



The Parish of St. Peter Quincy, IL

~Mass Intentions~

January 8-14, 2023

- 8. Monday 8:00 a.m.
Paul Poore
- 9. Tuesday 8:00 a.m.
Judy Brower Guerreni
- 10. Wednesday 8:30 a.m.
Becky Bliefnick
- 11. Thursday 8:00 a.m.
Marjie Bergman
- 12. Friday 8:00 a.m.
C.J. Mason
- 13. Saturday 8:00 a.m.
Barb Wolf
- 13. Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Fr. Mike Grawe OFM
- 14. Sunday 8:00 a.m.
Priscilla Morrison
- 14. Sunday 9:30 a.m.
Our Parish Family
- 14. Sunday 11:00 a.m.
Dan Miller

— 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 Epiphany of the Lord Solemnity, January 7, 2024

Dear Parishioners,

Today, we gather to celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany. This celebration brings our Christmas season to a close. A general theme for this Solemnity is found in the word light, and the phrase all generations will come to worship and bring gifts. To highlight these themes, the words of Isaiah the prophet are used in our first reading. ***“Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, and the glory of the Lord shines upon you. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the Lord.”*** With these words, our magi, or sometimes known as the Kings, now take their place as people from afar to give this newborn King praise and glory. They offer this child gold, to indicate His kingship; they offer Him frankincense, to proclaim His divinity; and they offer Him myrrh, to indicate His sacrificial death. This celebration is truly our Christmas, as the figurines that represent the non-Gentile world are placed in the crib scene as a reflection of each of us. We might ask ourselves, what is it that we offer this newborn king to proclaim our faith in Him? Hoping our offering this new year is our time, talents, and treasures through which we truly do proclaim that Jesus is the number one priority in our lives.

In the universal Church, the Solemnity of the Epiphany was always celebrated on the 12th day after Christmas, January 6th, thus having the 12 days of Christmas after and not before Christmas. And when celebrated on the 6th, this Solemnity of the Epiphany is a Holy Day of Obligation. But the Catholic Church in the United States transferred this Solemnity to the second Sunday following Christmas. Thus for us and the universal Church it is still a Holy Day. And a point of trivia, according to Venerable Bede (672-735) the Magi represented the three continents of Europe, Asia, and Africa, and the figurines depicted this in the colors of the Magi, being white, yellow, and black. And according to this same Bede their names were Melchior, Gaspar, and Balthasar. Whether there were three, two or more, the theme of our Mass is that this newborn King came for the entire humankind, bringing salvation, reconciliation and redemption to all of us. May each of us, like the Magi, give praise and glory to Him now and forever.

I also want to acknowledge the Duker & Haugh Funeral Home for their gift of our new parish calendars. Each year Ann Haugh and Jared Haugh donate these calendar for our use. If you haven't picked one up yet, we still have some in the narthex. And so on behalf of our parish family, I want to extend my thanks to these people for providing these calendars. If and when you see this family, please thank them for this gift each year.

If you are looking for breakfast plans for this Sunday, January 7th, I suggest that you consider the QND Pancake and Sausage breakfast in the cafeteria of QND from 8:30-12:30 p.m. The cost is \$9 for adults and \$5 for children. All proceeds benefit the Catholic Heart Workcamp trip this summer. Bring your appetite and help support our young people in this ministry to help the poor.

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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 soul of
Mary Billeter
sing praises with the Angels in Heaven forever.

Baptism

John Carlo Gerlando DiSalvo, son of **Michael & Torie (Selsor) DiSlavo**, was made a child of God through the reception of the sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, December 31, 2023.

Social Concerns Collection

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

No Coffee & Donuts in January

Because of the QND Breakfast, we will not have coffee & donuts in January.

St. Veronica Guild

The St. Veronica Guild will meet **Thursday, January 11** 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!

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.

Addiction Issues?

Is someone you love struggling with addiction issues? Please consider joining us to discuss how the church can be a resource for those who are affected by addiction. We will be exploring the issue through reading a short book "The Road to Hope" by Keaton Douglas. This book examines how the I-THRST initiative, a comprehensive, faith-based approach to education, is transforming the way the Catholic Church understands and responds to persons struggling with addiction. For more information, contact Carol Frericks 217-316-6711.

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.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

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| ~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.



December, 2023

My dear Friends in Christ,
Catholic Times has always been a key communication tool for our diocese. Whether it is important announcements, teaching the faith, or inspirational stories, the magazine provides tremendous value to readers. That was apparent this past year with a special edition highlighting the rich history of our diocese when we celebrated the 100th anniversary of the transfer of the See city from Alton to Springfield and a special edition that captured the historical Eucharistic Congress in Springfield.

We were also given this powerful story this past year from one of our parishes. In one of their bible studies, the topic of Confession came up. Two women mentioned that they had went to Confession after many decades because of the encouragement found in 2021 special edition of *Catholic Times* that focused solely on the sacrament. They both said they had saved their copy because it was so good, helpful, and encouraging!

For another consecutive year, *Catholic Times* received a national award from the Catholic Media Association's national awards program. Also new this past year, *Catholic Times* launched a new website, dio.org/catholictimes that features podcasts, videos, articles, my column, and a better search tool.

Catholic Times remains dedicated to helping Catholics better understand the Catholic faith through their Hey, Father! series, addressing complex issues in bioethics, and explaining the significance of sacraments. Feature reporting stands as a cornerstone of the magazine, spotlighting narratives of individuals, parishes, and schools actively contributing to the growth of the Kingdom of God within our diocese. The magazine's steadfast commitment to local coverage ensures that each edition brings forth stories relevant to readers' lives, showcasing contributions from familiar faces, including both laity and clergy.

MV column, "Lex Cordis Caritas," is one of the best ways I can speak about the issues we face as Catholics and update readers on important decisions I make that impact the faithful.

It is all these reasons why I believe *Catholic Times* should be available to every household in our diocese, either digitally or by mail. During the weekend of January 6/7, 2024, please encourage your parishioners to respond gratefully in support of this communication tool so we can ensure *Catholic Times* remains an inexpensive source of Catholic information, education, and inspiration.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

† Thomas John Paprocki

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
 Bishop of Springfield in Illinois
 Publisher, *Catholic Times*

Friend of Catholic Education Dinner

The QCES Foundation is honored to present the Chuck and Becky Scholz Family with the Friend of Catholic Education Award. This recognition will be celebrated at the 15th Annual Friend of Catholic Education Dinner on Saturday, Feb. 3 at 6 pm at the Atrium on 3rd. Tickets are \$100 and can be purchased at ticketstripe.com/FOCEDinner2024 or by mailing a check to the QCES Foundation at 1721 College Ave, Quincy, IL 62301. For more info., please contact Sara at director@quincycatholicsschools.org or 217-779-3157.

The School of St. Peter



Week of January 7, 2024

A Message from Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh

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



FIRST GRADE LEARNS ABOUT BAPTISM

Mrs. Sowell's first grade class performed a mock Baptism to demonstrate the washing away of original sin and the welcoming into the Catholic Church.



Catholic Schools
 United in Faith and Community

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK IS NEAR

National Catholic Schools Week is quickly approaching! Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. It begins the last Sunday in January and runs all week. (January 28-Feb. 2, 2024). Through various events St. Peter School will focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation.

IMMEDIATE TEACHER AIDE OPENING

Would you like to work in a supportive, caring, environment with great students and teachers? St. Peter School has an immediate opening for a teacher aide. Duties include assisting teachers and students in grades 4, 5 & 6 from 8:00-12:00 Monday -Friday. If you are interested or know of someone who may be interested send a resume along with two or more references to Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh at either 2500 Maine Street, Quincy, IL 62301 or c.venvertloh@cospq.org.

MENU

- Monday:** Chicken fries, emoji fries, corn, fruit.
- Tuesday:** Meatballs, bosco stick, broccoli, fruit.
- Wednesday:** Sausage/egg biscuit, veggie juice, fruit.
- Thursday:** Corn dog, chips, baked beans, fruit.
- Friday:** Sausage pizza, peas, fruit.



THIS WEEK

- Mon., Jan. 8:
- Tues., Jan. 9
- Wed. Jan., 10: **Children's Mass**—6th grade in charge of Mass; **Talent Show practice** after school.
- Thurs., Jan. 11: **Adoration**
- Fri., Jan. 12: **Spirit Day Assembly**—bring in 25 cents or more to wear your jeans and Spirit Day shirts—proceeds go to Haiti!
- Cartridge Recycling:** We are NO LONGER collecting any kind of ink/laser cartridges. Thank you for supporting our school in the past with this collection.

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Mark Your Calendar

Mon. Jan. 8:

Tues. Jan. 9: RCIA 7:00 p.m., Martha Jane Room

Wed. Jan. 10: Ladies Cursillo 1:30 p.m., Fr. Bauer Prayer Room
PSR 6:30 p.m., School

Thurs. Jan.11: St. Veronica's Guild 8:30 a.m., Lower Level Conf. Room

Fri. Jan. 12:

Sat. Jan. 13:

Sun. Jan. 14:

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.

Social Concerns 5th Sunday Collection
Jan 6 & 7 is the Fifth Sunday collection for the Social Concerns Committee. Please consider making a donation to help support our community. Thank you 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.

Fr. Leo's column continued..

As we look ahead I ask you to mark your calendars for Sunday, January 28th, as we will be sponsoring our own Pancake and Sausage Breakfast from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in our Grade School Gym. This is a very popular breakfast as it is cooked by Chris Cakes from St. Louis who often challenge customers to catch their own pancakes. It's just a great time for all and I ask you to reserve this date on your calendars.

Also, just to let you know that St. Peter Church was asked by Horizon's Soup Kitchen for a donation to replace their current roof. Horizon's Soup Kitchen has been a fundamental part of our ministry here at St. Peter's for many years. Our parishioners have been helping to serve lunch on the first, third and fifth Mondays of each month. This kitchen serves food for the many people in our community who are in need. Since they are part of our ministry, we decided to make this request a part of our stewardship for this year, contributing our treasures to help our community of Quincy. In response to their request, we gave \$15,000.00 to assist them in replacing their roof and thus continue to feed the poor in our community.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: Upon going away to college, a young son received a hand mixer from his mother because of his fondness for mashed potatoes. Later that semester, she asked him how the mixer was working for him. "Not very good," the son told his mother, "the potatoes keep flying all over the kitchen." After a perplexed pause, his mother asked, "Did you cook the potatoes first?" to which the son responded, "you have to cook the potatoes first?"

Magy. Lisa J. Embury

WEEKLY COLLECTION

	<u>Dec. 24/25</u>	<u>Total to Date</u>
Loose Collections	\$1,410.07	\$27,993.02
Regular Collections	\$39,006.40	\$777,529.11
Annual School Fund	\$13,273.00	\$207,822.00
Holy Days	\$32,001.50	\$44,746.26
Totals	\$85,690.97	\$1,058,090.39
Total Budget Goal	\$32,000.00	\$832,000.00
Difference	\$53,690.97	\$226,090.39

WEEKLY COLLECTION

	<u>Dec. 31/Jan. 1</u>	<u>Total to Date</u>
Loose Collections	\$1,852.86	\$29,845.88
Regular Collections	\$17,679.00	\$795,208.11
Annual School Fund	\$11,916.00	\$219,738.00
Holy Days	\$5,308.26	\$50,054.52
Totals	\$36,756.12	\$1,094,846.51
Total Budget Goal	\$32,000.00	\$864,000.00
Difference	\$4,756.12	\$230,846.51

Diocesan Collections
Quincy Catholic Cemeteries: \$120.00
Catholic Times: \$75.00 Children's Home: \$1,400.00
Retired Religious: \$300.00 Other: \$440.00

Haiti Sister Parish Collections
Collected \$4,161.00

Parish in Action

Online Giving Now Available
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

St. Peter
PANCAKE & SAUSAGE
Breakfast

Back for 2024!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
St. Peter School Gym
\$7 All You Care to Eat

Featuring **Chris Cakes**
ST. LOUIS



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