



The Parish of St. Peter Quincy, IL

~Mass Intentions~

December 4-10, 2023

- 4. Monday 8:00 a.m.
Loren Tournear
- 5. Tuesday 8:00 a.m.
Izzy Daly
- 6. Wednesday 8:30 a.m.
Jeff Burgess
- 7. Thursday 8:00 a.m.
Pat Ellerbrock
- 7. Thursday 6:00 p.m.
John McCourt
- 8. Friday 8:30 a.m.
Ronald Cudney
- 8. Friday 12:10 p.m.
Howard Buckley
- 8. Friday 6:00 p.m.
Joan Sturhahn
- 9. Saturday 8:00 a.m.
Alice Wavering Kemner &
T.B. Kemner
- 9. Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Bob & Eileene Anderson
- 10. Sunday 8:00 a.m.
Our Parish Family
- 10. Sunday 9:30 a.m.
Dr. Robert Murphy
- 10. Sunday 11:00 a.m.
Dave & Pat Stegeman

— 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.

First Sunday of Advent, December 3, 2023

Dear Parishioners,

According to our ordo, which is the official guide for our liturgical celebrations, it states the following about Advent: *“Advent has a two-fold character, for it is a time for preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas in which the First Coming of the Son of God is remembered, and likewise is a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ’s Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight.”*

The official color for the season of Advent is violet. Advent also begins a new liturgical cycle of readings based on a three year cycle. This year our cycle of readings will be taken from Year B with St. Mark being the dominant gospel writer. The weekday readings which are based on a two year cycle will be from Year II. This is for your knowledge and information.

There are many differing customs which celebrate Advent. One of those customs I am most familiar with is the Advent Calendar. In my family, this calendar started on the first day of December, and participants in this custom would open a door, which each day holding a surprise be it a picture, or a Scripture passage, or some surprise. This opening would continue until Christmas day when we would open the final door with the Bethlehem scene. The whole idea of this custom was to help us understand “to wait,” and “to anticipate.” Another custom which we use, even in Church, is our Advent wreath. There are four candles, three purple and one rose, with each candle representing a Sunday of Advent. If used in the home, the following prayer of Blessing is encouraged:

Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ; He is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, He is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, He is the Savior of every nation.

Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ’s promise to bring us salvation. May He come quickly and not delay. Amen.

This Friday, December 8th, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a Holyday of Obligation in our Church. This solemnity of Mary, under the title of the Immaculate Conception is important to our country and our diocese as we are under her watchful protection as our patron. The Immaculate Conception is the special privilege given to Mary whereby she was conceived in her mother’s womb without original sin. This was supposed to be our privilege too if sin had not entered into the world and our lives. Our Mass will be as follows:

December 7th, Vigil of the Immaculate Conception: 6:00 p.m.

December 8th, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception: Masses will be at 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m. at QND, 12:10 p.m., and 6:00 p.m.

The Feast of St. Nicholas (270-343) is Wednesday, December 6th. His legendary habit of gift-giving gave rise to the traditional model of Santa Claus.

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Next Meeting
Christmas Caroling & More!
December 3rd
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Drop Off & Pick Up - Martha Jane Room

We May Need Drivers

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



Saints Alive!
December 3rd
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.

Holy Day Mass Schedule
 Immaculate Conception Mass schedule is as follows:
 Thursday, 12/7, 6:00pm
 Friday, 12/8, 8:30am (school), 12:10pm, 6:00pm
 ** Note: We will not have 8:00am Mass on Friday

EMHC & Usher Sign Up for the Holy Day Masses
 We need Eucharistic ministers and ushers for the Holy Day this next week on Dec. 7 & 8. Please signup in the Narthex if you can help. Thank you!

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.

The Social Concerns Committee
 The St. Peter Giving Wreath began over 20 years ago, started by Carol and Jerry Jensen, as a small Christmas tree with a few tags. This Christmas season, our Giving Wreath, with Christy Holm as the Coordinator, will be approximately 850 tags. Eight social organizations make up the Giving Wreath: Teen Reach, Chaddock, Quanada, Catholic Charities, Birthright, The Well House, Cornerstone, and this year, along with St. Peter Families in need, we are including tags for our St. Peter Shut-ins. It is amazing and heartwarming to see the generosity of our parish each year! This is a huge undertaking which involves the help of each of you. Some of our students from St. Peter are also included to color the tags and help to load gifts into vehicles. May God continue to bless you for your sacrifices. YOU make this happen.
 "For it is in giving that we receive" ... Saint Francis

Please keep the following in your prayers:

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

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

Baptism
 Noah Kenneth Wells, son of Derek & Hilary (Hoffman) Wells, was made a child of God through the reception of the sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, November 26, 2023.

Welcome!
 Please welcome to our parish family Stephen & Ann Priebe!

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. This is happening **November 23 through December 3**. 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 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!

Holy Moments Group
 We are looking into starting a weekly informal discussion group based on the book "Holy Moments" by Matthew Kelly. The group would read a few pages from the book and then discuss how God has helped us to recognize and utilize these moments for the good of others. We are looking at meeting on Thursday evenings, around 6:30pm. If you are interested, please call Denny Meyer at 217-926-4829.

Breakfast for Women at St. Francis
 A Breakfast for Women - SAVE the DATE of December 9 at 9AM at St. Francis. Our Beloved Fr. James Wheeler OFM will be the inspirational speaker. More Details to come!

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.

St. Francis' Women's Saints Study
 Women of all ages: Join us Tuesday, December 5 at 7:00pm in the St Francis Parish Hall for our monthly Women's Saints Study. Featured this month is St Mother Teresa of Calcutta presented by Anne Meyer. Bring a friend! Women's Saints Study is open to all parishes. For more information, contact Karen Weiman (217-242-5513) or Kelli Lunt (217-617-1566)

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.



ADVENT PARISH MISSION

DECEMBER 3-5

JOIN US!

- Begins during all Sunday Masses on 12/3
- Continues with Parish Mission Conferences on 12/4 and 12/5 at 6:30 p.m. in the Church
- A reception will follow on 12/5 in the Cafeteria



Fr. Kolbe Woniakowski, OSB is excited to return to St. Peter for his second Advent Parish Mission. He will offer a series of presentations on the Eucharist and how this relates to the Advent season.

Fr. Kolbe is a Benedictine Monk and Priest of Saint Meinrad Archabbey in St. Meinrad, Indiana. He was Ordained this past summer and currently serves as a Spiritual Director at Saint Meinrad Seminary & School of Theology and Parochial Vicar of St. Paul Parish in Tell City, Indiana.

Fr. Kolbe and Fr. Zach went to Seminary together at Saint Meinrad Seminary & School of Theology.

*childcare for age 1 and older available in the Martha Jane Room



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The School of St. Peter - Week of December 3, 2023

MENU

Monday: Hamburger, curly fries, green beans, fruit. **Tuesday:** Chicken fries, hash brown, peas, fruit. **Wednesday:** Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, broccoli, fruit. **Thursday:** Corn dog, chips, mixed vegetables, fruit. **Friday:** Chicken quesadilla pizza, salsa, corn, fruit.

THIS WEEK

Monday, Monday, Dec. 4: Advent BINGO begins; Advent Prayer Service—8:45 am in Church; Advent Parish Mission at 6:30 pm in the Church. **Tuesday, Dec. 5:** Reconciliation for grades 3-8; QND Kindergarten night with Santa from 6 pm-7:30 at QND; Advent Parish Mission at 6:30 pm in the Church. **Wednesday, Dec.6:** 8:30 Children's Mass—2nd grade in charge; St. Nick Day! **Thursday, Dec. 7:** PTA meeting at 11:00 in conference room. **Friday, Dec. 8:** St. Juan Diego Feast Day—Students in House St. Juan Diego wear House shirts with dress code bottoms!! **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.

Mark Your Calendar

Mon. Dec. 4: Parish Mission 6:30 p.m. Church

Tues. Dec. 5: Parish Mission 6:30 p.m. Church

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

Thurs. Dec. 7:

Fri. Dec. 8:

Sat. Dec. 9: Return Giving Wreath Gifts in Narthex
Social Concerns Cookie Sale after Mass, Cafeteria

Sun. Dec. 10: Return Giving Wreath Gifts in Narthex
Social Concerns Cookie Sale after All Masses, Cafeteria

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..

On behalf of our parish family, I want to welcome Fr. Kolbe Woniakowski, a Benedictine priest who will be with us and present a parish mission. The plan is for him to preach at all the Sunday Masses, and then have two conferences, Monday and Tuesday, December 4th and 5th, at 6:30 p.m. Since this week closes out our Eucharistic year, we asked him to preach on the Eucharist and how it relates to our Advent season. After the Tuesday conference, we will have a reception in the basement of the Church. Please join us and make this Advent season not just a time for shopping but most important, a time to renew ourselves with a better understanding of the Eucharist.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: Helping me to sort clothes into "save" and "give away" piles, my six year old daughter came across a garter belt. "What's this?" she asked. "It's a garter belt," I said. Seeing that meant nothing to her, I added, "It's for holding up stockings." "Ah," she said, carefully placing it in the "save" pile, "we'll use it next Christmas Eve."

ONE LINERS: People who are wrapped up in themselves are overdressed.
Life is like a doughnut. You're either in the dough or in the hole.
Sermons and biscuits are improved by shortening.
If your parachute doesn't open for you, you've obviously jumped to a conclusion.

Magi. Leo J. Enlow



WEEKLY COLLECTION		
	November 26	Total to Date
Loose Collections	\$1,172.00	\$23,285.70
Regular Collections	\$26,777.59	\$584,211.33
Annual School Fund	\$6,561.00	\$161,731.00
Holy Days	\$20.00	\$7,403.00
Totals	\$34,530.59	\$776,631.03
Total Budget Goal	\$32,000.00	\$704,000.00
Difference	\$2,530.59	\$72,631.03

Diocesan Collections
Quincy Catholic Cemeteries: \$105.00
Justice & Hope: \$20.00

Haiti Sister Parish Collections
Collected \$145.00

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 Cassandra Bainbridge
Lydia Miller	James and Kathleen 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
	William and Sharon Mays
	Christopher 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!

UPON this ROCK
The Campaign to Build in Faith at St. Peter

December, 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

I write to tell you about the upcoming 2023 collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. This annual appeal assists nearly 25,000 elderly sisters, brothers and religious order priests nationwide.

I am grateful for the significant influence that women and men religious, both past and present, have had on my own spiritual journey. I deeply appreciate their invaluable contributions to our diocese and the wider community. Perhaps you too have been touched by the kindness and guidance of an older woman or man religious who made a positive difference in your life.

We are called to recognize that many of our senior vowed religious have dedicated their lives to service, usually receiving little pay in return. Consequently, their religious communities face a shortage of retirement savings. Compounding this challenge are rising health-care costs and decreased income. Religious communities find it increasingly difficult to meet the day-to-day needs of aging members, including their medical expenses, nursing assistance and other necessities.

Your generous donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious provide vital financial support, enabling religious communities to care for their aging members.

I know you are frequently asked to support many worthy causes. I invite you to contribute whatever you can toward this year's collection. In addition to your financial contribution, please keep all our women and men religious in your prayers. May God's abundant blessings be upon you and your loved ones.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

† Thomas John Paprocki
Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki, Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

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: _____