



# St. Peter Parish Quincy, IL

## ~Mass Intentions~

Sept. 15-21, 2025

- 15. Monday 8:00 a.m.  
Mary Schlipman
- 16. Tuesday 8:00 a.m.  
Dave Huseman
- 17. Wednesday 8:20 a.m.  
Connie Brassfield
- 18. Thursday 8:00 a.m.  
Barb Deters
- 19. Friday 8:00 a.m.  
Steve Sinnock
- 20. Saturday 8:00 a.m.  
Jay Grawe
- 20. Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
David Adam Oakley
- 21. Sunday 8:00 a.m.  
Our Parish Family
- 21. Sunday 9:30 a.m.  
Sherrie Craven
- 21. Sunday 11:00 a.m.  
David & Pat Stegeman

## — 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.

## The Exaltation of the Holy Cross Feast, September 14, 2025

Dear Parishioners,

Since this weekend falls on September 14th, and since the 14th of September celebrates the Solemnity of the Exaltation of the Cross, our liturgy for today will be for this particular solemnity, the exaltation of the Cross. According to legend, the True Cross was discovered in 326 by St. Helena, the mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine the Great, during a pilgrimage she made to Jerusalem. According to tradition, Helena is credited with finding the true cross. She engineered an arduous dig in the vicinity of the Holy Sepulcher and was allegedly rewarded with the buried remains of the three crosses used the day Christ died. The wood was declared to be the wood of the true cross when a woman experienced a cure when it was applied to her. The Empress Helena enshrined the relics in a silver casket within the Church built for the purpose on that spot and also delivered a portion of it to Rome.

Perhaps the best summary of this particular solemnity is found in our second reading for our Mass today. Paul in his letter to the Philippians writes: *“Brothers and Sisters: Christ Jesus, though He was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, He emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, He humbled Himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on the cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, and of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”*

We had our first class for those interested in learning more about the Catholic Church and its teachings. This is called the OCIA or Order of Christian Initiation of Adults. It meets every Tuesday from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Martha Jane Room, right off the cafeteria below the Church. Our first meeting had about 5 inquiring minds. If anyone else is interested, please come next Tuesday and join us. We have plenty of room and hopefully more inquirers.

Next week, most of the priests of the diocese will be attending a convocation of Priests at the Augustine Institute in Florissant, Missouri, from Tuesday to Friday, September 16 to 19th. Because of my chemo treatments I have chosen not to attend. So we will continue to have our weekday Masses for this week. Just to keep you informed, this past week as well as next week, my chemo treatments will be on Thursdays. This is the only time that they could fit me into the treatment schedules.

Also, on Tuesday, September 23rd, Bishop Paprocki will be present in Quincy to celebrate our All Catholic Schools Mass at the QND gymnasium beginning at 9:30 a.m. All parishioners are welcome to attend and celebrate the opening of another year of learning at our Catholic schools. We have been privileged to have a pre-K through 12 years of Catholic education here in Quincy and our bishop will be here to acknowledge this gift that we have and to celebrate with us the Eucharist together. So come and join us priests, parishioners, teachers, and staff as we gather to celebrate together our Catholic identity.

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Next Meeting  
Sunday, Sept. 14th  
5:40 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Meet in the Narthex

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



Saints Alive!  
October 9th  
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 September 14, 2025

## A Message from Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh

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

### NEW LOGO!



We are rolling out a new logo for St. Peter School. We love that it now compliments our parish logo. We are also having a new website coming soon that will include our new logo. We thank Mrs. Jenny Willingham for her creative ability with the new branding for our school.

### St. PETER SPIRIT DAYS

Each year our school selects a recipient for our Spirit Days. Spirit Day occurs one day each month. On this designated day students bring in a donation of 25 cents or more and they wear either their green or yellow Spirit Day Shirt with out of dress code bottoms.

We have chosen Hayden Ware as our Spirit Day recipient for the 2025-2026 School Year. It is our hope that the donations brought in throughout the year will help Hayden and her family with her medical expenses. Hayden, an alumnus of St. Peter School, was in a terrible accident last Spring. She and her family need prayers.

We thought, as a school, we could help in a small way by offsetting some of their costs during this very difficult time. Please join our staff and students by praying for her daily.



### SCHOOL MENU

**Monday:** Toasted cheese ravioli, yogurt, romaine salad, fruit.  
**Tuesday:** Hamburger on bun, curly fries, baked beans, fruit.  
**Wednesday:** Chicken chunks, mashed potatoes, corn, fruit.  
**Thursday:** Sloppy joes, hash brown, mixed vegetables, fruit.  
**Friday:** Pepperoni pizza, pudding, broccoli, fruit.

### THIS WEEK

#### MAP TESTING CONTINUES THIS WEEK FOR GRADES 2-8

Monday, Sept. 15:

Tuesday, Sept. 16:

Wednesday, Sept. 17:

Thursday, Sept. 18:

Friday, Sept. 19: Quarter 1 Mid-terms sent home.

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

Attention to all young men, juniors in high school and above. We are asking that you consider attending an Andrew's dinner at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 28th, at St. Rose Parish Center in Quincy. This dinner will join you, Bishop Paprocki, and the priests of the area for an evening of sharing a meal, and conversations about Priesthood and how best to discern what vocation God is calling you to. If you would like to attend, sign up at this link: <https://forms.gle/exdi2Jyrpbo3zNrC7> or email Fr. Zach Samples at [zsamples@dio.org](mailto:zsamples@dio.org).

**ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:** A Jewish Rabbi and a Catholic Priest met at the town's annual 4th of July picnic. Old friends, they began their usual banter.

"This baked ham is really delicious," the priest teased the rabbi. "You really ought to try it. I know it's against your religion, but I can't understand why such a wonderful food should be forbidden! You don't know what you are missing. You haven't lived until you've tried Mrs. Hall's prized Virginia Baked Ham. Tell me, Rabbi, when are you going to break down and try it?"

The rabbi looked at the priest and with a big grin, and said, "at your wedding."

*Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh*

### Mark Your Calendar

**Mon. Sept. 15:**

**Tues. Sept. 16:** Ladies Bible Study 8:30 a.m., Martha Jane Room

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

**Wed. Sept. 17:** PSR 6:30 p.m., School

**Thurs. Sept. 18:**

**Fri. Sept. 19:** Social Concerns Meeting 8:30 a.m., Martha Jane Room

**Sat. Sept. 20:**

**Sun. Sept. 21:**

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		~Ellie Peters
~Sarah Sturhahn Stegeman		~Pat Arnold
~Maria (Eberhardt) Sparrow		~Anonymous
~Linda Mettemeyer	~Don McCleary	~Anonymous
~Kristopher Schreacke	~Ian Mehaffy	~Drake Willing
~Bonnie Haubrich	~Emmett Hertle	~Rinley Barry
~Dave & Bryce Shank	~Liem Thanh Mai	
~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](mailto: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>



### WEEKLY COLLECTION

	September 7	Total to Date
Loose Collections	\$1,126.20	\$12,209.54
Regular Collections	\$34,516.00	\$271,332.56
Annual School Fund	\$8,478.00	\$70,154.80
Holy Days	\$20.00	\$2,558.00
Totals	\$44,140.20	\$356,254.90
Total Budget Goal	\$32,000.00	\$320,000.00
Difference	\$12,140.20	\$36,254.90

### Diocesan Collections

Church of Africa: \$65.00

### Haiti Sister Parish Collections

Collected \$2,223.00



<b>Fellowship Tuesdays</b> Join us for Fellowship Tuesdays after 8:00am Mass this week (9/16). Come for Mass, fellowship, coffee and treats!
<b>Social Concerns Meeting</b> Social Concerns will be meeting <b>Friday, 9/19</b> at 8:30 a.m. in the Martha Jane Room. All are welcome!
<b>Anniversary Mass for 50 Years or More</b> 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="https://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.
<b>Andrew Dinner on September 28</b> Calling all men juniors in high school and above! Join Bishop Paprocki and Priests of the Diocese for an Andrew Dinner at 5:00pm on Sunday, September 28 at St. Rose in Quincy. The Andrew Dinner is a simple/low key gathering where we will pray, share a meal, and have conversations about Priesthood and how best to discern what vocation God is calling you to. If you would like to attend, sign up at this link: <a href="https://forms.gle/exdi2Jyrpbo3zNrC7">https://forms.gle/exdi2Jyrpbo3zNrC7</a> or email Fr. Zach Samples at <a href="mailto:zsamples@dio.org">zsamples@dio.org</a> . We hope to see you there!
<b>Tea Party for The Hope House of Quincy</b> The Quincy Deanery Council of Catholic Women is hosting an Elegant 3-course Tea Party for The Hope House of Quincy. Sunday, November 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2:00pm at the Lorenzo-Bull House on 1550 Maine, Quincy, IL. Cost is \$25/person. Tea Party includes scones and baked goods, finger sandwiches, desserts and Lots of Pots of Tea. **Gluten-free items will be available. There will be Silent Auction Gift Baskets: Cash or Check only. All funds raised will be used to support The Hope House and its mission! Tea starts promptly at 2:00pm: Doors open at 1:45pm. The Mission of the Hope House is to "Save the lives of the unborn by Engaging and Empowering mothers with the love of Jesus and giving them Hope for their future. It is their desire to provide housing, education, and jobs, as well as raising up Mentors to walk alongside them in one the most uncertain times in their lives". Giving expectant mothers HOPE and a HOME for their future. For more information, please contact Gina Wolf at 217-257-9966 or Susan Asher at 217-653-5074.
<b>St. Francis Solanus Job Opening</b> St. Francis Solanus Parish in Quincy is seeking a part-time Business Manager. You will manage parish finances, budgeting and financial reporting and help contribute to the long-term sustainability and growth of the parish through your experience in business administration, finance or a related field. MUST have experience with QuickBooks, Excel, HR and payroll. Qualified candidates may send a resume and cover letter to Fr. Steven Arisman at <a href="mailto:sarisman@stfrancissolanus.com">sarisman@stfrancissolanus.com</a> or to the parish office, 1721 College Ave., Quincy, IL. 62301.
<b>Adoration of Priests at Blessed Sacrament</b> There will be an hour of Adoration for Priests followed by Benediction at Blessed Sacrament Church 1119 S 7 <sup>th</sup> street Quincy Illinois September 21, 2025 from 3:00 to 4:00 P.M. all are invited to come and pray for your Priests.

<b>Adoration Chapel Open Hours</b> 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. 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! Wed: 11am (week 3), 1pm (weeks 2,4) 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.
<b>QCES Job Opening</b> Quincy Catholic Schools is seeking a half-time Business Manager to support financial operations, budget planning, and HR functions. The ideal candidate will be detail-oriented, mission-driven, and experienced with QuickBooks, FACTS, and financial reporting. Please check QCES website for more detailed information. Salary range is \$17,000-\$22,000, with paid-time-off benefits. To apply, send a cover letter, resume, and references to <a href="mailto:dcgill@quincycatholicschools.org">dcgill@quincycatholicschools.org</a> or call 217-222-2898 for more information.
<b>St. Francis Bible Study</b> Saints Study: Men and Women of all ages are invited to join us for 5 sessions on a Biblical Walk through the Mass this Fall! As Catholics, the Mass is the center of our Faith. We celebrate it every day. We know all the responses. We know the all the gestures. But do we know what it all means? In a Biblical Walk Through the Mass, Dr. Edward Sri takes us on a unique tour of the Liturgy, exploring the biblical roots of the words and gestures we experience in the Liturgy, and explaining their profound significance. The goal of this study is to renew our faith and deepen our love and devotion to the Eucharist! We will meet the following Sunday evenings to view a video and discuss a chapter (read in advance if possible) in the St Francis Parish Hall <u>from 6:00pm to 7:30pm</u> on 9/14, 10/12, 11/2, 11/9, 12/14Bring a friend! All parishes are welcome. If help is needed ordering this book, please contact one of the following: Deacon Dennis and Pat Holbrook (217-257-4384), Kelli Lunt (217-617-1566), or Karen Weiman (217-242-5513)
<b>Experience the Men's Leadership Summit in Edwardsville</b> Join men from across the diocese on Saturday, October 18th at St. Boniface Church in Edwardsville (110 N Buchanan St) for a Men's Leadership Summit featuring John Edwards, host of Just a Guy in the Pew. The purpose of this summit is to bring single and married men together to support one another, get inspired by their faith, gain or enhance leadership skills, and discuss best practices in men's ministry. John is a dynamic, inspirational speaker and spiritual leader. His background and down-to-earth, practical approach appeals to sons, fathers, brothers, and friends who are Just a guy in the pew and to those interested in men's ministry. Visit the <a href="#">Men's Leadership Summit event page</a> to watch the John's powerful story and to register. Cost is \$30 which includes materials and a catered lunch. Questions? Contact Gracie at (217) 321-1124, or email <a href="mailto:gortiz@dio.org">gortiz@dio.org</a> .

# Parish in Action

**Area Wide Mass at QND**  
All are welcome to attend the Area Wide Mass on Tuesday, September 23, 2025, at 9:30 am in the QND gym. Staff and students from the 4 Catholic grade schools in Quincy, St. Mary's in Mt. Sterling and QND will gather with family and friends to celebrate the Eucharist and the gift of Catholic education with Bishop Paprocki.

**Men's Cursillo #379**  
Men's Cursillo weekend #379 will be held September 18-21, 2025 at the Franciscan Retreat Center in Quincy. During this three day experience, those attending pray together, celebrate the Eucharist, listen to talks given by priests, religious and laypersons, and share the fellowship of Jesus Christ and each other. It provides a casual and relaxed experience in a Christian community. Cost of the weekend is \$185 with lodging and all meals provided. A partial monetary gift to defray the cost is available. For more information or to receive an application, please contact Emily Goodapple, 217-242-8802 or go to <https://quincycursillo.com> to print one."

**Wednesday Evening Ladies Bible Study**  
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](mailto:lakennedy589@gmail.com) or text 217-779-6552 to sign up or for any questions.

September, 2025  
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
As Catholics we are called to live our faith not only through prayers and devotions, but also by working to build peaceful and just societies. In the Jonglei region of South Sudan, ethnic conflict, cattle raiding, revenge killing, and violence against women and young girls have impacted thousands of lives. Amid these painful divisions, the Catholic Church is a trusted voice among the region's people. Recognizing this trust, the bishops of the Sudan and South Sudan Catholic Bishops Conference use their voice to call for peace and reconciliation among the people within their member dioceses.

The Diocese of Malakal, which includes Jonglei, is leading the way in building a sustainable and lasting peace by bringing together people in neutral locations to participate in dialogues, conflict prevention trainings, youth sports, and other relationship-building activities designed to help young people break the cycle of violence and retribution. With financial support that the Sudan and South Sudan Catholic Bishops Conference received from the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa, staff from the Diocese of Malakal's Office of Justice and Peace traveled to local parishes to facilitate workshops on healing and reconciliation, conflict resolution, and domestic violence prevention, as well as dialogue sessions and peace rallies where community members could come together in safety.

The Church in Africa leads the way in healing wounds of division and conflict, preaching the Gospel, and reconciling people in hope for just and lasting peace. Your support of the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa empowers the Church to fulfill its mission as peacemaker to those who have most suffered fear and violence.

Please be generous to this collection for the Solidarity Fund through the offertory collection or your parish's e-offertory platform. To learn more about the collection and whom it supports, visit [www.usccb.org/africa](http://www.usccb.org/africa).

Thank you and God bless.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Thomas John Paprocki

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki  
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

COMMUNITY  
EUCCHARISTIC  
ADORATION  
ST. PETER CHURCH  
Sunday, September 14th  
Special Reflection by:  
Coach Jack Cornell  
5:45 PM  
Music by  
Ashleigh Wisslead  
Light Refreshments to Follow  
All are welcome – come spend time  
with Our Lord in prayer and fellowship!  
Adoration will finish around 7pm with fellowship to follow in the cafeteria.