



# St. Peter Parish Quincy, IL

## ~Mass Intentions~

August 18-24, 2025

- 18. Monday 8:00 a.m.  
Tom Lepper
- 19. Tuesday 8:00 a.m.  
Cindy Brown
- 20. Wednesday 8:30 a.m.  
Luke Mayfield
- 21. Thursday 8:00 a.m.  
Fabian Deters
- 22. Friday 8:00 a.m.  
Dan Frericks
- 23. Saturday 8:00 a.m.  
Jerry Eberhardt
- 23. Saturday 4:00 p.m.  
Don Christ
- 24. Sunday 8:00 a.m.  
Robert & Joanne Schlepphorst
- 24. Sunday 9:30 a.m.  
Sherrie Craven
- 24. 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.

*Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 17, 2025*

Dear Parishioners,

As we celebrate the 20th Sunday in Ordinary time, this weekend brings a mixture of feelings in the lives of many of our parishioners. First, there is a bit of sadness as this weekend brings our summer vacation to a close. And in so doing we ask ourselves what happened to this time as it sure seemed to rapidly pass. Then we begin to look ahead at the beginning of school, a time that will bring routine once again in our lives, a time for study, making new friends, and being challenged by teachers and parents. This time is also very busy with sporting events and extracurricular activities that involve proud parents and busy parents by trying to keep us with all the activities of another school year. I keep asking myself, what happened to my summer, all those activities I promised myself that I would be doing and yet didn't. Maybe the standard response by most of us is maybe next summer. Whatever the case, our new school year here at St. Peter's begins this Tuesday, August 19th, with an 8:05 a.m. start time and a 11:30 dismissal time. The first full day of school will be on Wednesday, August 20th. These starting days and times are only for grades 1-8. The kindergarten and pre-school have special schedules. **I also want to remind you that when our school Masses start up again on Wednesdays, this Mass will begin at 8:20 and not 8:30 a.m. Please make sure this is a part of your calendar.**

I think that one of the most difficult gospels for us to understand is found in our gospel for this weekend. When we think of Jesus coming into the world, we often describe Him as the Prince of Peace. In fact, our image of Christ is one of love, mercy, forgiveness, all reflections of His peace. Instead, Jesus challenges His disciples to expect just the opposite. He asks today, "do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division." These words I think are often unsettling, yet they describe the situation of the time. Many Jewish people who converted to the Christian faith, found themselves in a world of division. Their families, because of their conversion, ostracized them and could not even acknowledge them as members of the family. In an age of the importance of family, these converts understood firsthand the division of family because of faith in Christ. Furthermore, their Jewish faith excommunicated them from the synagogue, making them an outlaw religion, liable to arrest and death. The words of Jesus were not easy but did provide a comfort and strength for the early Christians. Perhaps our opening prayer gives us comfort as we prayed, "O God, who have prepared for those who love you good things which no eye can see, fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of your love, so that, loving you in all things and above all things, we may attain your promises, which surpass every human desire."

Just a reminder that the St. Peter Parish Picnic is next Saturday, August 23rd, from 5:00 p.m. to midnight. There are many activities planned, including good food and drinks, entertainment and raffles. But the success of our picnic rests in the hands of parishioners who volunteer time and talents to make this picnic happen. If you can help, we are still looking for volunteers. Here is a link for all sign ups: <https://www.cospq.org/picnic/>. Please help us make this day another success with your help and assistance.

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Next Meeting  
Sunday, August 24th  
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Meet in the Martha Jane Room

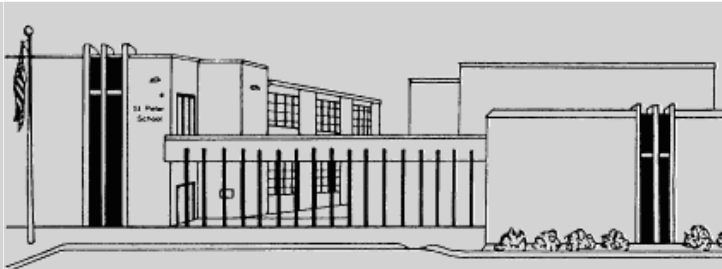
All 7th, 8th, & 9th graders & their friends welcome!



Saints Alive!  
TBD  
3:00-4:30 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.

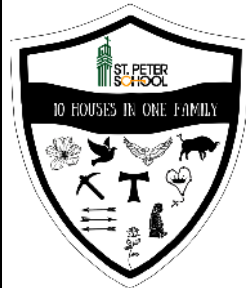
St. Peter School



Week of August 17, 2025

A Message from Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh

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



WE CANNOT THANK OUR DONORS ENOUGH FOR PURCHASING HOUSE SHIRTS FOR OUR ST. PETER SCHOOL STUDENTS AND STAFF

St. Peter School has a HOUSE system that is composed of ten houses. Each HOUSE is named by a saint whose feast day occurs during the school year. Each HOUSE is also identified by a specific color. When students are enrolled at St. Peter School they are assigned to one of the ten houses. Students and staff remain a member of their assigned HOUSE during their entire time while at St. Peter. Each HOUSE consists of students in every grade level from Kindergarten through 8th grade.

We have special HOUSE Days and activities that take place through the school year. On the designated HOUSE Day our students wear their HOUSE shirts with dress code bottoms. We are so extremely grateful to the following donors for assisting us in making sure that all students and staff have a HOUSE shirt to wear on these special days. We wish to thank the following for their contribution to St. Peter School: Keck Heating, Dr. George Meyer, Pepsi Refreshment Services, Sturhahn Jewelers, B & N Trucking, Quincy Farm and Home Distributing, PAM Printers, Knapheide, and the Tracy Family Volunteer Incentive Grant (Megan Costigan). In addition to the generosity of those who contributed to this cause we were lucky to win a \$2,000 raffle while attending the Ron Clark Academy training sponsored by the Tracy Family Foundation.

Thank you for helping us unite in our HOUSES as we practice our faith and build leaders. We cannot express our gratitude enough.

HOUSES AT ST. PETER

House Name	Virtue	Color	Symbol	Celebration Day
St. Francis of Assisi October 4	Humility	Yellow	Tau Cross	October 1
St. Luke October 18	Courage	Light Blue	Oxe	October 20
St. Leo the Great November 10	Wisdom	Orange	Pick Axe	November 10
St. Juan Diego December 9	Patience	White	Eagle	December 9
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton January 4	Sacrifice	Green	Flowers	January 7
St. Sebastian January 20	Perseverance	Purple	Arrows	January 20
St. Polycarp February 23	Loyalty	Black	Dove	February 23
St. Katherine Drexel March 3	Generosity	Dark Blue	Kneeling Nun	March 3
St. Maximillian March 12	Love	Pink	Rosary/Crown	March 12
St. Bernadette Soubirous April 16	Grace	Red	Rose	April 16

SCHOOL MENU

Monday: No school.  
Tuesday: No lunch, early dismissal.  
Wednesday: Hamburger on bun, curly fries, baked beans, fruit.  
Thursday: Chicken fries, hash brown, green beans, fruit.  
Friday: French bread pizza, marinara, broccoli, fruit.

THIS WEEK

Monday, Aug. 18: NO SCHOOL  
Tuesday, Aug. 19: AM bus service only; 11:30 dismissal; No lunch or daycare; first 1/2 of Kindergarten attend.  
Wednesday, Aug. 20: Our first Children's Mass will be on 27th at 8:20 a.m. Preschool begins—1/2 attend; 2nd 1/2 Kindergarten attend and dismiss at 11:30; 1st day of daycare. First full day for 1st-8th grade.  
Thursday, April 21: 2nd 1/2 preschool attend; all Kindergarten attend but are dismissed at 11:30.  
Friday, Aug. 22: all 4yr old preschool attend; all Kindergarten have their 1st full day.

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Fr. Leo's column continued..

We are also trying something new this picnic, namely, a pre picnic night. This will take place on Friday night, August 22nd, with entertainment, some food and drinks. This is something new this year and in light of our construction might help us bring more people to our party this year. So, I invite you to join us for music, fellowship, and libations. Also, if you haven't turned in your raffle tickets, please do so as soon as possible. I ask also that you remember our picnic in your prayers, that God will keep us all safe and have a great time together. Don't forget about our differing raffles. Can't win without purchasing a ticket.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: Roseanne Barr's standup comedy:

- 1. I'm on the mirror diet. You eat all your food in front of a mirror in the nude. It works pretty good, though some of the fancier restaurants don't go for it.
- 2. I'm not going to vacuum until Sears makes one you can ride on.
- 3. You may marry the man of your dreams, ladies, but 14 years later you are married to a couch that burps.
- 4. There isn't a problem on this earth that a doughnut cannot make better.
- 5. My husband asks, "Hey, Roseanne! Roseanne! Do we have any Cheetos left?" Like he can't go over and lift up the sofa cushion himself.
- 6. Since I had my gastric bypass surgery in 1998, I eat like a bird. Unfortunately, that bird is a California condor.
- 7. Excuse the mess, but we live here.

Mrs. Leo J. Enlow

Mark Your Calendar

Mon. Aug. 18:  
Tues. Aug. 19: Tuesday Treats after Mass in Narthex  
Wed. Aug. 20:  
Thurs. Aug. 21:  
Fri. Aug. 22: Social Concerns Meeting 8:30 a.m., Martha Jane Room  
Pre-Picnic Party 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.  
Sat. Aug. 23: Mass at 4:00pm followed by the Picnic Parish Picnic 5:00 p.m. to Midnight  
Sun. Aug. 24: FOUND 6:30 p.m., Martha Jane Room

Please keep the following in your prayers:

~John & Barb Meyer

~Isabella Benner

~Hunter Hildebrand

~Kathy Schuckman

~Joyce Shipp

~Donna Schutte

~John Douglas Holford

~Sarah Sturhahn Stegeman

~Maria (Eberhardt) Sparrow

~Linda Mettemeyer

~Kristopher Schreacke

~Bonnie Haubrich

~Dave & Bryce Shank

~Winnie Vogel

~Elias Erd

~Amy Seibert

~Terri May

~Mary Lavery

~Ken Althoff

~Virginia Hunter

~Elizabeth Topf

~Don McCleary

~Ian Mehaffy

~Emmett Hertle

~Liem Thanh Mai

~Tom Friye

~Jo Buckley

~Nancy Bohan

~Julie Eftink

~Bill Morrison

~Cheryl Liesen

~Lori Eaton

~Ellie Peters

~Pat Arnold

~Anonymous

~Anonymous

~Drake Willing

~Rinley Barry

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

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.

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://www.pushpay.com/g/stpeterquincy>

WEEKLY COLLECTION

	August 10	Total to Date
Loose Collections	\$1,147.00	\$6,988.61
Regular Collections	\$26,718.74	\$165,887.95
Annual School Fund	\$4,108.00	\$43,652.90
Holy Days	\$66.00	\$81.00
Totals	\$32,039.74	\$216,610.46
Total Budget Goal	\$32,000.00	\$192,000.00
Difference	\$39.74	\$24,610.46

Diocesan Collections  
Missionary Co-op Appeal: \$5.00  
Haiti Sister Parish Collections  
Collected \$750.00

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<p><b>Wednesday Mass Time Changes on August 27</b></p> <p>Starting on August 27th, the Wednesday morning Mass time will change from 8:30 a.m. to 8:20 a.m. to help school with Mass.</p>	<p><b>Adoration Chapel Open Hours</b></p> <p>Did you know that the Adoration Chapel has been a vital part of Quincy located at the St Peters Campus since Oct 1987. We are trying to get the chapel open again 24/7 but WE NEED YOU.</p> <p>Are you looking for an uninterrupted quiet hour alone with the Lord once a month or every week? Doesn't everyone need an hour with the Lord? We need you and are asking for your assistance in getting the hours below filled!</p> <p>Thurs: midnight (1,3), 1am (1,3) &amp; (2,4,5), 5pm (2,4), 9pm (1,3)</p> <p>Fri: 1pm (3,5)</p> <p>Sat: midnight-1:30am (week 1)</p> <p>Please consider an hour in the Adoration Chapel. Contact Mary at 217-653-3127, Jean Anne at 217-430-6967 or Gina W. at 217-257-9966.</p>
<p><b>Fellowship Tuesdays</b></p> <p>Join us for Fellowship Tuesdays after 8:00am Mass this week (8/19). Come for Mass, fellowship, coffee and treats!</p>	<p><b>Blessed Sacrament Girl Scout Troop 1 Centennial Celebration</b></p> <p>Blessed Sacrament girl scout troop 1 centennial celebration will be held on September 20, 2025 at Machinists Lodge, 2929 N. 5th, Quincy, IL. Schedule of events: 3:00pm open house, 4:00pm celebration Mass, 5:30pm celebration dinner, 7:00pm program and closing campfire. \$20 per person if attending dinner, \$10 for children 10 &amp; younger. Please RSVP by Sept. 5 by email: troop1quincyl@gmail.com or phone: Kelly Baker at 217-779-5302.</p>
<p><b>Social Concerns Meeting</b></p> <p>Social Concerns will be meeting <b>Friday, August 22</b> at 8:30 a.m. in the Martha Jane Room. All are welcome!</p>	<p><b>Quincy SPIRIT - Volunteer &amp; Participate</b></p> <p>Quincy SPIRIT (Special People In Religious Instruction Today) is reaching out to see if anyone is interested in becoming a volunteer with the Quincy Spirit group. Come be a part of a rewarding experience. We also want to extend an invitation to any person with special needs in our community who would enjoy attending as a participant. At Quincy SPIRIT meetings we focus on giving participants a deeper faith understanding and knowledge of the Catholic faith. We truly just want to share Jesus' love. Participants can be in grade school through adulthood and the group meets the third Tuesday of every month from September to May at Blessed Sacrament Church gathering room from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. For more information contact Pam Frericks at (217) 242-3620 or <a href="mailto:p.frericks3620@gmail.com">p.frericks3620@gmail.com</a> or Blessed Sacrament Parish Office at (217) 222-2759.</p>
<p><b>Dear PSR Parents</b></p> <p>We need to prepare for the PSR 2025-2026 school year. Please let us know if your students will attend so we can order supplies. Applications are available on the table in the Narthex. You can place them in the collection basket or take them to the Rectory.</p> <p>If you have any questions, please contact Gina Wolf, PSR Coordinator at 217-257-9966 or email <a href="mailto:g.wolf@cospq.org">g.wolf@cospq.org</a>.</p> <p>We look forward to seeing you and your children at PSR in the fall. Your prompt response will help in planning a successful start to the school year. Thank you for your cooperation regarding your child's religious education. Blessings, Gina Wolf</p>	<p><b>Adoration &amp; Benediction for Priests at St. Joseph in Palmyra</b></p> <p>There will be an hour of Adoration for Priests followed by Benediction at St. Joseph Church, 400 South Lane, Palmyra MO on August 17, 2025 from 3:00 to 4:00 P.M. all are invited to come and pray for your Priests.</p>
<p><b>Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study</b></p> <p>Topic: Lectio: Mary</p> <p>Why is Mary so important to Catholics, and why have so many people been devoted to her over the centuries? In this 8-part series, Dr. Brant Pitre examines what the Old and New Testaments, the life of Christ, and the early Church fathers reveal about the life and identity of Mary.</p> <p>When: Every Tuesday starting Sept. 16th – Nov. 18<sup>th</sup></p> <p>Time: 8:30 am–9:00 am - social, study will start at 9:00 am and end by 10:30 am.</p> <p>If interested in joining this study, please contact Gina Bergman at 217-430-6080 or <a href="mailto:g.bergman@cospq.org">g.bergman@cospq.org</a> by Sept. 1st so we can order materials. The study guide will be \$20 and can be paid for the first week of class. Please also contact Gina by Sept. 1st if you need childcare.</p>	<p><b>Anniversary Mass for 50 Years or More</b></p> <p>On September 21 at 2 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield, all couples married 50 years or more are invited to attend a special Mass honoring their marriage vocation! The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Thomas John Paprocki. A reception will follow after Mass. Please register for the Mass by going to <a href="http://dio.org/events">dio.org/events</a> and clicking on the Sept 21st Mass. The reception will showcase all photos submitted last year. Due to the number of couples attending, please only submit photos if you did not do so last year. Any questions? Call Ruth Staab at 217-698-8500.</p>
<p><b>Wednesday Evening Ladies Bible Study</b></p> <p>Ladies, would you like to deepen your faith, learn what the bible can teach us, and talk and share with other women in an easy-going atmosphere? Please consider joining us for the Wednesday Night Bible Study Group. We are starting Sept 17 and meeting from 6 - 7:30 pm. We will be studying "How to Pray Like Mary" by Sonja Corbett. Please email Laurie Kennedy <a href="mailto:lakennedy589@gmail.com">lakennedy589@gmail.com</a> or text 217-779-6552 to sign up or for any questions.</p>	
<p><b>QND Music Department Candy Bar Sales This Weekend</b></p> <p>Students from the QND Music Department will be selling candy bars after Masses this weekend. All proceeds will support our band &amp; choir students in their upcoming trip to Orlando, FL. Thank you for your support!</p>	
<p><b>Adams County Flu Shot Clinic</b></p> <p>The Adams County Health Department will hold it's Drive Thru flu shot clinic on September 28th, from 11:00am to 1:00pm at John Wood Community College, 1301 S. 48th, Quincy. Bring your insurance cards and photo id. Pre registration is available by calling 217-222-8440 or this QR code.</p>	

# Parish in Action

## ST. PETER PICNIC

Food. Fellowship. Fun.

### TWO NIGHTS IS BETTER THAN ONE!!!

### New This Year!!

**AUGUST 22, 2025 6PM-10PM**

### Pre-Picnic Party!!

**RIBEYE SANDWICHES DRINKS LIVE MUSIC**  
**7PM COME JOIN US FOR MUSIC, DRINKS,**  
**AND FRIENDS. PLEASE NOTE NO GAME**  
**BOOTHS WILL BE OPEN**



**Silver Bullets start at 7pm Friday**

### Volunteers Needed!!!

Sign Up Today!!

@ <https://www.cospq.org/picnic/> or the QR Code!!





**LIVE: AUGUST 23 8PM - 11:30PM**

- FOOD & DRINKS
- ADULT GAMES
- KID GAMES
- BASKET RAFFLE AND 50/50
- SILENT AUCTION
- MAIN RAFFLE \$5000 IN PRICES
- LIVE ENTERTAINMENT 8-11:30PM

### AUGUST 23, 2025 5PM-MIDNIGHT

### Picnic Silent Auction & Raffle Baskets

We need new silent auction items and baskets of items for our annual Picnic August 23, 2025. Please consider a donation that will help with these two events. Please drop donated items off at the parish office Monday-Friday 8:30am – 4pm. If you have any questions, please contact Randy Martin at 653-3538 or [randymartin1213@gmail.com](mailto:randymartin1213@gmail.com).



### OCIA Program

If you or a family member is considering the Catholic Faith, please join us in our OCIA program. The program started in September. Wonder no longer, come find out what the Catholic faith is all about. Classes are on Tuesday evenings 7:00 to 8:30pm, in the Martha Jane room, beneath the church. Contact the parish office at [church@cospq.org](mailto:church@cospq.org) or 222-3155. You will be glad you did.

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