



The Parish of St. Peter Quincy, IL

Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 19, 2021

*~Mass Intentions~
December 20-26, 2021*

- 20. Monday 8:00 a.m.
Nancy Kunkel
- 21. Tuesday 8:00 a.m.
Pat Ellerbrock
- 22. Wednesday 8:30 a.m.
Doug Frese
- 23. Thursday 8:30 a.m.
Becky Schuering
- 24. Friday 4:00 p.m.
Dan Barry
- 24. Friday 6:00 p.m.
Luke Mayfield
- 24. Friday 8:00 p.m.
Antoinette Leoni
- 25. Saturday 8:00 a.m.
D.J. Venvertloh
- 25. Saturday 10:00 a.m.
Marty Peters
- 26. Sunday 8:00 a.m.
George Caspermeyer
- 26. Sunday 9:30 a.m.
Robert Deters
- 26. 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 celebrate our last Sunday in our season of Advent. I'm not sure where Advent has gone this year but I do know that it has had special meaning for me personally. The reason I say that is that as I have experienced the coming of Christ, his final coming, in the lives of some of our parishioners. We have had our share of deaths in the parish this Advent season. And as I experienced this second coming in the lives of our parishioners, I also experienced the sense of peace and joy that Advent brings at the coming of Jesus. This peace and joy filled these families and enabled them to be hope filled as they let go of the ones whom they loved and viewed this death as a gateway to an eternal life promised by Jesus. That's the hope of Advent; that's what we celebrate each Advent and that is our hope as we await the coming of Jesus in history, in mystery, and in His final coming. Perhaps our gospel gives us a little bit of a glimpse of what this Advent experience was all about. In this gospel we hear Elizabeth greeting Mary as she enters her home. Elizabeth's response was "blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Then Elizabeth responds to Mary's presence by proclaiming "blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." Perhaps those words seem to describe and echo that sense of peace and joy for these parishioners who were awaiting the fulfillment of their Advent. They truly did believe that what the Lord had promised was now being fulfilled in their midst. As the Lord entered into their lives, so He entered into our history, that coming that fulfilled all of our hopes and dreams as human beings in relationship with our God.

Last Monday we packed up and distributed all the Christmas presents that our parishioners contributed to the giving wreath initiative. In the midst of inflation and the continual experience of the COVID virus our parishioners continued to respond generously to the needs of our community. I want to thank all those who participated in making this Christmas very special for so many people who are in need. You have caught the Christmas spirit and I can't thank you enough as I paraphrase little Timmy in Scrooge, "God bless everyone." I am so proud to be your pastor and thank God for each and everyone of you who continue to give as stewards of this parish.

Our Christmas Mass schedule is as follows:

Friday, December 24th, we will have our Christmas Eve Masses at 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Please note that our 4:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve is very crowded and I ask other parishioners to perhaps choose another time to celebrate Christmas Eve. The mass at 6:00 p.m. is usually the Children's Mass.

Then on Saturday, Christmas Day, our Mass schedule will be 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. PLEASE NOTE THAT BECAUSE OF CHRISTMAS DAY ON SATURDAY, THERE WILL BE NO SATURDAY EVENING VIGIL MASS FOR SUNDAY. Our Mass schedule for Sunday, December 26th, will be 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

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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.

Rest in Peace
May the soul of
Bonnie Cress
sing praises with the Angels in Heaven forever.

Baptism

Liliana Catherine Idoux, daughter of **Andrew & Aubrey (Wilson) Idoux**, was made a child of God through the reception of the sacrament of Baptism on Saturday, December 11, 2021.

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: 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.

Parish Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed a few days during the holidays. The following is our schedule.

Thursday, 12/23/21	Closing at Noon
Friday-Monday, 12/24-12/27	Closed
Thursday, 12/30/21	Closing at Noon
Friday, 12/31/21	Closed

NO 8:00am Mass on 12/24 and NO 5:00pm Mass on 12/25
 There will not be an 8:00am Mass on Friday, December 24th and there will not be a 5:00pm Mass on Saturday, December 25th.

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.

Special Christmas Eve TV Mass

The Knights of Columbus will be holding a special Christmas Eve TV Mass on December 24th at 4:30pm. It will be broadcasted on channel 3 (ABC). Please note that the time has changed to 4:30pm (previously scheduled for 4:00pm).

Please keep the following in your prayers:

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| ~Kristopher Schreacke | ~Elias Erd | |
| ~Lilli Foster | ~Ian Mehaffy | |
| ~Hunter Hildebrand | ~Isabella Benner | ~John Meyer |
| ~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.



Usher Sign Up for Christmas Masses

We need ushers for all of the Christmas and New Year's Masses. Please sign up in the Narthex if you can help. Thank you!

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.

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.

World Marriage Day - Save the Date!

Save the date for February 13, 2022 at 2:30 p.m. Join Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis, MO to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony on World Marriage Day.

Going Somewhere Warmer for the Winter?

If you are going somewhere 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.



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



The School of St. Peter



Week of December 19, 2021

A Message from Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh

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



Celebrating Advent

The students were busy this Advent season. During this season of waiting our focus has been on serving others as well as learning about the reason for the Christmas season.

Each morning the students listened to hear what the BINGO symbol for the day was during the morning announcements and prayer. Each symbol represented a sign of Christmas. An explanation was given for why the symbol was chosen.

3 year old Preschool Classes had an Advent wreath in their classroom. They talked about the meaning behind the wreath and why each candle is lit each week as we wait for the coming of Jesus. They also read and colored an Advent book to take home. Additionally they opened an Advent calendar to open each school day.

The preschool 4's students had a birthday party for Jesus and they used an Advent calendar to count down. Each day they received a sweet surprise. Additionally they recognized each week of Advent by adding the light to their candle on a wreath that hung on their door.

Grades K-3 held a Baby Shower for Jesus. The baby items were delivered to Care Net. The fourth grade students purchased a gift from the Giving Wreath and sent Christmas letters.

The fifth grade chose and Advent Wreath gift tag from the church vestibule and purchased a Christmas present for a child that is 10-11 years old. In addition, they wrote and sent Christmas cards to shut-ins in our parish, while also writing fictional Christmas stories about giving to share with the first graders.

Grades sixth, seventh, and eighth students worked with the Salvation Army to help with the homeless.

SCOUT RETURNS TO VISIT ST. PETER STUDENTS



Our School Christmas Elf on the Shelf returned to visit the students this year. He helps Jesus watch over the kids during the season of Advent. When we don't see him he has left to watch over the kids at our Sister Parish in Haiti. The students always look forward to finding him when he is with us.



Dec. 25: Happy Birthday Jesus

St. Peter Students are on Christmas Break. Classes resume on January 3, 2022.



Merry Christmas! The teachers and staff of St. Peter School wish to extend to everyone a very Blessed and Merry Christmas! May you and your family keep Jesus in your hearts throughout this joyful season!

Be sure to check us out on FACEBOOK

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Mark Your Calendar

Mon. Dec. 20:
 Tues. Dec. 21: Novena 8:30 a.m., Church
 Wed. Dec.22: Ladies Cursillo 1:30 p.m., Fr. Bauer Prayer Room
 Thurs. Dec.23:
 Fri. Dec. 24: NO 8:00 a.m. Mass
 Masses at 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m.
 Sat. Dec. 25: Masses at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.
 NO 5:00 p.m. Mass
 Sun. Dec. 26:

—*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..

This is our final Sunday that we'll be celebrating the sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist for the young people of our parish. It has been a very special privilege for me to complete these Sacraments of Initiation for our young people and our prayer is that those who receive these sacraments will continue to celebrate them and live them each and every Sunday. After this celebration our Sacraments of Initiation will be caught up for all of our grade school students. This means that our current 2nd graders will be preparing to receive Confirmation and First Eucharist next year at the Cathedral in Springfield. I want to personally thank Gina Bergman, our Director of Religious Education, for all of her help and assistance in making these sacraments of initiation a reality for our students and parents. I also want to thank our all of our teachers and parents for all their cooperation and assistance in helping our young people live out their faith and celebrate their initiation rites.

On behalf of Father Pawel our parish staff and our school personnel I want to wish each and everyone of you very blessed and Merry Christmas.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: As a little girl climbed onto Sandy's lap Santa asked the usual and what would you like for Christmas? Child stared at him open mouth and horrified for a minute then gasped didn't you get my email?

A 7 year old child was drawing a picture of the nativity. The picture was very good, including Mary, Joseph and, of course, the baby Jesus. However there was a fat man standing in the corner of the stable, that just didn't seem to fit in. When the child was asked about it, she replied "Oh, that's round John Virgin."



WEEKLY COLLECTION		
	December 12	Total to Date
Loose Collections	\$1,468.30	\$21,218.92
Regular Collections	\$19,676.92	\$632,844.10
Annual School Fund	\$13,710.00	\$176,560.10
Holy Days	\$2,305.00	\$7,388.00
Totals	\$37,160.22	\$838,011.12
Total Budget Goal	\$32,000.00	\$768,000.00
Difference	\$5,160.22	\$70,011.12

Diocesan Collections	
Justice & Hope: \$55.00	Dependent Children: \$35.00
Quincy Catholic Cemeteries: \$145.00	Retired Religious: \$1,849.00
Haiti Sister Parish Collections	
Collected \$533.00	

Parish in Action

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 Office of the Bishop

December 2021

Dear Friends in Christ,

Since 1879, the Catholic Children's Home has served as a 'beacon of hope' for thousands of children in need of a safe harbor and a place to call home. Through the Spanish Flu pandemic in 1918 to the Coronavirus in 2020, the Catholic Children's Home has been there to give the love and compassion these children desperately need.

Today, the Catholic Children's Home continues this mission by meeting the emotional, social, academic and basic needs of all the children sent for residential care or special education services, including an innovative program designed to serve the needs of children faced with the tremendous challenges of Autism.

The children served by the Catholic Children's Home have been chronically abused, designated "unmanageable" by their schools, or simply have had no place to call home. They are some of the most vulnerable in our society. The holidays are a particularly difficult time of year for these youth.

In the spirit of Christ's special affection for all children, I ask that you continue to support the work of the Catholic Children's Home and generously contribute to the special collection held at Christmas.

May God touch your hearts with his grace and mercy during these Advent and Christmas days.

Psalm 127:3 "Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him."

With every best wish and gratitude, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Thomas John Paprocki

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
 Bishop of Springfield in Illinois



Making Cookies & Treats for Shut-ins

The Cafeteria staff's children and grandchildren got together to make cookies and treats for some of our St. Peter shut-ins. Everyone had a wonderful time.

We want to wish all of you a Very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!