



The Parish of St. Peter Quincy, IL

~Mass Intentions~

April 8-14, 2024

- 8. Monday 8:00 a.m.
Frank Poore
- 9. Tuesday 8:00 a.m.
Tom & Marjie Bergman
- 10. Wednesday 8:30 a.m.
Loren Tournear
- 11. Thursday 8:00 a.m.
Robert E. Miller
- 12. Friday 8:00 a.m.
Mary Brahler
- 13. Saturday 8:00 a.m.
Luke Mayfield
- 13. Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Fr. Mike Grawe OFM
- 14. Sunday 8:00 a.m.
Jack Terford
- 14. Sunday 9:30 a.m.
Our Parish Family
- 14. Sunday 11:00 a.m.
Zakery Haubrich

— 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.

Second Sunday of Easter, April 7, 2024

Dear Parishioners,

The Sunday after Easter has been designated by the Church as Divine Mercy Sunday. According to the Ordo that guides our liturgies, it states “that throughout the world, the Second Sunday of Easter will receive the name Divine Mercy Sunday, a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that humankind will experience in the years to come.”

On this second Sunday of Easter, our first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, seem to describe our Church as an idyllic community of believers. It is a community united in the risen Lord. No one wants for anything. Everyone shares. Everyone looks to the needs of others. There is no selfishness, no squabbling, no subtle infighting. The apostles are the leaders of the community, and they are held in great reverence by everyone. Everyone gives everything he/she has for the good of the community of faith. If this picture of the Church is too good to be true, it probably is. The picture of the Church presented is what the Church should always strive to be. If it were true, then people would be beating down our doors to join us. But instead, we remain imperfect, often reflecting the many flaws of our human nature, flaws which seemingly are contrary to this ideal picture presented. And that perhaps is why this Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday because of all the virtues we need from our God is His mercy and forgiveness for not being the community that is presented.

Our Gospel for our Mass is the story of St. Thomas. Of all the apostles, I think Thomas often reflects most of us. Even though we have the gift of faith, there are experiences that happen that cause us to doubt. We would love to have proof for what we believe, for that would make it easier to accept. But that’s not the case as it was also with Thomas. He heard Jesus had risen but he wasn’t going to commit to believe until he could have the ultimate proof, meaning a sense of touch of the risen Lord. Jesus did appear and Thomas was given what he desired. And his response were the words, “my Lord and my God.” None of us will ever have that privilege. Instead, we need to listen to the words of Jesus who said to Thomas and to all of us who have doubts, “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.” That’s you and me. Let’s praise the risen Lord for the faith and hope in the resurrection of Jesus.

I was reading Bishop Barron’s reflection on the Easter Vigil. He states: “if Jesus was not raised from death, Christianity is a fraud and a joke. But if He did rise from death, then Christianity is the fullness of God’s revelation, and Jesus must be the absolute center of our lives. There is no third option.” Jesus appeared to Thomas and alleviated his doubts. Hoping this Easter does the same for us.

I want to congratulate our third graders who went to Springfield this Saturday to celebrate their First Communion and Confirmation. I thank the parents and their teachers for helping them prepare for this day and being examples of people of faith. On their return to us, we will be celebrating their second communions here with us at the 11:00 a.m. Mass this Sunday. Please keep them in your prayers that they remain ever close to Jesus in the sacraments.

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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.

Rest in Peace
May the soul of
Mary Nell Meyer
sing praises with the Angels in Heaven forever.

Coffee & Donuts and Blood Pressures This Sunday
Please join us this Sunday, April 7th, after all Masses in the cafeteria for Coffee & Donuts and blood pressure screenings.

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


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

St. Veronica Guild
The St. Veronica Guild will meet **Thursday, April 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!

March for Life 2024, Springfield, IL, April 17th
Save Midwestern Lives by marching for life in the public square! 11:00 PM Meet at the Capitol for the Rally, 12:00 PM March Around the Capitol. Now, in a post-Roe era, it is crucial to march where state laws are made and in front of the elected lawmakers. Attend the March to change the law and culture in Illinois to support healthy women and children.
Right to Life of Adams County is sponsoring a bus which will leave Quincy at 9:00 AM (specific location to be determined). Cost to ride is only \$15. A box lunch is available to pre-order for an additional \$10. Contact the number below for more info. and/or to register for the bus: Text Lyn at 217-653-0075

Women's Cursillo #368
Women's Cursillo #368 will be held April 11 - April 14 at the Franciscan Retreat Center in Quincy. Please keep the team and candidates in your prayers.
For information about Cursillo, please contact Emily Goodapple, 217-242-8802 or go to <https://www.quincycursillo.com/>.

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	
	~Liem Thanh Mai	

To have a name added to this list, please call the Parish Office at 222-3155 or email church@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 **THIS WEEKEND, April 6 & 7.**


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

Divine Mercy Sunday Holy Hour
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!

The Mega Raffle is Back!
It could be YOUR year to win MEGA MONEY! The "Everybody Wins" Mega Raffle is in its 13th year and tickets are on sale now. Only 4,000 tickets will be sold. Tickets must be turned in by May 3 to be eligible for the Early Bird drawing of \$25,000 on May 17. The \$100,000, \$25,000, \$15,000, and 37 more cash prizes will be drawn on May 31. Proceeds benefit the QCES Foundation, QND Foundation, and Quincy's five Catholic Schools. More information, including how to get your tickets, can be found at QuincyMegaRaffle.org.

St. Francis Solanus Business Manager Position Available
Position Overview: The Parish Business Manager will oversee the financial management, human resources, and day-to-day business operations of the parish. **Desired qualifications include:** Proven experience in Business Administration, Finance or a related field; strong interpersonal and communication skills and a commitment to the parish's mission; experience with QuickBooks, Excel, HR & payroll preferred. Applicants may send a resume and cover letter to Sue Holbrook, sholbrook@stfrancissolanus.com or to: Parish Office, 1721 College Ave., Quincy, IL., 62301.

The Franciscan Friars' Dinner
Mark your calendars! The Franciscan Friars' Dinner will be on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, 6 pm - 9 pm, at the Quincy Elks Lodge. With this event, we will celebrate and continue to support our beloved Franciscans who have been part of our lives over the past 165 years as pastors, teachers, chaplains and retreat directors. Tickets are \$45 and a silent auction will be held. Ticket reservations must be received by May 14. For more information and to make reservations, please contact Brother Ed Arambasich, OFM at 815-409-8705.



THOU ART PETER, AND UPON THIS ROCK I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH

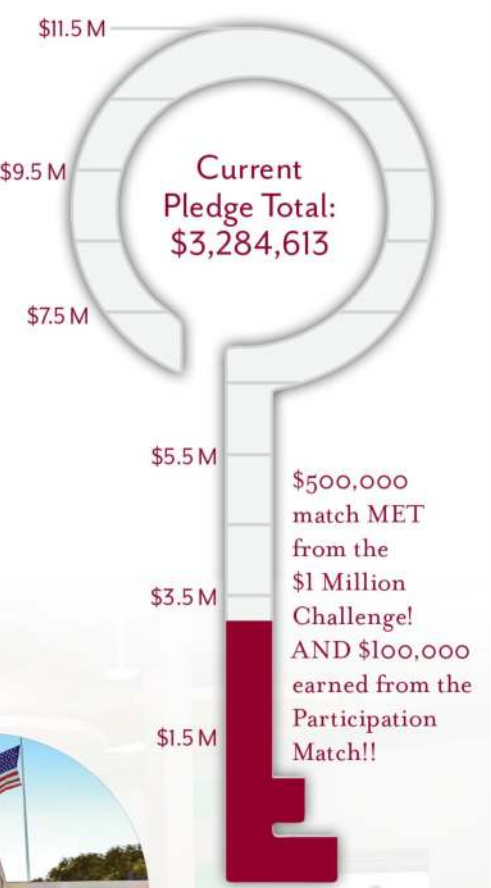
UPON this ROCK

The Campaign to Build in Faith at St. Peter

Two Ways to Support the Campaign that might not have been top of mind...

Make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) of IRA assets.
Under the renewed charitable IRA legislation, donors who are 70 1/2 or older can make charitable gifts using funds from individual retirement accounts (IRAs) without undesired tax effects. This strategy may be used to satisfy part or all of a donor's required minimum distribution. Whether itemizing or claiming the standard deduction, individuals age 70 1/2 and older can direct up to \$100,000 per year tax-free from their Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) to operating charities through QCDs.


Gifts of Securities
Gifts of stocks, bonds or mutual funds are encouraged when supporters have the desire to make a charitable gift and avoid capital gains tax. Please contact your Financial Advisor and if they have any questions, they can contact Kristi Smith at (217) 222-3155 for assistance.



Current Pledge Total: \$3,284,613

\$11.5 M
\$9.5 M
\$7.5 M
\$5.5 M
\$3.5 M
\$1.5 M

\$500,000 match MET from the \$1 Million Challenge! AND \$100,000 earned from the Participation Match!!



SCHOOL MENU
Monday: Corn dog, chips, carrots, fruit.
Tuesday: Sloppy joes, emoji fries, green beans, fruit.
Wednesday: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, peas, fruit.
Thursday: Ravioli, marinara, romaine salad, fruit.
Friday: Pancakes, sausage, veggie juice, fruit.

THIS WEEK AT SCHOOL
MAP Testing begins for grades 2-8
Monday, April 8: 4th grade field trip to QND—Fine Arts Day; 6th grade field trip to BizTown; Solar Eclipse Day.
Tuesday, April 9: First Grade field trip to Quincy Public Library.
Wednesday, April 10: Children's Mass—3rd grade leading.
Thursday, April 11:
Friday, April 12: Spirit Day—Students bring in 25 cents or more and wear their Spirit Day shirts with out of dress code bottoms.

Mark Your Calendar

Mon. Apr. 8:

Tues. Apr. 9: Ladies Bible Study 8:30 a.m., Martha Jane RCIA 7:00 p.m., Martha Jane Room

Wed. Apr. 10: Ladies Cursillo 1:30 p.m., Fr. Bauer Prayer Room
PSR Family Faith Night 6:30 p.m., Church

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

Fri. Apr. 12:

Sat. Apr. 13:

Sun. Apr. 14:

Fr. Leo's column continued..

As I reflect upon the celebrations from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday, including the Triduum, I am still amazed at the beauty of our liturgical celebrations. The music, the participation, and the involvement of so many people and ministries, helped make our celebrations events to remember. I want to thank all of our musicians, choirs, lectors, servers, decorators, and parishioners who helped clean up afterwards—you are thanked and appreciated. I am so proud of our parish family for making the Easter mysteries another beautiful event to be remembered.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: A pastor was suddenly called away and unable to officiate at the Sunday service in his church. He entrusted his new assistant pastor with that duty.

When he returned home the following week, he asked his wife what she thought of his young assistant's sermon.

"The poorest I ever heard," she said. "Nothing in it at all. It didn't even make sense."

Later that day, the pastor met his assistant, and asked him how he had managed the previous Sunday.

"Fine, sir, absolutely wonderful," the young priest replied. "I didn't have time to prepare a sermon myself, so I preached one of your old sermons."

Observations of growing old: "At my age getting lucky means walking into a room and remembering what I can in for." (Josh Billings)
"Time might be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician." (George Burns)


Magy. Leo J. Eulow

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.

Check Out Our Library in the Narthex.
Do you have questions about the Catholic faith? Looking for books about the saints? Have you read the Catechism? We have lots of books, CDs and pamphlets for you! Take a book, read it and return it when you're done. Help yourself to the pamphlets as well.

Online Giving Now Available
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/PolopEh12>

WEEKLY COLLECTION		
	March 31	Total to Date
Loose Collections	\$3,114.50	\$48,073.62
Regular Collections	\$21,480.00	\$1,220,192.68
Annual School Fund	\$6,303.00	\$354,792.37
Holy Days	\$15,337.00	\$66,735.52
Totals	\$46,234.50	\$1,689,794.19
Total Budget Goal	\$32,000.00	\$1,280,000.00
Difference	\$14,234.50	\$409,794.19

Diocesan Collections
Catholic Charities: \$50.00 Holy Land: \$1,875.12
Catholic Times: \$15.00 Seminarians: \$1,250.00
Catholic Relief Services: \$130.00 Rice Bowl: \$55.12

Haiti Sister Parish Collections
Collected \$2,132.80

Parish in Action

Easter Flowers We Remember... These were missed in last weekend's bulletin

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| <p>John McCourt and Fabian & Virginia Deters
By: Judy McCourt</p> <p>Mary Talken & Larry Meyer
By: Larry & Sharon Meyer-Talken</p> <p>Mr. & Mrs. Albert Mock, Benedict Ruebbelke and Helen Smith Family
By: Debbie Smith Family</p> <p>Leonard & Loretta Klauser, Harry & Virginia Dyel, Tom Klauser and Angie Klauser
By: Mitch & Diane Dyel</p> <p>Joan Russell and David Russell
By: Ken & Janice Nord</p> <p>Karl Holtmeyer
By: The Family</p> <p>Judy Maas Oakley
By: Peter Oakley</p> <p>Dick & Dixie VanCamp and Gerald Shank
By: Jeff & Dawn VanCamp</p> <p>Mark Bocke and Russell & Lucy Miller
By: Lori Oliver</p> <p>Dale Tangy and Deceased Members of the Frese & Tangy Families
By: Rosemary Tangy</p> | <p>Ruth Kathmann
By: Tim & Susan Kathmann</p> <p>Wayne & Dorothy Schlipman, Jim & Catherine Johnson and Jim Johnson II
By: Bob & Jill Johnson</p> <p>Jeff & Jonda Steinkamp
By: Cindy Steinkamp & Family</p> <p>Ivan & Carlene Garey
By: Dave & Janet Dalton</p> <p>John R. Busen
By: Linda Busen</p> <p>Jan Faler
By: Lawson Faler</p> <p>Bill, Yvonne & Cathy Lohman, Helen Amburn, Kathy Veihl, Alma Olker and Vivian Wottman
By: Terry & Linda Amburn & Family</p> <p>Penny Norton
By: J. Ryan & Melissa Norton</p> <p>Souders & Brady Families
By: Mary Souders</p> <p>Mandi Dickerman
By: Randy Dickerman</p> <p>Penny Norton
By: Jeff Norton</p> | <p>George & Dorothy Wort
By: Ruth Koch and Tony Rhodes Family</p> <p>Ismael & Carmen Guerra and Maisie Lopez
By: Tony & Chena Zabaneh</p> <p>Deceased Members of the Havermale & Bridal Families
By: Rick & Carol Bridal & Family</p> <p>Luke A. Mayfield
By: Jeff & Lori Mayfield</p> <p>Raymond & Shirley Kreinberg and Tony Kreinberg
By: Patrick & Jane Carley</p> <p>Becky Postle Bliefnick, Alfred & Lillian Osinski and Howard & Helen Postle
By: Bill & Bernie Postle</p> <p>George & Grace Soltys, George Soltys Jr. and Gerald & Wilma Hummel
By: Bob & Ann Soltys Family</p> <p>Deceased members of Joe & Dorothy Sanders Family and Edmund & Laura Peters Family
By: Jerry & Joyce Sanders</p> |
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The Marriage Course

Navigate married life together in 7 sessions to strengthen your relationship





This new 6 session program is for those who are seeking to explore their relationship by living out marriage through a sacramental lens. It is recommended that those interested first participate in "The Marriage Course".

\$10 per couple

The dates and times, along with the location for either course will be mutually set by those who sign up! Sessions include a workbook for each individual attending. Both programs consist of short video presentations followed by couple-focused discussion. You do not need to be a parishioner to attend.

For more information on either program...
call Betty 217-653-3003, Lori 618-509-1104 or Laurie 217-617-9062