

The Parish of St. Peter Quincy, IL

Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 25, 2021

~Mass Intentions~ April 26-May 2, 2021

26. Monday 8:00 a.m.
Dorothy Olps
27. Tuesday 8:00 a.m.
Edgar & Virginia Newman

28. Wednesday 8:30 a.m. Mildred Simms

29. Thursday 8:30 a.m. John Franklin

30. Friday 8:00 a.m. Anita Lavery

1. Saturday 8:00 a.m. George Caspermeyer

1. Saturday 5:00 p.m. Evelyn Lawrence

2. Sunday 8:00 a.m.
Rita Terford

2. Sunday 9:30 a.m.
Our Parish Family

2. Sunday 11:00 a.m. Paul Poore

— Mass Schedule — Monday-Saturday 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday 8:30 a.m.
Thursday 8:30 a.m. (during Covid—2nd School Mass)
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 a.m. 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Dear Parishioners.

After experiencing some snow in the middle of April, hopefully our weather has finally got this out of its system. Maybe now Spring will finally take root and we will be enjoying some great weather. But living in the Midwest, we never take anything for certain as it can change as quickly as it comes.

This weekend, we celebrate the Fourth Sunday in our season of Easter. Of all weekends, this particular one could be called "Good Shepherd Sunday." Jesus says in our gospel for this weekend, "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me. And I will lay down my life for the sheep." Of all the differing metaphors that describe Jesus, this one seems to be a most reassuring one. The shepherd was responsible for the sheep, in fact, he invested himself totally in the care of the sheep. He didn't have dogs to drive them, but instead he would lead them to water and pasture land, walking ahead and reassuring them of his protection with his particular yodel, whistle, and sing song. He kept them together, searching for any strays, and protected them from all danger, giving of his very life in defense of them. With what we experienced with Jesus' life, passion, and death, we find Jesus truly being that good shepherd who did lay down His life to protect us, the sheep. May Jesus the Good Shepherd, always provide us with the image of a God who loves, cares, forgives, and searches in order to lead us to the ultimate pasture called eternal life.

The Latin word for "shepherd" is translated as pastor. The pastor of the parish is assigned by the Bishop to a Church, to a people, to a sheep, to lead them, protect them, and keep them from harm. A true shepherd is invested and dedicated to a parish family. I only hope and pray that each of you will keep in your prayers the shepherds of our Church, who with the grace of God, try their best with all their flaws, to be a image of Christ, the Good Shepherd.

Also, on this Good Shepherd Sunday, I ask our parishioners to pray that God will move more young men to consider the vocation as a priest. In order for the Church to continue the Sacraments, in order for the Church to continue to fulfill its mission as Church, we do need more men to consider the role of a priest in their lives. So I ask our families to pray, and to pray, and perhaps even to discuss with the young boys of our parish families to consider the call of Jesus in their lives as a priest. Vocations to the priesthood begin in the homes, are inspired by parents and grandparents, and are truly recognized in and through prayer. May God help us all.

The next two Sundays, I will have the privilege of celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation for our 8th grade students at Masses at one o'clock. I ask you to keep our young people in your prayers as the Holy Spirit will enter their lives in a very profound way and assist them in being witnesses to their faith.

"Everybody Wins Mega Raffle" tickets will be sold once again after all of our Masses in the narthex. Please consider purchasing a ticket as a way of supporting the mission of St. Peter Church as it provides for the educational mission for our young people. Plus you can't win if you haven't purchased a ticket. F O U N

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Next Meeting FOUND TBD - This Fall 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Drop Off & Pick Up at Cafeteria Doors





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!

Baptisms

Isla Frances Costigan, daughter of Michael & Megan (Buckley) Costigan, and Carter Louis Rakers, son of Brennan & Michaela (Treutel) Rakers, were made children of God through the reception of the sacrament of Baptism on Saturday, April 17, 2021.



Rice Bowls

Rice Bowls are being collected. You can return the money in an envelope, with your name on it, and mark it Rice Bowl. The envelope can be placed in the collection. If you return the rice bowl itself, please add your name on it and tape it closed and take it in church in front of the altar.

Social Concerns Collection

Social Concerns will be collecting hamburger helper, pasta and pasta sauce with meat, canned fruit, cereal next weekend. May 1-2 for the 1st Sunday collection for the Ladies of Charity. Containers will be located in the Narthex. Thank you in advance!

Calling All Foster Parents

Calling all current and former foster parents: Our parish, in partnership with Chaddock, would love to connect with you to learn about your journey and needs while fostering to best serve you and others within the Catholic Church. We have a few questions we would email you which you could answer when convenient. Please call/text Cathy Gill at 217-740-7094 or email at cahasens@hotmail.com to participate. Thank you.

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. 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.

Sewing Machine Wanted for School Sewing Class

The school is looking for a donation of a sewing machine to be used for a school elective sewing class. It needs to be in good working order. Please call Evelyn at 217-214-0163 if you have one to donate.

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~Alden Shipp

~Isabella Benner

~Sharon Zehnle

Please keep the following in your prayers:

- ~Kristopher Schreacke ~Elias Erd
- ~Lilli Foster ~John Meyer
- ~Mary Talken
- ~Al Mitten
- ~Barb Duesterhaus ~Penny Norton
- ~Kathy Schuckman
- ~Howard & Jo Buckley
- ~Dorothy Davis
- ~Michelle Houston
- ~Rose Hockgraver ~Cal Noelke
- ~Steve Sinnock ~Mike Creek ~Theresa Althoff ~Ted Kemner ~Amy Seibert ~Arlene Lansing ~Julia Maas ~Norma Johnson ~Jack Terford

~Lucy Miller

~Steve Hull

- ~Chris Bockius ~Anonymous
- ~Valerie Ortbal ~Larry Phillips ~Joe Sanders ~Avery Cowick

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

PSR Teacher Sought

Our children are our greatest gift from God. Parents are the first and foremost teachers for our faith to their children. Our PSR teachers are a valuable part to help in the additional teaching of our young people.

I am personally asking for someone to step up to this wonderful opportunity to help as one of our PSR teachers. PSR meets on Wednesday nights from 6:15 pm to 7:30 pm. Please think and pray about helping or ask one of our teachers their rewards they have experienced on their own journey.

You need to have a desire to help teach our Catholic faith to our children. Materials are provided and compensation is paid.

Please reach out to me with any questions. Thank you for your consideration.

Gina Wolf, PSR Coordinator, 217-257-9966 or 217-224-3070.

Protecting God's Children Class

The following Protecting God's Children sessions have been scheduled at Blessed Sacrament parish, Quincy:

Monday, May 17th, 6-9 pm. All sessions will be held in the Leo Amen Room (school cafeteria) of Blessed Sacrament School, 1117 S. 7th Street. Access to the school is via the alley (South) side entrance. Due to COVID 19 restrictions and safeguards it is absolutely necessary for anyone wishing to attend one of these sessions to call the parish office at 217-222-2759 to reserve a seat.

OND Cheer Tryouts

Monday, April 26th - Mandatory parent and cheerleader meeting at 6pm at QND. Tryouts to follow until 9:30PM Tuesday, April 27th - Review 5-6PM, final tryout/judging

For questions please contact Coach Allison Turner at aturner127@gmail.com or 618-410-2500.

QND Pom Tryouts

Wednesday, April 28 - Mandatory parent and pommer meeting at 6pm at OND. Tryouts to follow until 9:30PM Thursday, April 29 - Review 5-6:15PM, final tryout/iudging 6:30PM - ???

For questions please contact Coach Jennifer Duesterhaus at qndpomcoaches@gmail.com or 217-316-2046.

St. Anthony Roast Beef Dinner

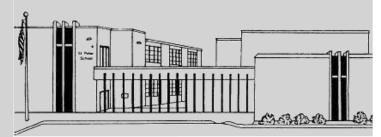
The St. Anthony Ladies Society Drive Through Only Roast Beef Dinner, will be held Sunday, April 25th, 11 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Roast Beef, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, homemade crescent rolls, and delicious dessert made by our ladies. \$12 per carryout. For more information call the parish office 217-222-5996.

A Quilt will be raffled off at the dinner handmade by St. Anthony Quilters.

St. Francis Parish Picnic

The St. Francis Parish Picnic will be held this year on Saturday, June 12th from 5:00-12:00. Live music will be presented from the Heidelberg German Band and Blacktop South. The Quincy Notre Dame Mega Raffle Drawing will also take place. Come on out with your friends and family.

The School of St. Peter



Week of April 25, 2021

A Message from Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh

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

SCIENCE OBSERVATIONS











Fifth graders added green anoles (chameleons) into the terrariums they have been building. They have been learning about food chains and webs. They love watching these animals begin to adapt to their new environment.

DID YOU KNOW?

We would like to thank our students and families for their hard work and dedication in supporting the American Heart Association's Kid's Heart Challenge at St. Peter School. Mr. Ryan Shinn, our PE teacher, was amazed by the determination of our students and the generosity of our families during this event. Our school raised over \$10,000 during this year's event. With that amount The American Heart Association gives our school \$1000 to spend on new PE equipment through US Games. Once again, thank you for your support in this event.

Job Openings - St. Peter School

St. Peter School is accepting applications for preschool teacher aide positions for the 2021-2022 school year. Applicants should have experience in working with young children. Responsibilities include working one on one with children, assisting the classroom teacher with instruction and supervision. Qualified applicants should send a cover letter, resume, and references to Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh, St. Peter School, 2500 Maine Street, Ouincy, IL 62301.

MENU

Monday: Sloppy joe/bun, baked chips, carrot sticks/ dip, apple slices.

Tuesday: Toasted cheese ravioli/sauce, romaine salad, bosco stick, grapes.

Wednesday: Cheeseburger/ bun, lettuce/tomato/pickle, French fries, sweet peas, orange slices.

Thursday: Meatball sub, warm pretzel bites, veggie boat/dip, strawberries, sugar cookie.

Friday: Brown bag picnic, ham/cheese roll up, chips, cookie, juice, apple slices, fruit bites.

WHAT IS HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

Mon, April 26: School Board mtg. 7 p.m. room 8-101.

Tues, April 27:

Wednesday, April 28: Children's School Mass: grades 7 & 8 attend.

Thursday, April 29: Children's School Mass: grades 3 & 6 attend.

Friday, April 30: Yearbook orders due!

May 1: Online enrollment and fees are due: late fees applied after this date.

2500 Maine Street Ouincy. IL 62301 Phone: 217-223-1120 Website: www.stpeterschool.com Email: c.venvertloh@cospq.org

School of St. Peter

Mark Your Calendar

Mon. April 26:

Tues. April 27: Novena 8:30 a.m., Church Wed. Feb. 28: PSR 6:15 p.m., School

Ladies Cursillo 7:00 p.m., Fr. Bauer Prayer Room

Thurs. April 29: Fri. April 30:

Sat. May 1: Rosary 7:30 a.m., Church

Sun. May 2:

—Masses—

No Sign Up required for Any Masses

—Mass Servers—

Not Assigned At This Time but can Signup Online for Weekends

—Daily Mass Ministry Schedule—
Not Assigned At This Time

Fr. Leo's column continued....

As you can see, we were finally able to ship to Haiti the various items that we have collected the past year and a half. Last year we collected items but because of COVID we could not send these items. This year we added to these items with various things on the wish list from Fr. Delix and finally delivered our barrels to Nashville which then will ship to Miami and then finally to Haiti. The only trouble is that there is tremendous turmoil occurring in Haiti. People are in rebellion against the government, and there is much insecurity in this small island. Anger and violence seem to have taken root and it has even affected the Church. So as the sister parish, I ask you to remember daily our sister parish in your prayers, as well as Fr. Delix Michel. I pray that they can get to Port au Prince and pick up these items without any incident.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: A young couple came into the office of Msgr. Leo Enlow to fill out the prenuptial questions form. The young man, not Catholic, had never talked to a priest before, and was quite nervous. Msgr. Enlow tried to put him at ease.

When they came to the question, "are you entering this marriage of your own free will?", there was a long pause. Finally, his fiancée looked at the young man and said to Msgr. Enlow, "put down Yes!"

Men marry women, hoping that they won't change; women marry men hoping that they will."



WEEKLY COLLECTION

•		<u> April 18</u>	Total to Date
-	Loose Collections	\$1,198.51	\$18,782.66
•	Regular Collections	\$37,091.60	\$1,272,518.87
	Annual School Fund	\$8,665.50	\$312,263.06
•	Holy Days	\$140.00	\$55,952.00
9	Totals	\$47,095.61	\$1,659,516.59
•	Total Budget Goal	\$32,000.00	\$1,344,000.00
	Difference	\$15,095.61	\$315,516.59

Diocesan Collections

Catholic Times: \$15.00 Home Mission: \$25.00 Holy Land: \$5.00 Eastern Europe: \$50.00 Rice Bowls: \$936.09 Seminarians: \$65.00

Haiti Sister Parish Collections

Collected: \$365.00





Parish in Action

Haiti Sister Parish Update

Once a year Catholic parishes in the US have the opportunity to send needed items at a reasonable cost to Haiti. Last weekend Deacon Bob and Mary Ann Lundberg took a 6'x12' trailer filled with donated items to Smyrna, TN. where the shipment will be loaded onto a flatbed destined for a Florida port. From there it will begin the final leg of

its journey to Haiti. Some of the items sent include underwear, socks, personal care products, food, vegetable seeds, eyeglasses, school and office supplies.

Food insecurity for Haitians has been especially rampant in Haiti since COVID-19. As a Sister Parish, St. Peter Church participated in a second matching grant through the national Parish Twinning Program and Food for the Poor initiative. Our \$2,000 was matched by a Catholic donor to equal \$4,000 in food. Thanks to the stewardship of our parish, Father Michel will be able to provide 14,080 lbs. of rice and beans to his people.

Please keep Father Michel and his parishioners' safety in your prayers. In addition to food insecurity, the Haitian people continue to experience political unrest. Recently 5 priests, 2 nuns, and 3 lay people were kidnapped in the Port-au-Prince area. Father must pass through this same area when he picks up our Twinning shipment in May.



Soup and a Smile

Soup and a Smile is up and going, providing yummy soup, a prayer, and a smile to homebound parishioners, those grieving for a loved one, or someone recovering from an illness, surgery, or birth of a new baby. If you are unable to make soup at this time but would like to help keep this ministry going with a small financial donation, you can contribute in the collection or drop off at the church office. Just mark your donation for Soup and a Smile! If you know someone who

would benefit from this great ministry, please text or call, Carol Rolves 217-257-5851 or Kathy Schwartz 217-779-2824. We don't want to miss anyone who could use a little encouragement (and some delicious soup)!



Catholic Ladies of Charity

All volunteers with the Ladies of Charity, current, past and prospective, are invited to an orientation session on Saturday, May 8th, at 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Martha Jane Room. Jane Haas and others from the group will present information regarding the Mission and works of the Ladies in Quincy.

We want to encourage and welcome new volunteers and would like all from St. Peters who have been involved in the past or are currently working at one of the locations to attend.

Anyone who would like to know more about how this group is currently serving the community is also welcomed. Coffee and rolls will be served. For more information, please contact Judy Nelson, 217-224-0702 or geojud104@comcast.net.

"Everybody Wins" Mega Raffle

Tickets for the 2021 "Everybody Wins" Mega Raffle can now be purchased from nearly 1,000 QCES & QND families. In addition to purchasing Mega Raffle tickets from Quincy Catholic schools' families, they can also be purchased online at QuincyMega-Raffle.org. Only 4,000 tickets will be sold at \$100 per ticket, and the first 4,000 tickets turned in to the QND Foundation office will be entered in the drawing. The Grand Prize is \$100,000; 2nd Prize is \$20,000; and Third Prize is \$10,000. There will be 42 cash prizes awarded in all, totaling \$169,500.

NEW THIS YEAR – There will be one "Super-Early Bird" Drawing for \$25,000 cash. The "Super-Early Bird" Drawing will be held on Friday, May 14, on Y101 Radio at 8:10 a.m. Both ticket purchasers and sellers will have their names entered into this drawing. To be eligible for the "Super-Early Bird" Drawing, tickets must be purchased and returned to the QND Foundation office by 4 p.m. on Friday, April 30.

In addition to the "Super-Early Bird" Drawing on Friday, May 14th, there will be six "Fantastic Friday Early Bird" Drawings. Two \$500 cash prizes will be awarded on May 21, May 28, and June 4. The winners will be announced live on Y101 at 8:10 a.m. The remaining 35 "Mega Drawing" cash prizes, including the top three prizes mentioned above, will take place at the St. Francis Parish Picnic on Saturday, June 12, starting at 7:00 p.m.

Proceeds from the "Everybody Wins" Mega Raffle are shared equally between the QCES and QND Foundations, and provide increased tuition assistance for QCES K – 8 students, as well as additional tuition assistance and technology upgrades for QND students. Quincy's five Catholic schools will also benefit from the \$40,000 "Ticket Give Back" program. The purchasers of Mega Raffle tickets can choose if they want \$10 of their ticket to be given to one school or divided equally among two or more schools.

All ticket sales are final and non-refundable. You need not be present to win. For more information about the 2021 "Everybody Wins" Mega Raffle, or to purchase a ticket, please visit QuincyMegaRaffle.org, or contact Paul Rittof, Executive Director of the QCES Foundation, at (217) 779-3157 or Kurt Stuckman, Executive Director of the Quincy Notre Dame Foundation, at (217) 224-2598.