

The Parish of St. Peter Quincy, IL

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 12, 2023

~Mass Intentions~ February 13-19, 2023

- **13. Monday 8:00 a.m.** Lee Fenton
- **14. Tuesday 8:00 a.m.** Richard Lauer
- **15. Wednesday 8:30 a.m.** Jack Souders
- **16. Thursday 8:00 a.m.** Edgar A. & Virginia R. Newman
- **17. Friday 8:00 a.m.** Billy Smith
- 18. Saturday 8:00 a.m. Orville Lubbe
- **18. Saturday 5:00 p.m.** Dr. John Nolan
- 19. Sunday 8:00 a.m.
- Our Parish Family
 19. Sunday 9:30 a.m.
- Jim & Mary Pat O'Hearn 19. Sunday 11:00 a.m. Julius "Bud" Meyer

— 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.

Dear Parishioners,

On this second weekend in our month of February, the Church celebrates the 6th Sunday in Ordinary time. As we prepare for our Scripture readings for our Mass this weekend, I want you to imagine what God's Kingdom would be like. It's a kingdom of happiness; a kingdom of peace; a kingdom people living in harmony and communion not only with each other but also with their God. Is such a kingdom possible for us? Well, if this kingdom wasn't possible, Jesus would never have come to inaugurate it in our world. Perhaps the key to realizing this kingdom is found in our responsorial psalm which state: "Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord." If you and I follow and live the law of the Lord, we would begin to experience what we pray for in each Our Father, namely, "thy kingdom come." And this is evident in our first reading for our Mass today. The Book of Sirach tells us that "Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him." If only we continue to choose life and good will we begin to experience first hand God's kingdom present in our midst.

In my bulletin columns for the past several weeks, I have been planting the seed of a capital improvement project for us here at St. Peter. As the old saying goes, "there is nothing in concrete." I have a vision on what is possible but it will all depend upon a feasibility study that must be done prior to any project. We are currently working with a group called the Steier Group which would help us evaluate our needs as well as what we could afford. Needless to say, this is a requirement by the diocese for any capital improvement projects. I just want to keep you in tune with what's happening as these are all necessary steps to bring our vision into reality. And with such a project, we could finally use the space below our Church for Church activities, like funeral dinners, meetings of various groups, as well as open up other spaces for meeting rooms. Most of you are well aware, that a parish center is needed and this would provide us with the needed space to use what we have as this parish center. The last major project, as most of you remember, was the Living Stones Project. I know that this was close to 12 years ago and added the narthex to the Church with some improvements in the grade school. In between that and now, we added a new administrative wing onto the school, as well as air conditioned the school. Is it possible to ask for another major project? Then I thought about adding a gym onto this project because of the need in our community for gym space. Right now, our gym which is the biggest of gyms in our Catholic schools other than the Pit at QND, cannot handle the sports activities of our junior high students. There is very little fan space, we have no locker rooms for the teams to dress let alone shower, and our gym floor needs to be replaced as the rubber coating is bubbling up. I know for practice, our athletic director has to rent spaces from the old Madison school in order for us to practice. If we are going to undertake an addition, should a gym be included? Our parish family has done so well in terms of stewardship that I think we need to look ahead in terms of much needed capital improvements. We sure need the space.

We are looking for a new maintenance person for our buildings. Randy Martin after many years of service is venturing into a new business adventure. If you know of someone interested, please contact me or Kristi here at the rectory.

F O U N D

Next Meeting February 26th Cassano's Pizza Night 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Drop off at Cassano's

Pick Up - Martha Jane Room

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



Saints Alive! Next Date February 12 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.



Rest in Peace May the soul of

Joan Sturhahn sing praises with the Angels in Heaven forever.

Social Concerns Meeting

Social Concerns will be meeting Friday, February 17 at 8:30 a.m. in the Martha Jane Room. All are welcome!

Marriage Course

The Marriage Enrichment group is offering The Marriage Course, a seven-week program that teaches important skills on key aspects of healthy relationships. Dates: 7 Sundays in Lent. February 26-April 16 (except Easter), from 6:00-7:30pm in the Martha Jane Room. Babysitting provided. Cost is \$10 per couple. To register please contact the church office or Betty McDonnell at 217-653-3003.

St. Francis Parish Mission

Renowned Catholic recording artist Steve Angrisano will give a parish mission at St. Francis Solanus Church, 1721 College Ave., Quincy, Feb. 13-14 at 6:30 p.m. in the church. Free will offering.

Steve is internationally known in the Catholic music world as a composer, presenter and passionate music missionary. He delves into the beauty of Divine Mercy through his story-telling and popular songs. Steve is funny, inspiring and gifted. If you can't attend the mission, Steve will be playing at all masses at St. Francis the weekend of Feb. 11-12.

Mardi Gras Celebration

Celebrate Mardi Gras in style with great music in Ouincy's newest event space. Join The Gentlemen at The Armory on Saturday, February 18 from 7-11 pm. \$20 gets you in the door of this beautiful space to listen to one of Quincy's best bands! Proceeds benefit the OCES Foundation. Tickets are available at ticketstripe.com/MardisGras23

Ash Wednesday Fish Fry

Ash Wednesday Fish Fry hosted by Scouts BSA Troop 1 & Cub Scout Pack 1 on Wednesday, February 22, 4:00-7:00pm at Blessed Sacrament Catholic School, 1115 S. 7th, Quincy. Catfish or walleye dinner \$13 includes mac & cheese, potato salad & coleslaw, dessert & drink. Mac & cheese dinner \$6 includes applesauce, dessert, drink. Curbside pickup, carry out or dine in. Cash, check & credit card accepted.

~Amy Seibert

~Isabella Benner

~Theresa Althoff

~Bonnie Haubrich

~Norma Johnson

~Jack Terford

Please keep the following in your prayers:

- ~Kristopher Schreacke ~Elias Erd
- ~Lilli Foster
- ~Hunter Hildebrand
- ~Natalie Meyer
- ~Rose Hockgraver
- ~Alden & Joyce Shipp
- ~Joan Wilson
- ~Priscilla & Bill Morrison ~Daniella Kendrick
- ~Kathy Schuckman
- ~Lorna Shade

- ~Valerie Fox Ortball
- ~Mark & Diane Zoller
- ~Michelle & Dustin Houston ~Debra Sparrow ~Jack Bunte
- ~Cindy Barner ~JoAnn Schaefer
- ~Donna Schutte

~John & Barb Mever

- ~Anonymous
 - ~Ken Wolf ~Michael Mason

~Dan Dailing

~Steve Hull

~Matt Mast

~Ted Kemner

~Julie Eftink

~Judy Domme

~Jo Buckley

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

St. Peter Technology/Marketing Coordinator

Looking for a self-driven candidate with a Bachelor of Science degree in technology and knowledge in marketing. This position supports and manages infrastructure of both the School and Church technology and marketing needs. Experienced candidates please contact Kristi Smith at the parish office 217-222-3155.

St. Peter Girl Scout Troops Cookie Sales

The St. Peter Girl Scout Troops will be selling cookies at the Masses this weekend, February 11th & 12th. Please stop by and buy some cookies.

"A Time To Mourn...A Time to Heal"

Are you struggling with the loss of a loved one? Need someone to talk to?

We will be offering a 5-week "Grief Support" series starting this Lent on Thursday evenings from 4:30-6pm on February 23, March 2,16,23,30 in the St. Peter Parish Office

For more information or to signup for the session please contact Rebecca in the Parish Office at 217-222-3155.

St. Peter's Men's Group

The Men's Group will have a spring program using the series by Father Dave Pivonka called "Metanoia" (a spirit of conversion). We are planning on meeting on Friday mornings starting Friday, February 24th in the gym. Doors open at 6:00am and the program begins at 6:30am, finishing by 7:30 am. This is a 5 part series that will continue every Friday morning finishing on March 24th.

Help Us Spread a Little Sunshine This Lent!

St Peter Parish is asking for parishioners to sign up to be part of our Sunshine Crew. This ministry reaches out to our Homebound/Nursing Home parishioners through letters and cards during Lent. If you are interested in signing up, we are asking you to send a letter, card, note with children's artwork, etc., WEEKLY during Lent 2023 (6 weeks total). Once you sign up via the Signup Genius link below, you will be emailed the Name and Address of a Homebound/ Nursing Home parishioner before Monday, February 20th, 2023. Please help us bring some sunshine to our Homebound/Nursing Home parishioners! If you have any questions, please contact Jodi (5mcdonaldsic@gmail.com) or Lyn (l.strieker@cospq.org). Signup Genius link: https:// www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0b4ca5ae22a64stpeter2#/

Chaddock Donations

The Chaddock Outreach Ministry is asking for donations of daily personal care supplies (shampoo, soap, toothbrushes) and comfort items (pillows, blankets, towels) for our neighbors at Chaddock. If you would like to donate items, please use this link to access the Chaddock Amazon Wish List. Thank you! www.bit.ly/Chaddock

K of C Fish Fries During Lent

Quincy Knights of Columbus Fish Fries Start on Ash Wednesday, February 22, and Every Friday during Lent including Good Friday, April 7. They will be serving Catfish and Pollock Filets, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Macaroni and Cheese for \$13. This will be held in McGivney Hall from 4:30 to 7 PM. Drive Thru Dinners Available on West Side of the building, Eat in or Carry Out.

The School of St. Peter



Week of February 12, 2023

A Message from Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh

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

FOOD COLLECTION TO FEED THE NEEDY IN OUR COMMUNITY





Last week our students were presented with a challenge. As a Catholic Schools Week service project the students participated in the Souper Bowl of Caring Campaign. Students competed among homerooms to see who could collect the most food items for our community. Once again our students and families came through! A total of 6,163 items were collected for this worthy cause. Mrs. Hanafin's 7th grade homeroom brought in a total of 1,002 items (48 items per student). They will enjoy an entire week out of dress code for their tremendous efforts. I cannot tell you how extremely proud I am of our entire school for their generosity! Well done!

SHARING OUR TALENTS



Students at St. Peter blessed everyone with performing in the St. Peter School Talent Show! We had an amazing afternoon watching our students perform!

2023-2024 TEACHER OPENINGS—Please spread the word!

St. Peter School is accepting applications for 2 teaching position for the 2023-2024 school year - 6th grade (all subjects) and 7/8 grade Science. Qualified applicants should hold an Illinois Professional Educator License. Qualified applicants should send a cover letter, resume, and references to Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh, 2500 Maine Street, Quincy, IL 62301.

MENU

Monday: Corn dog, baked chips, peas, fruit.

Tuesday: Turkey, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, fruit.

Wednesday: Sausage/egg/ cheese biscuit, fresh veggies, tri-taters, yogurt, fruit.

Thursday: Tenderloin on bun, fries, corn, fruit.

Friday: No School

THIS WEEK

Monday, Feb. 13: 8th grade visit OND: 4th grade participate in teaching Mass with Fr. Leo and Fr. Zach; School Advisory Bd. At 7

Tuesday, Feb. 14: Happy Valentine's Day-students and staff wear out of dress code bottoms with valentine tops!

Wednesday, Feb. 15: 8:30 a.m. Children's Mass-students sit in houses and wear house colors with dress code bottoms; 7/8 grade attend Underground Railroad field trip to OU.

Thursday, Feb. 16: Cyber Bullying session for parents at 6 p.m. in the school gym.

Friday, Feb. 17: No School teacher in-service.

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Email: c.venvertloh@cospq.org

Mark Your Calendar

Mon. February 13:

Tues. February 14: Ladies Bible Study 8:30 a.m., Martha Jane Room

RCIA 7:00 p.m., Martha Jane Room

Wed. February 15: Ladies Cursillo 1:30 p.m., Fr. Bauer Prayer Rm

PSR 6:30 p.m., School

Thurs. February 16:

Fri. February 17: Social Concerns Meeting 8:30 a.m.,

Martha Jane Room

Sat. February 18:

Sun. February 19: Parish Mission 6:30 p.m., Church

—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..

Next weekend begins our parish mission. We are very happy to have Fr. Denis Robinson, a Benediction Monk from St. Meinrad Seminary, to be our leader. He will be speaking at all of our Masses next weekend, and then will present two individual conferences, Sunday and Monday at 6:30 p.m. respectively. Please join us as we prepare our hearts and lives for our Lenten journey by concentrating on the Eucharist, the source and summit of our lives as Catholics.

Just a reminder that our season of Lent begins on Wednesday, February 22nd, with Ash Wednesday. Our Mass schedule for that day will be 8:30 a.m.; 10:00 a.m. at Quincy Notre Dame; 12:10 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Then during Lent, we will be celebrating an additional Mass during the week also at 6:30 p.m. Also each Thursday in Lent, we will be showing a video on the Eucharist immediately following the Mass.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: It happened during the beer and sandwich hour right after the regular Knights of Columbus meeting. Brother Wilson threw out this question, "Did our worthy namesake, Columbus, discover America during the day or during the night?"

Apparently nobody knew the answer. Jim answered his own question. "Easy," he said, "it was during the night. Did you ever hear anyone mention the Days of Columbus?" (ha ha)



WEEKLY COLLECTION

	February 5	Total to Date
Loose Collections	\$943.26	\$33,496.43
Regular Collections	\$20,936.15	\$892,845.39
Annual School Fund	\$26,496.00	\$324,242.21
Holy Days	\$100.00	\$40,340.40
Totals	\$48,475.41	\$1,290,924.43
Total Budget Goal	\$32,000.00	\$1,024,000.00
Difference	\$16,475.41	\$266,924.43

Diocesan Collections

Latin America: \$30.00 Catholic Times: \$55.00 Eastern Europe: \$75.00 Dependent Children: \$50.00

Haiti Sister Parish Collections

Collected \$1,498.00

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Ash Wednesday, 2023

Fr. Denis Robinson, OSB will offer this

Lent/the coming of Christ's Passion,

Death, and Resurrection at Easter.

second Parish Mission during Lent. He will discuss the Eucharist in the context of

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Although Soviet communism ended in the early 1990s, its destructive effects linger in the societies where it once ruled. Under the communist system, cultural values of charity and volunteerism disappeared. Rapid, sometimes harsh transitions to market economies led to ongoing attitudes of materialism that have left poor and dependent people-such as children, seniors, and people with disabilities-particularly vulnerable. This is especially true in the former Soviet republic of Moldova, which, despite its political independence, is one of the poorest countries in Europe.

Parish in Action

ENTEN PARISH MISSION

JOIN US FEBRUARY 18-20, 2023!

Begins during all Weekend Masses on 2/18 and 2/19

Continues with Parish Mission Conferences

in the Cafeteria

Call 217.222.3155 for more information

on 2/19 and 2/20 at 6:30 p.m. in the Church

Childcare available for children age 1 and older

A reception will follow on 2/20 in the Narthex

The Diocese of Chisinau, founded in 2000, covers all of Moldova and the unrecognized breakaway state of "Transnistria," currently occupied by Russian forces. Today the diocese contains 20 parishes and seven charity foundations that work to meet the spiritual and material needs of the people. This spirit of love for the most poor and needy is evident in Moldova's generous response not only to the needs of its own people but also to refugees fleeing the war in Ukraine. Working in cooperation with Caritas Moldova, the diocese has expanded its outreach and ability to reveal Christ's mercy to Moldova's vulnerable children and youth by establishing a network of care and support centers, where children and youth benefit from informal education programs in a safe, caring environment. The centers also help strengthen the parenting skills of mothers and fathers. With funding from the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, the diocese and its local partners have established the centers according to standards for quality and child protection to make them safe and caring environments.

Your support and promotion of the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe is crucial to the success of ministries that affirm the dignity of children, youth, and other vulnerable people and show them the love and mercy of Jesus. Please be generous to the collection, because your support helps the Church bring Christ's mercy to the Ukrainian refugees, Moldovan children, and families most in need. For more information about the collection and whom it supports, visit www.usccb.org/ccee. Thank you for your help to restore the Church and build the future in Central and Eastern Europe.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Thomas John Paprocki

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

