



The Parish of St. Peter Quincy, IL

~Mass Intentions~

December 16-22, 2024

- 16. Monday 8:00 a.m.
Jim Schlipmann
- 17. Tuesday 8:00 a.m.
Marjie Bergman
- 18. Wednesday 8:30 a.m.
David Adam Oakley
- 19. Thursday 8:00 a.m.
Lee Fenton
- 20. Friday 8:30 a.m.
Ann Anderson
- 21. Saturday 8:00 a.m.
John Michael Dolan
- 21. Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Billy Smith
- 22. Sunday 8:00 a.m.
Loren Tournear
- 22. Sunday 9:30 a.m.
Don Adolf
- 22. Sunday 11:00 a.m.
Our Parish Family

— 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.

Third Sunday of Advent, December 15, 2024

Dear Parishioners,

On this Third Sunday of Advent, the Church traditionally has called our celebration “Gaudete Sunday.” The word “Gaudete” is Latin for “rejoice.” On this particular Sunday we find the words of St. Paul in his letter to the Philippians being central to our celebration as it says in our entrance antiphon, “*Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say, rejoice. Indeed the Lord is near.*” The cause of our being filled with joy, is that the Word of God enters into human history, takes upon Himself our human nature, and saves us from our own sins. Without this salvation, we would be living lives separate from our God and what God intended for us. Through His death and resurrection, we have found favor once again with our God and have been reconciled once again. And that is truly cause for our rejoicing. As we celebrate the anticipation of this Christmas mystery, there truly is cause for us being filled with joy. And so today, “*rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say rejoice. The Lord is near.*”

Very much a part of our Advent practice is to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) before our Christmas time. We will be having a city wide Reconciliation Service on Sunday, December 22nd, at 3:00 p.m. here at St. Peter Church. A number of priests from the area will be with us for individual confessions. This will be the last time before Christmas so I encourage you to celebrate the Lord’s forgiveness that particular day. Again, save Sunday, December 22nd to celebrate the reconciliation of the Lord in this sacrament of forgiveness.

This next Thursday and Friday, December 19-20th, our students will be presenting their annual program for parents and grandparents. The program for our parents will be on Thursday afternoon, beginning at 1:30 p.m. Then on Friday, December 20th, our grandparents are invited to Mass at 8:30 a.m. in the Church with a program for them at 10:30 a.m. in the school gym. Then our students will dismiss for Christmas vacation at 11:30 a.m. that Friday.

Also, I want to invite you to the annual Christmas concert by the QND chorus to be held this Monday, December 16th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Church. This annual event shares with us the very talented group of young people from QND who share their musical talents with us, preparing us for our Christmas celebration.

As we look ahead, I want to post our Christmas Mass schedule to help you prepare for our celebration. Our Christmas eve celebration begins with a Mass at 4:00 p.m. For those who have attended this Mass in the past, this Mass is very crowded, sometimes standing room only. Our next two Masses which I encourage you to attend will be at 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Then on Christmas day we will have two Masses, an 8:00 a.m. and a 10:00 a.m. Mass. Some people have questioned why we don’t have a Midnight Mass on Christmas. When I first got here a number of years ago, we tried the Midnight Mass but our attendance was so low that it was not worth keeping that Mass. Because the 4:00 p.m. Mass is so crowded, I encourage our parishioners to try another time be it later on Christmas eve or perhaps on Christmas morning. What a joy to see all of you present as we celebrate this great Solemnity of Christmas.

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Next Meeting
Sunday, January 12th
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Meet in the Martha Jane Room

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



Saints Alive!
December 19
6:00-7:30 p.m.

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 the fun! Please check Facebook for updates.

Baptisms

Miles William Elmore, son of Jordan & Katie (Carlyle) Elmore, was made a child of God through the reception of the sacrament of Baptism on Saturday, December 7, 2024.

Lucy Caroline Wiewel, daughter of Matthew & Adrianna (Desmond) Wiewel, was made a child of God through the reception of the sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, Dec. 8, 2024.

City Wide Penance Service

We will be celebrating a city-wide Penance Service next Sunday, December 22nd, at 3:00 p.m. here at St. Peter. There will be several priests from the community who will be present to celebrate individual confessions.

New Contribution Envelope Company

We are working with a new contribution envelope company. If you currently receive contribution envelopes, you should receive the new January & February envelopes in the next week or two. You will notice the envelopes look different. If you do not receive them by January 2, please call the parish office at 217-222-3155 or email church@cosppq.org.

Also, there was a mix-up at the envelope company. You will receive a packet of envelopes for a cathedral in South Dakota. Please throw those away. You will also get a packet of our church envelopes at the same time or maybe a few days later.

Don't Forget to Turn in Your Commitment Card

We're still in the midst of our annual Stewardship Renewal. If you haven't returned your Commitment Card or completed one online at the parish website, www.cosppq.org, it is NOT too late. Returning your card is an important part of being an active member of St. Peter Church. Please take this opportunity to discern how God is calling you to grow closer to Him this year.

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study Topic: "Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled" by Jeff Cavins and Dr. Jeffrey Morrow. When: Every Tuesday starting January 14th - March 11th 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@cosppq.org by December 15th so we can order materials. Cost will be \$28 (study guide). Please also contact Gina by December 15th if you need childcare with the number of children and their ages.

Adoration on December 22

Please join us for Adoration on December 22nd from 5:45pm until 7:00pm. There will be a reflection on hope at 5:45pm with Adoration from 6:00pm until 7:00pm. Confessions will be available. This is an open Adoration hour, come for as long as you are able.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

- ~Kristopher Schreacke
- ~Isabella Benner
- ~Hunter Hildebrand
- ~Kathy Schuckman
- ~Joyce Shipp
- ~Donna Schutte
- ~Maria (Eberhardt) Sparrow
- ~Sarah Sturhahn Stegeman
- ~John Douglas Holford
- ~Charlotte Siebers
- ~Valerie Fox Ortbal
- ~Elias Erd
- ~Amy Seibert
- ~Terri May
- ~Ken Althoff
- ~John & Barb Meyer
- ~Butch Ditto
- ~Ian Mehaffy
- ~Drake Willing
- ~Liem Thanh Mai
- ~Jo Buckley
- ~Nancy Bohan
- ~Julie Eftink
- ~Bill Morrison
- ~Anonymous
- ~Anonymous
- ~Dave Shank
- ~Emmett Hertle

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



Friday Morning Mass at 8:30am

Friday morning's Mass will be at 8:30am this week.

Job Openings at St. Peter Church & School
Full-time Director of Liturgy and Music

The Director of Liturgy and Music is responsible for overseeing all aspects of the parish's liturgical life. This person, a professional who holds specialized credentials in music and has a thorough understanding of Roman Catholic liturgy, serves the parish as principal musician, organist/pianist, and choir director. This person of faith is responsible for the technology in the church and effective planning, coordination, and execution of both the rituals and music for the parish liturgies.

Part-time Cafeteria Manager

The Cafeteria Manager will be responsible for reporting and providing State approved meals for the school lunch program. Other duties included but are not limited to cooking, managing employee schedules, and maintaining a clean, safe, and welcoming environment for staff and students.

Part-time Parish Nurse

A Parish Nurse will work as a liaison for St. Peter parishioners who are home bound, nursing home residents, or hospital patients. Offering physical, emotional, and spiritual support to individuals and families.

For more information contact St Peter Parish office, 217-222-3155 or email k.smith@cosppq.org.

Adoration Chapel Open Hours

"Adoration is a sign of devotion to and worship of Jesus Christ under the appearance of the consecrated host." Come spend time in prayer with Jesus.

We have had numerous people step up and take an hour and we are grateful!! Please pray about taking an hour at the Adoration Chapel.

OPEN Hours that are available are:

- Wed 2 am, 3 am
- Thurs Midnight (week 2,4,5), 1 am (weeks 2,4,5)
- Fri 1 am
- Sat 8 am (weeks 1,3) 1 am, 2 am (starting January)

Ask a friend, spouse, sibling....to join you in taking an hour or share the time slot! Please call Mary Voorhis 217-653-3127 or call or text Jean Anne Cook at 217-430-6967 or call or text Gina Wolf at 217-257-9966 with questions.

Chaddock Christmas Gifts Wrapping

Each year, St. Peter parishioners help our neighbors at Chaddock sort, categorize, and wrap hundreds of Christmas gifts for the children and families they serve. Please consider lending your time and talent to support their initiative by visiting the SignUp Genius link below.

Any questions, please contact Kristen Walker (708) 227-5721. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409044AA9AE22A7FB6-53610996-chaddock#/>

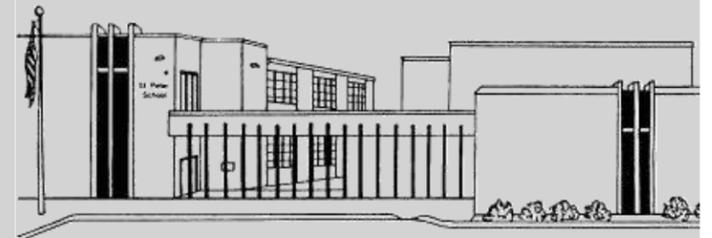
Christmas Mass Times

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.



The School of St. Peter



Week of December 15, 2024

A Message from Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh

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

Advent

A TIME OF WAITING



We celebrated the beginning of Advent by participating in our annual Advent Prayer Service. Each student wrote a special blessing on a paper link. Each link was connected and it now surrounds our Advent tree in the gym lobby.



ADVENT ACTIVITIES

Each year our students and their teachers make plans to help our community during the season of Advent. Grades K-3 will be having a Baby Shower for Jesus! They are collecting baby items to be given to CareNet. The fourth and fifth grade students will be purchasing an item from the "Giving Wreath." Additionally, the 5th grade will be sending Christmas cards to the shut ins. Grades 6-8 will be collecting items such as coloring books, undergarments, hygiene products, etc. for the Blessing Psych Ward.

SCHOOL MENU

- Monday:** Pancakes, sausage, veggie juice, fruit.
- Tuesday:** Breaded chicken on bun, curly fries, baked beans, fruit.
- Wednesday:** Nachos, corn / black beans, salsa, fruit.
- Thursday:** French bread pizza, marinara, peas, pudding, fruit.
- Friday:** 1/2 day - No Lunch

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

THE ADVENT SEASON IS UPON US

Monday, Dec. 16: **School Advisory Bd. mtg** at 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 17: **6:30 p.m. St. Peter Financial Educational Session**—everyone invited—this will take place in the church.

Wednesday, Dec. 18: **8:30 Children's Mass**—4th grade in charge.

Thursday, Dec. 19: **K-6 All School Musical for Parents** at 1:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 20: **Grandparent/Special Person's Day.** 8:30 Mass—8rd grade in charge of Mass; 9:30 Classroom Visits; 10:30 Program; 11:30 dismissal.

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Mark Your Calendar

Mon. Dec. 16:

Tues. Dec. 17: Tuesday Treats after Mass in Narthex
OCIA 7:00 p.m., Martha Jane Room

Wed. Dec. 18: Ladies Cursillo 1:30 p.m., Fr. Bauer Prayer Room
PSR 6:30 p.m., School

Thurs. Dec. 19: Saints Alive 6:00 p.m., Cafeteria

Fri. Dec. 20:

Sat. Dec. 21:

Sun. Dec. 22: Adoration 5:45 p.m., Church

Fr. Leo's column continued..

This weekend, we will also be having our traditional "Christmas Cookie Sale" sponsored by the Social Concerns Committee of our parish. It will be held in the cafeteria after our Mass this weekend and will include delicious cinnamon rolls, coffee, and a wide variety of cookies and other treats. This particular sale provides some of the major funding for a variety of organizations that our Social Concerns committee helps each year. So come on down and activate your sweet tooth.

I encourage our parishioners to remember St. Peter Church in their end of the year giving. You will be receiving a letter from us indicating your gifts to the Church through this past year and thanking all of you for remembering St. Peter Church.

If you have participated in the giving wreath effort, please make sure that you bring your wrapped gifts along with their tags and then leave them in the narthex for distribution on Monday. Thank you to each of you who will make this Christmas a special time for many people in our community.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: There was once a great Czar in Russia named Rudolph the Red. He stood looking out the windows of his palace one day while his wife, Czarina Katerina, sat nearby knitting. He turned to her and said, "Look my dear, it has begun to rain!" Without even looking up from her knitting she replied, "It's too cold to rain. It must be sleeting."

The Czar shook his head and said, "I am the Czar of all the Russians, and Rudolph the Red Knows rain, dear!"

Magi. 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.

Save The Date
Save the date for June 1, 2025 for a celebration of Fr. Leo's 50th anniversary of his Ordination. More details to follow in the future.

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

Upon This Rock!

Don't forget to fulfill your yearly pledge if you have not already done so! With the QR Code to the right you can make a one time payment or even set up reoccurring payments.

If you have any questions, please contact the Parish office at 217-222-3155.



St Peter Church, Quincy IL
Upon This Rock Campaign
<https://pay.com/7/BQ-0x0>

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://pay.com/FyPolgEh1Y>

WEEKLY COLLECTION		
	December 8	Total to Date
Loose Collections	\$1,074.57	\$26,310.79
Regular Collections	\$32,916.53	\$631,161.07
Annual School Fund	\$18,376.00	\$199,239.48
Holy Days	\$3,433.56	\$11,708.03
Totals	\$55,800.66	\$868,419.37
Total Budget Goal	\$32,000.00	\$736,000.00
Difference	\$23,800.66	\$132,419.37

Diocesan Collections

Justice & Hope: \$50.00 Retired Religious: \$1,611.00
Catholic Cemeteries: \$225.00
Catholic Home Mission: \$300.00

Haiti Sister Parish Collections

Collected \$1,366.00

Parish in Action



DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD IN ILLINOIS
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

December, 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Catholic Children's Home celebrated their 145 anniversary this year. Although times have changed, their mission to serve as a 'beacon of hope' for children in need has not. The Catholic Children's Home (CCH) has been a safe harbor and a place to call home for thousands of children over the years.

CCH continues their mission by meeting the emotional, social, academic and basic material needs of all the children sent for residential care or special education services. This includes an innovative program designed to serve the needs of children with severe autistic challenges. "Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him." (Psalm 127:3) The children served by CCH have been chronically abused, designated "unmanageable" by their schools or simply have no place to call home. They are some of the most vulnerable in our society.

The Christmas season can be a particularly difficult time for these youths as many of them are without a family. Those who have a family often lack the special care they need. Please keep these children in your prayers throughout this holy season of Advent and Christmas. With your help, the Catholic Children's Home can continue to serve the special needs of these children in the name of Jesus Christ, as it has since 1879.

In the spirit of Christ's incredible love for all children, I ask that you continue to support the work of the Catholic Children's Home and generously contribute to the special Christmas collection. "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." (Romans 15:13) May God fill your hearts with love, grace and a spirit of giving during these blessed days of Advent and Christmas.

With every best wish and gratitude, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Thomas John Paprocki

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois



ST. PETER SOCIAL CONCERNS
CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE
THIS WEEKEND - DECEMBER 14th & 15th

Come join us after All Masses this weekend in the cafeteria.
Come buy some wonderful Christmas Cookies
Coffee & Cinnamon Rolls Will Be Available!

This is one of Social Concerns Committee's biggest ways to fund their work.
Social Concerns helps provide assistance for needy people in our area along with providing funds to
Horizon Soup Kitchen, Quincy Catholic Charities, Quincy Teen Reach and other local organizations.

Christmas Decorations (Please print legibly)

To make a donation (\$10.00) for Christmas poinsettias & decorations in memory of a loved one, please put money in a plain envelope labeled "Christmas Decorations" by Sunday, December 15, or email church@cospq.org.

A Donation for Christmas Decorations

Given by: _____

In Memory of: _____