



The Parish of St. Peter Quincy, IL

Solemnity of the Ascension, May 16, 2021

*~Mass Intentions~
May 17-23, 2021*

- 17. Monday 8:00 a.m.
Wanda Kinscherff
- 18. Tuesday 8:00 a.m.
Pat Ellerbrock
- 19. Wednesday 8:30 a.m.
Orville Lubbe
- 20. Thursday 8:30 a.m.
Ken Meyer
- 21. Friday 8:00 a.m.
Ann Anderson
- 22. Saturday 8:00 a.m.
Sally Lea Goin
- 22. Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Dorothy & Wayne Messick
- 23. Sunday 8:00 a.m.
Anita Wavering
- 23. Sunday 9:30 a.m.
Our Parish Family
- 23. Sunday 11:00 a.m.
Zakery Haubrich

— 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,

At one time in our liturgical calendar, this weekend was celebrated as the Seventh Sunday of Easter. Because the Solemnity of the Ascension was losing its significance since it was celebrated 40 days after Easter, always on a Thursday, there were many dioceses in the United States which decided to transfer it to this weekend instead of during the week. And so the entire province of Illinois, the six dioceses, transferred this Solemnity to this particular weekend, foregoing the celebration of the Seventh Sunday of Easter. And that is where we find ourselves this weekend as we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension. But there still are dioceses that continue the Ascension on a Thursday, 40 days after Easter, taking quite literally the words found in the Acts of the Apostles for this Solemnity, *“He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after He had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.”* Now we might ask which is right? And the answer is both. It really doesn't matter when this Solemnity is celebrated, be it a Thursday or on the following weekend, what is important is that it is celebrated and people are being present for the celebration. And that is the key and that is why both understandings are correct.

One of the mistaken notions of this Solemnity is that we envision Jesus pushing off from this earth and ascending into the heavens. If we believe in this understanding, then heaven becomes a place up in space, far beyond where anyone has ever gone. Heaven becomes up there, hell becomes someplace down there, and earth seems to be in between. It becomes a type of three-story universe. If that is the case, then Jesus is way beyond us, a notion contrary to what the Ascension is trying to teach us. Instead, Jesus enters the cloud of God's glory. Christ is “seated above every principality and power” but it does not mean that He is far away. The Solemnity of the Ascension teaches us that Jesus has entered into a new dimension, the dimension of glory, but He is still present to us. And so Jesus is not far away, but He remains still with us through His Church, His Word, and His Sacraments. May the Ascension be the stimulus that we need to take the Words of Jesus found in our gospel for this Solemnity as He tells the disciples and all of us, *“Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.”* So now we have our marching orders as we begin to live what it means to be His Church.

Our 8th grade graduation/promotion will be this Tuesday, May 18th, at 6:30 p.m. in St. Peter Church. This has been a difficult year for our 8th graders as they lost their class trip to Washington D.C. because of the pandemic and had to do some virtual learning outside the classroom. But they have been very cooperative and I am so proud of them and the way that they handled the struggles these past 18 months. I ask that you keep them in your prayers as they prepare to leave our school for years of learning on the high school level. I also remind them that this graduation/promotion is not from their Catholic faith but only from the grade school learning environment.

Our last day of school for St. Peter School will be Wednesday, May 26th. We hope to have a Mass at 11:00 a.m. outside to close out our school year.

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Next Meeting
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TBD - This Fall
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!

Baptisms

Isabella Jean Cawthon, daughter of Clayton & Nicole (Reichert) Cawthon, Davis Charles Riley, son of Daniel & Elizabeth (Musholt) Riley and Nicole Marie Stegeman, daughter of Kyle & Sarah (Sturhahn) Stegeman, were made children of God through the reception of the sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, May 9, 2021.

Maine Street Closures

Maine street is closed just east of our lower parking lot all the way to 30th street. You will have to enter from the 24th or 25th and Maine or through the park road. The remaining section of Maine will be closed after May 26th.

Social Concerns Meeting

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

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.

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)!

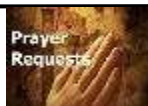
Memorial Day Mass

Memorial Day Mass will be held at the Chapel in Calvary Cemetery on Monday May 31, 2021 at 9:00am. St. Peter will be hosting this year. In case of rain the service will be held at St Peter. Please bring your own chair if possible. There will not be an 8:00am Mass that morning at St. Peter.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

- ~Kristopher Schreacke
- ~Lilli Foster
- ~John Meyer
- ~Mary Talken
- ~Al Mitten
- ~Barb Duesterhaus
- ~Penny Norton
- ~Kathy Schuckman
- ~Howard & Jo Buckley
- ~Dorothy Davis
- ~Anonymous
- ~Michelle Houston
- ~Cal Noelke
- ~Elias Erd
- ~Ian Mehaffy
- ~Isabella Benner
- ~Sharon Zehnle
- ~Alden Shipp
- ~Steve Sinnock
- ~Theresa Althoff
- ~Norma Johnson
- ~Rose Hockgraver
- ~Bryce Shank
- ~Valerie Ortbal
- ~Joe Sanders
- ~Lucy Miller
- ~Steve Hull
- ~Mike Creek
- ~Ted Kemner
- ~Amy Seibert
- ~Julia Maas
- ~Jack Terford
- ~Larry Phillips
- ~Avery Cowick

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



St. Peter Welcome Back Picnic CANCELLED

Unfortunately the plans have fallen through for the Welcome Back Picnic at St. Peter Church that was to be held on Sunday, May 23rd at 4:00 p.m. so we have had to cancel it.

Ann Anderson Memorial Nursing Scholarship

St. Peter's Social Concerns has established the Ann Anderson Memorial Nursing Scholarship through Quincy University. This scholarship is in memory of Social Concerns member Ann Anderson and will provide financial assistance to a student pursuing a degree in nursing. Special consideration will be given to those students with financial need and strong academic performance. Please contact QU for more information on the scholarship. If you would like to contribute to continued funding, contact Sharon at 217-224-5169.

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.

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.

Council of Catholic Women Spring Meeting

Quincy Church Ladies:

All Quincy church women (all ages) are invited to the Wed. May 19 Deanery Meeting at St. Mary's Church and Parish Hall, Rt. 107, in Pittsfield-parking and easy access for all. It begins with 9:00 am Mass, followed by the Rosary and Marian Cenacle by Fr. Schulte, and then the meeting. This is our first meeting for a while and we look forward to Quincy ladies joining us!

Pittsfield is part of the Quincy Deanery and hosting this event (which meets 3 times a year). Because Quincy has not been active for several years, Pittsfield has been members of Jacksonville Deanery, but are hoping to reignite our Quincy Deanery Ladies Group. Each parish altar society/women's group is to be a member of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women and active in their Deanery. It's a very enjoyable event which connects local church women in Faith, service and friendship. No obligations-just come and experience.

A delicious luncheon will be served by Pittsfield Altar Society. All are welcome even if not signed up, but this gives us a ballpark figure on food amounts. We have a great program aligned for you so please join us!!

For any questions or reservations, by May 17, please email or call Angela at angelalipcamon@gmail.com.

Feel free to bring items to donate towards the Silent Auction (proceeds to go to convention costs). They will also be collecting extra religious items to be donated to those overseas, bring a bar of soap to send to Haiti, and there will be a sharing table.

The School of St. Peter



Week of May 16, 2021

A Message from Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh

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

THANK YOU FOR A VERY SPECIAL WEEK

Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week took place during the first week of May. Wow! What an awesome week we had! We wish to extend a very heartfelt thank you to our wonderful GSA (school families) for this very special week. We wish to especially thank everyone on the GSA Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week Committee for coordinating all the special treats we received. Thank you to our awesome parents for your support and efforts to make the week so special. It has been a fun week for all our staff. (We may have all gained a few pounds!)

Words truly cannot express how much we appreciate everyone's efforts - from coordinating the week with all our special days, parents providing such awesome special treats throughout the week, our daily gift card drawings, TCBY treats, delicious soups, and then parents volunteering to take on recess duties on Friday so we could all enjoy an amazing lunch together—we truly thank everyone so much!

A very special thank you is also extended to our wonderful Parish Soup and a Smile Committee. These wonderful parishioners treated our entire staff to very delicious soups to take home and share with our families.

We feel very appreciated and loved. Our St. Peter School family is truly amazing and we all feel very Blessed to be a part of it!

STEM - A NEW PROGRAM FOR 2021-2022

Last week our school announced a new program that our students will be participating in during the 2021-2022 school year - S.T.E.M.! The acronym S.T.E.M. stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics. Our S.T.E.M. Lab will allow our students to experience these subjects to help them gain skills required to succeed in today's challenging world. They will be thinking critically, solving complex problems, working cooperatively while having fun!



As the S.T.E.M. committee meets, we will be creating curriculum goals and prioritizing the needs of the lab. Many people have asked how they can help out with our project. One way is joining the AMAZON SMILE Charitable organization. Joining this organization is free! Once you have joined, a monetary portion of your Amazon purchases is donated to our charitable fund, St Peter School Charitable Trust. This fund will be used to help us purchase items for the S.T.E.M. lab.

Here is how you join this organization: go to Amazon or Amazon Prime. In the search button type in 'amazonsmile.com' and enter. At the top of the page you should see a link for "Amazon Smile". Click on this and put in the following for the charitable organization 'St Peter School Charitable Trust'. (no period after St). Then every time you shop you need to enter 'amazonsmile.com' and go shopping. If you do not see the word 'smile' after the word 'amazon' you will not be giving to our organization. You must use 'Amazon Smile' each time you purchase from Amazon.

Continue to read the bulletin to find out more about how our S.T.E.M. lab is progressing.

MENU

Monday: Walking taco, Spanish rice, refried beans, mandarin oranges, lettuce/tomato/cheese.

Tuesday: Italian dunkin, baked chips, California mix veggies, side kicks, cookie, cranraisins.

Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes/gravy, buttered corn, diced pears, dinner roll.

Thursday: Cold cereal/milk, hard boiled egg, fruit cup, doughnut holes, razzly juice.

Friday: Cookout: Hot dog/bun, etc.

WHAT IS HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

School Library Book Return all week!

Mon, May 17: Preschool 4 Madison Park Day; School Board mtg. 7:00 p.m.

Tues, May 18: Graduation Day for 8th grade (10:00 Honors, 11:30 luncheon, 6:30 Mass).

Wednesday, May 19: Children's School Mass: gr. 7 & 8 attend.

Thursday, May 20: Children's School Mass: gr. 1 & 5 attend; last day for Preschoolers!

Friday, May 21: Read Day in the park for K-2.

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Mark Your Calendar

Mon. May 17:
 Tues. May 18: Novena 8:30 a.m., Church
 Wed. Feb. 19: Ladies Cursillo 7:00 p.m., Fr. Bauer Prayer Room
 Thurs. May 20:
 Fri. May 21: Social Concerns Meeting 8:30 a.m., Martha Jane Room
 Sat. May 22: Rosary 7:30 a.m., Church
 Sun. May 23:

Fr. Leo's column continued....

As we look ahead, we will be celebrating Memorial Day, May 31st, at Calvary Cemetery with a Mass at 9:00 a.m. weather permitting. St. Peter parish is in charge of the Mass and music. If the weather is bad, this Mass will be celebrated at St. Peter Church. I remind you to bring your chairs, or blankets, and come and celebrate our Eucharist for all those who have given their lives in service of our country as well as for all those who are buried in our cemeteries.

Just a reminder that after May 26th, the closing of St. Peter School, Maine street will be closed to traffic from 24th to 30th. I ask you to use the Madison Park entrance off of 24th for access to our parking lot, behind the school and by the Church. This will be an inconvenience for all of us and hopefully we will keep in sight the future improvement to help us bear this inconvenience. Please be patient as I ask the healthier ones of our parish to walk a little farther. Thank you.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE; For those of you who like puns:
 A man dressed up as a baby horse, and made a complete foal of himself.
 I wanted to buy half a rabbit, but the butcher didn't want to split hares.
 I have kleptomaniac. When it gets bad I take something for it.
 I wanted to learn how to make ice cream, so I started attending sundae school.
 The trouble with skunks is that they don't have common scents.
 Cardboard belts are a waist of paper.

Msgr. Leo J. Eulow

—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



| WEEKLY COLLECTION | | |
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| | May 9 | Total to Date |
| Loose Collections | \$890.84 | \$21,348.60 |
| Regular Collections | \$19,878.40 | \$1,346,501.47 |
| Annual School Fund | \$8,867.29 | \$337,936.85 |
| Holy Days | \$30.00 | \$56,227.00 |
| Totals | \$29,666.53 | \$1,762,013.92 |
| Total Budget Goal | \$32,000.00 | \$1,440,000.00 |
| Difference | (\$2,333.47) | \$322,013.92 |

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| Diocesan Collections | |
| Catholic Cemetery: \$700.00 | Home Mission: \$35.00 |
| Retired Diocesan Priests: \$310.00 | Seminarians: \$25.00 |
| | Communications: \$25.00 |
| Haiti Sister Parish Collections | |
| Collected: \$733.00 | |

Parish in Action

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 Office of the Bishop

May, 2021

Dear Friends in Christ,

Each year on the feast of Pentecost we rejoice that the gifts of the Holy Spirit are given to the Church in every age. As we celebrate this feast, I ask you to consider a generous response in the Retired Diocesan Priests Collection to meet the immediate retirement and health care needs of our priests.

Please pray for our priests who serve so generously in various apostolates throughout our diocese. Please thank God for all that we have received from our priests who are now retired, many of whom continue to offer generous service in every way that they are able throughout our diocese.

If you are unable to make an in-church contribution, please make your donation online at parishgiving.dio.org/secondcollections. You can also mail your donation to your parish office.

Thank you in advance for your support this year. May the Holy Spirit give us every gift we need to build up the Body of Christ in our time and place.

With every best wish and prayers, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Thomas John Paprocki

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
 Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

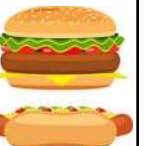
Save the Date for the 11th Annual St. Peter Parish Picnic

Saturday, August 28th, 2021, 5:00 p.m.—12:00 a.m.
 Main Raffle, 50/50, Silent Auction & Basket Raffle
 Live Entertainment: "Brushville" (8:00 p.m.-Midnight)
 Food, Drinks, Snacks, Games for All Ages



Come out and enjoy the evening with family and friends!

*subject to COVID restrictions



An Invitation to College Graduates:

We would like to recognize parishioners who are graduating from college this spring. Information will be printed in the June 6 bulletin. To be included, please legibly complete the info. below and return it to the Parish Office by Monday, May 31. Or email this information to church@cospq.org. Thank you!

Name of Graduate: _____

Degree Received / Major: _____

Name of College: _____