



# The Parish of St. Peter Quincy, IL

## ~Mass Intentions~

January 2-8, 2023

- 2. **Monday 8:00 a.m.**  
Carlene O'Brien
- 3. **Tuesday 8:00 a.m.**  
Joe & Anita Lavery
- 4. **Wednesday 8:30 a.m.**  
Carol Cullivan Martin
- 5. **Thursday 8:00 a.m.**  
Dan Frericks
- 6. **Friday 8:00 a.m.**  
Leroy Venvertloh
- 7. **Saturday 8:00 a.m.**  
Alice Wavering Kemner &  
T. B. Kemner
- 7. **Saturday 5:00 p.m.**  
Ann Anderson
- 8. **Sunday 8:00 a.m.**  
Ann Bollom
- 8. **Sunday 9:30 a.m.**  
Dr. Robert Murphy
- 8. **Sunday 11:00 a.m.**  
Our Parish Family

## — Mass Schedule —

- Monday-Saturday  
8:00 a.m.
- Wednesday 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.

*Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God, January 1, 2023*

**Dear Parishioners,**

Today we celebrate another Holyday, one of five in our liturgical calendar. This particular Holyday called the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God is probably the least attended because I would suggest people are celebrating the night or morning of in bringing in the New Year. Whatever the case, this Solemnity falls on a Sunday, thus providing the dignity that it deserves as one of our Holydays in our liturgical calendar. Now this particular Holyday has seen a number of changes in its celebration. When I was growing up, those older and perhaps a bit younger, remember this day being called the “the Feast of the Circumcision of Jesus.” It was named that because our gospel for this feast said the following, “when eight days were completed for His circumcision, He was named Jesus, the name given Him by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.” Then to call it the “Feast of the Circumcision” seemed to prioritize a Jewish practice and so then it was changed to Feast of the Octave Day of Christmas. After a short tenure of that celebration, the Church finally restored the ancient name for this Solemnity, namely the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. It is the oldest feast of the Blessed Mother in our liturgical calendar.

The scene of our gospel for this Solemnity is the stable at Bethlehem. We find Mary, Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. Also present were the shepherds who, “made known to this family all that had been told them about the child.” I am sure Mary was amazed to say the least, and as the gospel tells us, “Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.” Not sure in her reflection whether she understood that her motherhood would involve her in being called the Mother of God. And so we pray today, *“Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you, blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, MOTHER OF GOD, pray for us sinners now and at the hours of our death. Amen”*

Besides celebrating this ancient Solemnity of Mary, we also celebrate the beginning of the New Year of 2023, in the year of the Lord. On behalf of the priests and parish staff, I want to wish each and everyone of you a very Blessed and Grace-filled New Year. Perhaps the blessing of Moses in our first reading is my prayer for you as Moses prayed:

***May the Lord bless and keep you? May the Lord let His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; and May the Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace.***

As I think about this particular day, I want you to know I am most thankful for this parish family. You have taught me so much about being a pastor, through your stewardship you have lifted some heavy burdens from my shoulders, and through your faith, hope, and love, helped me to find Christ in your lives as we struggle together to do His Will, not ours. I appreciate each of you and pray that this new year will be one of grace, joy, and happiness as we strive to serve each other and the God who became one of us. I also pray that each of us will keep our lives focused on the union with Christ, whether it be sacramentally in the Eucharist or someday when we pass through the doors of death to find His fullness.

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Next Meeting  
January 8th  
Dodgeball  
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Drop Off & Pick Up - Martha Jane Room

All 7th, 8th, & 9th graders & their friends welcome!



**Saints Alive!**

**Next Date**

**To Be Announced**

**6:00-7:30 p.m. 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! Please check Facebook for updates.



**Social Concerns Collection**

Social Concerns will be collecting new adult and children's gloves/mittens, plus women's and children's socks next weekend, January 7-8 for the 1st Sunday collection for the Ladies of Charity. Please notice because of the holidays we have moved the date to the Second weekend in January. Containers will be located in the Narthex. Thank you in advance!

**Men's Cursillo #357**

Men's Cursillo #357 will be held January 19-22 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](http://www.quincycursillo.com) and "applications" and print one.

**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, [www.cospq.org](http://www.cospq.org), 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.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**LENTEN PARISH MISSION**

**FEBRUARY 18-20, 2023!**

- Begins during all Weekend Masses on 2/18 and 2/19
- Continues with Parish Mission Conferences on 2/19 and 2/20 at 6:30 p.m. in the Church
- A reception will follow on 2/20 in the Narthex
- Childcare available for children age 1 and older



Fr. Denis Robinson, OSB will offer this second Parish Mission during Lent. He will discuss the Eucharist in the context of Lent/the coming of Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection at Easter.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

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| ~Kristopher Schreacke      | ~Elias Erd           |                 |
| ~Lilli Foster              | ~Amy Seibert         |                 |
| ~Hunter Hildebrand         | ~Isabella Benner     |                 |
| ~Natalie Meyer             | ~Theresa Althoff     | ~Steve Hull     |
| ~Rose Hockgraver           | ~Bonnie Haubrich     | ~Evelyn Garrett |
| ~Alden & Joyce Shipp       | ~Norma Johnson       | ~Ted Kemner     |
| ~Joan Wilson               | ~Jack Terford        | ~Julie Eftink   |
| ~Priscilla & Bill Morrison | ~Daniella Kendrick   | ~Jo Buckley     |
| ~Kathy Schuckman           | ~John & Barb Meyer   | ~Judy Domme     |
| ~Ken & Barb Wolf           | ~Donna Schutte       | ~Dan Dailing    |
| ~Matt Mast                 | ~Anonymous           |                 |
| ~Mark & Diane Zoller       | ~Valerie Fox Ortball | ~Jack Bunte     |
| ~JoAnn Schaefer            | ~Debra Sparrow       | ~Michael Mason  |
| ~Michelle Houston          | ~Dustin Houston      |                 |



**Coffee & Donuts Cancelled**

Coffee & Donuts has been cancelled for January.

**Social Concerns Thank You to Parish!**

The Social Concerns Committee would like to express a very big Thank You to all who baked cookies and helped at the cookie sale this year. The cookies were sold and enjoyed by the many buyers. A special thanks to Sue Kuhl, Helen Terstriep, Marcia Evans and Susie Meyer who baked the cinnamon rolls. This money helps the many projects of the committee in the name of St. Peter Parish.

The Giving Wreath also showed the generosity and stewardship of our parish. Around 900 gifts were distributed to needy families by various social agencies in town. Thank you to Christy and Mike Holm for once again contacting the agencies, making the tags, and sorting the gifts so that they get to the right places on time. This is truly the Spirit of Christmas!



**2023 Calendars**

We now have the new 2023 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.



**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](mailto:church@cospq.org) to give us the dates you will be gone. We get charged for any returned bulk mailings (newsletters, envelopes, etc.)

**Friend of Catholic Education Dinner**

Please join us Saturday, February 4 at 6 pm at the Atrium on 3rd for the Quincy Catholic Elementary Schools Foundation's 14th Annual Friend of Catholic Education Dinner. This year's event will honor Fr. Roy Bauer whose love and passion for Catholic education left an incredible legacy in our community. Tickets are \$100 and can be purchased at [ticketstripe.com/FOCEDinner2023](http://ticketstripe.com/FOCEDinner2023) or by mailing a check to the Quincy Catholic Elementary Schools Foundation at 1721 College Ave, Quincy, IL 62301. For more information, please contact Sara Reuschel at [director@quincycatholicsschools.org](mailto:director@quincycatholicsschools.org) or by calling (217) 779-3157.

**QND Pancake & Sausage Breakfast**

The Annual QND Pancake and Sausage Breakfast will be Sunday, January 8th from 8:30am-12:30pm in the QND cafeteria. The cost is \$9.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. (Children under 5 eat free). All proceeds benefit the Catholic Heart Workcamp trip this summer.

*The School of St. Peter*



*Week of January 1, 2023*

*A Message from Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh*

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



**BABY SHOWER FOR JESUS**

During the season of Advent students in grades K-3 held a baby shower for Jesus. Items brought in were given to CareNet. In addition to the gifts,

St. Peter School students and staff were able to give them a check for \$433. This money was collected for each Spirit Day during the second quarter. CareNet was overwhelmed by the generosity of our staff and students! They extend their sincere appreciation to our St. Peter School family!



**MRS. CLAUS VISITS PRESCHOOL**

Students in 4yr old preschool received a special visit from Mrs. Claus during the last week of school before Christmas break!

**EMPOWER ILLINOIS—INVEST IN KIDS ACT**

Thanks to the Invest in Kids Act, donors (taxpayers) who give to St. Peter through Empower Illinois receive a 75% tax credit for the amount of their gift. The tax credit may be carried forward for up to five years. It is an incentive for a donor to increase the amount they donate for tuition assistance. Donors can QUADRUPLE their impact with no extra money out-of-pocket. This puts donors (taxpayers) back in charge of their income tax dollars and allows them to keep their tax dollars local. Visit [empowerillinois.org](http://empowerillinois.org) for more information or call 800-616-7606.

Families can make a reservation for a 2023-2024 Empower Illinois tax credit scholarship on **January 18, 2023!** Like years past, the reservation form will open on the [empowerillinois.org](http://empowerillinois.org) website at 6:30pm before submission at 7:00pm.

For questions on reservation or application process, call 800-616-7606.

**MENU**

- Monday:** No School.
- Tuesday:** French bread pizza, marinara, green beans, fruit.
- Wednesday:** Corn dog, fries, corn, fruit.
- Thursday:** Tenderloin/bun, chips, peas, fruit
- Friday:** Fish nuggets, tater tots, baked beans, fruit.

**THIS WEEK**



- Monday, Jan. 2: NO SCHOOL
- Tuesday, Jan. 3: **School resumes with full bus service.**
- Wednesday, Jan. 4: **8:30 a.m. Children's Mass - 5th grade leading.**
- Thursday, Jan. 5:
- Friday, Jan. 6: **2nd quarter report cards** available on FACTS/RenWeb for grades 3-8 and sent home with K-2. **Spirit Day—Students and staff wear their Spirit Day shirts and donate 25 cents to Souper Bowl for Caring!**

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### Mark Your Calendar

**Mon. January 2:** Parish Office Closed  
**Tues. January 3:** RCIA 7:00 p.m., Martha Jane Room  
**Wed. January 4:** Ladies Cursillo 1:30 p.m., Fr. Bauer Prayer Rm  
 PSR 6:30 p.m., School  
**Thurs. January 5:**  
**Fri. January 6:**  
**Sat. January 7:**  
**Sun. January 8:** No Coffee & Donuts this month  
 FOUND 6:30 p.m., Martha Jane Room

—*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..

Also, I want to thank all those who remembered your priests with cards, gifts and other generous donations. You are so good and we can't thank you enough. Second, I also want to thank all those who remembered St Peter Church in your end of the year contribution, or remembered our sister parishes in Haiti. I pray that your generous stewardship will draw you ever closer to the God who is so generous to all of us with His many gifts.

I want to remind our parishioners including the parish leadership of our ministries, that we will be having or leadership retreat for all of you on Saturday, January 21st. This special day will begin at Mass at 8:00 a.m., followed by a retreat type experience in the gym from 8:30-2:00 p.m. I ask you to make this day a priority as we gather to make sure our leadership/service in our parish is always a spiritual experience.

**ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:** You know you are getting old when.....

- you say something to your kids that you mother said to you, and you always hated it.
- you sing along with the elevator music.
- you answer a question with "Because I said so."
- you have a part and the neighbors don't even realize it.

"Youth is when you're allowed to stay up late on New Year's Eve. Middle age is when you're force to."

**Happy and Grace filled New Year, 2023.**

*Magi. Leo J. Embor*



WEEKLY COLLECTION		
	December 25	Total to Date
Loose Collections	\$2,403.31	\$27,329.08
Regular Collections	\$32,564.50	\$719,585.97
Annual School Fund	\$15,613.00	\$260,602.21
Holy Days	\$20,957.00	\$29,096.30
Totals	\$71,537.81	\$1,036,613.56
Total Budget Goal	\$32,000.00	\$832,000.00
Difference	\$39,537.81	\$204,613.56
<b>Diocesan Collections</b>		
Dependent Children:	\$1,772.00	
Retired Religious:	\$111.00	
Quincy Catholic Cemeteries:	\$45.00	
<b>Haiti Sister Parish Collections</b>		
	Collected \$380.00	

# Parish in Action

January, 2023

My dear Friends in Christ,  
*Catholic Times* has always been a key communication tool for our diocese. Whether it is important announcements, teaching the faith, or inspirational stories, the magazine provides tremendous value to readers.

That was most apparent in the Nov. 27 special edition of *Catholic Times* that focused on the Eucharist, our Year of the Eucharist, and previewing the diocesan celebration of the See transfer from Alton to Springfield. That edition proved that not only do a lot of people read the magazine, but it is positively impacting people. Here are just two stories that prove the point: One is from Jerseyville where a reader told us that one of his friends, who is going through the RCIA process now, read the magazine "cover to cover" and "loved it" and now "understands" the Eucharist. In Springfield, a reader told us that he knew a gentleman who comes to Mass often and approached him. "He had a copy of the eucharistic miracles article from the recent special issue of *Catholic Times*. He told me he had been one of the 70 percent who thought the Eucharist was a symbol, but that after reading the article, and I assume the other articles in the special issue, he was now among the 30 percent who believed in the Real Presence." What God moments! We heard other stories of positive impact as well and received many requests for more copies of the special edition so readers could hand them to family, friends, and people searching for the Truth.

In 2022, *Catholic Times* won eight national awards at the annual Catholic Media Association Awards; the most the magazine has ever won during a single year. Moreover, the team at *Catholic Times* continues to try new things to engage readers. For example, this entire next year will feature eucharistic miracle stories, saint stories, and monstrosities from across the diocese.

The magazine will also continue its emphasis on catechesis of the Catholic faith such as their Hey, Father! series, navigating the difficult world of bioethics, and explaining the sacraments. Of course, feature reporting is a major part of the magazine, highlighting the stories of people, parishes, and schools that are building up the Kingdom of God in our diocese. The magazine's commitment to local coverage means when each edition is opened, readers will see stories that are important to their lives and read stories written by people and priests they know.

My column, "Lex Cordis Caritas," is on page 4 of each issue. It is one of the best ways that I can speak about the issues that we face as Catholics in Central Illinois and update readers on important decisions I make that impact the faithful. As bishop of this diocese, it is important for me to be an active participant in Catholic media.

It is all these reasons why I believe that *Catholic Times* should be available to every household in our diocese, either online (ct.dio.org), by email, or by mail. I invite you to support this important communication tool in our diocese. During the weekend of Jan. 7-8, you will have the opportunity to respond gratefully and ensure the *Catholic Times* remains an inexpensive source of information on the vital issues I have noted.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
*† Thomas John Paprocki*  
 Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki  
 Bishop of Springfield in Illinois, Publisher, *Catholic Times*

**St. Peter** *BACK FOR 2023!*

# PANCAKE & SAUSAGE

**Breakfast**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 29**

**8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

**St. Peter School Gym**  
**2500 Maine Street**

**\$5 All You Care to Eat**



*Chris Cakes*  
ST. LOUIS