



# The Parish of St. Peter Quincy, IL

*Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 16, 2020*

*~Mass Intentions~  
February 17-23, 2020*

- 17. Monday 8:00 a.m.  
Jacqueline Taylor
- 18. Tuesday 8:00 a.m.  
Virginia Deters
- 19. Wednesday 8:30am  
Eugene Timpe
- 20. Thursday 8:00 a.m.  
Dr. John Nolan
- 21. Friday 8:00 a.m.  
Ann Anderson
- 22. Saturday 8:00 a.m.  
Wilma Wiewel
- 22. Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Ken Meyer
- 23. Sunday 8:00 a.m.  
Becky Schuering
- 23. Sunday 9:30 a.m.  
Dr. Robert Murphy
- 23. Sunday 11:00 a.m.  
Our Parish Family

*— 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 in our Church calendar we celebrate the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time. One of the gifts that God has given to each of us is our Free Will. This characteristic that we have comes from our being made in the image and likeness of God. We learned from our childhood that God is an infinite being, who has intelligence and free will. On a finite scale, we are the same. God freely chooses to love us, and it is always unconditional. We have the same choice in loving others or not loving others. Our first reading from the Book of Sirach enlightens us on this matter. The writer tells us that *“if you choose you can keep the commandments, they will save you; if you trust in God, you too shall live. Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him.”* As people made in the very image and likeness of God, let’s pray today that we choose life, keep His commandments, and choose to love our God as He loves us. If we do that, we truly will find life, and life abundantly.

Our gospel for this Sunday translates that choosing of life by how we live concretely the commandments in our lives. This gospel enlightens us about anger in our lives, lust in our hearts, and hypocrisy on our lips. The words of Jesus challenge us to choose life, following the commandments, and living these commandments in our lives. If we do so, then not only are we choosing life, but we are reflecting God’s very nature in our lives, using our intelligence to discover the lasting values found in our God, and then using our free will to embrace them. May each of us truly reflect in whose image we are made by our choices we make in life.

Last weekend, some of our parishioners encountered a four page, both sides, anti-Catholic document. Needless to say, the writer who was anonymous shows how cowardly he or she was in not putting down his or her name. Unfortunately some of our parishioners had to read such trash and I apologize for that. There are things we can control and other things we cannot and this is one of them. As a well known radio personality used to say and I say it in regard to this writer, “you cannot fix stupid.”

This weekend, in anticipation of Lent, I have purchased for any parishioner who would like it, a Lenten Book entitled, “Lenten Gospel Reflections,” by Bishop Robert Baron. If you would like to use this book to help your Lenten prayer and reflections, they are located in the narthex. It is first come, first served. I ask that only one will be taken per family in an effort to try to accommodate more parishioners.

A new young adult group is forming and we need the assistance of people who are post high school and single who are interested in forming a community as well as growing in their Catholic faith. Our first meeting will be on Ash Wednesday. The group is planning on attending the Ash Wednesday Mass here at St. Peter and then proceed over to Seton Hall for an introductory meeting. If interested, please call the rectory and leave a name and number to be reached. This group has formed as they see a greater need to keep our young adults connected to the Church and to each other. I ask your prayers that our response from our young people will be forthcoming and their interests will be present.

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**Next Meeting  
Minute to Win It  
Sunday, February 23, 2020  
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  
March 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!

*Rest in Peace*  
May the soul of  
**Virginia Newman**  
sing praises with the Angels in Heaven forever.

**Baptism**  
Rowan Francis Parker, son of Ryan & Katrina (Rodeffer) Parker, was made a child of God through the reception of the sacrament of Baptism on Saturday, February 8, 2020.

**Welcome!**  
Please welcome to our parish family **Luc & Melaina Chandou** and their children **Scarlett, Penelope & Theodore; Pamela Derhake; Bonnie Haubrich; Hilary Hoffman & Derek Wells; Aiden McDonnell; Bill & Elizabeth Nolan; Rory & Brenna O'Donnell** and their children **Rory & Scarlett; Kenneth & Kathleen Peter; and Beau & Tina Peterson** and their children **Addie, Gabe & Ev.**

**Social Concerns Meeting**  
Social Concerns will be meeting **Friday, February 21** at 8:30 a.m. in the Martha Jane Room. All are welcome!

**Area Events**  
**Saturday, Feb. 22:** St. Joseph 5th annual shrimp boil and fish fry, 5:00 p.m.; St. Joseph Church at 1435 E. 1500th St. (in the country/by Quincy Airport). All you can eat for \$15, 5-12 is \$5, 4 and under free. Shrimp, fish, andouille sausage, corn on the cob, fries, potatoes, corn dogs, onion rings & more. All are welcome!  
**Sunday, Feb. 23:** Quincy Knights of Columbus Chili Challenge, 3:00-6:00 p.m.; Knights of Columbus Main Clubhouse. Cash prize for the best chili! 50/50 drawing. Everyone welcome. All proceeds fund the K of C Coats for Kids Drive. For more information contact Chuck at 653-3863.  
**Wednesday, Feb. 26:** Troop 1/Pack 1 Scouts Ash Wednesday Fish Fry, 4:00-7:00 p.m.; Blessed Sacrament school cafeteria. Catfish fillet dinner \$9, walleye dinner \$8, kids mac & cheese dinner \$4. Dinners include potato salad, cole slaw, applesauce, bread, drink & dessert. Dine-in, drive-up or carry out.  
**Friday, Feb. 28:** St. Thomas Fish Fry, 4:00-7:00pm; St. Thomas Church, Camp Point. All you can eat. Fish, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Homemade Dessert. Free Will Offering. Handicap accessible. Hosted by Men & Women's Society.

**Quincy University Scholarship**  
Quincy University is offering a \$500 Diocesan Scholarship to incoming freshman and transfer students who are members of your parish. To receive this renewable scholarship, students must apply and be accepted to QU by March 15th and submit a letter from a parish official confirming membership. Questions? Email us at [admissions@quincy.edu](mailto:admissions@quincy.edu).

Please keep the following in your prayers:

~Kristopher Schreacke	~Elias Erd	
~Lilli Foster	~Ian Mehaffy	
~John Meyer	~Isabella Benner	
~Sharon Zehnle	~Ray Peters	~Penny Norton
~Richard Lauer	~Steve Sinnock	~Dee Burnham
~Betty C. Wiewel	~Mike Creek	~Ted Kemner
~Kathy Schuckman	~Arlene Lansing	~Steve Hull
~Norma Johnson	~Bill Parker	~Larry Phillips
~Charles Rakers	~Darin McCleary	~Avery Cowick

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



**CD of the Week**  
**SUFFERING & The Love of God** by Fr. Robert J. Spitzer, S. J., Ph.D.

Why would all-powerful, all-loving God allow suffering and evil in the world? As Fr. Spitzer explains, unsatisfying answers to this question are the #1 reason for atheism today. But by answering this question with logic and love (as well as scientific, peer-reviewed evidence for the existence of life after death), we can not only answer this question truthfully and satisfactorily, but also teach our fellow Christians how to suffer well, in preparation for the limitless love of God that awaits us in eternity.  
[www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org](http://www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org) promo code 104597

**Adoration Chapel Hours**  
These are the available hours in the Adoration Chapel:  
Tuesday 1:00-2:00am, 2:00-3:00am, 10:00-11:00am (1,3,5), 3:00-4:00pm, Wednesday 1:00-2:00am, 3:00-4:00am, Thursday 4:00-5:00am (1,3,5), Friday 4:00-5:00pm (alternate weeks), Saturday 7:00-8:00pm (alt. weeks). Please call Mary at 653-3127 or Gina at 257-9966. Chapel # is 214-0132.

**St. Peter Retired Employee Lunch**  
Retired and former employee luncheon will be held Thursday, February 20th, at 11:30am at Sprouts. RSVP by email to [glm1975@att.net](mailto:glm1975@att.net) or phone/text 217-653-7589.

**Protecting God's Children Classes at Blessed Sacrament**  
The following Protecting God's Children sessions have been scheduled at Blessed Sacrament Parish, Quincy:  
Monday, February 24th, 6:00-9:00 pm  
Monday, March 23rd, 6:00-9:00 pm  
Monday, April 20th, 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.

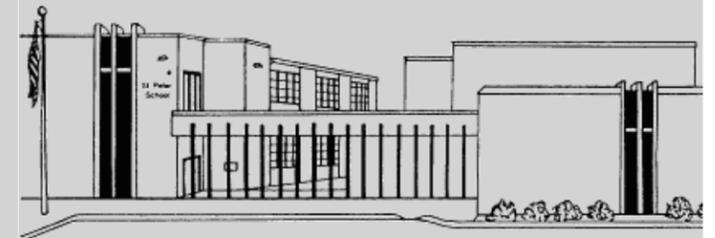
**QND Open House**  
Quincy Notre Dame High School will hold an Open House on Sunday, February 23, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., 1400 S. 11th Street, Quincy. Parents and students interested in attending QND are invited to this event.

Everyone is welcome to come for all or part of the afternoon. The first hour will be informational presentations and discussions in the cafeteria for the parents while the students visit with current QND students in a classroom. The second hour is open for tours of the school with teachers available in the classrooms. Families can explore on their own or be included in a QND student-guided tour.

The schedule for the QND Open House is as follows:  
1:00 p.m. - Welcome and overview with Principal Mark McDowell and QND students (QND Cafeteria)  
1:30 p.m. - "Ways to Make QND a Reality" presentation with question and answer session about financial assistance, completing the FACTS form, Gene Grawe Fund and more (QND Cafeteria)  
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Tour QND and meet teachers in their classrooms

For more information, please contact Mary Pat at 223-2479 ext. 326 or email [mvahlkamp@quincynotredame.org](mailto:mvahlkamp@quincynotredame.org).

# The School of St. Peter



*Week of February 16, 2020*  
**A Message from Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh**  
*"St. Peter School provides a quality education built on Catholic values and teachings."*

**TEACHING POSITIONS OPEN FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR**  
**St. Peter School** is seeking to hire a teacher. The ideal candidate should have an Illinois teaching license as well as an endorsement in science for the junior high level. Other responsibilities include teaching reading and religion to students. Applicants should send a cover letter, resume, and references to Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh, St. Peter School, 2500 Maine Street, Quincy, IL 62301 or [c.venvertloh@cospq.org](mailto:c.venvertloh@cospq.org). Please send by March 13th.  
**St. Francis School** will have an opening next year for a 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade math teacher. Additional responsibilities include teaching an 8<sup>th</sup> grade religion class, if the candidate is Catholic. The candidate should have an Illinois teaching license as well as an endorsement in math for the junior high level. Applicants should send a cover letter, resume, and references to Ms. Lori Shepard, St. Francis School, 1720 College Street, Quincy, IL 62301, or email [lshepard@stfrancissolanus.com](mailto:lshepard@stfrancissolanus.com). Please send information by March 13<sup>th</sup> if interested.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS—PRESCHOOL 2020-2021**  
2020-2021 Preschool Enrollment/Registration Night—February 27<sup>th</sup>—5:30 p.m. Parishioners and current school families should have received a letter providing additional information. Children must be either 3 or 4 by Sept. 1, 2020 to enroll in the program.

**ST PETER SCHOOL CHESS CLUB TOURNAMENT – FEBRUARY 29<sup>th</sup>**  
Our St. Peter School Chess Club is hosting a Chess Tournament on Saturday, February 29<sup>th</sup>. This tournament is open to children in Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade from all our Catholic Grade Schools. Games will be divided into different age groups depending upon the amount of students that register to participate. The Chess Tournament will be held in our school cafeteria. Registration will begin at 8:00 am with games beginning at 8:30 am. The cost is \$5.00 per child. Registration must be received by Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. If you need more information or have questions please contact Chris Gill at 217-228-3278 or [cgill@culver.edu](mailto:cgill@culver.edu).



**EMPOWER ILLINOIS TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIPS—PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING**  
Empower Illinois is committed to empowering schools in their local fundraising and donor base development. Matching gift challenges spark involvement and typically result in extremely successful school-based fundraising. John & Kathy Schreiber have generously committed to renewing their Tax Credit Scholarship gift to St. Peter School. To help their donation have the broadest impact possible, this year's gift is structured in the form of a 1-to-1 matching gift program.  
**HOW IT WORKS**  
For every \$1 St. Peter school raises for Tax Credit Scholarships through Empower Illinois, John & Kathy Schreiber will also donate \$1. Through the school's fundraising and the 1-to-1 match, each school will have opportunity to double their available dollars. This year's matching gift challenge promotes local fundraising by asking each school to raise half of last year's total donation. For example, if you received \$50,000 last year, you can unlock up to \$25,000 this year by raising \$25,000, for a total of \$50,000. The program will end when all matching funds have been depleted or on April 1, 2020, whichever comes first. If you are interested in donating to the cause please do so at [empowerillinois.com](http://empowerillinois.com).

**MENU**  
**Monday:** No School.  
**Tuesday:** Cheese burger/bun, potato wedges, buttered corn, pears, cookie.  
**Wednesday:** Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes/gravy, California veggies, peaches, dinner roll.  
**Thursday:** Tomato soup, crackers, grilled cheese sandwich, veggie boat, Fritos, berry cup, cookie.  
**Friday:** French toast, syrup, sausage link, smiley fries, Go-gurt, warm cinnamon apples.

**THIS WEEK**  
Monday, Feb. 17: **NO SCHOOL—President's Day.**  
Tuesday, Feb. 18: **Chess Club** meeting 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, Feb. 19: **8:30 Children's Mass—Kindergarten** leading.  
Thursday, Feb. 20:  
Friday, Feb. 21:

**ST. PETER SCHOOL WINTER WONDERLAND BALL IS RESCHEDULED FOR MARCH 27**

Be sure to check us out on **FACEBOOK**

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**Mark Your Calendar**

**Mon. Feb. 17:**

**Tues. Feb. 18:** Novena 8:30 a.m., Church  
Ladies Bible Study 9:00 a.m., Martha Jane Room  
Haiti Meeting 6:00 p.m., Fr. Bauer Room  
Chess Club 6:30 p.m., Maria Goretti Room  
RCIA 7:00 p.m., Martha Jane Room

**Wed. Feb. 19:** PSR 6:15 p.m., School  
Ladies Cursillo 7:00 p.m., Fr. Bauer Room

**Thurs. Feb. 20:** Cribbage 1:00 p.m., Martha Jane Room

**Fri. Feb. 21:** Social Concerns Meeting 8:30 a.m., Martha Jane Room

**Sat. Feb. 22:** Rosary 7:30 a.m., Church

**Sun. Feb. 23:** Daycare 9:30 a.m., Maria Goretti Room  
Liturgy of the Word 9:30 a.m. Mass, Martha Jane Room  
FOUND 6:30 p.m., Martha Jane Room

—*Mass Servers*—

**Weekday Masses, February 17-22:**  
8:00 a.m. Marah & Conner Becks

**Saturday Mass, February 22:**  
5:00 p.m. Rachel Foust, Hun Family

**Sunday Masses, February 23:**  
8:00 a.m. Monica Drotar, Rohan Dighe  
9:30 a.m. Kaitlyn & Rowan Stegeman  
11:00 a.m. Katie & Ben Brown

—*Daily Mass Ministry Schedule*—

**February 17-22:**  
**Lector:** Jane Drechsler  
**EMHC:**  
Martha Rapp, Kathy Harman

**Fr. Leo's column continued**

I've been told that St. Peter parish used to have a type of Valentine's Dance for the couples of our parish. Instead, our warm and welcoming committee are sponsoring a Mardi Gras Party in St. Peter School Gym on Saturday, Feb. 22, from 7:00-11:00 p.m. Please consult the bulletin for what to bring as far as appetizer and drinks and how to make reservations. However, walk ins are welcome. The cost is \$5 per person which is quite reasonable considering our music is by the Silver Bullets. In anticipation of this group, the QND jazz band will entertain from 7:00-8:00 p.m. So please join us as we prepare for Lent with this last party.

Our Men's Group on Thursday nights and Friday mornings will start this next week in the St. Peter Gym. The Thursday night program runs from 8:00-9:00 p.m. and the Friday morning program runs from 6:30-7:30 a.m. Both programs will be with Bishop Barron as we journey in the Lenten season.

**ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:** Subject is prayer. Some people are very proud of the fact that they don't pray, others are proud of the fact that they do pray. One family who had visitors coming to lunch wanted to show-off to their visitors how well they had brought up their children and how well their children prayed.

So when it came to lunch, they said to their daughter, Emily, "Emily, why don't you pray?" Emily looked rather embarrassed and she said, "I can't." So her mother just whispered to her, "Emily, just say what Daddy said at breakfast."

So she shut her eyes and said, "O God (pause) why do we have to have these awful people over for lunch today?"

Sign outside of Church:  
"Tweet others as you want to be tweeted."  
*Magi. Leo J. Eulow*



WEEKLY COLLECTION		
	Feb. 9	Total to Date
Loose Collections	\$900.50	\$33,414.92
Regular Collections	\$14,912.14	\$918,840.12
Annual School Fund	\$3,719.00	\$365,334.46
Holy Days		\$12,385.05
Christmas		\$39,810.36
Totals	\$19,531.64	\$1,369,784.41
Total Budget Goal	\$32,000.00	\$1,056,000.00
Difference	(\$12,468.36)	\$313,784.41

**Diocesan Collections**

**Haiti Sister Parish Collections**  
Collected: \$44,063.70  
As of 2/9/2020

Amt. Assessed  
2019 \$158,734.00  
Paid \$ 58,065.00  
Amt Due: \$ 100,669.00

243 Parishioners have contributed as of 1/29/20



# Parish in Action

**A Time to Mourn – A Time to Heal**

Are you struggling with the loss of a loved one? Need someone to talk to? We will be offering the 4-week "Grief Support" series for anyone in the Community who has experienced the death of a loved one.

It will be held at the St. Peter Parish Office at 2600 Maine on Monday evenings from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in March (March 2, 9, 16, 23). The sessions include scripture, videos, worksheets, and suggested reading material and discussions dealing with loss. For more information or to sign up for the session please contact Kathy in the Parish Office at 222-3155.



**Marriage Enrichment Gatherings**

Marriage Enrichment committee will hold six gatherings every other Sunday from 5:30 – 7:00pm from March 8 - May 17. This is for any married couple of any marriage length who wishes to strengthen their marriage. Daycare will be provided. The initial event on March 8 will include a meal for the adults with snacks for the kids. For future sessions, a side dish to share may be requested depending on input from the participants. Come check it out! More information to follow. Please contact the parish office for reservations which are requested but not required.

Warm & Welcome committee presents...



**St. Peter Parish**  
**Mardi Gras!**  
**Party**

*Music by: The Silver Bullets*  
*Opening band of QND Jazz Band 7-8p.m.*

**February 22, 2020**  
**7 p.m. to 11 p.m.**

BYOB  
Also Please  
Bring a Heavy  
Appetizer  
to Share

Walk ins  
Welcome!  
Dancing

50/50 Drawing  
Party Favors  
King Cake

St. Peter School Gym  
**5.00 per Person**

Reservations to Lyn at (217) 316-4590 (voicemail or text)  
or email at l.strieker@cospq.org

Open to All Adults only

**Haiti Sister Parish News**

The Sister Parish Committee is again collecting items for shipment to Haiti this spring and needs your help to make this drive a success. The following items are requested:

**February 22, 23 - Children's underwear and socks**

Please drop off your donated items in the boxes in the narthex.

If you have any questions, contact Marilena Frier at 217-408-2904. Thank you for your continued support of Our Lady of the Assumption Parish.

**Men's Group Spring Program**

The Men's Group will be starting its spring program on February 20th and 21st in the St. Peter gym. The DVD program material will be with Bishop Barron as we journey in our Lenten season.

There are two options to participate in the program. The Thursday night program runs 8 PM to 9 PM starting February 20th and Friday mornings program starting February 21st with - Doors open at 6:00 AM, program starting around 6:30 and finishing before 7:30AM. Please join us in fellowship and faith.

If you are interested in helping with planning or assisting with the program please contact Doug Greenwell (217-242-4518) or Mark Strieker (217-316-0080).

