



# The Parish of St. Peter Quincy, IL

*First Sunday of Advent, December 3, 2017*

## ~Mass Intentions~

*December 4-10, 2017*

- 4. **Monday 8:00 a.m.**  
Bob Anderson
- 5. **Tuesday 8:00 a.m.**  
Isabelle Daly
- 6. **Wednesday 8:30am**  
Fr. Roy Bauer
- 7. **Thursday 8:00 a.m.**  
Audrey Briggs
- 7. **Thursday 6:00 p.m.**  
Laura Henke
- 8. **Friday 8:30 a.m.**  
Karen & Tony Wiewel
- 8. **Friday 12:10 p.m.**  
Sandy Peters
- 8. **Friday 6:00 p.m.**  
Bill Brahler
- 9. **Saturday 8:00 a.m.**  
Zakery Haubrich
- 9. **Saturday 5:00 p.m.**  
Wayne Bergman &  
Charles Henry
- 10. **Sunday 8:00 a.m.**  
Our Parish Family
- 10. **Sunday 9:30 a.m.**  
Ramon M. Morales
- 10. **Sunday 11:00 a.m.**  
Frank Johnson

## — Mass Schedule —

**Monday-Saturday**

8:00 a.m.

**Wednesday 8:30 a.m.**

**Saturday 5:00 p.m.**

**Sunday 8:00 a.m.,**

9:30 a.m., & 11:00 a.m.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 7:30-7:50 am  
or 3:30-4:30 pm,  
or by appointment.

## Dear Parishioners,

This weekend, we begin the Season of the Church called Advent. These four weeks before Christmas challenge us to get our hearts and lives in the proper order to fully celebrate and appreciate the coming of Christ at Christmas. It is a four week period that is to be a period of devout and expectant delight. The official color of this season is violet and it is a time that we recall the cry of the early Christians, Maranatha, *Come Lord Jesus!* Hopefully that will be our same cry as we expect the Lord Jesus to come into our lives and hearts not only this Christmas but especially at His Second Coming.

For those who follow the liturgical calendar of the Church, our cycle of readings for the celebration of the Eucharist change this weekend. Our cycle of readings for the weekends are now Year B (St. Mark), and the readings for the weekdays are Cycle II.

This weekend we are distributing our new 2018 Church calendars for our parishioners. I ask that you take one home for yourselves, and then if you know of someone in the nursing home or perhaps unable to get to Church, please take them a calendar. These calendars are the gifts of Duker & Haugh funeral home here in Quincy. If you see the people from this funeral home, please thank them for their gift to this parish.

Also, for your Advent reading, St. Peter Church purchased a number of books written by Matthew Kelly entitled "Perfectly Yourself." There are still some available in the back of the Church. This gift to you to assist you in one of the pillars of stewardship, namely, formation. I encourage you to read this book and to share it with others.

This Friday, December 8th, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and is a Holyday of Obligation for all Catholics. This solemnity acknowledges that Mary, who was to be the bearer of Christ, was free from all sin, both original and personal. She is, as we say in the Hail Mary, "full of grace." This particular title has special significance for us who live in the United States as well as the Springfield Illinois diocese as we are dedicated to Mary under the title of the Immaculate Conception. Our Mass schedule will be as follows: Vigil Mass on Thursday, December 7th at 6:00 p.m.; then on December 8th, we will have Masses at 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m. at Quincy Notre Dame, 12:10 p.m. and then 6:00 p.m.

Also, for those who took the tags for the annual Giving Wreath initiative, you are reminded to bring your gifts to the Church next weekend, December 9-10th. I want to thank everyone who participated in this annual endeavor as it does make Christmas very meaningful for some people who are in need. Furthermore, we will be having the annual cookie sale in the cafeteria after all of our Masses next weekend. To add to the caloric numbers, there will be some very delicious cinnamon roles also being sold after our Masses. Come join us.

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**Next Meeting**  
**Christmas Caroling**  
Dec. 3rd : 6:30pm—8:00pm  
**Drop Off & Pick up at**  
**Good Samaritan Home**  
**Families are Welcome!**  
All 7th, 8th, & 9th graders



**Saints Alive!**  
**Let Me See Your Halo**  
**January 5 at 6:00—7:30pm**  
**in the Gym**

A youth group for 4th, 5th, & 6th grade Parishioners and guests! Have fun with your friends while you learn more about the Saints and your Catholic Faith. Come enjoy these fun evenings in the St. Peter Gym 6:00-7:30 p.m. Wear your Saints Alive Shirt or pick one up that night!

**Baptism**  
**Stella Maris Merrill**, daughter of **Jason & Alison (Lewis) Merrill**, was made a child of God through the reception of the sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, November 26, 2017.

**Area Events**  
**Sunday, December 10:** St. Anthony Pancake & Sausage Breakfast, 7:30am-Noon; St. Anthony Church Hall. Adults \$7, Children \$4, under 5 free. Sausage, chops or ribs: 3 lbs. \$10, 5 lbs. \$15, cooked links 5 lbs. \$25 (precooked weight). For advanced meat orders call 224-2069 or 257-2108. No orders after Dec. 7.

**Don't Forget to Turn in Your Commitment Card**  
 We're still in the midst of our annual Stewardship Renewal. If you haven't returned your Commitment Card, you still can mail it to the parish. Returning your card is an important part of being an active member of St. Peter. Please take this opportunity to express your support for our parish with your time, talent, and treasure!

**Baptism Class - Monday, December 4th**  
 St. Peter will offer its next baptism class at 7:00 p.m. on Mon., December 4 in the Parish Office. Expectant parents welcome. Call the Parish Office for reservations at 222-3155.

**Coffee & Donuts and Fair Trade Sales This Sunday**  
 Please join us this Sunday, December 3, after all masses in the cafeteria for Coffee & Donuts, blood pressure screenings, and Fair Trade sale. The Fair Trade has lots of gifts, home décor, jewelry, coffee, chocolate and more.

**Ladies Bible Study**  
 Attention all ladies! Please join us for our next Bible study beginning Tuesday, January 9th and continuing weekly through March 20th. We are doing a group study this time, discussing Matthew Kelly's new book, *Perfectly Yourself* from DynamicCatholic.com. We meet at St. Peter in the Martha Jane Room located in the lower level of the church each Tuesday morning from 9-10:45. Child care is available upon request. Please RSVP to Jennifer Dyer by Dec. 17. 440-9766 or 2jdyers@gmail.com.

**Boy Scout Christmas Wreaths This Weekend**  
 The Boy Scout Christmas Wreaths will be distributed this weekend, December 2nd & 3rd, after each Mass, in the cafeteria. If you ordered one, please pick it up after Mass. They also have a few extras if you still want one.

**Holy Day Mass Times**  
 Friday, December 8th, is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Mass times are Thursday, Dec. 7th, at 6:00 p.m. and Friday, Dec. 8th, at 8:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m., and 6:00 p.m.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

~Kristopher Schrecke	~Elias Erd	~John Meyer
~Mike Domme	~Sharon Zehnle	~Mike Creek
~Billy Smith	~Jack O'Hara	~Penny Norton
~Ian Mehaffy	~Arlene Lansing	~Steve Hull
~Joan Lierle	~Frances Musolino	~Charlie Peters
~Betty C. Wiewel	~Isabelle Meyer	~Richard Laird
~Kathy Schuckman	~Barbara Rowland	
~Albert Angerer	~Norma Johnson	
~Sarah Leffers	~Joan Russell	
~Greg Shankland	~Lynn Shankland	
~Richard Slight	~Kay Peters	

To have a name added to this list, please call the Parish Office at 222-3155 or email church@cospq.org.

**CD of the Week**  
**CDs for Advent and Christmas Season**  
 A Journey Through Advent-Liturgical Cycle B  
 Prepare the Way of the King-Making the Most of Advent  
 Glory to the New Born King- Traditional Christmas Carols and Hymns  
 The True Meaning of Christmas  
 The Mystery of Christmas  
 God Made Man  
 St Joseph-The Patron of the Universal Church  
 Also available for your donation, in the CD donation slot, the book *Joy To The World* by Scott Hahn (while they last).  
 www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org promo code 104597

**Parish Office Closed Tuesday**  
 The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, December 5th.

**Adoration Chapel Hours**  
 These are the available hours left in the Adoration Chapel:  
 Monday 3:00-4:00am, Tuesday 2:00-3:00am (1,2,4,5),  
 Wednesday 1:00-2:00am (2,4,5), Friday 3:00-4:00pm and  
 Sunday 1:00-2:00am, 2:00-3:00am. Please call Mary at 653-3127 or Gina at 257-9966. Chapel # is 214-0132.

**QND Pommers Camp**  
 Come perform with the QND Pommers at Halftime of the Varsity Basketball Game on Friday, Dec. 8th. Camp is for girls in Pre-school (3yrs old) - 8th grade. Check in begins at 5:00 pm and camp goes from 5:15pm - til after halftime of basketball game. Game starts at 7:00pm. Camp will be held in the QND Multipurpose Room. Cost is \$30, which includes a t-shirt, pizza, and admission into game. Campers will be separated into 3 groups based on age and we will be picking our new mascot. Questions please contact coach Jennifer Duesterhaus at qndpomcoaches@gmail.com.

**QND & Parochial Music Christmas Concert**  
 Join the choirs of Quincy Notre Dame and the Parochial Music Organization for a Christmas Choral Concert, "Christmas With Friends IX" on Monday, December 11 at 7:00 p.m. in St. Peter Church.  
 125 students in grades 4-12, from five Quincy parochial schools and QND, comprise the QND Concert Chorale, Mixed Chorus, Madrigal Choir, Women's and Men's Glee's, and PMO Concert and Cadet Choirs. All ensembles are conducted by Monica Scholz and accompanied by Robert March. Free-will offerings will be gratefully accepted at the door. For more information, visit the QND Choral Music or Parochial Music Organization Facebook pages, or www.quincynotredame.org/arts/qnd-music-news.

**Give a Gift to the QCES Foundation & Help a Child Receive a Catholic Elementary School Education**  
 As you consider your end-of-the-year giving plans, please consider a gift to the Quincy Catholic Elementary Schools Foundation's "Leave a Legacy of Faith" Annual & Endowed Scholarship Fund. Since the campaign was launched in September 2016, more than \$220,000 has been donated, but much, much more is needed. In partnership with the four parishes, the QCES Foundation has awarded more than \$188,000 in tuition assistance to 133 families with 214 children, for the current school year. And each year, the demonstrated level of financial need continues to increase. For more info. please contact Paul Rittorf at 779-3157.



# The School of St. Peter

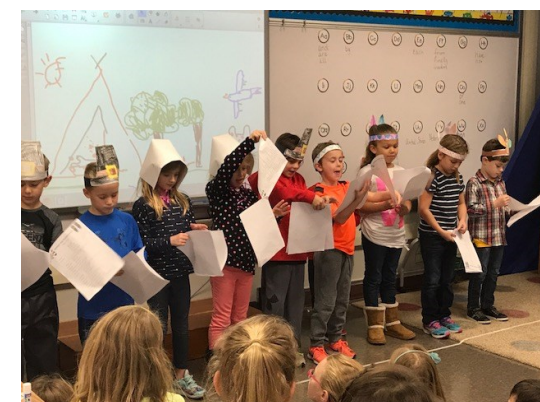
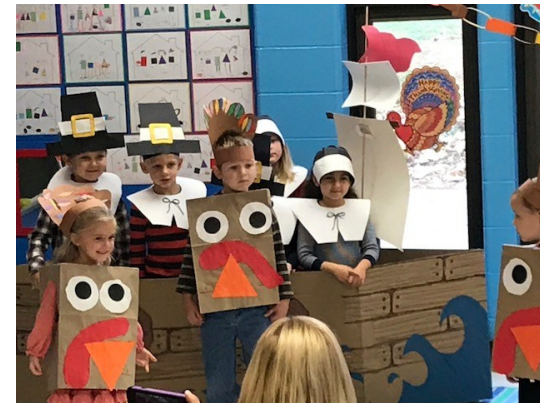


Week of December 3, 2017

*A Message from Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh*

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

**CELEBRATING THANKSGIVING**



Our amazing and talented students celebrated Thanksgiving in various ways at St. Peter!  
 Four year old preschoolers sang various songs to visiting parents. Second grade students performed Readers Theatre for the first grade. Other students enjoyed a delicious feast. All students celebrated at our student Thanksgiving Mass by sending a thank you letter to special people in their lives.

**Celebrate Christmas!**

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**Grandparent/Special Person's Day!**

Be sure to see next week's bulletin as we share pictures from Grandparent/Special Person's Day that took place on Dec. 1st.

**MENU**

**Monday:** Corn dog, peas w/ carrots, mixed fruit, chips.  
**Tuesday:** Toasted ravioli w/ marinara sauce, green beans, peaches.  
**Wednesday:** BBQ chicken sliders, potato wedges, carrot sticks, applesauce squeezable, cookie.  
**Thursday:** Rotini w/ meat sauce, spinach salad, bosco stick, grapes.  
**Friday:** Scramble eggs w/ cheese, sausage pattie, veggie juice, pears.

**THIS WEEK**

Monday, Dec. 4: Advent Prayer Service 1:15 in church; IESA 7th/8th grade volleyball tryouts 3:15-4:15 St. Peter Gym  
 Tuesday, Dec. 5: IESA 7th/8th grade volleyball tryouts 3:15-4:15 St. Peter Gym  
 Wednesday, Dec. 6: St. Nicholas Day! 8:30 Children's Mass - 2nd grade leaders; Kindergarten with Santa at QND 6:30 p.m.; IESA 7th/8th grade volleyball tryouts 3:15-4:15 St. Peter Gym  
 Thursday, Dec. 7: Lock Down Drill with officer present; GSA Meeting 10:00 a.m.; IESA 7/8 girls volleyball tryouts 3:15-4:45 at St. Peter  
 Friday, Dec. 8: Immaculate Conception Children's Mass at 8:30 prepared by 8th grade

Follow us on Facebook to keep up with all school activities!

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**Mark Your Calendar**

**Mon. Dec. 4:**

**Tues. Dec. 5:** Parish Office Closed  
Novena 8:30 a.m., Church  
RCIA 7:00 p.m., Martha Jane Room

**Wed. Dec. 6:** PSR 6:15 p.m., School  
Ladies Cursillo 7:00 p.m., Fr. Bauer Prayer Room

**Thurs. Dec. 7:** Cribbage 1:00 p.m., Martha Jane Room

**Fri. Dec. 8:**

**Sat. Dec. 9:** Rosary 7:30 a.m., Church  
Return Giving Wreath Presents with Tags

**Sun. Dec. 10:** Daycare 9:30 a.m., Maria Goretti Room  
Liturgy of the Word 9:30 a.m. Mass, Martha Jane Room  
Last Day to Return Giving Wreath Presents with Tags

—*Mass Servers*—

**Weekday Masses, December 4-9:**  
8:00 a.m. Claire McCutchen, Blake Bunch

**Thursday Mass, December 7:**  
6:00 p.m. Courtney Johnson, Michelle Gough

**Friday Mass, December 8:**  
6:00 p.m. Kristen Zanger, Katelynn Walker

**Saturday Mass, December 9:**  
5:00 p.m. Brody Jones, Payton Willer

**Sunday Masses, December 10:**  
8:00 a.m. Elena Mast, Olivia Ley  
9:30 a.m. Nathan/Jake Pabisiak, Katelynn Walker  
11:00 a.m. Emily & Lizzie Strieker

—*Daily Mass Ministry Schedule*—

**December 4-9:**  
Lector: Beth Young  
EMHC:  
Kathy Harman, Angela Lepper

**Fr. Leo's column continue**

As we look ahead, I want to remind everyone that the Quincy Notre Dame and Parochial Music Organization chorale concert will be held in St. Peter Church on Monday, December 11th, at 7:00 p.m. Please come and enjoy some very talented young men and women who will truly put us in the Christmas spirit. Our own Monica Scholz is the director and teacher of these very talented young people.

During this Season of Advent, I invite you to make the Sacrament of Reconciliation a part of your Advent practice. This sacrament helps us get our hearts and lives prepared for the coming of Christ.

For those who might be using an Advent wreath at home, I present to you a special blessing that you can use each week as you light the individual candles:

*Lord God, your Church joyfully awaits the coming of its Savior, who enlightens our hearts and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin.  
Pour forth your blessing upon us as we light the candles of this wreath; may their light reflect the splendor of Christ, who is Lord, for ever and ever. Amen.*


**ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:** A father and his 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?"  
*Magi. Leo J. Eulow*

WEEKLY COLLECTION		
	Nov. 26	Total to Date
Loose Collections	\$967.66	\$20,954.24
Weekly Envelopes	\$26,763.18	\$517,814.51
Annual School Fund	\$11,861.00	\$189,454.00
Holy Days		\$7,463.00
Christmas		\$50.00
Totals	\$39,591.84	\$735,735.75
Total Budget Goal	\$32,000.00	\$704,000.00
Difference	\$7,591.84	\$31,735.75

Diocesan Collections	
Haiti:	\$1,032.52
Cemetery:	\$261
Justice & Hope:	\$100

Haiti Sister Parish Collections	
Collected:	\$47,712.89
As of 11/26/2017	

Amt. Assessed	2017	\$139,489.00
Paid		\$ 47,794.79
		<b>Amt Due: \$ 91,694.21</b>

  
 244 Parishioners have contributed as of 11/22/17

# Parish in Action



## 2017 Giving Wreaths

Can you believe we are fast approaching Christmas. Where does the time go? Again, this year St. Peters will sponsor the Giving Wreath. This is a program that allows us at St Peters a way to help those in our community who are less fortunate. Several local organizations send the needs of their people. Each need is put on a tag and we put those tags out on tables in the Narthex.

This will happen **November 22 through December 3**. You can choose a tag(s) before or after church. The gifts are to be wrapped and returned to Church with the gift tag **securely taped** during the weekend of **December 9 and 10**. The local organizations will pick up their gifts on December 11, so NO gifts delivered after December 10. This will replace the Social Concerns 1st Sunday collection for December. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

ST. PETER SOCIAL CONCERNS

# CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE

**DECEMBER 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>**

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

BAKE A BATCH OF CHRISTMAS COOKIES  
FOR THIS SPECIAL FUNDRAISER

**Bring Cookies to Cafeteria on that SATURDAY, or SUNDAY before 9:30 Mass**

If you are willing to volunteer to work during the sale,  
Call: Sharon (217) 224-5169

Coffee and Cinnamon Rolls Will Be Available!

## Christmas Decorations

To make a donation (\$10.00) for Christmas poinsettias & decorations in memory of a loved one, please put money in a plain envelope labeled "Christmas Decorations" by Sunday, December 17, please include:

**A Donation for Christmas Decorations**

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_