



The Parish of St. Peter Quincy, IL

~Mass Intentions~

January 1-7, 2023

- 1. Monday 8:00 a.m.
Orville Lubbe
- 1. Monday 10:00 a.m.
Fr. Mike Grawe OFM
- 2. Tuesday 8:00 a.m.
Special Intention
- 3. Wednesday 8:30 a.m.
Joe & Anita Lavery
- 4. Thursday 8:00 a.m.
Mary Alice O'Hearn
- 5. Friday 8:00 a.m.
Karen Wiewel
- 6. Saturday 8:00 a.m.
Don Adolfs
- 6. Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Dan Frericks
- 7. Sunday 8:00 a.m.
Our Parish Family
- 7. Sunday 9:30 a.m.
Jack Souders
- 7. Sunday 11:00 a.m.
Patricia Johannessen

— 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.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Feast, December 31, 2023

Dear Parishioners,

We gather on this weekend after Christmas to celebrate the Solemnity of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. In our gospel for our celebration, we find Mary and Joseph taking Jesus, as was the custom, to the Temple for His purification rites. They were following the directives that stated: *“Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord,”* and to offer the sacrifice of *“a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons,”* in accordance to the dictate in the law of the Lord. What a beautiful image of parents bringing their child to the Temple to present their child to the Lord. They were well aware that life was a gift from God to parents and this gift did not belong to them but was given back to God from whom the child came.

During their presentation, they met two elderly people, Simeon and Anna, who said some interesting things about this child, things that neither Joseph nor Mary would understand. And all the gospel states is that after hearing what they said, *“the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was said about Him.”* They knew that Jesus was special but hearing from such a prayerful, holy man with words of awe and reverence left them amazed and perhaps speechless. Jesus was still a mystery to them and they would continue to be amazed and astonished as to what lie ahead in His life. May the mystery of Christmas continue to unfold in all of our lives and may we, like Mary and Joseph, be amazed and astonished as to what the mystery of Christmas will unfold in all of our lives.

As we gather to continue to celebrate this mystery of Christmas, I willingly admit that I am so thankful to each of you for making this mystery alive and active in my life. When I think of God’s Son becoming incarnate in human history, I recognize that mystery of the Incarnation in our parish, in the way we celebrate our Eucharist, the way we reach out to others, the way that we are so generous toward our Church and community. I am always amazed as to our “giving tree” and the way we respond to bring Christ’s love to others in our community. Each Christmas you make me so proud to be your pastor and I just want to say once again, “thank you” to each of you.

On this Solemnity of the Holy Family, I extend the following blessings upon our parish families. *“We bless your name, O Lord, for sending your own incarnate Son to become part of a family, so that, as He lived its life, He would experience its worries and its joys. We ask you, Lord, to protect and watch over our families, so that in the strength of your grace its members may enjoy prosperity, possess the priceless gift of your peace, and as the Church alive in the home, bear witness in this world to your glory. We ask this through Christ the Lord.”*

As we end another year, I ask you to make sure that you have filled out your stewardship cards and have returned them to the rectory. We need your assistance and help to bring this process to completion for this year.

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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 souls of
Catherine Darlene Doyle
and Eleanor Hubble
sing praises with the Angels in Heaven forever.

Social Concerns Collection
 Social Concerns will be collecting new or gently used: adult & kids gloves & hats, adult & kids socks, bedding (comforters, blankets, sheets, mattress covers) next weekend, Jan. 6-7 for the 1st Sunday collection for the Ladies of Charity. Containers will be located in the Narthex. Thank you in advance!

No Coffee & Donuts in January
 Because of the QND Breakfast, we will not have coffee & donuts in January.

Online Giving Starting January 1, 2024
STARTING January 1, 2024, St. Peter has partnered with Pushpay to create an easy way to make online contributions to the Church, School, or Haiti. Please use QRCode or Pushpay link below to start your yearly giving. Any questions please contact the parish office.
<https://pushpay.com/g/stpeterquincy>



St Peter Church, Quincy IL
 Church Fund - 8288
<https://pushpay.com/g/stpeterquincy>

SAVE THE DATE

LENTEN PARISH MISSION

FEBRUARY 24-26, 2024

- Begins during all Weekend Masses on 2/24 and 2/25
- Continues with Parish Mission Conferences on 2/25 and 2/26 at 6:30 p.m. in the Church
- A reception will follow on 2/26 in the Cafeteria
- Childcare available for children age 1 and older

Call 217.222.3155 for more information

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

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	~Diane Wagner	~Anonymous
~Ian Mehaffy	~Charlotte Siebers	~Anonymous
~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.

January 2024 Usher Schedule
Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Mass
Lead Usher: Sonny Laird **Ushers:** Rick Halter, Andrew Meyer, Ted Siebers, Mark Wiewel
Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Mass
Lead Usher: Dale Venvertloh **Ushers:** Jerry Holzgrafe, Nathan Koetters, John Liesen, Lawrence Terwelp
Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Mass
Lead Usher: Harold Ellerbrock **Ushers:** Matt George, John Johannes, Eric Kasparie, Trent Lepper
Sunday, 11:00 a.m. Mass
Lead Usher: Tom Strieker **Ushers:** Jerry Eberhardt, Gary Frericks, Stephen Gramke, Tim Haubrich

January 2024 EMHC Schedule
Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Mass – Lou Anderson (1), Marilena Frier (2) Amy Johannessen (3), Ruth Koch (4), Mary Oakley (5), Tim Oitker (6)
Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Mass – Dave & Sue Kuhl (1 & 2), George McDonnell (3), Nick Moran (4), Jeff Norton (5), Gary Zanger (6)
Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Mass – Anne Gibleon (1), Rose Ann Huber (2), Ray Koenig (3), Mike Schwartz (4), Ronda Wand (5), Kari Weisenberger (6)
Sunday, 11:00 a.m. Mass – Jessica Beaston (1), J. Michael Haubrich (2), Jennifer Kewney (3), Sonya Krause (4), Julie Radel (5), Kim Strieker (6)

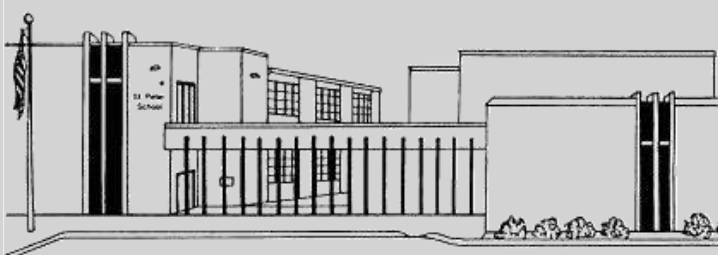
Holy Moments Group
 We are looking into starting a weekly informal discussion group based on the book "Holy Moments" by Matthew Kelly. The group would read a few pages from the book and then discuss how God has helped us to recognize and utilize these moments for the good of others. We are looking at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

QND Pancake & Sausage Breakfast
 The Annual QND Pancake and Sausage Breakfast will be Sunday, January 7th 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.

Men's Cursillo #365
 Men's Cursillo #365 will be held January 18-21 at the Franciscan Retreat Center in Quincy. Cost of the weekend is \$185.00 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 and "applications" and print one.

Catholics Returning Home
 St. Francis Solanus Parish will offer a six-week series entitled "Catholics Returning Home" beginning Wednesday, January 3, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall, located on the north side of the church at 17th and College Avenue. It will run for six consecutive Wednesday evenings and will conclude on February 7. The sessions are for non-practicing Catholics who are seeking answers to questions about returning to the Church. If you know someone who has left the Church, please invite them to join us.
 For more information, call Deacon Wayne Zimmerman, 217-430-7792.

The School of St. Peter



Week of December 31, 2023
A Message from Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh
"St. Peter School provides a quality education built on Catholic values and teachings."

ADVENT BLESSINGS

The students have been busy during this Advent season. During this season of waiting our focus has been on serving others as well as learning about the reason for the Christmas season.

Each morning the students eagerly listened to hear what the BINGO symbol for the day was during the morning announcements and prayer. Each symbol represented a sign of Christmas. An explanation was given for why the symbol was chosen.

Preschool 3's collected personal hygiene items for Quincy Catholic Charities. The preschool 4 year old students had a birthday party for Jesus and they used an Advent calendar to count down. Each day they received a sweet surprise. Additionally, they recognized each week of advent by adding the light to their candle on a wreath that hung on their door.

Grades K-3 held a Baby Shower for Jesus. The baby items were delivered to Care Net. Mrs. Gallaher's car was packed full of all the donated items. (See picture below!) Our families were extremely generous!

Additionally, the 3rd grade had an Advent calendar that they opened each day encouraging them to do a random act of kindness for the day. They also created a Jesse Tree. Each student was responsible for a particular person in Jesus' family and students shared what they learned about the chosen person.

The fourth grade students purchased a gift from the Giving Wreath and sent Christmas letters to homebound parishioners.

The fifth grade chose an Advent Wreath gift tag from the church vestibule and purchased a Christmas present for a child that is 10-11 years old. They also sent Christmas cards to homebound parishioners.

The sixth, seventh and eighth grade students took part in a service project that will benefit one of our school families who are in need. They collected monetary donations to purchase gift cards from the Gene Grawe Fund to help out the family with expenses.



MENU
Monday: No School
Tuesday: No School
Wednesday: No School
Thursday: Hamburger, hash brown, corn, fruit.
Friday: French bread pizza, marinara, green beans, fruit.

No School—Dec. 21-Jan. 3, 2024



We hope you had a Merry Christmas!

The teachers and staff of St. Peter School wish to extend to everyone a very Blessed and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! May you and your family keep Jesus in your hearts throughout this joyful time of year!

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Mark Your Calendar

Mon. Jan. 1: Mass at 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.
Parish Office Closed

Tues. Jan. 2: RCIA 7:00 p.m., Martha Jane Room

Wed. Jan. 3: Ladies Cursillo 1:30 p.m., Fr. Bauer Prayer Room

Thurs. Jan. 4:

Fri. Jan. 5:

Sat. Jan. 6:

Sun. Jan. 7: NO Coffee & Donuts
FOUND 6:30 p.m., Martha Jane Room

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.

Deacon Dennis Holbrook to Give Talk About Dying
Living a Christ-centered life means we can face suffering and death without fear. I pray that this talk will enlighten our perspective on this topic and how our relationship with God can truly help us approach the end of our earthly life. This talk will take place on Tuesday, Jan. 2 at 7 p.m. in the St. Francis Parish Center. All are welcome to attend! Ray Wheeler will accompany us that evening with music and songs.

Quincy Catholic Charities Fundraiser
Save the date of April 6th. Additional details coming soon!

Going Someplace Warmer for the Winter?
If you are going someplace warmer for the winter, please call the parish office at 222-3155 or email us at church@cospq.org to give us the dates you will be gone. We get charged for any returned bulk mailings (newsletters, envelopes, etc.)

Fr. Leo's column continued..

This Monday, January 1st is the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. This day is usually a holyday of obligation but since it falls on a Monday the obligation is abrogated and is not an obligation. But we will still have Mass and encourage you to celebrate with us as we usher in another year of God's grace. So our Mass schedule for January 1st is as follows:

Sunday, December 31st: Mass at 5:00 p.m.
Monday, January 1st: Masses will be at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.

As we bring in this new year, 2024, I pray that God will continue to bless all of you; will strengthen your faith through the hardships and struggles of life; will give you hope when darkness fills your life; and that each of you will find the incarnate love of Jesus especially in the Church in which we worship. Happy and a Grace filled New Year. My prayer for you is found in our first reading for this Mass of the New Year:

May the Lord bless and keep you!
May the Lord let His face shine upon you and be gracious to you!
May the Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: It was the end of the day when I parked my police van in front of the station. As I gathered my equipment, my K9 partner, Jake, was barking, and I saw a little boy staring in at me. "Is that a dog you got back there?" he asked.

"It sure is," I replied.
Puzzled, the boy looked at me and then towards the back of the van. Finally he said, "What'd he do?"

Magy. Leo J. Eulow

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Loose Collections		
Regular Collections	Because of the Holiday, December 23rd/24th collection will be in next	
Annual School Fund		
Holy Days		
Totals	weekend's bulletin.	
Total Budget Goal		
Difference		

Diocesan Collections

Haiti Sister Parish Collections

Parish in Action

As we continue to prepare to launch the *Upon this Rock, the Campaign to Build in Faith at St. Peter* Capital Campaign, we wanted to provide a calendar outline for the campaign.

- Campaign Kick-off → January, 2024
- Active Fundraising → January to March
- Follow up and celebration → April

If you are looking to support the campaign with a year-end gift for tax purposes, the campaign and the parish would be grateful for your support. Please note that to maximize the success of the campaign, we use the following strategies:

- Everyone will be asked to support the campaign.
- It's our intention to have personal, face-to-face visits with as many of our parishioners as possible.
- We will ask for specific gifts to the campaign.
- Our goal is to challenge everyone to consider a significant, proportional gift.

The campaign will be sending *Upon this Rock, the Campaign to Build in Faith at St. Peter* information and educational communications, and an appeal letter, to each household in January, 2024.

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

Questions about the campaign? Please call the Parish Office at 217/222-3155 and ask for the campaign office.

HAPPY HOUR at **QUINCY BREWING CO.**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2024
2:30 - 4:30 P.M.
110 N. 6TH STREET IN QUINCY

Grab a date or a group of friends and join us for a fun afternoon of fellowship! Take advantage of this opportunity to spend some quality time together. Light snacks will be provided and the first FIVE couples to arrive will each receive a free drink on us!

Need More Info?
Or to phone in RSVP, Call 217.214.0187

SCAN QR CODE TO RSVP

