



The Parish of St. Peter Quincy, IL

~Mass Intentions~

February 22-28, 2021

- 22. Monday 8:00 a.m.
Richard Lauer
- 22. Monday 6:30 p.m.
Marilyn Hunter
- 23. Tuesday 8:00 a.m.
Becky Schuering
- 23. Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
Raymond & Judy Leonard
- 24. Wednesday 8:30 a.m.
Mandi Dickerman
- 24. Wednesday 6:30 p.m.
Richard Scholz
- 25. Thursday 8:30 a.m.
Don Christ
- 25. Thursday 6:30 p.m.
Jim Brinkman
- 26. Friday 8:00 a.m.
George Boudreau
- 26. Friday 6:30 p.m.
Mike Flynn
- 27. Saturday 8:00 a.m.
Wilfred Kaltenbach
- 27. Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Viola & Raymond Deters
- 28. Sunday 8:00 a.m.
Loren Tournear
- 28. Sunday 9:30 a.m.
George Caspermeyer
- 28. Sunday 11:00 a.m.
Our Parish Family

— Mass Schedule —

Monday-Saturday

8:00 a.m.

Wednesday 8:30 a.m.

Thursday 8:30 a.m. (during
Covid—2nd School Mass)

By Reservation Only:

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

By Reservation Only:

Sunday 8:00 a.m.,
9:30 a.m., & 11:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30-4:30 p.m.

First Sunday of Lent, February 21, 2021

Dear Parishioners,

We gather this weekend to celebrate the First Sunday in our season of Lent. Lent is that time before Easter that we prepare for Baptism of our catechumens. But for those who already have been baptized Lent is an invitation to look within ourselves to see if we truly have been living our baptismal promises, thus seeking God's forgiveness in preparation for renewing these promises again at Easter. And so the Church gives us the reading from Genesis concerning Noah and the flood. The waters of the flood are to symbolize our baptisms, and the covenant made by Noah with God, is the symbol of the New Covenant established by the death and resurrection of Jesus. Peter, in our second reading, tells us that Noah and the flood "prefigured baptism, which saves you now. It is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God." In spite of that saving grace, our gospel also lets us know that we will always be plagued by temptations in life. Even Jesus Himself was "led into the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan." Putting these readings together, I think the Church is suggesting using these days of Lent to look inward at our lives, to see where we are tempted, to use prayer, almsgiving, and fasting, as ways of overcoming these daily temptations so that we can reaffirm our faith in our baptism renewal of our promises so that we truly can share in the new life of Christ.

I'd like to share the following as food for thought this Lent. It's a poem whose author is unknown. "I asked God to take away my pride" and God said, "No." He said "it was not for Him to take away but for me to give up." "I asked God to make my handicapped child whole" and God said, "No." He said, "her spirit is whole, her body is only temporary." "I asked God to grant me patience," and God said "No." He said "patience is a byproduct of tribulation. It isn't granted, it is earned." "I asked God to give me happiness," and God said "No." He said "He gives blessings; happiness is up to me." "I asked God to spare my pain and God said, "No." He said "suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and brings you closer to me." "I asked God to help me love others as much as He loves me," and God said, "Ah, finally, you have the idea." Some just food for thought.

Just a reminder that we will be having an additional Mass each weeknight of Lent at 6:30 p.m. This will provide people an opportunity to celebrate the Eucharist without a lot of people in attendance. Plus those in attendance will be able to social distance themselves from each other as they return to celebrating the Eucharist. Also, since the Sacrament of Reconciliation has a special role in our Lenten devotion and practices, we will be offering this sacrament each weeknight before the 6:30 p.m. Mass, from 5:45-6:15 p.m. These will be special times for this sacrament apart from Saturday morning and afternoon.

Rice Bowls are available in the narthex. It's a great opportunity to have them on our tables and to pray for the poor before we eat our meals. Through our fasting, the money saved can be put into the rice bowl and collected later.

FOUND

Next Meeting

FOUND

To Be Determined

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Drop Off & Pick Up at Cafeteria Doors

Wear a mask and social distance.

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



Saints Alive!
Let Me See Your Halo
To Be Announced
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
Theodore Ambrose O'Neill, son of **Timothy & Julia (Liesen) O'Neill**, was made a child of God through the reception of the sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, February 14, 2021.

Lenten Evening Masses
 We are having the 6:30 p.m. evening Masses Monday through Friday during Lent. There will also be confessions at 5:45 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. each of those days before Mass.

Educational Evenings During Lent
 On Thursdays during Lent, we will be having videos followed by a questions & answer session on sacraments after the 6:30 p.m. evening Masses.

Lenten Adoration
 We will be having Lenten Adoration in church on the Sundays in Lent from Noon to 6:00 p.m. through March 28. You can sign up online at the following:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0C4DA9A822A02-eucharistic>

Mass Sign Ups
 On weekend Masses, there will be 175 online sign ups and 25 sign ups available in the narthex for each Mass. We will resume with our regular Mass schedule. You can find the sign up on our website www.cospq.org. We will try to have this available on Wednesdays by noon.
 There will not be sign ups for the daily morning Masses and they will resume with the regular scheduled times.

Men's Group
 The Men's Group will be starting its spring program on Friday, February 26th. The program material is titled "The Search". This is an exciting and impactful program. 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 have questions you can contact Doug Greenwell or Mark Strieker. It will run 7 weeks (skipping Good Friday).

St. Veronica Guild
 The St. Veronica Guild will meet **Thursday, Feb. 25** in the Lower Level of the rectory at 1:00 p.m., making prayer shawls & blankets for those who need to feel the love of Jesus in a time of need. All are welcome, please join us!

Cafeteria Head Cook for St. Peter School
 St. Peter School is looking for a head cook for the school cafeteria working 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, on school days. Please call Kristi at 222-3155.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

~Kristopher Schreacke	~Elias Erd		
~Lilli Foster	~Ian Mehaffy		
~John Meyer	~Isabella Benner		
~Mary Talken	~Steve Hull		
~Sharon Zehnle	~Alden Shipp		~Lorna Shade
~Barb Duesterhaus	~Steve Sinnock		~Mike Creek
~Penny Norton	~Theresa Althoff		~Ted Kemner
~Kathy Schuckman	~Arlene Lansing		~Amy Seibert
~Norma Johnson	~Howard Buckley		~Julia Maas
~Dorothy Davis	~Chris Bockius		~Jack Terford
~Avery Cowick	~Larry Phillips		~Anonymous
~Michelle Houston	~Valerie Ortbal		
~Cal Noelke	~Joe Sanders		

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

Welcome!
 Please welcome to our parish family **Bradley Smith!**

Marriage Enrichment Meetings
 The Marriage Enrichment group will begin meeting once again. The pandemic has highlighted the importance of having a strong marriage, and perhaps revealed some areas that need strengthening in our relationships. Please make plans to join us Sunday evenings from 5:30-7:00 p.m. March 14, March 21, April 11 & April 25 in the cafeteria. We will follow the COVID guidelines in place at that time. If you are interested in joining us please call the Parish Office at 222-3155. If you have any questions, please contact one of the committee members: Marty & Laurie 217-617-9062, Lori & Joe 618-509-1140 or Betty & George 217-653-3003. We look forward to seeing you.

Looking for a Tax Credit?
 Are you looking for a tax credit for this year? Please consider Empower Illinois Scholarship Program. Donations to this program are eligible for a 75% state tax credit.
 A donor is sponsoring our school with a 1:1 matching gift program for donations raised toward this tax credit scholarships. For every \$1 our school raises for Empower Illinois Scholarship Program, the donor will donate \$1. The donation to our school will be capped at \$15,000.00. This matching gift program begins on Monday, February 1, 2021 and ends when all matching funds are depleted or on March 31, 2021, whichever comes first. For more information call Kristi at the parish office at 222-3155.

Soup and a Smile
 A new ministry group is looking for volunteers to bring "Soup and a Smile" to some of our parishioners. Interested individuals would simply contact a parishioner (or two), make a pot of soup, and then deliver the soup once or twice a month! We hope to reach out to homebound parishioners and those recovering from an illness, surgery, or birth of a new baby.
 If you know someone who would benefit from this great ministry or if you are interested in joining us, please text or call, Carol Rolves 217-257-5851 or Kathy Schwartz 217-779-2824.

Usher Schedule
 Because of Covid, we have added the usher's list to be online on Signup Genius. You can sign up using the following link or call the parish office at 222-3155.
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0c4da9a822a02-20201>

St. Anthony/St. Dominic Drive-Through Only Fish Fries
 St. Dominic School March 5, & 19
 St. Anthony: Feb. 26, March 12 & 26
 Catfish Filet Plate \$10.00
 Walleye Plate \$10.00
 Both plates include 4 sides and a homemade dessert.
 Sides: Mac-n-cheese, baked beans, American potato salad, coleslaw (while supplies last).

St. Thomas Church Fish Fry
 St. Thomas Church, in Camp Point, Men & Women's Society is having a drive-thru fish fry on Friday, Feb. 26th 4:30-7:00pm. Menu: catfish, potato salad, coleslaw, baked beans, bread & dessert. \$10/meal.

The School of St. Peter



Week of February 21, 2021
A Message from Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh
 "St. Peter School provides a quality education built on Catholic values and teachings."

CELEBRATING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2021
 (Over the next few weeks photos of Catholic Schools Week will be shared.)



Immediate Opening at St. Peter School Head Cook Position

St. Peter School is accepting applications/resumes for a head cook. Requirements for the job include: experience with cooking for large groups & must have a dietary background. Our kitchen crew is fantastic and will work with our new person to help adjust to the daily routine of school lunches. Please send resumes to Cindy Venvertloh at c.venvertloh@cospq.org or 2500 Maine Street, Quincy, IL 62301.

EMPOWER ILLINOIS—INVEST IN KIDS

Student demand for Illinois' tax credit scholarship is at an all-time high. This school year, 481 students in 30 schools across the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois received a scholarship to attend Catholic school thanks to \$1,485,527 in generous donations.

The tax credit scholarship program, part of Illinois' Invest in Kids Act, is a win-win-win. The first win is for the students, who despite financial hardships, can now attend Catholic schools, be surrounded by positive and holy values, and receive a higher academic experience. The second win is for the schools, who now have these students in their classrooms. The third win is for donors, who receive a 75% state income credit on their donation.

Now, an additional win is available for 12 schools in our diocese thanks to a Catholic couple in Chicago, who have generously committed to match dollar for dollar what is donated to these schools through Empower Illinois up to \$15,000 per school! Donors must get their donation in by March 31.

The 12 schools are:

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| 1. Quincy Notre Dame High School (Quincy) | 7. St. Patrick (Decatur) |
| 2. St. Peter (Quincy) | 8. Sacred Heart Griffin High School |
| 3. Routt High School (Jacksonville) | 9. Blessed Sacrament (Springfield) |
| 4. St. Patrick (Springfield) | 10. St. Ambrose (Godfrey) |
| 5. St. Francis/Holy Ghost (Jerseyville) | 11. St. Peter & Paul (Collinsville) |
| 6. Our Lady of Lourdes (Decatur) | 12. St. Mary (Taylorville) |

MENU
Monday: Sloppy George/bun, tater tots, mandarin oranges, carrot/celery w/dip.
Tuesday: Swiss steak, mashed potatoes w/gravy, California veggies, pineapple tidbits, dinner roll.
Wednesday: Meatball sub w/cheese, baked chips, veggie boat w/dip, diced peaches.
Thursday: Chicken strip basket, French fries, mixed veggies, bosco cheese stick, banana slices.
Friday: Scrambled egg w/cheese, 1/2 long john, frozen fruit cup, Razzy juice.

WHAT IS HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

Monday, Feb. 22: All 2021-2022 preschool enrollment forms/fees due to the school office.

Tuesday, Feb. 23:

Wednesday, Feb. 24: **8:30 Children's Mass** gr. 7 & 8 attend.

Thursday, Feb. 25: **8:30 Children's Mass** gr. 3 & 6 attend.

Friday, Feb. 26:

Sunday, Feb. 28: **Confirmation retreat** for 8th grade students from 1:00-4:30 p.m. in St. Peter gym.

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

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Mark Your Calendar

Mon. Feb. 22: Mass 6:30 p.m., Church
Tues. Feb. 23: Novena 8:30 a.m., Church
 Mass 6:30 p.m., Church
 RCIA 7:00 p.m., Martha Jane Room
Wed. Feb. 24: PSR 6:15 p.m., School
 Mass 6:30 p.m., Church
Thurs. Feb. 25: St. Veronica's Guild 1:00 p.m., Lower Level
 Conf. Room
 Mass 6:30 p.m., Church
 Educational Evenings 7:00 p.m., Church
Fri. Feb. 26: Mass 6:30 p.m., Church
Sat. Feb. 27: Rosary 7:30 a.m., Church
Sun. Feb. 28: Lenten Adoration Noon - 6:00 p.m., Church
 8th Grade Confirmation Retreat 12:30 p.m., Gym

—Masses—

**Sign up Required for Weekend Masses
 Starts Wednesdays at Noon**

No Sign up required for Daily Masses

—Mass Servers—

**Not Assigned At This Time but can
 Signup Online for Weekends**

—Daily Mass Ministry Schedule—

Not Assigned At This Time

Parish in Action

Lenten Regulations

The season of Lent begins this year on Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021 and ends just prior to the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, April 1, 2021, when the Paschal Triduum begins. Lent is the principal penitential season in the Church year. All the Christian faithful are urged to develop and maintain a voluntary program of self-denial (in addition to the Lenten regulations which follow), serious prayer and the performing of deeds of charity and mercy, including the giving of alms.

LENTEN REGULATIONS – Please share with your parishioners the following Lenten regulations:

- 1. ABSTINENCE** – Everyone 14 years of age and over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
- 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 milk and fruit juices) are allowed.
- 3. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.**

May this holy season be a time of spiritual renewal for each of us!

Fr. Leo's column continued....

Fr. Delix Michel, our priest from Haiti, came by to visit with me several weeks ago. He was here for a medical checkup and thankfully he is doing okay. Please keep him in your prayers. We also are participating in the grant established by the Parish Twinning Program in which our money given to our sister parish will be doubled by this program toward the purchase of food. This is a great opportunity to help us feed our sister parishes. Through the maximum contribution of \$2000 we are able to provide over \$4,000 worth of food to feed our sisters and brothers in our parishes in Haiti. This is quite a gift and I continue to thank each of you for supporting our brothers and sisters in Haiti.

I remind you about our Eucharistic Adoration to take place each Sunday of Lent from 12:00 Noon to 6:00 p.m. Come and pray before the Blessed Sacrament. We will have sign ups only to make sure that each hour is covered. But for the rest of our parishioners, you make come and go as you wish. I encourage you to make an hour in prayer each Sunday, thanking God for His blessings and graces.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: Two parishioners were chatting on the front steps of Church after a Mass when the homilist pointed out some evils in the world. Said the first fellow: "You know, sometimes I feel like asking God why He allows so much poverty, hunger, and injustice. Surely He could do something about it." Second fellow: "Well, why don't you ask Him?" First Fellow: "Cus I'm afraid God would ask me the same question."

Msgr. Leo J. Eulow



WEEKLY COLLECTION		
	February 14	Total to Date
Loose Collections	\$245.25	\$13,881.58
Regular Collections	\$45,123.50	\$1,016,678.42
Annual School Fund	\$13,485.50	\$254,885.12
Holy Days	\$0.00	\$33,432.00
Totals	\$58,854.25	\$1,318,877.12
Total Budget Goal	\$32,000.00	\$1,056,000.00
Difference	\$26,854.25	\$262,877.12

Diocesan Collections

Catholic Times: \$35.00
 First Offering: \$5.00
 Eastern Europe: \$150.00

Haiti Sister Parish Collections

Collected: \$1,528.00

Rice Bowls

What is CRS Rice Bowl? CRS Rice Bowl is a Catholic Relief Services' Lenten faith-in-action program. It offers opportunities for your family to engage daily with the spiritual pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. And it's an opportunity for our parish/school to come together as a community and practice the works of mercy with our neighbors and our brothers and sisters around the world. Please pick up your families Rice Bowl and join thousands of other Catholic communities across the United States, in this lifechanging Lenten journey. Bowls will be collected April 10 & 11 – the weekend after Easter. You can return the money in an envelope, with your name on it, and mark it Rice Bowl. If you return the rice bowl itself, please add your name on it and tape it closed.



Protecting God's Children Online

During the current state of Covid-19, Protecting God's Children can be completed ONLINE or in person. This is a ONE TIME certification.

Who needs to participate? Anyone age 18 years or older who volunteers or is involved in a ministry. This includes Ushers, Lectors, Greeters, Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion, PSR teachers and volunteers and any St. Peter school parent that volunteers in the classroom, library, cafeteria, or drives for a field trip and other various ministries.

Contact Gina Bergman at g.bergman@cosp.org for more information.

A Prayer for Protection In Time Of Pandemic



O Mary, you always brighten our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain while remaining steadfast in faith.

O loving Mother, you know what we need, and we are confident you will provide for us as at Cana in Galilee. Intercede for us with your Son Jesus, the Divine Physician, for those who have fallen ill, for those who are vulnerable, and for those who have died. Intercede also for those charged with protecting the health and safety of others and for those who are tending to the sick and seeing a cure.

Help us, O Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who took upon himself our suffering and carried our sorrows, so as to lead us, through the Cross, to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.