



St. Peter Parish Quincy, IL

~Mass Intentions~

August 25-31, 2025

25. Monday 8:00 a.m.
Wayne & Dorothy Schlipman
26. Tuesday 8:00 a.m.
Dan Frericks
27. Wednesday 8:20 a.m.
Madalene McKenna Miller
28. Thursday 8:00 a.m.
Sue Cunningham
29. Friday 8:00 a.m.
Dan Barry
30. Saturday 8:00 a.m.
Gary Noel
30. Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Bill & Mary Brahler
31. Sunday 8:00 a.m.
Loren Tournear
31. Sunday 9:30 a.m.
Our Parish Family
31. Sunday 11:00 a.m.
Dale Tangy

— Mass Schedule —

Monday-Saturday
8:00 a.m.
Wednesday 8:20 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.

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 24, 2025

Dear Parishioners,

As we celebrate the 21st Sunday in Ordinary time, Jesus challenges us to “strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough. After the master of the house has arisen and locked the door, then will you stand outside knocking and saying, ‘Lord, open the door for us.’” The door to eternal life, the gate to eternal life, is difficult. It involves a life of obedient service, and a life of embracing the cross. If we think we can enter that eternal life based only upon our faith, we will find ourselves “outside knocking and saying, Lord open the door for us.” It is then that the Lord will say to us in reply, “I do not know where you are from. Depart from me.” So, our Lords’ challenge is to strive to enter through the narrow gate. It is the gate that embraces a love for our God that makes present the love of our neighbor.

This weekend we celebrate our annual parish picnic. I remember when I first came to St. Peter Church, some parishioners asked me how come St. Peter Church never had a parish picnic. My response was “I don’t know.” From that time on parishioners took it upon themselves to have a well-organized parish picnic. And it remains the same today. As a stewardship parish, the picnic reflects parishioners giving of their time, talents and treasures to have a good time together. Any financial success is an added plus. And so, I want to once again thank our chairpersons this year who have continued the long-standing tradition of a well-coordinated and well-organized parish picnic. Because of our construction, we have had to change things up a little, but I guarantee that people will eat well and have a great time together. And so, I want to publicly thank the following parishioners who have stepped forward to make our parish picnic a success. These parishioners are: Randy and Amanda Martin, Teresa and Brian Baker, James Weisenberger, Clayton and Niki Cawthon, Dave & Kelsey Hayes and Rick & Trish Rettke. Plus, there are many more parishioners who have volunteered to work our differing stands and raffles. To all who are working I thank you for your smiles and your hospitality that make our picnic such a success. I also want to thank the many parishioners who set up for the picnic and the many others who will tear down. Your help is always greatly appreciated. Thank you for your time and talents whether setting up or tearing down.

I remind you that our Mass on Wednesdays for our students at St. Peter will begin at 8:20 and not 8:30 a.m. This time change will commence this Wednesday, August 27th.

Just to keep you informed, I completed my first series of three chemos, thus enabling me to have a two week period without chemo. Then I start my second series of three. Thank you for your prayers.

As we look ahead, Monday, September 1st is Labor Day and a national holiday. Our Mass for that day will be at 9:00 am. I ask you to come and join us as we thank God for the blessings of Labor.

For those who have been watching, our construction is going well provided that we get a reprieve from the rain. Somethings we can control and some things that we cannot. Pray for our workers.

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

Meet in the Martha Jane Room

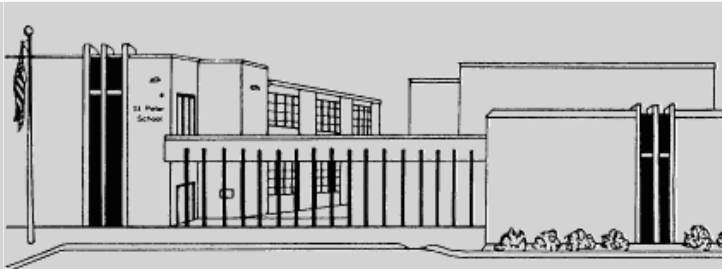
All 7th, 8th, & 9th graders & their friends welcome!



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 24, 2025

A Message from Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh

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

FAITH BUILDERS STRONGER TOGETHER



The St. Peter School faculty met for their annual beginning of the school year meeting. We took time out to challenge them to build a structure made of marshmallows, pretzels and spaghetti to support a safety cone. The winners of the challenge are pictured to the left!!

Our theme this school year is:
Faith Builders Stronger Together
By wisdom a house is built and through understanding it is established. Proverbs 24

OUR SCHOOL YEAR HAS BEGUN

Tuesday, August 19th marked the beginning of the 2025-2026 School Year. The staff welcomed 473 students in grades Preschool through 8th grade. We were all dressed as construction workers to kick off the school year to represent that we are builders of faith. In addition to our returning families many new school families and staff have joined St. Peter! We graciously thank the St. Peter parishioners for their constant support and prayers for the school.



SCHOOL MENU

Monday: Breaded chicken on bun, potato rings, corn, fruit.
Tuesday: Corn dog, curly fries, mixed vegetables, fruit.
Wednesday: Meatballs, bosco stick, romaine salad, fruit.
Thursday: Pancakes, sausage, veggie juice, fruit.
Friday: Pepperoni pizza, carrots, yogurt, fruit.

THIS WEEK

Monday, Aug. 25: **School Advisory Board Mtg.** 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 26: **Kindergarten Parent Orientation** 6:00-7:00 pm held in the K classrooms.

Wednesday, Aug. 27: Children's Mass at **8:20 a.m.**: **8th grade in charge of Mass; PMO begins.**

Thursday, April 28: **Adoration**

Friday, Aug. 29:

STILL HIRING

We are still looking for afternoon daycare workers. Please contact Mrs. Loretta Goehl at 2500 Maine Street, Quincy, IL 62301 or tomnrets71@comcast.net.

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Fr. Leo's column continued..

Last weekend we were presented at the 5:00 p.m. Mass a certificate and a outside sign declaring St. Peter Church to be a bicentennial Church. We are hoping to place the sign somewhere on our Church property highlighting our significance to the community of Quincy.

We will be starting our new OCIA classes for those who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. These classes will be taking place on Tuesday evenings form 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Martha Jane room off the cafeteria. Our first class will be on Tuesday, September 9th.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:

Blanche: Herb, if you don't stop snoring, I'm going to toss your out on your ear.
Herb: Does it upset you that much?
Blanche: Not just me, but the entire congregation.

A little known fact is that the “Mexican Hat Dance” was originally invested by the Jews during the reigns of King David and King Solomon. A special hat with a wide brim was invented, and the dancers danced to the hymn written by the aforementioned kings.
What was the name of the hat they designed?

Are you ready for this: Psalm brero.

Mary. Leo J. Enlow

Mark Your Calendar

Mon. Aug. 25:
Tues. Aug. 26:
Wed. Aug. 27: Morning Mass Time Changes to 8:20 a.m.
Thurs. Aug. 28:
Fri. Aug. 29:
Sat. Aug. 30:
Sun. Aug. 31:

Please keep the following in your prayers:

~John & Barb Meyer	~Elias Erd	~Jo Buckley
~Isabella Benner	~Amy Seibert	~Nancy Bohan
~Hunter Hildebrand	~Terri May	~Julie Eftink
~Kathy Schuckman	~Mary Lavery	~Bill Morrison
~Joyce Shipp	~Ken Althoff	~Cheryl Liesen
~Donna Schutte	~Virginia Hunter	~Lori Eaton
~John Douglas Holford	~Elizabeth Topf	~Ellie Peters
~Sarah Sturhahn Stegeman	~Maria (Eberhardt) Sparrow	~Pat Arnold
~Linda Mettemeyer	~Don McCleary	~Anonymous
~Kristopher Schrecke	~Ian Mehaffy	~Anonymous
~Bonnie Haubrich	~Emmett Hertle	~Drake Willing
~Dave & Bryce Shank	~Liem Thanh Mai	~Rinley Barry
~Winnie Vogel	~Tom Friye	

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://pushpay.com/g/stpeterquincy>

WEEKLY COLLECTION

	August 17	Total to Date
Loose Collections	\$1,358.72	\$8,347.33
Regular Collections	\$22,586.87	\$188,474.82
Annual School Fund	\$6,068.00	\$49,720.90
Holy Days	\$2,057.00	\$2,138.00
Totals	\$32,070.59	\$248,681.05
Total Budget Goal	\$32,000.00	\$224,000.00
Difference	\$70.59	\$24,681.05

Diocesan Collections

Retired Dio. Priests: \$50.00
Catholic Home Mission: \$20.00
Peters Pence: \$50.00

Haiti Sister Parish Collections

Collected \$525.00

<p>Wednesday Mass Time Changes on August 27</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>Baptism</p> <p>Elle Lea Eickelschulte, daughter of Jordan & Madelyn (Keane) Eickelschulte, was made a child of God through the reception of the sacrament of Baptism on Saturday, August 16, 2025.</p>
<p>Social Concerns 5th Sunday Collection</p> <p>August 30 & 31 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!</p>	<p>Adoration Chapel Open Hours</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>Wed: 11am (weeks 1,3) 1pm (weeks 2,4) Fri: 1pm (weeks 3,5)</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>Dear PSR Parents</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 g.wolf@cospq.org.</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>Anniversary Mass for 50 Years or More</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 dio.org/events 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>Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study</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. 18th</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 g.bergman@cospq.org 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>Blessed Sacrament Girl Scout Troop 1 Centennial Celebration</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 & younger. Please RSVP by Sept. 5 by email: troop1quincyil@gmail.com or phone: Kelly Baker at 217-779-5302.</p>
<p>Wednesday Evening Ladies Bible Study</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 lakennedy589@gmail.com or text 217-779-6552 to sign up or for any questions.</p>	<p>Quincy SPIRIT - Volunteer & Participate</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 p.frericks3620@gmail.com or Blessed Sacrament Parish Office at (217) 222-2759.</p>
<p>Adams County Flu Shot Clinic</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>	
<p>St. Anthony Ladies Society Fall Craft/Vendor Show</p> <p>If you are interested in being a vendor at our craft/vendor show on Saturday, October 4th, at St. Anthony Parish Hall please contact Janet Bick (ribick@comcast.net or 217-430-7256) or Tawny Benz (rtbenz77@gmail.com or 217-257-0847). Booth space (10'x10') is \$25. You may furnish your own tables or rent 8' tables for \$5 each.</p>	<p>St. Anthony Men's Society Chicken Dinner</p> <p>Mark your calendars for the St. Anthony Men's Society Chicken Dinner on Sunday, September 21st, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.</p>



Parish in Action



QND FOOTBALL TAILGATE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 5:00 P.M.

MEET US AT THE TENT @ 11TH & JACKSON BY THE TENNIS COURTS

Pack your coolers and lawn chairs and join us for some tailgate fun starting at 5 p.m.! We will be grilling burgers and have yard games for the whole family.

GAME TIME
7 p.m. vs. Alton Marquette
@ Advance Physical Therapy Field

\$15 COUPLE or FAMILY

Price includes burgers / chips / cookies / water

Pay via Venmo to @LaurenCornell89 or cash on the day of the event

*pre-registration required for food count



BYOB / LAWN CHAIRS
Need More Info? Call 217.214.0187



RSVP REQUIRED!



RSVP

Quincy Catholic Charities Seeking New Board Members

Quincy Catholic Charities is seeking new board members. Meetings are every other month and begin in September. The purpose of the advisory board is to provide support and advocacy for the Catholic Charities through community activism and fund raising efforts. In addition, the Advisory Board serves as consultant to the management of Catholic Charities through periodic review of financial and programmatic information to ensure the Mission of the Agency is being served. The Advisory Board makes recommendations to the Executive Director and Area Director regarding the operations of Catholic Charities, the responsiveness to community needs. The Advisory Board serves as a liaison to community businesses, parishes and churches, local government, and other social service agencies to foster and strengthen these relationships in the best interest of Catholic Charities and the people who are served. For additional information reach out to Kevin Williams, Area Director of Quincy Catholic Charities, at Williams_qcc@cc.dio.org.

Great River Quest

Inviting all 13-15 year olds! Great River Quest has a retreat coming up September 12-13, 2025(6p-6p). It's a fast paced 24 hour retreat aimed at helping youth to examine their relationship to God, self, and others in their lives. You get to make new friends and get to know the ones you come with better, all while having lots of fun! Please contact Caroline Wiewel 217-430-6086/questcoordinator@greatrivertec.org for questions or fill out an app online at www.greatrivertec.org/quest

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 or 222-3155. You will be glad you did.