



The Parish of St. Peter Quincy, IL

First Sunday of Advent, December 1, 2019

*~Mass Intentions~
December 2-8, 2019*

- 2. Monday 8:00 a.m.
Larry Meyer
- 3. Tuesday 8:00 a.m.
Jim Schlipmann
- 4. Wednesday 8:30am
Bob & Eileene
Anderson
- 5. Thursday 8:00 a.m.
Isabelle Daly
- 6. Friday 8:00 a.m.
Jeff Burgess
- 7. Saturday 8:00 a.m.
Gisella Uecker
- 7. Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Our Parish Family
- 8. Sunday 8:00 a.m.
Gary Myers
- 8. Sunday 9:30 a.m.
Wayne Bergman &
Charles Henry
- 8. Sunday 11:00 a.m.
Dr. Donald Dowler

— 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,

As we begin this new month of December, the Church begins also the season of Advent. According to the ordo, the liturgical handbook of the Church, "Advent has a two fold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight."

With the First Sunday of Advent, the Church also begins a new liturgical year. The readings for Sunday will be taken from the Cycle A of the three year cycle of readings. Most of our gospels will be taken from the Gospel of St. Matthew. Our weekday readings which have a two year cycle will be from Cycle II.

For those of you who use this time to help in your spiritual renewal, I present to you a visual aid which is called the Advent wreath. The use of the Advent wreath is a traditional practice which has found its place in the Church as well as the home. When it is used in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another member of the family. The blessing is as follows:

"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 blessings upon us as we light the candles of this wreath; may their light reflect the splendor of Christ, who is Lord, forever and ever. Amen

May the light of Christ lead you to the joy of His kingdom, now and forever. Amen"

Recovery time from my surgery is taking longer than I ever expected. But I suppose part of it is my age and perhaps too high of expectations. Needless to say, it has taken its toll on me physically and emotionally. This past week I started my therapy outside the home. I'm hoping and praying that getting out of the house will help change my attitude and I can begin to see recovery in sight. I want to thank all of you for your prayers, cards, love and support. You have been very good to me.

One of our many projects that we sponsor as a parish is what is called the Giving Wreath. We place in the narthex each year various tags which reflect the various needs of people in our area who need assistance at Christmas. These tags come from various agencies who serve the poor and needy in our community. And so I ask you to choose a tag before or after Church, in the narthex, purchase the item, and then return the gift with the tag secured on the package on the weekend of December 14-15th. This particular project reflects our stewardship and helps in concrete situations to make Christmas something real for some people. I thank you in advance for this giving wreath and your generosity.

Also, for those who have some time, you might consider helping our neighbors, Chaddock in their Santa Express. Please consult the bulletin for further details.

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**Next Meeting
"Reindeer Games"
Sunday, December 8, 2019
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Meet in the Martha Jane Room**

All 7th, 8th, & 9th graders & their friends welcome



**Saints Alive!
Let Me See Your Halo
December 8 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!

Area Events

Saturday, Dec. 7: St. Francis Holiday Bazaar, 9:00am-2:00pm. Free admission, great raffles, 50/50 cash, handmade quilts & main raffle - 2 \$100 cash winners, and multiple gift certificates from local businesses. Handmade crafts, vendors, homemade cookies & desserts in our famous Cookie Shoppe. Rolls, coffee, soup, sandwiches & chips available for purchase.

Sunday, Dec. 8: St. Anthony Pancake & Sausage Breakfast, 7:30am-Noon. Adults \$8, Children \$4 (under 5 free). Advanced meet orders: sausage, chops or ribs 3 lbs. \$12; 5 lbs. \$20; cooked links 5 lbs. (precooked weight) \$25. Call orders to 257-2108 through 5pm Nov. 30. No orders after that time.

Additional Reconciliation During Advent

The following are additional times for this week for Reconciliation during our Advent season.

December 2, 4, 6 (weekday evenings) - 5:00-6:30pm
December 7 (Saturday) - 7:30am-7:50am (regularly scheduled) and 3:00pm-4:30pm (move up regularly scheduled to 3:00pm)

Baptism Class - Monday, December 2nd

St. Peter will offer its next baptism class at 7:00 p.m. on Mon., December 2 in the Parish Office. Expectant parents welcome. Call the Parish Office for reservations at 222-3155.

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, it is NOT too late. Returning your card is an important part of being an active member of St. Peter. Please take this opportunity to discern how God is calling you to grow closer to Him this year.

Boy Scout Christmas Wreaths This Weekend

The Boy Scout Christmas Wreaths will be distributed this weekend, Nov. 30 & Dec. 1, after each Mass, in the cafeteria. If you ordered one, please pick it up after Mass.

QND Pom Pon Camp

The QND Pommers are hosting their Basketball Pom Camp and they want you to come perform with them at Halftime of the QND Basketball Game on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Camp is for girls in Pre-school (3yrs old)-8th grade. Campers will be performing routines divided up by age group at halftime. Check in begins at 5:30pm & camp goes from 5:45pm - til after halftime of the game. Varsity game starts at approx. 7:45 pm. Camp will be held in the QND Multipurpose Room. Cost is \$30, which includes a t-shirt, pizza, & admission into game. To GUARANTEE t-shirt size please register by Monday, Dec. 9th. Questions please contact coach Jennifer at qndpomcoaches@gmail.com.

Diocese Victim Assistance Coordinator

Pat Kornfeld, the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, can be reached at (217) 321-1155 or pkornfeld@dio.org.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

- ~Kristopher Schreacke
- ~Lilli Foster
- ~Mary Lou Morrow
- ~Sharon Zehnle
- ~Richard Lauer
- ~Betty C. Wiewel
- ~Kathy Schuckman
- ~Norma Johnson
- ~Charles Rakers
- ~Elias Erd
- ~Ian Mehaffy
- ~Isabella Benner
- ~Ray Peters
- ~Steve Sinnock
- ~Mike & Pat Creek
- ~Arlene Lansing
- ~Penny Norton
- ~Darin McCleary
- ~Mike Barton
- ~Steve Hull
- ~John Meyer
- ~Avery Cowick

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



The following CDs for Advent and the Christmas Season will be available in the Narthex from December 1st through January 5th:

- A Journey Through Advent Cycle A** by Fr. Robert Barron
 - Advent Rethinking the Season** by Dr. Tim Gray
 - Full of Grace, The Message of the Angel** by Vinny Flynn
 - Prepare the Way of the King, Making the Most of Advent** by Dr. Scott Hahn
 - God Made Man** by Fr. Shannon Collins
 - Angels Explained** by Dr. Mark Miravalle
 - The Mystery of Christmas** by Fr. Larry Richards
 - The True Meaning of Christmas** by Venerable Fulton J. Sheen
 - Discovering Mary** by Dr. Scott Hahn
- www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org promo code 104597

Adoration Chapel Hours

These are the available hours in the Adoration Chapel: Monday 3:00-4:00am, Tuesday 12:00am (midnight)-1:00am, 1:00-2:00am (alt. weeks), 2:00-3:00am, Friday 5:00-6:00pm (1, 3, 5 weeks), Sunday 2:00-3:00am. Please call Mary at 653-3127 or Gina at 257-9966. Chapel # is 214-0132.

Going Someplace Warmer for the Winter?

If you are going someplace warmer for the winter, please call the parish office at 222-3155 to give us the dates you will be gone. We get charged for any returned newsletters, contribution envelopes, or mailings.



Protecting God's Children Classes at Blessed Sacrament

The following Protecting God's Children sessions have been scheduled at Blessed Sacrament Parish, Quincy: Monday, January 27th, 6:00-9:00 pm
All sessions will be held in the Leo Amen Room (cafeteria) at Blessed Sacrament School. Access to the school is via the alley (South) side entrance. Please call 222-2759 (parish office) to register for any of these sessions.

Chaddock Outreach - Santa Express

Each year Chaddock collects and distributes hundreds of presents to the children they serve and their families. With so many items, they are in need of extra hands to catalog, sort and wrap gifts. All work will be done with Shawna Bunnell in the Osborn building at Chaddock. The work sessions are December 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 12, 17 and 19. You can sign up at the address below or contact Elizabeth Brown (217) 257-9085. Thank you! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090E4BABA728A31-chaddock>



Christmas Crazy Quarters Auction at St. Francis

Christmas Crazy Quarters Auction will be hosted by St. Francis Solanus School PTO. It will be Friday, December 13 at 6:00pm in the St. Francis Solanus Parish Hall. Doors open at 5:00. Vendors will be on site for Christmas shopping. There will be a delicious pulled pork sandwich, chips, and drink offered for \$5. Other snacks and drinks are available for purchase, or you may bring your own. Proceeds will go toward equipment, activities, and materials that benefit our school students. Questions about this may be directed to Mrs. Marsha Collins at mcollins@stfrancissolanus.com.

The School of St. Peter



Week of December 1, 2019

A Message from Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh

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

ST. PETER STUDENTS EXPRESS THEIR THANKS



One of the traditions that we have at St. Peter School is during the Children's Thanksgiving Mass. Students bring up a letter of thanks that they have written during the presentation of gifts. The letters are sent to someone special in the children's lives through regular mail. This tradition began during Fr. Bauer's first year as pastor of St. Peter. Each year the students look forward to writing and sending their letters of thanks.

IMMEDIATE OPENING AT ST. PETER SCHOOL



St. Peter School has an immediate opening for an assistant cook in our school cafeteria.. Applicants must have experience in batch cooking and preferred sanitization certification. 25 hours/week. Team player. Send resumes to: Evelyn Garrett at 2500 Maine St., Quincy, IL 62301.

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MENU

- Monday:** Cold cereal/milk, long john, hard boiled egg, peaches, orange/apple juice.
- Tuesday:** Cheese pizza, spinach salad, frozen fruit cup, cookie, salad bar for 3-8 grades.
- Wednesday:** Chicken nuggets, mashed tators/gravy, buttered sweat peas, pears, dinner roll.
- Thursday:** Pasta/meat sauce, Italian mixed veggies, pineapple tidbit, sherbet cup, bread stick.
- Friday:** Waffles/syrup, sausage link, hard boiled egg, fruit cocktail, orange/apple juice.

THIS WEEK

- Monday, Dec. 2: **Advent Prayer Service** held in Church at 1:05. Visitors welcome.
- Tuesday, Dec. 3: Crazy 8's Math Club, Chess Club.
- Wednesday, Dec. 4: **8:30 Children's Mass—8th grade leading; Kindergarten Christmas with Santa at QND 6:30-7:30 pm.**
- Thursday, Dec. 5: **6th grade DARE graduation** 2:00 p.m.
- Friday, Dec. 6: **St. Nicholas Day; Spirit Day; After School German Linqua Class** 3:00-4:00.

Be sure to check us out on FACEBOOK

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Mark Your Calendar

Mon. Dec. 2:

Tues. Dec. 3: Novena 8:30 a.m., Church
Chess Club 6:30 p.m., Maria Goretti Room
RCIA 7:00 p.m., Martha Jane Room

Wed. Dec. 4: PSR 6:15 p.m., School
Ladies Cursillo 7:00 p.m., Fr. Bauer Rm

Thurs. Dec. 5: Cribbage 1:00 p.m., Martha Jane Room

Fri. Dec. 6:

Sat. Dec. 7: Rosary 7:30 a.m., Church
Social Concerns Cookie Sales after Mass in Cafeteria

Sun. Dec. 8: Daycare 9:30 a.m., Maria Goretti Room
Liturgy of the Word 9:30 a.m. Mass, Martha Jane Room
Social Concerns Cookie Sales after Masses in Cafeteria

—*Mass Servers*—

Weekday Masses, December 2-7:
8:00 a.m. Monica Drotar, Elise Sedovic

Saturday Mass, December 7:
5:00 p.m. Ali Meyer, Grant & Andrea Lepper

Sunday Masses, December 8:
8:00 a.m. Nicholas & Jacob Gass
9:30 a.m. Ben & Katie Brown
11:00 a.m. Hayden Ware, Brody Jones

—*Daily Mass Ministry Schedule*—

December 2-7:
Lector: Rich Lavery
EMHC:
Mary Braehler, Martha Rapp

Fr. Leo's column continued

I also want to highlight that our St. Peter Social Concerns Committee will be sponsoring their annual cookie sale next weekend, December 7-8th. This means that we need many of our parishioners to make their special sweets so that we can sell them that weekend. The proceeds help in the work of this committee. Also, we will have our delicious cinnamon rolls that weekend, along with coffee and milk. Please plan on coming down to the cafeteria and be absorbed in the smells of the rolls and other sweets.

If you have not returned your stewardship commitment cards, you still have time to do so. Filling in your cards after prayerful consideration and returning them to the parish are ways to reflect your active involvement in our Church. There is no such thing as an anonymous Catholic. Each of you belongs to our parish and I pray that you respond as a way of showing your commitment to St. Peter Church.

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, December 8th, has been transferred to Monday, December 9th. Because of this, it is NOT A HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION. But it still celebrates the patron of our diocese as well as our country, Mary, under the title of the Immaculate Conception.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: A teacher was checking the children of the first grade as to how many had family devotions in their homes. One little girl put up her hand eagerly, but when the teacher asked her: "just what devotions do you have? What prayers do you say?"

The little one lowered her hand and also her eyes as she muttered, "I thought you said 'commotions.' We have commotions all the time."

Mary. Lisa J. Embury



WEEKLY COLLECTION		
	Nov. 24	Total to Date
Loose Collections	\$757.00	\$20,611.96
Regular Collections	\$23,830.89	\$589,067.73
Annual School Fund	\$2,997.00	\$183,926.46
Holy Days		\$7,773.05
Christmas	\$20.00	\$20.00
Totals	\$27,604.89	\$801,399.20
Total Budget Goal	\$32,000.00	\$704,000.00
Difference	(\$4,395.11)	\$97,399.20

Diocesan Collections

Justice & Hope: \$567
Cemetery: \$300
Catholic Charities: \$5

Haiti Sister Parish Collections

Collected: \$23,997
As of 11/24/2019

Parish in Action

2019 Giving Wreaths

Can you believe we are fast approaching Christmas. Where does the time go? Again, this year St. Peter's will sponsor the Giving Wreath. This is a program that allows us at St Peter's 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 28 through December 8**. 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 14 and 15**. The local organizations will pick up their gifts on December 16, so NO gifts delivered after December 15. 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 7th & 8th

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Bake a batch of Christmas cookies
for this special fundraiser

Bring Cookies to the Cafeteria on that **SATURDAY** or
SUNDAY before 9:30 a.m. Mass

If you are willing to volunteer to work the sale,
Call Sharon at (217) 224-5169
Coffee & Cinnamon Rolls Will Be Available!

Christmas Decorations (Please write legibly)

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 15, please include:

A Donation for Christmas Decorations

Given by: _____

In Memory of: _____