



The Parish of St. Peter Quincy, IL

Second Sunday of Advent, December 5, 2021

*~Mass Intentions~
December 6-12, 2021*

- 6. Monday 8:00 a.m.
Tony & Betty Wiewel
- 7. Tuesday 8:00 a.m.
Carolyn Schuering
- 7. Tuesday 6:00 p.m.
Jim Musolino
- 8. Wednesday 8:30 a.m.
Isabelle Daly
- 8. Wednesday 12:10 p.m.
Loren Tournear
- 8. Wednesday 6:30 p.m.
Mary Talken
- 9. Thursday 8:30 a.m.
Michael Brahler
- 10. Friday 8:00 a.m.
Ann Anderson
- 11. Saturday 8:00 a.m.
Ron Cudney
- 11. Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Richard Lauer
- 12. Sunday 8:00 a.m.
Betty Lentz
- 12. Sunday 9:30 a.m.
Jim Meyer
- 12. 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 the church celebrates the second Sunday in our season of Advent. In our gospel reading today St. Luke presents to us one of our Advent figures, namely John the Baptist. In this reading Luke presents John the Baptist as a historical figure and does so in such a way that he places John in a historical context. As other writers of his day, Luke indicates a specific time in which John is present, “in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar,” then Luke continues to describe that period of time giving his names as Pontius Pilate, the governor Herod and his brother Philip who were the tetrarchs of EU regions and then finally including the two high priests, Annas and Caiaphas. Luke seems to want to inform his readers the John was an actual historical figure somehow preparing the people for a very special coming. Perhaps a summation of Luke's testimony is the fact that he sees John as the prophet Isaiah quoting that same prophet as “voice of one crying out in the desert: prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.” Thus on the second Sunday of Advent the church introduces all of us to that Advent figure, John the Baptist, who would bridge the Old Testament and the New Testament together. Perhaps it might be wise for us to look into our own lives to try our best to live the words of the prophet Isaiah. The prophet who tells us that we are to prepare the way of the Lord in our own lives, that we are to make straight his paths, filling in the valleys of despair and vulnerability in our lives and bringing down the mountains of pride, greed, and lack of forgiveness. Let each of us use this time of Advent to grow ever closer to the God who wants to share our life with us.

Just a reminder that this Wednesday, December 8th, is a holy day of obligation. We will have a vigil Mass for this holy day on Tuesday, December 7th, at 6:00 p.m. The Masses for the holy day will be as follows; 8:30 a.m., our all school Mass, 10:00 a.m. at Quincy Notre Dame High School, 12:10 p.m. at Saint Peter church, and a 6:30 p.m. Mass. This holy day is very special for us here in the United States as it celebrates the patroness of our country namely Mary, under the title of the Immaculate Conception. This holy day is also special to us as the Diocese of Springfield, IL for we also have Mary as our patron under the title of the Immaculate Conception. So I encourage you to come and celebrate with us this very special day in the life of our country and in the life of our diocese.

This Sunday, December 5th, we will be celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation as well as the sacrament of First Communion for many of our students in our parish. The Bishop has given me the privilege of celebrating this sacrament for our students so that we can get caught up with the celebration of all of our sacraments. I ask your special prayers for not only those students who will be confirmed but also for those students who will be receiving their first communion. As we celebrate the sacraments I want to especially thank our parents, our teachers, our sponsors and this entire parish for their prayers, love and support. A special thank you to Gina Bergman, our Director of Religious Education, who has done so much to get our young people ready for this special day. Even though we will be celebrating all the sacraments of initiation, this doesn't mean that our education in the faith and the continual celebration of the sacraments comes to an

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Next Meeting
Caroling Outside
December 5th
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 souls of
Jerry Kroner, Michael Reiter,
Laura Geiser and
Howard Buckley
sing praises with the Angels in Heaven forever.

Baptisms

Charlotte Sue Thomas, daughter of **Eric & Kayla (Schuckman) Thomas**, was made a child of God through the reception of the sacrament of Baptism on Saturday, November 27, 2021. **Emmitt William Jo Krause**, son of **Emma Krause**, and **Archer William Smith**, son of **Michael & Angela (Costigan) Smith**, were made children of God through the reception of the sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, November 28, 2021.

Holy Day Mass Times

Wednesday, December 8th, is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Mass times are as follows:
Tuesday, Dec. 7th, at 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 8th, at 8:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
QND at 10:00 a.m.

Usher Sign Up for the Holy Day Masses

We need ushers for the Holy Day this next week on December 7th and 8th. Please sign up in the Narthex if you can help. Thank you!

St. Peter Social Concerns Christmas Cookie Sale - Bakers!
December 11th & 12th

We need your help! Bake a batch of Christmas cookies for this special fundraiser. Bring Cookies to the Cafeteria on that SATURDAY or on SUNDAY before 9:30 a.m. Mass. Because of continuing COVID concerns, all cookies should be prewrapped - either per dozen or smaller amounts - in ziplock bags. If you are willing to volunteer to work the sale, call Sharon at (217) 257-1376. Coffee & Cinnamon Rolls Will Be Available!

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.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

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| ~Kristopher Schreacke | ~Elias Erd |  |
| ~Lilli Foster | ~Ian Mehaffy | |
| ~John Meyer | ~Isabella Benner | |
| ~Natalie Meyer | ~Lucy Miller | |
| ~Rose Hockgraver | ~Bonnie Haubrich | |
| ~Sharon Zehnle | ~Alden & Joyce Shipp | |
| ~Steve Sinnock | ~Jim Steinkamp | |
| ~Priscilla & Bill Morrison | ~Barbara Helmedag | |
| ~Kathy Schuckman | ~Jack Terford | |
| ~Jo Buckley | ~Norma Johnson | |
| ~JoAnn Schaefer | ~Gary Frye | |

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

Fellowship Friday

Join us for Fellowship Friday after 8:00am Mass this week (12/10). Come for Mass, fellowship, coffee and treats!

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!

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 Mast 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.

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.

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 Bunell 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!

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)
5 pm to 6 pm (2nd, 4th weeks of the month)
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.

Quincy Deanery Meeting Friday

Just a reminder the Quincy Deanery Council of Catholic Women will have their first meeting on Friday, Dec. 10, from 8:30am - approx. 2:00pm. at St. Francis Solanus Church, 1721 College Ave. Registration will be from 8:30-9:00 am in Solanus Hall.

The School of St. Peter



Week of December 5, 2021

A Message from Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh

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

ST. VINCENT FINDS A NEW HOME AT ST. PETER



With the news of the closing of St. Vincent Home we were blessed to receive the St. Vincent statue. We thank Mr. John Rupp and Mr. Randy Martin for placing St. Vincent at the front of our school building.

DAYCARE COORDINATOR POSITION OPEN FOR 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR



It is with mixed feelings of sadness and joy that we share the announcement of Mrs. Loretta Goehl, our current daycare coordinator. She has announced that she will retire at the close of this school year. She is excited about the opportunity to spend time with her husband and family. We will sincerely miss her as she has been a tremendous asset to our before and after school program at St. Peter School. We thank her for her many years of service to St. Peter School. While we are sad to lose her, we are also happy for her as she begins this new chapter in her life.

We are looking for someone to take her position for the 2022-2023 School Year. This position is part time, maximum of 25 hours per week or 5 hours per day. Hours are 6:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. and 2:15 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. Applicants must enjoy working with students, be able to hire and supervise staff and possess basic computer skills. If you are interested or know of someone who may be interested in this position, send a resume along with two or more references to Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh at 2500 Maine Street, Quincy, IL 62301.

MENU

- Monday:** Hot dog/bun, baked chips, baked beans, diced peaches, fruit bites.
- Tuesday:** Walking taco, Spanish rice, lettuce/tomato/cheese, sorbet cup, apple churro bar.
- Wednesday:** Pasta/meat sauce, romaine salad, applesauce, cheesy bread sticks, cookie.
- Thursday:** Grilled chicken patty/bun, French fries, mixed veggies, tropical fruit.
- Friday:** French toast sticks, sausage patty, hard boiled egg, mixed fruit, razy juice.

WHAT IS HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

Sun. Dec. 5: Confirmation/1st Communion at 1p.m.

Mon, Dec. 6: St. Nicholas Day.

Tues. Dec. 7: QND Kindergarten with Santa 7:30-8:00 pm at QND.

Wed. Dec. 8: 8:30 Children's Mass grades K,3,5 & 6 attend.

Thurs. Dec. 9: 8:30 Children's Mass grades 1,2,4,7 & 8 attend.

Fri., Dec. 10:

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

Mark Your Calendar

Mon. Dec. 6:

Tues. Dec. 7: Novena 8:30 a.m., Church
Mass 6:00 p.m., Church
RCIA 7:00 p.m., Martha Jane Room

Wed. Dec. 8: Masses 8:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 6:00 p.m.
Ladies Cursillo 1:30 p.m., Fr. Bauer Prayer Room

Thurs. Dec. 9: St. Veronica's Guild 8:30 a.m., Lower Level Conf. Room
Cribbage 1:00 p.m., Martha Jane Rm

Fri. Dec. 10: Fellowship Friday 8:30 a.m., Narthex

Sat. Dec. 11: Rosary 7:30 a.m., Church
Giving Wreath Gift Collection, Narthex
Social Concerns Cookie Sale after Mass, Cafeteria

Sun. Dec. 12: Giving Wreath Gift Collection, Narthex
Social Concerns Cookie Sale after Masses, Cafeteria

—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..

end. I challenge our parents and our sponsors to make sure that this does not happen.

I want to remind you that our Social Concerns Committee will be sponsoring their cookie sale after all of our Masses next weekend in the cafeteria. Along with these tasty and delicious cookies there will also be fresh cinnamon rolls being served and sold after all of our Masses. Please join our Social Concerns Committee in this very important fundraiser for them. It is through their generosity the many needs of so many people in our community are being served.

Once again I remind you if you haven't done so already to make sure that your stewardship renewal forms are returned to the parish as soon as possible. For those who have returned these forms, I thank you. For those who have not returned them I ask you to do the same. Thank you for your assistance in this matter as we try to become a stewardship parish.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:

As Christmas was approaching a mother was telling her little ones the beautiful story of Christmas. They even tried their voices on some of the usual carols. After one song 4 year old Tommy blurted out, "mommy, wasn't it nice for the shepherds to get all cleaned up before they went to see the baby Jesus?"

"What do you mean Tommy?" she asked.

"Well," he explained "we just sang the song while shepherds washed their socks by night."

Magi. Leo J. Eulow



WEEKLY COLLECTION		
	November 28	Total to Date
Loose Collections	\$1,013.50	\$18,590.06
Regular Collections	\$23,019.42	\$582,070.26
Annual School Fund	\$8,457.50	\$152,600.10
Holy Days	\$222.00	\$4,689.00
Totals	\$32,712.42	\$757,949.42
Total Budget Goal	\$32,000.00	\$704,000.00
Difference	\$712.42	\$53,949.42

Diocesan Collections

Justice & Hope: \$335.00 Retired Religious: \$30.00
Quincy Catholic Cemeteries: \$192.00
Dependent Children: \$25.00

Haiti Sister Parish Collections

Collected \$265.00

Parish in Action



2021 Giving Wreaths

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.

This is happening **Now through December 5**. You can choose a tag(s) before or after church. 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!



December, 2021

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Pope Francis often highlights the role older adults play in conveying faith from one generation to the next. Recently, he noted that "there is no retirement age from the work of proclaiming the Gospel." ¹As we approach the annual Retirement Fund for Religious collection—an appeal that benefits some 26,000 elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests—I am reminded that senior religious never retire from their vows.

Instead, the prayer and ministry of older religious are an ongoing witness to the Gospel. In their younger years, they laid the foundation for Catholic schools, hospitals, and works of mercy. Today, many serve in volunteer ministry. Others are frail and need assistance. Yet all remain wholly committed to their vocations, accepting the limitations of aging and embracing the opportunity to spend more time praying for our Church and world.

Most senior religious worked for little pay, and now their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious offers support that helps religious communities provide loving care for older members while ensuring younger ones can continue the good works of their elders.

I recognize you may be experiencing your own financial difficulties. I ask only that you give what you can. Most importantly, please join me in praying for God's continued blessing on our nation's elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

† Thomas John Paprocki

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

¹Pope Francis, Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the First World Day [or Grandparents and the Elderly, July 25, 2021. (<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/nonni/documents/20210531-messaggio-nonni-anziani.html>).

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: _____