



The Parish of St. Peter Quincy, IL

December 11-17, 2023

Second Sunday of Advent, December 10, 2023

- 11. Monday 8:00 a.m.
Mandi Dickerman
- 12. Tuesday 8:00 a.m.
Sam Scherer
- 13. Wednesday 8:30 a.m.
Robert Deters
- 14. Thursday 8:00 a.m.
Zakery Haubrich
- 15. Friday 8:00 a.m.
Tom & Pat Welding
- 16. Saturday 8:00 a.m.
John McCourt
- 16. Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Wayne & Dorothy
Messick
- 17. Sunday 8:00 a.m.
Dee Burnham
- 17. Sunday 9:30 a.m.
David Adam Oakley
- 17. Sunday 11:00 a.m.
Our Parish Family

Dear Parishioners,

In my younger days as a priest, I met one of my classmates in St. Louis and we would attend the St. Louis Symphony in their presentation of Handel's classic work called the Messiah. In one of the movements in this classic musical, we find Handel giving comfort and good tidings to the people of Israel. I bring this to your attention because the initial vocal parts of this composition draw heavily upon the verses we find from our first reading from Isaiah. Listen to the words which state: *"Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.' Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill made low, the crooked straight, and the rough places plain. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it."* Of course after several more movements, it would lead to the climax of the night with the beautiful "Alleluia chorus." Even though I am not a music buff, I always enjoyed that evening as it led to the chorus in which every one seemed to sing, "Alleluia." That one word seems to capture the mystery of Christmas, God dwelling among us with our only response being, "Alleluia!"

Our gospel for this second Sunday of Advent introduces us to a man who prepared the people for the coming of the Messiah, namely, John the Baptist. His distinct role was to proclaim a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. In other words, people were challenged by John to rethink one's life and to recognize the need for forgiveness for all the bad decisions that we have made. Now no one likes to have their wrongdoings pointed out but it is only through such an act of humility that we will change our ways and return to the Lord. And that is what Advent is all about. So an essential part of our Advent season is to do some introspection, to see where we have missed the mark as our Scripture describes sin and somehow through the mercy and forgiveness of Christ and His Church, make straight His paths in our lives. As part of our Advent experience, we will be celebrating a city wide Penance Service next Sunday, December 17th, at 2:00 p.m. in St. Francis Solanus Church. There will be a number of priests from the community who will be present to celebrate individual confessions. So please mark your schedules and be in attendance to receive God's forgiveness and get your lives ready for the mystery of Christmas. If you cannot make it then, of course we always hear confessions each Saturday, from 7:30-7:50 a.m. and again from 3:30-4:30 p.m. each Saturday afternoon. We will also be having special times for individual confessions on Friday and Saturday, December 22-23rd. But please don't wait for the last times but make Confessions an essential part of your Advent practice.

Also, I want to invite you to the Quincy Notre Dame & PMO Choir Concert. These students will be sharing their musical talents with the community this Monday, December 11th, at 6:30 p.m. in St. Peter Church. This is always one of those concerts that make us so proud of the talents of our young people who will help us make ready our lives for Christmas. Come and join us.

— 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.

FOUNDED

Next Meeting
Dodgeball
January 7th
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!
January 21st
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
Henry Geise
 sing praises with the Angels in Heaven forever.

St. Peter Social Concerns Christmas Cookie Sale - Bakers!
December 9th & 10th

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. If you are willing to volunteer to work the sale, call Sharon at (217) 257-1376. Coffee & Cinnamon Rolls Will Be Available!

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study Topic: "Jesus: the Way, the Truth, and the Life". When: Every Tuesday starting January 16th - March 19th 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 by December 15th so we can order materials. Cost will be \$29.95 (book, study guide and online access). Please also contact Gina by December 15th if you need childcare with the number of children and their ages.

Adoration Chapel Hours

We have the following hours OPEN at the Adoration Chapel located at St Peters. OPEN Hours that are available are:
 Tues 2 pm
 Wed 1 am, 2 am, 3 am, 11 am weeks 1,3, 4 pm weeks 2,4,5
 Thurs Midnight week 2
 Fri 1 am, 11 pm
 Sat Midnight, 1 am, 2 am, 3 pm weeks 1, 5, 5 pm weeks 2
 Ask a friend to join you in taking an hour or share the time slot! Please call Mary Voorhis at 217 653 3127 or call or text Gina Wolf at 217 257 9966 with questions or to fill an hour. We always have room on our sub list also if that fits your schedule better.

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, 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:

~Kristopher Schreacke	~Elias Erd	~Steve Hull
~Sue Hildebrand	~Amy Seibert	~Ed Berry
~Hunter Hildebrand	~Isabella Benner	~Mary Lavery
~Lorna Shade	~Natalie Meyer	~Ted Kemner
~Bonnie Haubrich	~Dan Dailing	~Jo Buckley
~Alden & Joyce Shipp	~Norma Johnson	~Nancy Bohan
~Joan Wilson	~Donna Schutte	~Julie Eftink
~Maria (Eberhardt) Sparrow	~Mario Camacho	~Anonymous
~Kathy Schuckman	~Bill Morrison	~Cindy Barner
~John & Barb Meyer	~Anonymous	~Michael Mason
~Ian Mehaffy	~Charlotte Siebers	~Liem Thanh Mai
~Diane Zoller	~Weston Harvey	
~Valerie Fox Ortball	~Debra Sparrow	
~Michelle & Dustin Houston	~JoAnn Schaefer	

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

Baptism

Siena Annmarie Million, daughter of Alex & Madalyn (Terstegge) Million, was made a child of God through the reception of the sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, December 3, 2023.

Welcome!

Please welcome to our parish family Gaylon & Gabrielle Ryan, and their son Declan!

Fellowship Tuesdays

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


2023 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.

The gifts are to be wrapped and returned to Church with the gift tag **securely taped** during **this weekend of December 9 and 10**. The local organizations will pick up their gifts on December 11, so NO gifts delivered after December 10. This will replace the Social Concerns 1st Sunday collection for December. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

2024 Calendars

We now have the new 2024 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.



We Want Your Input!

Quincy Catholic Schools are embarking on a comprehensive strategic planning process that will set the future direction for the next three-five years. Your feedback is important to us! We are asking all parents, faculty, staff, and friends to share their insights on our schools. The survey can be accessed at <https://bit.ly/QCSsurvey> and will be available until December 12, 2023.

St. Anthony Pancake & Sausage Breakfast


St. Anthony Church Pancake & Sausage Breakfast is on Sunday, December 10, 7:00 a.m.- Noon, dine in or carry out. For Advance Meat Orders call 217-257-2108: sausage, chops or Ribs 5 lbs.-\$25; Cooked Links 5 lbs. (precooked weight) \$30. Orders taken Nov. 1-Dec. 1. Any orders after December 1st depend on availability.

Christmas Mass Times

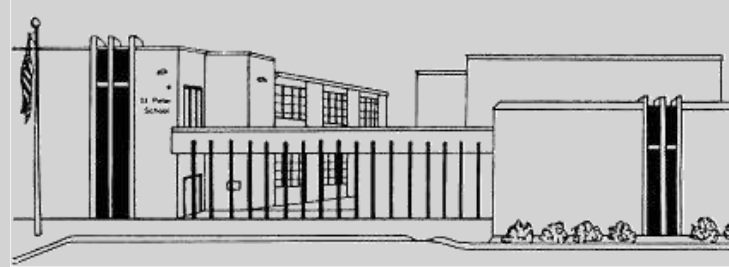
The following are the Mass Times we will have for Christmas this year:

Christmas Eve:
4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.

Christmas Day:
8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.



The School of St. Peter



Week of December 10, 2023
A Message from Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh
"St. Peter School provides a quality education built on Catholic values and teachings."

ANNUAL GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONSTRUCTION



Did you know that we have a tradition at St. Peter School? For the last 37 years our Kindergarten students have constructed a gingerbread house with their parents or chosen loved one. Many of the St. Peter School alumni still talk about the time when they made their gingerbread houses when they were in Kindergarten. In fact, some have reported that they still have their creation and they bring it out every year as they decorate for Christmas!

MENU

Monday: Grilled chicken on bun, Emoji fries, corn, fruit.
Tuesday: Meatballs, bosco stick, romaine salad, fruit.
Wednesday: Tenderloin, hash brown, green beans, fruit.
Thursday: Hot dog, curly fries, baked beans, fruit.
Friday: Ravioli, marinara, mixed vegetables, fruit.

THIS WEEK

Monday, Dec. 11:
 Tuesday, Dec. 12:
 Wednesday, Dec. 13: **8:30 Children's Mass HOUSE MASS—8th grade in charge; Students wear their HOUSE colors WITH dress code bottoms.**
 Thursday, Dec. 14: Adoration
 Friday, Dec. 15:

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Grandparent/Special Person's Day—December 20, 2023; 8:30 Mass; 9:30 classroom visits; 10:30 Special Christmas Program; 11:30 dismissal.

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Mark Your Calendar

Mon. Dec. 11:

Tues. Dec. 12: Tuesday Treats after Mass in Cafeteria
RCIA 7:00 p.m., Martha Jane Room

Wed. Dec. 13: Ladies Cursillo 1:30 p.m., Fr. Bauer Prayer
Room
PSR 6:30 p.m., School

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

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

Sat. Dec. 16:

Sun. Dec. 17:

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.

Fr. Leo's column continued..

Since Christmas falls on a Monday this year, the weekend before we will be celebrating the Fourth Sunday of Advent on Saturday evening and Sunday morning, and then turn around and will be celebrating Christmas Eve Masses that Sunday afternoon and evening followed by Christmas Masses on Monday morning. So this is our schedule for these Masses:

Fourth Sunday of Advent: Saturday, December 23rd, Mass at 5:00 p.m.; Sunday, December 24th, Masses will be 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24th: Masses will be 4:00, 6:00, and 8:00 p.m.

Christmas Day, Monday, December 25th: Masses will be 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.

NB. Please save this schedule for future reference.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: Useful Golf Tips

- How to properly line up your 4th putt.
- How to hit a Nike ball from the rough when you hit a Titleist off the tee.
- How to get more distance off the shank.
- How to find a ball that everyone else saw go into the water.
- Why your wife doesn't care that you birdied the 5th.
- How to let a foursome play through your twosome without getting embarrassed.
- How to relax when you are hitting 5 off the tee.

Magy. Leo J. Eulow



WEEKLY COLLECTION		
	December 3	Total to Date
Loose Collections	\$1,025.00	\$24,310.70
Regular Collections	\$33,711.40	\$617,922.73
Annual School Fund	\$14,436.00	\$176,167.00
Holy Days	\$625.00	\$8,028.00
Totals	\$49,797.40	\$826,428.43
Total Budget Goal	\$32,000.00	\$736,000.00
Difference	\$17,797.40	\$90,428.43

Diocesan Collections

Quincy Catholic Cemeteries: \$325.00
Dependent Children: \$50.00
Retired Religious: \$180.00

Haiti Sister Parish Collections

Collected \$1,965.00

Parish in Action

As many are aware, St. Peter is in the planning stages of a major capital campaign to build a new school cafeteria, renovate the cafeteria to create a parish center, and add new classrooms. To conduct a successful effort, we must assemble a strong volunteer team to reach out to parish families.

We are thankful that several members of the St. Peter community have agreed to help provide campaign leadership. The following parishioners said "yes" to an invitation to serve on our Campaign Committee:

Campaign General Chairpersons	Campaign Committee
John and Kimberly Johannes	Matthew and Casie Bainbridge
Lydia Miller	Jim and Kathy Citro
David and Theresa Oakley	Jack and Lauren Cornell
Thomas and Kimberly Strieker	Andrew and Nicole Genenbacher
	Justin and Michelle Haubrich
	Jason and Rebecca Knuffman
	John and Carrie Lavery
	Bill and Sharon Mays
	Chris and Monica Scholz
	Charles and Jamie Scholz
	Kyle and Kimberly Venvertloh
	Stephen and Linda Wavering

In their role, the Committee will oversee the effort and assist Fr. Leo in implementing a successful campaign. One of their first responsibilities is to recruit additional volunteers.

If you would like to help, please contact Sean McDonough, Steier Group campaign manager, at 312/771-2070 or smcdonough@steiergroup.com to join the team!

You can help make a difference for St. Peter Catholic Church and School and its future. Please consider lending your talent to this important cause!

**ST. PETER SOCIAL CONCERNS
CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE
THIS WEEKEND
DECEMBER 9th & 10th**

Come join us after All Masses this weekend in the cafeteria.
Come buy some wonderful Christmas Cookies
Coffee & Cinnamon Rolls Will Be Available!

This is one of Social Concerns Committee's biggest ways to fund their work. Social Concerns helps provide assistance for needy people in our area along with providing funds to Horizon Soup Kitchen, Quincy Catholic Charities, Quincy Teen Reach and other local organizations.

Christmas Decorations (Please print legibly)

To make a donation (\$10) for Christmas poinsettias & decorations in memory of a loved one, please put money in an envelope labeled "Christmas Decorations" by Sunday, Dec. 10, or email church@cospq.org.

A Donation for Christmas Decorations

Given by: _____

In Memory of: _____