



The Parish of St. Peter Quincy, IL

Third Sunday of Advent, December 12, 2021

*~Mass Intentions~
December 13-19, 2021*

- 13. Monday 8:00 a.m.
Gene Churchwell
- 14. Tuesday 8:00 a.m.
Zakery Haubrich
- 15. Wednesday 8:30 a.m.
Loren Tournear
- 16. Thursday 8:30 a.m.
Thomas J. & Marjorie Bergman
- 17. Friday 8:00 a.m.
David Oakley
- 18. Saturday 8:00 a.m.
Orville Lubbe
- 18. Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Robert Deters
- 19. Sunday 8:00 a.m.
Karen Wiewel
- 19. Sunday 9:30 a.m.
Dee Burnham
- 19. Sunday 11:00 a.m.
Our Parish Family

— Mass Schedule —

- Monday-Saturday**
8:00 a.m.
- Wednesday & Thursday**
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 a.m.
3:30-4:30 p.m.

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we gathered together to celebrate the 3rd Sunday in our season of Advent. The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called Gaudete Sunday. The word Gaudete translates the Latin word which means to rejoice. Gathering together more than halfway through Advent the church invites us to look forward with joy at the coming of our savior. The whole concept of rejoicing is present in our readings for this Sunday. Our first reading from Zephaniah begins by stating “Shout for joy, O daughter Zion! Sing joyfully, O Israel! Be glad and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!” The reason Zephaniah could say this is found also in this reading where it says “The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior.” Then we hear Saint Paul telling the Philippians in our second reading as it says “Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! The Lord is near.” Thus we find in these readings the cause of our joy, the reason for us to rejoice, because the Lord is near. So on this third Sunday of Advent there truly is a cause for joy as we recognize that the coming of our Lord and savior is near in hand.

Last Sunday we had a beautiful celebration of the First Communion for many of our third graders and the celebration of Confirmation for these same third graders as well as some of our older grade school students. It was a great delight for me to celebrate the sacraments with them and I was so proud of them as the grace of God entered into their lives in what I would call this grace moment. This Sunday we will celebrate the same sacraments again for some of our third graders as they receive the First Communion and celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation along with some of our other older students. Please keep them in your prayers as the gift of the Holy Spirit fills their lives and the gift of the Eucharist strengthens their hearts to be witnesses for the gospel.

This weekend we are making available to you our 2022 parish calendars. They will be in the narthex of the church and I asked you to please pick them up after the Masses this weekend. These are available to us with the compliments of Duker and Haugh Funeral Home. I also ask you to take an extra calendar for any of our parishioners who might be in a nursing home or confined in their homes. Let's show our care for them and our concern for them and our desire that they have a sense of belonging to our church by distributing our parish calendars to them. Thank you for doing this.

As we look forward to Christmas, I want to once again publish our Christmas schedule. On December 24th, Christmas Eve, Masses will be at 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. On Christmas Day, December 25th, our Masses will be at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. ** Because the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve is so crowded, I am asking some of our parishioners to consider another Mass for that evening. I know that this is asking a lot but in order to accommodate the crowds I'm asking you to consider this. It would be very nice to be able to seat everyone for this celebration but, in reality, so many come and will find themselves standing through most of the Mass.

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**Next Meeting
Dodgeball
January 9th
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Drop Off & Pick Up at Cafeteria Doors
All 7th, 8th, & 9th graders & their friends welcome**



**Saints Alive!
Let Me See Your Halo
January 23, 2022
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 6:30-8:00 p.m. Wear your Saints Alive Shirt! Please check Facebook for updates.

Baptism
Ellie Rae Struck, daughter of **Ryan & Allison (Campbell) Struck**, was made a child of God through the reception of the sacrament of Baptism on Saturday, December 4, 2021.

Chaddock Outreach - Santa Express
 Every 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. You can signup at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409044aa9ae22a7fb6-chaddock> If you have any questions, please contact Kristen Walker at 708-227-5721. Thank you and Merry Christmas!


QND Pom Camp
 "Come perform Christmas Routines with the QND POMMERS at halftime of a Varsity Boys Basketball Game!"
 Who: Girls in Pre-School-8th grade (Age 3 and up)
 When: Saturday, Dec. 11th from 5:45pm-Halftime (check in starts @ 5:30pm) ***Varsity game starts at 7:30PM. Parents pick girls up after halftime in the multipurpose room.
 Where: QND Multipurpose Room at 10th and Jackson. Enter through main lobby. Please Bring A Mask For Camp, Will Remove For Performance. Cost: \$30 - Includes t-shirt, pizza & snack, and admission into the game. Campers will be Split Up in age groups for performances. For questions please contact coach Jennifer Duesterhaus at 217-316-2046.

Adoration Chapel
 We would like to continue to add hours to the Adoration Chapel schedule. We are currently trying to fill the next 24 hours so we can be open for 48 hours. We need your help.
 We have the following times open:
 Friday: 1 pm to 2 pm (3rd, 5th weeks of the month)
 7 pm to 8 pm
 Saturday: 8 am to 9 am (2nd, 4th, 5th weeks of the month)
 Please contact Mary Voorhis at 217-653-3127 (call only) or Gina Wolf at 217-257-9966 (call or text) if you would like to take an hour or if you have questions. We would love to have you in this ministry.

QND & PMO Choirs Christmas Concert
 QND and PMO Choirs are having a Christmas concert on Monday, December 13th, at 6:30pm in St. Peter Church.

2022 Calendars
 We now have the new 2022 calendars in the Narthex. Please take one. If you know someone in a nursing home, or that is staying at home right now, please take one for them too.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

~Kristopher Schreacke	~Elias Erd		
~Lilli Foster	~Ian Mehaffy		
~John Meyer	~Isabella Benner		
~Natalie Meyer	~Lucy Miller		~Steve Hull
~Rose Hockgraver	~Bonnie Haubrich		~Mike Creek
~Sharon Zehnle	~Alden & Joyce Shipp		~Ted Kemner
~Steve Sinnock	~Jim Steinkamp		~Theresa Althoff
~Priscilla & Bill Morrison	~Barbara Helmedag		~Julie Eftink
~Kathy Schuckman	~Jack Terford		~Amy Seibert
~Howard & Jo Buckley	~Norma Johnson		~Anonymous
~JoAnn Schaefer	~Gary Frye		

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


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 or completed one online at the parish website, 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.

St. Veronica Guild
 The St. Veronica Guild will meet **Thursday, December 9** in the Lower Level of the rectory at 8:30 a.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!

End of the Year Contributions
 Reminder any donations you wish to apply to the 2021 year need to be at the parish office by **Noon on December 29**. Your gifts & support are greatly appreciated!

Looking for a Tax Credit?
 Are you looking for a tax credit yet this year? Please consider Empower Illinois Scholarship Program. Donations to this program are eligible for a 75% state tax credit. For more information call Kristi at the parish office at 222-3155.

Men's Cursillo #349
 Cursillo weekends are back starting with Men's Cursillo #349 that will be held January 20-23 at the Franciscan Retreat Center located at 1909 N. 18th Street in Quincy. During this three-day experience, those attending pray together, celebrate the Eucharist, listen to talks given by priests, religious and laypersons, and share the fellowship of Jesus Christ and each other. It provides a casual and relaxed experience in a Christian community. Cost of the weekend is \$165.00 with lodging and all meals provided. A partial monetary gift to defray the cost is available if needed.
 For more information or to receive an application please call Dwight/Barb Seeley at 217-224-5615 or go to www.quincycursillo.com and "applications" and print one.

Going Someplace Warmer for the Winter?
 If you are going someplace warmer for the winter, please call the parish office at 222-3155 or email us at church@cospq.org to give us the dates you will be gone. We get charged for any returned mailings. 

Special Christmas Eve TV Mass
 The Knights of Columbus will be holding a special Christmas Eve TV Mass on December 24th at 4:00pm. It will be held on channel 3 (ABC).

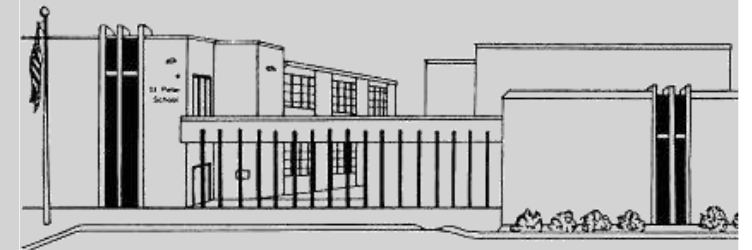
Christmas Mass Times
 The following are the Mass Times we will have for Christmas this year:

Christmas Eve:
 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.

Christmas Day:
 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.
NO 5:00 p.m. Mass



The School of St. Peter



Week of December 12, 2021
A Message from Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh
 "St. Peter School provides a quality education built on Catholic values and teachings."

ADVENT PRAYER SERVICE



One of our traditions at St. Peter School is to celebrate the coming of the Advent Season. We begin this special time each year with a prayer service. Each classroom created a chain of blessings that we linked together to brighten our Christmas tree in the gym lobby. Each link on this chain represents a blessing that our students and staff have been given in their lives. It is our hope that during this special season we all take time to thank God for these special blessings, especially our greatest gift of all, our Lord Jesus Christ.
 Thank you to our students that led this special prayer service: Beau E., Georgia V., Harper H., Joel D., Wade V., Reese R., Kayzley S., Asher P., Anna H., Elle U., Abby F., Lexi C., Brodie H., Hailey A., Kage C., Cyra P., Aubrielle B., Curtis R., John V., Ava A., Lucas L., and Hudson H.
 We also thank Mrs. Denise Hufendick and Mrs. Sara Reeder for sharing their special musical gifts and leading us in song during our service. In addition, we thank our St. Peter Handbell Choir for the beautiful music they played for us: Catie H., Caroline K., Catherine K., Jacob M., Malena M., Samantha R., Annabelle S., Abby S., and Georgia W.
 It is with great joy and deep gratitude that we look forward to the very special celebration of Jesus' birth and we ask that He come and rest in our hearts, not only during this Advent Season, but always.

CELEBRATING GINGERBREAD HOUSE MAKING WITH KINDERGARTEN



MENU
Monday: Sack lunch, turkey cheese wrap, apple slices, chips, cookie, juice box.
Tuesday: Sloppy joe/bun, curly fries, carrot/celery sticks, diced pears, fruit roll up.
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, corn, peaches, dinner roll.
Thursday: Cheese pizza, spinach salad, go-gurts, cookie, razzy juice.
Friday: Pancake/syrup, sausage patty, boiled egg, frozen fruit cup.

WHAT IS HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

Sun. Dec. 12: **Confirmation/1st Communion at 1p.m.**
 Mon, Dec. 13: **QND/PMO Choir Christmas Concert 6:30 p.m. in the church.**
 Tues. Dec. 14: **School Advisory Board Mtg. 7:00 p.m.**
 Wed. Dec. 15: **8:30 Children's Mass** grades K, 3, 5 & 6 attend.
 Thurs. Dec. 16: **8:30 Children's Mass** grades 1, 2, 4, 7 & 8 attend. **GSA Meeting 10:00 a.m.**
 Fri., Dec. 17: **Second Quarter ends; Report Cards sent home Jan. 7; Christmas break begins end of the day.**

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Mark Your Calendar

Mon. Dec. 13: Giving Wreath Package Pickup

Tues. Dec. 14: Novena 8:30 a.m., Church
RCIA 7:00 p.m., Martha Jane Room

Wed. Dec. 15: Ladies Cursillo 1:30 p.m., Fr. Bauer Prayer Room
PSR 6:15 p.m., School

Thurs. Dec. 16: Cribbage 1:00 p.m., Martha Jane Rm

Fri. Dec. 17:

Sat. Dec. 18: Rosary 7:30 a.m., Church

Sun. Dec. 19:

—Mass Servers—

Not Assigned At This Time but can Signup Online for Weekdays and Weekends

—Daily Mass Ministry Schedule—

Not Assigned At This Time

Fr. Leo's column continued..

I just want to thank all of our parishioners who generously contributed toward our Christmas decorations this year and continue to do so. Through your generosity, we continue to be able to celebrate the Christmas season with much dignity and beauty. Thank you!

As we draw our 2021 year to a close, I'm asking our parishioners to consider making an end of the year contribution to Saint Peter Church. I know that we are a stewardship parish and that our parishioners are great stewards in terms of their treasure, I am just reminding you that this is a possibility for those who are looking for help with their taxes. Thank you for being the stewards that you are.

Just a reminder that the Quincy Notre Dame and PMO choirs will be having their Christmas concert here at Saint Peter Church on Monday, December 13th, at 6:30 p.m. Please come and open your hearts and ears to some very talented young people who might begin to put you in the Christmas spirit.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: The Sunday school teacher was putting on their Christmas program. The kindergarten teacher carefully lined up four little ones. Each carried a huge cut out letter. As they stood side-by-side the letters were to spell out the word star. A slight mix-up occurred and those present in the church nearly fell out of their pews.

Magi. Leo J. Eulow



WEEKLY COLLECTION		
	December 5	Total to Date
Loose Collections	\$1,160.56	\$19,750.62
Regular Collections	\$31,096.92	\$613,167.18
Annual School Fund	\$10,250.00	\$162,850.10
Holy Days	\$394.00	\$5,083.00
Totals	\$42,901.48	\$800,850.90
Total Budget Goal	\$32,000.00	\$736,000.00
Difference	\$10,901.48	\$64,850.90

Diocesan Collections

Justice & Hope: \$5.00
Quincy Catholic Cemeteries: \$1,011.00

Haiti Sister Parish Collections

Collected \$724.00

Parish in Action



2021 Giving Wreaths - Return Gifts This Weekend!

Can you believe we are fast approaching Christmas. Where does the time go? Again this year, St. Peters will sponsor the Giving Wreath. This is a program that allows us at St. Peters 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.

The gifts are to be wrapped and returned to Church with the gift tag **securely taped** during the weekend of **December 11 and 12**. The local organizations will pick up their gifts on December 13, so NO gifts delivered after December 12. 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

THIS WEEKEND
DECEMBER 11th & 12th

Come join us after All Masses this weekend in the cafeteria.

Come buy some wonderful Christmas Cookies
Coffee & Cinnamon Rolls Will Be Available!

This is one of Social Concerns Committee's biggest ways to fund their work. Social Concerns helps provide assistance for needy people in our area along with providing funds to Horizon Soup Kitchen, Quincy Catholic Charities, Quincy Teen Reach and other local organizations.

Christmas Decorations (Please print 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 12, or email church@cospq.org.

A Donation for Christmas Decorations

Given by: _____

In Memory of: _____