd, 1:00-2:00 p.m. at St. Dominic School.

PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE: Please mark your calendar to attend our Preschool Open House on Thursday, February 16th, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Students must be 3 or 4 before September 1st, 2012 in order to be eligible to attend for the 2012-2013 school year.

Please be sure to share this information with anyone you know who may have a child this age. If you would like to visit at another time during the school day, feel free to call us and we will make arrangements for this opportunity. For any questions please feel free to call me at 223-1120.

PRESCHOOL SURVEY: In order to serve the needs of our future students and families those families who currently have a child newborn through five years old will be receiving a survey through the mail. It is very important that you complete this survey and return it to the school office. Your opinion is valued.

NO SCHOOL ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9th: Just a reminder that there is no school on Thursday, February 9th, as the teachers will be attending iPad training all day with a trainer from APPLE.

DID YOU KNOW??? St. Peter School won the SMART Board from the HyVee/Proctor Gamble promotion. Thank you to everyone who logged in the SMART Points from October through December 2011. Ava Monteyne, third grade, also won an iPad 2 from Hy-Vee through the same program.



Be on the look out for more information regarding the PAPERGATOR program which should begin next week. Start saving your newspapers, catalogs, magazines, junk mail, books (hard and soft covered) that you would like to recycle. St. Peter Parish will earn \$\$\$\$. Thank you to Quincy Recycle for making this available to us.

MENU

Mon: Cheesy ham & potatoes, corn, mixed fruit, roll, milk.

Tues: Grilled cheese sandwich, veggie, fruit, cookie, milk.

Wed: Chili, peanut butter uncrustable, fruit, carrots/dip, milk.

Thurs: No School!

Fri: Breakfast burrito, cheesy hash browns, sweet roll, fruit, milk.

THIS WEEK

Wed., Feb. 8: Children's Mass at 8:30 a.m. prepared by eighth grade.

Thurs., Feb. 9: No School-Teachers attending iPad Training

Fri., Feb. 10 : Spirit Day-our collection will go towards purchasing mattresses for people in Haiti. **7 Habits Assembly** at 8:15 a.m. prepared by grade 8.

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

Parish in Action

Love Our Faith? Want Our Kids to Love It, Too? READ THIS:

As a working mom, St. Peter Parishioner Lisa Sheffield was interested in finding a meaningful way to be involved with her children in a Church activity. She found it several years ago though our Liturgy of the Word for Children program. In fact, this ministry has been such an important part of Lisa's life that today she heads the program and eagerly encourages others to be involved.

So our first question: *Just what is Children's Liturgy of the Word?* It's an opportunity for children from kindergarten through 4th grade to hear the Word of God and have it explained in an age-appropriate manner they can understand. Children are dismissed with their leaders right before the first reading at 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass and rejoin the congregation at the offertory. Leaders use special resources to prepare and deliver a homily ("sermon") that breaks open the Word for our young disciples.

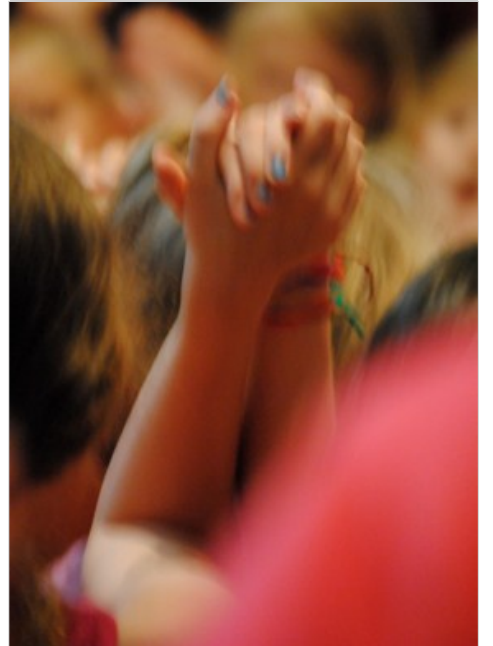
The next question: *Do you have to be an expert in Scripture, Liturgy, and the teachings of the Church to be part of this ministry?* No! Liturgy of the Word ministers receive training; have access to planning resources and have a pastoral contact to phone with questions.

Lisa, who team teaches with her husband Bob, describes this as "a very guided program." "Our preparation guide presents and explains the readings and gives suggestions for ways to present the information," Lisa says. "It has everything you need!"

Next, *do you have to be a leader?* Again, no. Assistants are needed and welcome.

Finally, *Who should consider this ministry?* Parents—especially those whose children participate—teachers, retirees, basically, anyone who has strong faith, loves our faith, and is willing to talk about it with children.

Join us for Training on Wednesday, Feb. 15 at 7 p.m. in the Martha Jane Room. Have questions? Please call Lisa Sheffield at 257-3000



Catholic Schools Week 2012

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 to prepare for the Sacrament, please phone Jill at the Parish Office: 222-3155.



Mark Your Calendars!

Mon. Feb. 6: Why Catholic 7pm; Seton Hall Ladies Cursillo 7pm; Cafeteria
Tues. Feb. 7: Bible Study 9am & 1pm; Martha Jane R.C.I.A. 7pm; Martha Jane
Wed. Feb. 8: PSR 6:15pm; School Ladies Cursillo 7pm; Seton Hall Troop 5 Boy Scouts 7pm; Cafeteria
Thurs. Feb. 9: Why Catholic 8:30am; Prayer room St. Veronica Guild 8:30am; Lower Level Cribbage 1pm; Martha Jane Matthew Bible Study 6 pm; Martha Jane/Seton Why Catholic 7pm, Seton
Sat. Feb. 11: Rosary 7:30am; Church Men's Cursillo 8:30am; Martha Jane
Sun. Feb. 12: Childcare & Children's Liturgy of the Word 9:30am, Blood Pressure screening; cafeteria

Fr. Leo's column contin...

the voices of our elected officials who guaranteed, as the President did, that if passed, the health care issue would always respect the religious liberty of everyone. No wonder our elected officials have lost credibility with many Americans. We, as Catholics, cannot and will not sit back and take this assault lightly. May God help us in his struggle for religious liberty.

As we look ahead, I remind you that Ash Wednesday is February 22nd and the beginning of Lent. Be thinking of how you can use this season to grow in grace.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: A class was taken on a fishing boat for a field trip, and the teacher, in an attempt to lessen fears of big fish, stated, "there are no fish big enough to swallow people."

"But how about the fish that swallowed Jonah I learned about in Sunday school?" asked one little boy.

"You can't believe everything that you're told," responded the teacher.

"I'll ask Jonah when I get to heaven," he replied.

"What if Jonah didn't go to heaven," prodded the teacher.

"Then you ask him," replied the boy.

Mrs. Leo J. Eulow

—Mass Servers—

Weekday Masses, February 6-10:
 8:00 am Lizzie Weimer, Jenna Zanger
Saturday Mass, February 11:
 5:00 pm Nolan Hruska, Riley Hummert, Clayton Kennedy
Sunday Masses, February 12:
 8:00 am Dylan Muldoon, Jackson Connell, Jordan Frericks
 9:30 am Jack Brown, Grace Frese, Jordan Holtmeyer
 11:00 am Alex Kinsel, Blake & Bryce Rupp

—Daily Mass Ministry Schedule—

February 6-10: Lector: Pat Burgtorf
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:
 John Ley, Martha Rapp, Marty Venvertloh



Pledges Received Families: 839	Total Cards Returned Families: 1063
Total Amount Pledged	\$ 4,327,274.22
Total Receipts	\$4,373,600.63
Receipts for Feb.	\$75.00

WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING 2012

Week 31	Jan. 29	Total to Date
Loose Collections	\$945.55	\$29,178.03
Weekly Envelopes	\$19,813.98	\$607,729.89
Annual School Fund	\$5,831.00	\$305,522.98
Holy Days	\$82.00	\$12,083.35
Christmas		\$17,485.50
Totals	\$26,672.53	\$971,999.75
Total Budget Goal	\$30,200.00	\$936,200.00
Difference	(\$3,527.47)	\$35,799.75

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	\$55,655	\$50,980

The balance due must be paid out of parish operating expenses. Totals as of 1/25/12, 315 contributors