



# The Parish of St. Peter Quincy, IL

*Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024*

*~Mass Intentions~*

*April 1-7, 2024*

- 1. Monday 8:00 a.m.  
Howard Buckley
- 2. Tuesday 8:00 a.m.  
Catherine Gauthier
- 3. Wednesday 8:30 a.m.  
Joe Penn
- 4. Thursday 8:00 a.m.  
John Michael Dolan
- 5. Friday 8:00 a.m.  
Ann Anderson
- 6. Saturday 8:00 a.m.  
Steve Sinnock
- 6. Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Dan Frericks
- 7. Sunday 8:00 a.m.  
Priscilla Morrison
- 7. Sunday 9:30 a.m.  
Our Parish Family
- 7. Sunday 11:00 a.m.  
Jeff Steinkamp

*— 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.

Dear Parishioners,

***“Alleluia. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.”***

This is the proclamation of our Responsorial Psalm for this Easter Sunday. Yes, this is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. On behalf of our parish and school staff, our deacons, as well as Fr. Zach Samples and myself, I want to wish each and everyone of you a Blessed and Happy Easter. After six weeks of Lent, sacrifices and penances, our hearts and our lives are renewed in the joy of Easter.

In our gospel for this day, we hear the following: *“On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. Running to Peter and the other disciple whom Jesus loved, she said, ‘they have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don’t know where they put him.’ So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. When they arrived, Peter went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in and he saw and believed.”* Between the empty tomb and the burial cloths situated the way they were, was all the proof that these two disciples needed to see and believe. They might not have fully understood what rising from the dead meant, but the proofs that were present were all that they needed to elicit from them their faith and hope that Jesus had risen from the dead. In time, they would experience His risen presence as He appeared to them over a span of about 40 days. My hope and prayer for all of us is that we too will see with the eyes of faith and truly believe that what Jesus promised in His resurrection would be fulfilled for all of us.

Next Saturday, April 6th, our third graders from our parish will be going over to the Cathedral in Springfield to celebrate with the Bishop their First Holy Communion and Confirmation. I want to congratulate these young people from our parish and pray that they remain ever faithful to these sacraments that they will be receiving. I also want to thank their parents and teachers for providing the proper formation that they needed to complete their sacraments of Initiation. As a parish family we will celebrate their second (first) communion here at St. Peter next Sunday, April 7th, at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Please join us for this special gathering.

I also want to thank all those who helped decorate the Church for our Easter celebrations. A special thank you to Frericks Gardens for providing the flowers which enhanced the beauty of the Church. I also thank our cantors, choirs, musicians, servers, ushers and greeters for helping to make our liturgies a wonderful experience for those present. And a special thank you to our parishioners who were present to celebrate the joy of Easter. May this mystery of Easter fill our lives with hope that Jesus has conquered sin and death and given us a share in His new life.

FYI. I will be on a private retreat next week, Monday thru Thursday, at St. Meinrad Seminary in Indiana. Please pray for me as I will for you.

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Next Meeting

April 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!

April 28th

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.

## Easter Flowers We Remember...

### Ray & Mim Bailey

By: Pat Arnold

### Howard Buckley

By: Jo Buckley

### Ab & Margie Benz

By: Geri Black

### Raymond & Viola Deters

By: Barb & Lou Anderson, Patricia Deters, Mary Deters, Carolyn & Dan Tipton and Families

### Junior & Lila Fredericks, Bill & Wilma Moran and Sue A. Genenbacher

By: Nick & Cheri Moran

### Dave & Sheri George

By: Matt & Kristin George Family

### Delores (Tiny) & Virgil Bange and Chuck Aschemann

By: Mike & Angie Hancox

### Deceased members of the Camacho & Johnson Families

By: Mario & Ginny Camacho

### Thomas Edward Strieker and Ann Marie Derrick

By: Barbara Strieker and Family

### Roy & Virginia Hoener, Patricia Craft, Todd Craft and Sr. Kathryn Hoener SSND

By: Barbara Strieker and Family

### Edward & Genevieve Strieker, Mary Watts, Rose Ann & Jerry Brown, David Brown and Austin Hermann

By: Barbara Strieker and Family

### Merle & Leta Mae Frese, Tom & Marjie Bergman, William & Barb Dance, Fr. Silas Musholt, OFM, Aloys & Isabel Musholt, Joe & Viola Bergman, Homer & Maude Roush and Joseph & Elizabeth Frese

By: Tom & Diane Frese

### Robert & Rita Standley, Mark Standley, Rufus & Germaine Schmidt and Randy Schmidt

By: Gregory & Debra Standley

### Vernell Justice, Teodorico & Tereza Lagleva, Purita Orenca and Rupert, Benjamin, Danito & Rudolfo Lagleva

By: Marima Justice

### Herman & Rita Huber and Harold & Irma Vollbracht

By: Ron & Rose Huber

### Dan Miller, Mr. & Mrs. E.J. Miller and Mr. & Mrs. Henry Venvertloh

By: Virginia Miller

### Leo & June Meyer, Fr. Roy Bauer and Richard & Dr. John Nolan and Robert & Jennie Siepker

By: Jane Nolan & Family

### Paul & Hazel Goodapple, Margy, Al & Steve Kathmann and Bill, Norma & Brad Schuttler

By: Mike & Mary Schuttler

### Farris & Dorothy Viar, Donald Klingele and Anne Bollom

By: Larry & Debbie Viar

### Joseph & Angela Ley and Walter & Leona Franklin

By: John & Betty Ley

### John & Margie Purdy

By: Cindy & Loy Archer and Kristi, Trevor, Reece & Layne Beck and Robyn, Gavin & Gabby Iseminger

### David & Pat Stegeman

By: Karen & Steve Disseler, Tom & Ann Klene and Kent & Selena Stegeman

### Russell Jansen, Patrick Bichel and Louis & Laura Holtschlag Family

By: John & Judie Mehaffy

### Joe & Anita Lavery, Kenneth & Dorothy Schlipman and T.J. Lavery

By: Mike & Karen Lavery

### James & Mary Pat O'Hearn and Mary Alice O'Hearn

By: Deb O'Hearn Druffel & Family

### Earl E. Shade and Gary M. Frye

By: Lorna M. Shade

### Floyd Doellman, Carl & Dorothy Mast, Dodie Doellman and Irene Doellman

By: Steve & Maria Eckert

### George & Dan Kroeger, Fred, Vivian & Mary Jane Schlottman, Marion & Lacy McLaughlin and William & Letitia Schlottman and George Lee & Lorena Kroeger

By: Karen Kroeger

### Albert & Margaret Frier and Robert & Mildred Simms

By: Tom & Marilena Frier

### Harry Terstegge, Wilma Wiewel and Floyd S. Terstegge

By: Brian & Angela Terstegge

### Mr. & Mrs. Robert Deters, Mr. & Mrs. George Schrage and Richard Schrage

By: George & Connie Schrage III

### Leonard & Loretta Klauser, Tom Klauser and Angie Klauser

By: Jim & Sherrie Weerts

### Deceased Members of the Stauder & Lawless Families

By: Judy Lawless

### Russ & Rita Terstriep, Louis Schuckman, Randy & Sandy Brinkman, Ed Terstriep and Kelle Fleming

By: Kevin & Janice Schuckman

### Jack & Rita Terford, Steve Scherr, George & Selma Terford and Frank & Helen Wensing

By: Joe Terford

### Eugene & Marguerite Schlipmann, Mary Schlipmann and Jim Schlipmann

By: Dick & Jean Cook

### Steve Sinnock, Floyd & Bebe Sinnock and Ed & Catherine Schwartz

By: The Family

### Edward & Rose Mary Benz, Lester, Mary & Alan Mitten and Raymond, Helen & Larry Siepker

By: Benz, Mitten & Siepker Families



## Mark Your Calendar

Mon. April 1: Parish Office Closed

Tues. April 2: Ladies Bible Study 8:30 a.m., Martha Jane Room

RCIA 7:00 p.m., Martha Jane Room

Wed. April 3: Ladies Cursillo 1:30 p.m., Fr. Bauer Rm  
PSR 6:30 p.m., School

Thurs. April 4:

Fri. April 5:

Sat. April 6:

Sun. April 7: Coffee & Donuts and Blood Pressures after all Masses

FOUND 6:30 p.m., Martha Jane Room

### Fr. Leo's column continued..

"What does love mean?" was a question posed to a group of 4-8 year olds.

- 1 When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore...So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love. Rebecca, age 8.
- 2 Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving cologne and they go out and smell each other. Kari, age 5.
- 3 Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your French fries without making them give you any of theirs. Chrissy, age 6.
- 4 Love is what makes you smile when you are tired. Terri, age 4.
- 5 Love is when my mommy makes coffee for my daddy and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is okay. Danny, age 8.
- 6 Love is when you tell a guy you like his shirt, then he wears it every day. Noelle, age 7.
- 7 Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well. Tommy, age 6.
- 8 Love is when mommy sees daddy on the toilet and she doesn't think it's gross. Mark, age 6.

A four year old child whose next door neighbor was an elderly gentleman who recently lost his wife. Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the old gentleman's yard, climbed onto his lap, and just sat there. When his mother asked what he had said to the neighbor, the little boy said "Nothing, I just helped him cry."

Magi. Lisa J. Enlow

### Haiti Update

With the ongoing crisis in Haiti in the headlines, Father Michel wrote the following, "We are experiencing such a horrible scene of uncertainty. It is beyond imagination and comprehension. Nothing is clear." He goes on to write, "In my parish and mission churches, life is hard and challenging. The children are hungry. They are so joyful when we feed them with a hot meal, and my children can eat. Last month we fed 138 children. They are hungry. The most touching aspect is when we gave them food. They ate a portion and they took a portion to those who stayed home. They love to share."

Father Michel further reports that he is "doing the best to strengthen people by inviting them to pray more." We ask St. Peter parishioners to pray for Father Michel, Our Lady of the Assumption parish and her mission churches with the following prayer he wrote for us:

Lord God, look upon those who live in Haiti. Strengthen them in their struggle for a better life and protect their lives for us. Bless our sister parish! We ask this through your son Jesus Christ, our savior, who reigns today, forever and ever. Amen

On behalf of Father Michel and his parishioners, thank you for your prayers and continued financial support of our sister parish.

### Coffee & Donuts and Blood Pressures Next Sunday

Please join us next Sunday, April 7, after all Masses in the cafeteria for Coffee & Donuts and blood pressure screenings.

### Divine Mercy Sunday Holy Hour at St. Anthony

Please plan to join us on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7, at 2:00 PM at St. Anthony Church. The Holy Hour will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confession, and Rosaries. At 3:00 PM we will recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction will follow. Plan to join us afterwards in the Quilt Room for Divine Mercy Sunday Sundaes at about 3:30 PM!

## Easter Flowers We Remember...

### John & Mary Jane Taylor, Rock & Catherine

### Gauthier and Jacqueline L. Taylor

By: Richard & Celeste Taylor

### Marty Peters

By: Janet, Emily, Dominic, Chris, Lance and Families

### Daniel E. Cook and Marie & Joseph Hilgenbrink

By: Mary, Colleen, Erin, Ryan, Kerry Cook & Kathleen Galloway

### Eric, Colin and Russell Ringenberg

By: Delores Ringenberg

### Raymond Peters, Lucille Cox and Charles Cox

By: Rosemary Peters

### Priscilla Morrison, Christopher Morrison and deceased grandchildren of Bill & Priscilla Morrison

By: Pam & Mike Rein

### Ralph & Lucille Schutte and Pat Schutte

By: Marcia Cramsey, Mark & Nancy Schutte and Jerry & Jane Ippensen

### James & Rebecca Mabry and Jeremy Goodapple

By: Emily & Terry Goodapple



*Rest in Peace*  
May the soul of  
**Marjorie Steinkamp**  
sing praises with the Angels in Heaven forever.

**Parish Office Closed**  
The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, April 1st.

**Social Concerns Collection**  
Social Concerns will be collecting body wash, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, liquid hand soap, feminine products and toilet paper next weekend, April 6-7 for the 1st Sunday collection for the Ladies of Charity. Containers will be located in the Narthex. Thank you in advance!

**Social Concerns 5th Sunday Collection**  
Because of Easter, April 6 & 7 will be the Fifth Sunday collection for the Social Concerns Committee. Please consider making a donation to help support our community. Thank you for your generosity!

**April 2024 Usher Schedule**  
**Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Mass**  
**Lead Usher:** Sonny Laird **Ushers:** Rick Halter, Dave Reis, Bob Weckbach, Mark Wiewel  
**Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Mass**  
**Lead Usher:** Kevin Haider **Ushers:** Nathan Koettters, John Liesen, Lawrence Terwelp, Robert Welding  
**Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Mass**  
**Lead Usher:** Harold Ellerbrock **Ushers:** Jay Smith, Jeremy Stegeman, Bill Vollrath, James Weisenberger  
**Sunday, 11:00 a.m. Mass**  
**Lead Usher:** Tom Strieker **Ushers:** Jerry Eberhardt, Gary Freicks, Tim Haubrich, Kevin Schuckman

**April 2024 EMHC Schedule**  
**Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Mass:** Steve Boll (1), Marilena Frier (2) Angie & Mike Hancox (3&4), Amy Johannessen(5), Joe Ormond (6)  
**Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Mass:** Ashley Koettters (1), Judy Liesen (2), Jim Palmer (3), Katie Stegner (4), Dennis & Lyn Semerad (5&6)  
**Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Mass:** Lindsay Bond (1), Bobbi Vollrath (2), Barb & Matt Holtmeyer (3&4), Debbie & Randy Miller (5&6)  
**Sunday, 11:00 a.m. Mass:** Jessica Beaston (1), Mary Howe (2), Linda Myers (3), Kim Strieker (4), Diane Weber (5), Beth Young (6)

Please keep the following in your prayers:

~Kristopher Schreacke	~Elias Erd	
~Mario Camacho	~Amy Seibert	
~Hunter Hildebrand	~Isabella Benner	
~Diane Wagner	~Dan Dailing	
~Alden & Joyce Shipp	~Ken Althoff	
~Joan Wilson	~Donna Schutte	
~Maria (Eberhardt) Sparrow	~Lorna Shade	
~Kathy Schuckman	~Bill Morrison	
~John & Barb Meyer	~Bonnie Haubrich	
~Ian Mehaffy	~Charlotte Siebers	
~Diane Zoller	~Weston Harvey	
~Valerie Fox Ortball	~Debra Sparrow	
~Michelle & Dustin Houston	~JoAnn Schaefer	
	~Michael Mason	
	~Liem Thanh Mai	

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

**School Lunch Menu**

**Monday:** No School.  
**Tuesday:** Tenderloin, Emoji fries, green beans, fruit.  
**Wednesday:** Chicken drummies, hash brown, peas, fruit.  
**Thursday:** Hamburger, curly fries, mixed vegetables, fruit.  
**Friday:** Pepperoni pizza, broccoli, pudding, fruit.

**THIS WEEK**

Monday, April 1: **No School**—Easter Monday  
Tuesday, April 2:  
Wednesday, April 3: **Children's Mass**—3rd grade leading.  
Thursday, April 4: **Adoration; Scotties Fun Night sponsored by PTA** from 6:00-8:00; Ticket Sales begin for the Mega Raffle.  
Friday, April 5:  
Saturday, April 6: Our 3rd grade receive the sacrament of First Communion and Confirmation in Springfield!

**Administrative Assistant Opening at St. Peter School:**  
St. Peter School is accepting applications for an Administrative Assistant position for the 2024-2025 school year. Applicants should be detail oriented, flexible, trustworthy, efficient in Microsoft Word and Excel, work well with children, and assist the principal with various school tasks. Qualified applicants should send a cover letter, resume, and references to Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh, Principal, St. Peter School, 2500 Maine Street, Quincy, IL, 62301 or [c.venvertloh@cospq.org](mailto:c.venvertloh@cospq.org)

**CRS Rice Bowl**

CRS Rice Bowl is a Catholic Relief Services' Lenten faith-in-action program for families and faith communities. Through CRS Rice Bowl, we deepen our personal experience of Lent. We can devote our Lenten prayers, fasting and gifts to transform our relationship with God and neighbor. Join thousands of other Catholic communities across the United States, in this lifechanging Lenten journey.  
Bowls will be collected **NEXT WEEKEND, April 6 & 7.**

<b>WEEKLY COLLECTION</b>		
	<b>March 24</b>	<b>Total to Date</b>
Loose Collections	\$1,399.50	\$44,959.12
Regular Collections	\$23,360.25	\$1,198,712.68
Annual School Fund	\$4,863.50	\$348,489.37
Holy Days	\$440.00	\$51,398.52
Totals	\$30,063.25	\$1,643,559.69
Total Budget Goal	\$32,000.00	\$1,248,000.00
Difference	(\$1,936.75)	\$395,559.69

**Diocesan Collections**

Catholic Charities: \$820.00    Seminarians: \$27.00  
Holy Land: \$30.00  
Rice Bowls: \$125.80

**Haiti Sister Parish Collections**

Collected \$1,400.00

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Easter Flowers We Remember...</b></p> <p><b>Jerry Kroner</b> By: Carol Kroner</p> <p><b>Ruth Wilson</b> By: Rich Wilson</p> <p><b>Pat Ellerbrock</b> By: Harold Ellerbrock &amp; Family</p> <p><b>Pat &amp; Chuck Schralla, Opal &amp; Babe Schralla, Verna &amp; Bill Blersch, Bob &amp; Marianne Kroner and Dan Kroner</b> By: Carol Kroner</p> <p><b>Kathy Laird &amp; Knox Cassens</b> By: Sonny Laird</p> <p><b>Priscilla Ann Morrison</b> By: Bill Morrison</p> <p><b>Don Adolfs and Adolfs &amp; Giesing Families</b> By: Fran Adolfs</p> <p><b>Betty Ann &amp; Art Robinson, John Davis, Marge Wolfe and John Ohnemus</b> By: Gary &amp; Elizabeth Musholt</p> <p><b>Tony Troy</b> By: Pat &amp; Lisa Atwell</p> <p><b>Jim Meyer</b> By: The Meyer Family</p> <p><b>Joseph &amp; Helen Weselich, George Talbot, Alice Bennewitz and Sue Elsner</b> By: Gregory &amp; Moia Uzelac</p> <p><b>Everette &amp; Betty Martin and Gary &amp; Patrick Myers</b> By: Linda Myers</p> <p><b>LeRoy &amp; Mary Venvertloh</b> By: Nick &amp; Brandi Venvertloh</p> <p><b>Jim Seibert and Robert &amp; Amy Cavitt</b> By: Deb &amp; Amy Seibert</p> <p><b>Brett Miller and Russell &amp; Lucy Miller</b> By: Peter, Lindsay &amp; Mia Bond</p> <p><b>Virginia, Alan &amp; Don Weinberg and Bill &amp; Abbie Holzgrafe</b> By: Jerry Holzgrafe Family</p> <p><b>Douglas Anderson and Mr. &amp; Mrs. Robert Mast</b> By: Marie Anderson</p> <p><b>Ryan Peter, Paul &amp; Ruth Peter and Virgil &amp; Sis Obert</b> By: Ray &amp; Kay Peter</p> <p><b>Judy Kent and Jeff &amp; Jay Humphrey</b> By: David &amp; Linda Carper</p> <p><b>Dan Barry</b> By: Mary Barry</p>	<p><b>Billy Smith</b> By: Debbie Smith Family</p> <p><b>Rita Hull and Rev. Roy Bauer</b> By: Steve &amp; Kathy Boll</p> <p><b>Herb &amp; Florence Terwelp</b> By: Nick &amp; Lori Terwelp</p> <p><b>Don Vancil</b> By: Gina Vancil</p> <p><b>Shirley Obert and Mr. &amp; Mrs. Lawrence Obert Sr.</b> By: Lawrence Obert</p> <p><b>Brett Miller and Lucy &amp; Russell Miller</b> By: Randy &amp; Debbie Miller Family</p> <p><b>Brian David Reis and Wayne &amp; Dorothy Messick</b> By: David &amp; Ann Reis Family</p> <p><b>Bill Merkel and Barb &amp; Hank Helmedag</b> By: Marsha Merkel</p> <p><b>Dr. Paul Nuessen</b> By: His Family</p> <p><b>Dr. Jim Nuessen</b> By: His Family</p> <p><b>Paul Barry and Beau Barry</b> By: Diane &amp; Joe Ary &amp; Family</p> <p><b>Charles &amp; Ione Seeley, Dick &amp; Dorothy Olps and Ross Evans</b> By: Dwight &amp; Barbara Seeley</p> <p><b>Richard Lauer</b> By: Sharon, Karen, Christine, Jill, Dana &amp; Nick</p> <p><b>D.J. Venvertloh</b> By: The Dale &amp; Marty Venvertloh Family</p> <p><b>Don Vancil, Florence &amp; Herman Kemner and Laura &amp; John Vancil</b> By: Mary Vancil</p> <p><b>Michael Reiter, Albert &amp; Peachy Frese and Harold &amp; Virginia Reiter</b> By: Julie Reiter</p> <p><b>Ken &amp; Sadie Foster</b> By: Donna J. Schutte</p> <p><b>Joe &amp; Mary Obert</b> By: Kathy Obert</p> <p><b>T. C. &amp; Mary S. Oakley, Harold &amp; Dorothy Jacobson, Tony Oakley and Judy Maas Oakley</b> By: Signe Oakley &amp; Family</p> <p><b>Bradley Havermale</b> By: Paul &amp; Pam Havermale</p> <p><b>Don Topf</b> By: Donna McCulloch &amp; Liz Topf</p> <p><b>Ann Anderson and Bob &amp; Eileene Anderson</b> By: Kent Anderson</p>	<p><b>McCleary, Lee &amp; Morley Families</b> By: Don &amp; Diana McCleary</p> <p><b>Mary White</b> By: Richard White &amp; Family</p> <p><b>Allison Ann Koettters</b> By: Steve &amp; Leslie Koettters &amp; Family</p> <p><b>The Deceased Members of Boone &amp; Schmidt Families</b> By: Alan &amp; Sandy Boone</p> <p><b>Michael Pasley</b> By: The Pasley Family</p> <p><b>Rod W. Frese</b> By: Jan Frese</p> <p><b>Shelly McCarthy</b> By: Danielle, Brittany, Barb &amp; Laura</p> <p><b>Michael Reiter</b> By: Brad &amp; Gina Dietrich</p> <p><b>Molly Shields-Kite</b> By: Linda Shields &amp; Luke Kite</p> <p><b>Richard, Marie &amp; Skip Willer</b> By: Tom &amp; Judi Schutte</p> <p><b>Rome &amp; Marge Schutte</b> By: Tom &amp; Judi Schutte</p> <p><b>Larry, Pam &amp; Don Gramke</b> By: Tom &amp; Judi Schutte</p> <p><b>Henry &amp; Bertha Dieker</b> By: The Schutte Clan</p> <p><b>James H. Gibson</b> By: The Family</p> <p><b>Ken &amp; Martha Heinze</b> By: The Family</p> <p><b>Edna Steinkamp</b> By: Billy &amp; Laverne Meyer</p> <p><b>John &amp; Dee Siebers</b> By: Austin &amp; Grace Ormond</p> <p><b>Wyverne Hunter</b> By: Virginia Hunter</p> <p><b>Julius &amp; Mildred Meyer</b> By: Don &amp; Sharon Meyer</p> <p><b>Barb &amp; Ken Wolf</b> By: Karen Wolf &amp; Kristin Martin</p> <p><b>George Caspermeyer</b> By: David &amp; Cathy Ley</p> <p><b>Terwelp &amp; Wavering Families</b> By: Lynn &amp; Steve Wavering</p> <p><b>Don Christ</b> By: Sue, Brian, Jen &amp; Families</p> <p><b>Zakery Haubrich</b> By: Tim &amp; Kristie Haubrich</p> <p><b>Bob Laws</b> By: Debra Laws</p> <p><b>The Dreschler Family</b> By: Jane Dreschler</p> <p><b>Sherrie Craven</b> By: The Family</p>
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## Welcome to Those Who Are Joining the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil at St. Peter's



I decided to become Catholic because I felt a deep longing for spiritual fulfillment and was drawn to the rich teachings of the Catholic faith. Plus, the loving influence of family and friends played a big part in nudging me toward this path. Over the years, attending the Catholic Church has become a significant part of my life journey. What really sealed the deal for me was the incredible sense of community and belonging I found among the members of St Peter's. It's been a heartwarming experience, and I'm grateful to have found such a supportive and welcoming family in my faith community.

Allow me to introduce myself, Mark Pritts and my esteemed family. We are a tightly knit unit characterized by warmth, respect, and a shared sense of purpose. Firstly, I am honored to introduce my wife of nearly 25 years, Jennifer, who stands as a pillar of strength and support in our family. Alongside us are our children: Landon, Tristan, Grayson, Morgan, and Erin. Our days are filled with the commitments and activities of our children, which keep us fully engaged and content with the rhythm of family life.

I am Mike Elbe. I am a retired college president, educator, and coach of 35 years. I have been married 37 years to Gerese (Gerri). We have three children Olivia 32, Harrison 29, and Lincoln 27 and their spouses, and two grandchildren Killian 7 and Vera 4. I was raised by two great Christian parents in the Methodist Church, but I have attended the Catholic Church since 1994. The pursuit of the Eucharist has motivated me to make this move...read Rome Sweet Home by Scott and Kimberly Hahn.



### A Big Thanks to our 2023-2024 RCIA Team:

Msgr. Leo J. Enlow  
Fr. Zach Samples  
Deacon Bob Lundberg  
Connie Schrage  
Martha Rapp

George McDonnell  
Bob Musolino  
Beth Young  
Daniel Strudwick  
Nikki Cory

Jean Ann Cook  
Nina Taylor  
Linda Myers  
Delores Nascimento  
Linda Shields

## Welcome to Those Who Are Joining the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil at St. Peter's



My name is Samantha Fish, I am a teacher at Blessing's Early Learning Center. I am engaged to Jacob Smith, and we are getting married at St. Peter's on April 20th. I have been attending Mass at St. Peter's for the past 5 years with Jacob and his family. Since I have been attending Mass regularly, I wanted to learn more about Catholicism, and I wanted to grow closer to God. That is when I decided to start RCIA to become Catholic. I feel so blessed that God led me to that decision.

My name is Conner Kelty. The Catholic faith interested me because of its spiritual and symbolic approaches to worship. Through my RCIA journey, I have strengthened my relationship with Jesus Christ through the teachings of the church and the sacraments. My interests are: exercising, cooking, technology, programming, and entrepreneurship. I am soon to be married, and I look forward to leading my family with Christ.



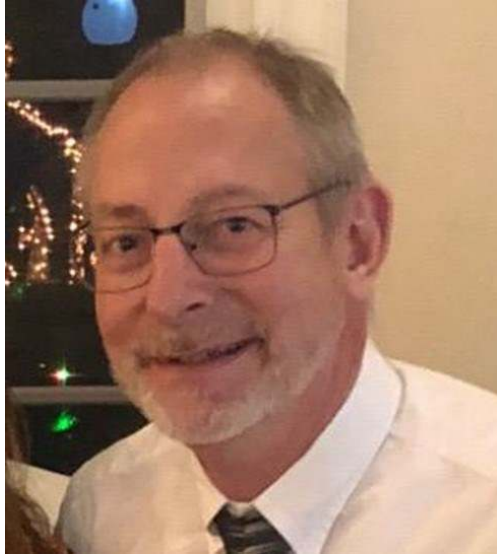
Hello, I am Victoria Starman. Originally from Mendon where I graduated from Unity High School before going on to complete a Bachelor's in Political Science at the University of Kentucky and grad school work at Western Illinois University. I am currently a health insurance regulatory analyst and board member for the Quincy Children's Museum. Although I was raised up Baptist, I have always felt a pull to the Catholic Church and RCIA classes this year graciously fed that curiosity! I have one child, Roxanne Starman, who is joining me in receiving the sacraments this Easter as well.

Roxanne is a 4th grader here at St. Peter School after transferring from Unity Elementary in the fall of 2022. You may have seen her in the new Diocesan commercial! She has danced competitively for 4 years and also enjoys gymnastics, riding horses, learning piano and playing volleyball. She enjoys being a leader as well as a helper, looking for ways to use her talents to give back to others - whether fundraising or recently she stepped up to give makeovers to ladies attending the No-Limits Prom.

Thank you all for being so welcoming!



# Welcome to Those Who Are Joining the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil at St. Peter's



It began as an invitation, a date. "What are you doing Saturday night?" "I am going to church. Want to come?" My reply to that question altered my life. During my time at St. Peter Church, I have begun to find a balance between work, faith and family. I am a father to Michael, Brian, and Allison and her fiancé Joe. I am a grandfather to Cali and Kyle. And I am a fiancé to the one that extended the invitation, Rosa. Thank you to all who have wished me well and supported me here at St. Peter Church on my Catholic journey. And a big thank you to the RCIA team. My name is David Berry.



My name is Whitney Valentine. I have been married for 10 years this year. I have two beautiful boys ages 4 and 7. I am a supervisor at Blue Cross and Blue Shield and have worked for the company for 12 years. I love to read and spend time with my family. I wanted to join the Catholic Church to be part of the amazing community and to learn and grow in my faith as well as bringing my children closer to God. I am excited to be a part of the St. Peter family.

My name is Justin Johnson. I grew up in Ursa, but have lived in Quincy for the past 15 years. I enjoy being outside hunting, fishing, or golfing and enjoy being with family. My wife, Kelly and I were married in November and have made St. Peter our church home. I started attending Mass with her a couple of years ago. I knew that I wanted to fully participate in the Mass and raise my family in the Catholic Church. I am grateful for the RCIA program, and all those who work to grow and welcome others into the faith.



We are Steve, Kelly and Alyssa Hawkins. We were all interested in exploring our spiritual journey. It was the Catholic Faith and sense of community where we found a home. The warm and welcoming nature of Catholicism led us to our destination. Alyssa is 11 years old and a 5<sup>th</sup> grade student at St. Peter School. She loves volleyball, gymnastics, and her friends. Kelly works from home in sales for elderly care. She loves her family and enjoys vacations in sunny and warm climates. Steve is the men's basketball coach at Quincy University. He lives for his family and enjoys travel and music. Kelly and Alyssa were born and raised in Kalamazoo, MI. Steve is a native of Southern California.



Hi, my name is Morgan Hinton. I have a wonderful husband and two beautiful children. In my spare time, I enjoy going for bike rides, walks, and spending time outdoors with my family. As I have been attending the Catholic Church on and off for the last ten years, I feel it's time to devote myself more to God and the Church. It is important to me to raise my kids in the community. I look forward to this journey and being a part of St. Peter Parish.



I'm Rachel Hughes. I live in Carthage. My boyfriend is Trevor Boone, and our cat is Peanut Butter. I work in Activities and as a CNA at an Assisted Living Facility. We have been attending St. Peter's for a little over a year and love it! I'm glad to fully be a part of the Catholic faith now and see where this journey leads me.