

The Parish of St. Peter Quincy, IL

~Mass Intentions~

September 11-17, 2023

11. Monday 8:00 a.m. Eric, Colin & Russell Ringenberg

12. Tuesday 8:00 a.m. Dan Frericks

13. Wednesday 8:30 a.m. Dan Barry

14. Thursday 8:00 a.m. Herb Terwelp

15. Friday 8:00 a.m. Jim Johnson II

16. Saturday 8:00 a.m.Alice Wavering Kemner & T.B. Kemner

16. Saturday 5:00 p.m. Richard Lauer

17. Sunday 8:00 a.m. Our Parish Family

17. Sunday 9:30 a.m. Dr. Robert Murphy

17. Sunday 11:00 a.m. Zakery Haubrich

— 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.

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 10, 2023 Dear Parishioners,

As we celebrate this second weekend in the month of September, the Church celebrates the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary time. In our readings for this weekend, the Scriptures confront a responsibility that we have, namely, the care and concern for others. We are not an island unto ourselves but, since we live in a community, we have a responsibility to care for each other. This role sometimes makes us feel very uncomfortable especially when other members of the community are making some poor decisions. According to our Scriptures this weekend, we are called to point out these poor choices so that those who are making them can change their ways. Isn't that what parents do, or at least, should do in correcting their children. But what happens when adults make those poor decisions? Without coming across as a do-gooder, or someone who thinks that he/she is better than others, and without any arrogance, we are called to help people change their ways. It's sure not easy nor are we comfortable doing it. But Jesus challenges us to this role so as to bring others back to their life of faith. This leaves us all very uncomfortable for it would be easier just to ignore or leave well enough alone. But since we live in a community, Jesus challenges us to help people see the wrong that is happening and somehow come back to the community that is central to their lives. And if we have tried, and tried again, then we promise them that we will continue to pray for them each day and endeavor to be models of faith for them.

After much prayer, I did write the bishop to get his permission to enter the next step in our capital improvement. Each of these steps need his permission and attention so that our I's are dotted and our T's are crossed. That next step was to engage the Steier Group to help us in our fundraising as well to hire an architect to do some conceptual drawings of our future project. With all transparency, this is what I wrote:

"Our feasibility study concluded that we could raise from \$5.9-\$6.9 million dollars. The Steier Group usually has a 90% success factor. Based on their projection, we eliminated any thought of the gym. But we would like to use the funds for a new cafeteria which would then allow us to use our current cafeteria as the new parish center. With the architects assistance, we also would like to plan for the future by looking at the prospect of some classrooms above the cafeteria. As of now, the estimated cost is running \$525 a square foot. Not sure of the latter project but we do have almost three million dollars invested in the diocesan savings and loan, of which we would like to use at least two million if necessary. And so I am writing to you requesting your permission to enter the next sate of our capital improvement."

I will let you know when I receive the permission. Please continue to pray for all of us as we continue this project for the betterment of our parish family.

People have been asking for the results of the parish picnic. Our temporary figures seem to indicate that the Saturday experience, because of the rain, was less than successful as far as finances are concerned. However, in terms of working together and having fun even in the rain, it was a success. Thank you!

F O U N Next Meeting
The Amazing Race
September 10th

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Meet in the Martha Jane Room
Drivers Needed!!!

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



Saints Alive! September 10th 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.

Baptism

Bethany Rose Genenbacher, daughter of Nathan & Melissa (Brozik) Genenbacher, was made a child of God through the reception of the sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, September 3, 2023.

Coffee & Donuts and Blood Pressures on Sunday 9/10

Please join us in this Sunday, Sept. 10th, after all Masses in the cafeteria for Coffee & Donuts and blood pressure screenings.

St. Veronica Guild

The St. Veronica Guild will meet Thursday, September 14 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!

Social Concerns Meeting

Social Concerns will be meeting Friday, September 15 at 8:30 a.m. in the Martha Jane Room. All are welcome!

RCIA Program

If you or a family member is considering the Catholic Faith. please join us in our RCIA program. The program started in September. Wonder no longer, come find out what the Catholic faith is all about. Classes are on Tuesday evenings 7:00 to 8:30pm, in the Martha Jane room, beneath the church. Contact the parish office at 222-3155. You will be glad you did.

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study

Topic: Follow Me-Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John. When: Every Tuesday starting Sept. 19th - Nov. 14th Time: 8:30 am-9:00 am - social, study will start at 9:00 am and end by 10:30 am.

If interested in joining this study, please contact Gina Bergman at 217-430-6080 or g.bergman@cospq.org so we can order materials. Study guide is \$22.95. Please also contact Gina if you need childcare.

The Marriage Course

The Marriage Enrichment group is once again offering The Marriage Course, a 7 week program that encourages important skills on key aspects of healthy relationships through individual couple discussion. Dates: Sunday evenings from 6:00-7:30pm in the Martha Jane Room from Oct. 1 through Nov. 19 (excluding 10/15). Babysitting provided. Cost is \$10 per couple. To register please contact the church office or Betty McDonnell at 217-653-3003.

~Isabella Benner

~Norma Johnson

~Donna Schutte

~Natalie Mever

~Dan Dailing

~Bill Morrison

~Anonymous

~Steve Hull

~Ed Berry

~Mary Lavery

~Ted Kemner

~Nancy Bohan

~Cindy Barner

~Jo Buckley

~Julie Eftink

~Ken Wolf

Please keep the following in your prayers:

- ~Kristopher Schreacke ~Elias Erd ~Amy Seibert
- ~Sue Hildebrand
- ~Hunter Hildebrand
- ~Lorna Shade
- ~Bonnie Haubrich
- ~Alden & Joyce Shipp
- ~Joan Wilson
- ~Maria (Eberhardt) Sparrow
- ~Kathy Schuckman
- ~John & Barb Meyer
- ~lan Mehaffy
- ~Charlotte Siebers ~Diane Zoller
- ~Weston Harvey ~Phil Anthony Sanchez ~Valerie Fox Ortball
- ~Michael Mason ~Michelle & Dustin Houston ~JoAnn Schaefer ~Debra Sparrow
- To have a name added to this list, please call the Parish Office at 222-3155 or email church@cospg.org.

DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD IN ILLINOIS

September, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

Sudan's vast Diocese of El Obeid covers an area nearly one-third larger than the state of Texas. In light of the need for clergy and religious sisters and brothers to minister to Catholics spread out across the large area, the diocese prioritized vocations to the priesthood and consecrated religious life at its 2019 annual pastoral conference. The diocese entered into a partnership with the Diocese of Tombura-Yambio in South Sudan so that students from El Obeid could join a preliminary course in Yambio leading into their first year of seminary studies. With assistance from the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa, the Diocese of El Obeid recruited 15 new seminarians and four young women who entered the novitiate with the Congregation of Precious Blood Sisters in Nairobi, Kenya. Despite the challenges posed by the COVID-19 lockdown in 2020, the seminary in Juba, South Sudan, reopened in 2021 with 35 seminarians from the Diocese of El Obeid. On August 15, 2021, one of the seminarian beneficiaries of the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa's grant to the diocese was ordained a deacon, and others will be able to continue their studies.

The Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa has been making real differences in the lives of Catholics in Africa for more than 15 years through its support of seminary training, the formation of religious sisters and brothers, and other pastoral ministries that address the needs of the rapidly growing African Church. When you participate in the collection for the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa, you play a key role in forming today's seminarians to become the pastoral leaders of tomorrow.

The Church in Africa needs your help to ensure that it can educate and form seminarians to minister to the faithful as the Church continues to grow there. Please be generous to this collection for the solidarity fund through the collection offertory envelope or your parish's e-offertory platform. To learn more about the collection and whom it supports, visit www.usccb.org/africa.

Thank you and God bless.

Sincerely yours in Christ, † Thomas John Paprocki
Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki

Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

Men's Group

The Men's Group is hosting a fall program using the OSV Talks. Please join us for the first program on Friday, September 22nd. Biscuits and gravy will be served for breakfast so don't miss. This is an invitation for fellowship, prayer and faith formation. Doors open at 6:00am and the program begins at 6:30am, finishing by 7:30am. We will meet for 6 weeks.

St. Anthony Chicken Dinner

The St. Anthony Men's Society Dine In or Carry Out Chicken Dinner on Sunday, September 17th, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. 1/4 chicken meal (white) \$12, 1/4 chicken meal (dark) \$12, 1/2 chicken meal \$16, chicken strips \$8. children's meal (wing or drumstick) \$8. All meals include 3 sides, homemade dinner rolls, dessert, and drink. We will be taking credit cards this year but there will be a 3% convenience fee.

The School of St. Peter



Week of September 10, 2023

A Message from Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh

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

CELEBRATING AT OUR FIRST HOUSE SYSTEM ASSEMBLY















house system with a celebration assembly in which we



recognized all 10 houses. Students in K-8 are members of one family and are designated to one of 10 houses identified by a saint whose feast day occurs within the school year.

Our next house is on September 13. Members of the St. Francis of Assisi house will be able to wear their house shirts on Oct. 4 which is this feast day. We will also celebrate this special feast day by blessing our pets.

MENU

Monday: Sausage pizza, green beans, yogurt, fruit. Tuesday: Meatballs, bosco stick, veggie boat, fruit.

Wednesday: Sloppy joes. emoii fries, peas, fruit,

Thursday: Grilled chicken on bun, chips, mixed vegetables, fruit.

Friday: Fish shapes, tri-tator, baked beans, fruit.

THIS WEEK

MAP Testing takes place all week for grades 2-8-Be sure to eat a healthy breakfast!

Monday, Sept. 11:

Tuesday, Sept. 12: PTA meeting at 11:00.

Wednesday, Sept. 13: Children's Mass 8:30-5th grade leadingstudent wear their HOUSE colored shirts with dress code bottoms.

Thursday, Sept. 14: FALL PICTURES taken: Students attend ADORATION throughout the school day.

Friday, Sept. 15: Quarter 1 midterm-sent home today.

SUBSITTUTE TEACHERS NEEDED

St. Peter is in need of substitute teachers. If you are interested in subbing, contact Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh or Mrs. Chris Reichert at 217-223-1120. (Requirements to sub include having either a bachelor's or an associate's degree, completing fingerprinting, a background check and safe environment training.)

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Mark Your Calendar

Mon. Sept. 11:

Tues. Sept. 12: RCIA 7:00 p.m., Martha Jane Room

Wed. Sept. 13: Ladies Cursillo 1:30 p.m., Fr. Bauer

Prayer Rm

PSR 6:30 p.m., School

Thurs. Sept. 14: St. Veronica's Guild 8:30 a.m., Lower Level Conf. Room

Fri. Sept. 15: Social Concerns Meeting 8:30 a.m., Martha Jane Room

Sat. Sept. 16:

Sun. Sept. 17:

Fr. Leo's column continued..

As you will hopefully read in a bulletin article, we will begin again our Liturgy of the Word for children next Sunday, Sept. 17th during the 9:30 a.m. Mass. This liturgy of the word helps our younger people understand the weekend Scriptures and then applies them to daily life. This year we will be having two differing classes offered. The first is called the "wiggly worshipers" who are the pre-k/kindergarten children. Please note that we cannot accommodate anyone younger than pre-k. The second group is called "faith formation" and is for 1st-3rd graders. In order for us to get a number, we ask you to sign up these young people. This doesn't mean that you have to be at this Mass every Sunday, but it gives us a number so that we have adequate supplies. Also, volunteers are always needed so if you can assist, please sign up. More information is listed in our bulletin this week.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: Further Advice from an Old Farmer:

- 1. Your fences need to be horse-high, pig-tight, and bull strong.
- 2. Keep skunks and bankers at a distance.
- 3. Life is simpler when you plow around a stump.
- 4. A bumble bee is faster than a John Deere tractor.
- 5. Meanness don't jes' happen overnight.
- 6. Forgive your enemies; it messes up their heads.
- 7. The best sermons are lived, not preached.
- 8. Most of the stupp people worry about ain't never gonna happen anyway.

Mags. Les J. Eulov

Project Rachel

Help for women and men to heal from the pain of abortion. For assistance call 1-877-RACHEL-5.

Reporting Allegations of Child Sexual Abuse

To report allegations of sexual abuse of a minor by clergy or other church personnel -- even if it is in the past -- individuals are encouraged to call the Diocese's Child Abuse Reporting and Investigation number at (217) 321-1155. Individuals may also contact Illinois Department of Children and Family Services Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.25.ABUSE.

Eucharistic Congress October 28 - BOS Center In Springfield

You are invited to a historical diocesan-wide celebration at the BOS Center in Springfield – To celebrate the Diocesan Year of the Eucharist and the 100th anniversary of the transfer of the See city from Alton to Springfield, the Eucharistic Congress is taking place Saturday, October 28 at the BOS Center in Springfield. This dynamic experience will include nationally recognized Catholic speakers, adoration, confession, and Mass. The arena will be packed with thousands of Catholics from across the diocese. Our deadline has changed and we still have tickets left. To attend, contact our parish office by September 13, at church@cospq.org or 217-222-3155, as we are given a specific number of available seats. For more information, volunteering or financially supporting/sponsoring the event, visit dio.org.



WEEKLY COLLECTION

	September 3	Total to Date
Loose Collections	\$1,055.00	\$10,375.78
Regular Collections	\$28,993.40	\$266,000.00
Annual School Fund	\$11,849.00	\$72,714.00
Holy Days	\$45.00	\$2,613.00
Totals	\$41,942.40	\$351,702.78
Total Budget Goal	\$32,000.00	\$320,000.00
Difference	\$9,942.40	\$31,702.78

Diocesan Collections

Church of Africa: \$361.00
Peters Pence: \$20.00 World Mission: \$10.00

Haiti Sister Parish Collections

Collected \$2,003.00

Parish in Action



Liturgy of the Word

Liturgy of the Word (LOW) will take place each Sunday during 9:30 mass. This year, LOW is being split into two classes based on your child's age and level of faith formation that will be most beneficial for them.

Wiggly Worshipers: Pre-K/Kindergarten Faith Formation: 1st-3rd grade

Please include each child who will be participating in LOW and which class they will be attending. Having this information is important so we have a way to contact you and so we can ensure we have adequate supplies for each child.

Please know that this program hinges on volunteers and without them, we will not be able to provide this opportunity for your children. We are looking for volunteers to help ensure we can run this ministry smoothly. Please indicate if this is an area you are being called to serve. Sign up here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAlpQLSfs6YjYg_b-sL9Iw5W2qKQTVmGXXOjs7F8mcSLjVpbhj0tUIQ/viewform

We hope to start LOW on 9/17/23.

*If you have any *Catholic-focused* toys (puzzles, books, pretend, blocks etc.) that our Wiggly Worshipers can explore/play with during their LOW experience, please reach out to Meggie Koch @ 217-440-5764



Wiggly Worshipers

- Pre-K/Kindergarten
- Cafeteria
- Catholic-focused play
- Worship Music

VOLUNTEER HERE



Faith Formation

- 1st-3rd Grade
- Martha Jane Room
- Youth-based liturgy
- Gospel, Homily, Prayer, Activity

SIGN YOUR CHILD UP HERE

Learn About Quincy Becoming a Safe Haven/Sanctuary for the Unborn

Many care about the sanctity of life, but don't know how to turn concern into action. There is an exciting new grassroots effort to end abortion on a local level. A city ordinance enforcing the federal Comstock Act will establish Quincy as a safe haven for the unborn. To learn more about how you can help go to the Right to Life website https://rtlac.org/, or stop by the Pro Life tables in the narthex or cafeteria after Masses on Sept. 9-10.

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