



St. Peter Parish Quincy, IL

~Mass Intentions~

Sept. 29-Oct. 5, 2025

- 29. Monday 8:00 a.m.
Richard Lauer
- 30. Tuesday 8:00 a.m.
Dan Barry
- 1. Wednesday 8:20 a.m.
Brett Allen Miller
- 2. Thursday 8:00 a.m.
Alfred Osinski
- 3. Friday 8:00 a.m.
Ann Anderson
- 4. Saturday 8:00 a.m.
Kathleen Neuser
- 4. Saturday 5:00 p.m.
DJ Venvertloh
- 5. Sunday 8:00 a.m.
Merle Hellhake
- 5. Sunday 9:30 a.m.
Robert & Dorothy Deters
- 5. Sunday 11:00 a.m.
Our Parish Family

— 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-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 28, 2025

Dear Parishioners,

The Church continues to celebrate “ordinary time” as it celebrates the 26th Sunday in this liturgical year. In our gospel Jesus shares with us an interesting parable, the parable of Lazarus and the rich man. In this parable, Jesus draws a stark contrast between a man who enjoyed his riches but had no concern for others and a poor man, Lazarus, whose life was filled with poverty, suffering, and humiliation. And as the parable goes, when the rich man died, he was condemned to the “torment” of the flames in the underworld. Lazarus, however, rested in the bosom of Abraham after he passed away. When the rich man begged Abraham to send Lazarus to warn his brothers about what awaited them Abraham dismissed his request. “They have Moses and the prophets,” he said. “Let them listen to them.” The interpretations of this parable are many as people try to rationalize the behavior of the rich man. Some maintain that the sin of the rich man was that he did not even notice Lazarus in his poverty and humiliation. Others challenge that thought because the rich man knew of the situation for he knew the name of the poor man. Whatever the case, I think the parable challenges us to open our eyes and look around. There are people among us who are hurting in many differing ways. And somehow, we need to respond with open hearts and compassionate understanding. Just to dismiss people as if we don’t notice or that we are unaware doesn’t say much for our human nature. My challenge to you is to open your eyes and see, see the vulnerable, the weak among us and somehow respond with the heart of a brother and sister.

This Saturday, October 4th is the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi. It is usually around this date that we give our traditional blessings of pets. Since our students will not be around on Saturday, and there is no school on Friday, October 3rd, we will have the traditional blessing of pets on Thursday, October 2nd, at 2:00 p.m. in the field next to Seton Hall. Any parishioner and/or student who would like their pets blessed, make sure they are present in this field on that particular date and time.

Unfortunately, I will not be able to be present for that blessing as I will be receiving my chemotherapy that day. This will be my third series of three therapies and I am hoping my last. Please continue your prayers for me as I pray for you.

This Monday, September 29th, is the feast day of our three archangels, Sts. Michael, Raphael, and Gabriel. Michael, the “prince of the heavenly host”, is presented as the protector of God’s people who battles Satan and his minions. Gabriel brought God’s message of salvation to Zechariah and Mary. And Raphael accompanied Tobias on his journey and brought healing to his father, Tobit. But above all, Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael’s highest purpose is to join the other angels in worshiping and glorifying God. At every Mass, we join the angels as they worship before the throne of God. When we gather to worship and praise God in the Eucharist, we are singing God’s praises in the presence of the angels.

St. Michael, St. Raphael, and St. Gabriel, pray for us now and at the hour of our death.

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Next Meeting
Sunday, Sept. 28th
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Meet in the Martha Jane Room

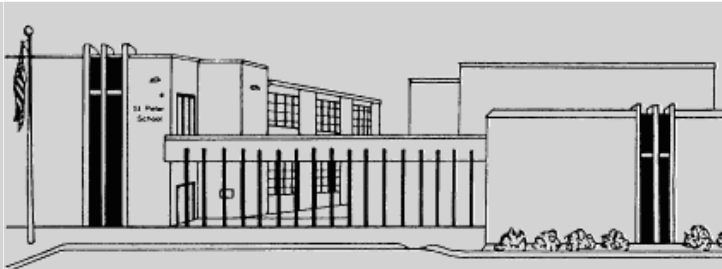
All 7th, 8th, & 9th graders & their friends welcome!



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 28, 2025

A Message from Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh

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

HOUSE ASSEMBLY



We kicked off our school year by welcoming Kindergarten students, new students in other grades and staff members. The kids were excited during the assembly as they welcomed our new members to each HOUSE. We are so grateful that all students have a HOUSE shirt to represent their saint.

Pictured above: the House of St Francis of Assisi. We will celebrate the feast day on Oct. 1. Members of St. Francis of Assisi practice the virtue of humility. St. Francis was born the son of a wealthy cloth maker. When he grew up he became a Catholic friar and gave up his wealth to live a life of poverty. He showed great humility by focusing on caring for others rather than focusing on himself.



We are on the look out!

Do you have a passion for trivia as well as working with students? If so, we have a great opportunity for you. We are on the lookout for one to two coaches for the 6th-8th grade St. Peter School Scholastic Bowl team.

Mrs. Laura Dighe and Mrs. Jodi McDonald have graciously coached our students for the last 10 years. They are ready to pass on the torch! Both will be helpful to the new coach or coaches that agree to organize the St. Peter School students. If you are interested in leading our students please be sure to contact Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh at c.venvertloh@cospq.org or 217-223-1120. Practices for Scholastic Bowl begin in January 2026.

SCHOOL MENU

Monday: Corn dog, curly fries, green beans, fruit.
Tuesday: Chicken parmesan, garlic bread, romaine salad.
Wednesday: Pulled pork, dinner roll, hash brown, corn, fruit.
Thursday: Breaded chicken on bun, potato rings, mixed vegetables, fruit.
Friday: No School

THIS WEEK

Monday, Sept. 29:
Tuesday, Sept. 30: **PS4 Field Trip to Fire Station.**
Wednesday, Oct. 1: Children's Mass at **8:20 a.m.:** 4th grade in charge of Mass; **FEAST day for St. Francis of Assisi.** Students in this house will wear their house shirts with dress code bottoms.
Thursday, Oct. 2: **Spirit Day;** Blessing of Pets at 2 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 3: **NO SCHOOL—** Professional Development for teachers.

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Fr. Leo's column continued..

As we think about angels, next Thursday, October 2nd, is the feast day of the Holy Guardian Angels. Many of us learned the traditional prayer to the Guardian Angel which goes like this:
Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen."

According to tradition and Scripture, there are Nine choirs of Angels found in Paul's letter to the Colossians and Romans. The Nine choirs are: Angels, Archangels, Principalities, Powers, Virtues, Dominations, Thrones, Cherubim and Seraphim.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: Noah and the Ark

- Which animals were the last to leave the Ark?
The elephants. It took some time for them to pack their trunks.
- Did all the animals on the ark come in pairs?
The worms probably came in the apples.
- Did Noah carry money into the ark?
Sure,bucks and does.....
- Where is the first meat mentioned in the Bible?
When Noah took Ham into the ark.
- Why did Noah have to discipline the chickens on the ark?
Because they were using fowl language.
- Which animal had the highest level of intelligence on Noah's ark?
The giraffe.

Mrs. Lisa J. Enlow

Mark Your Calendar

Mon. Sept. 29:
Tues. Sept. 30: Ladies Bible Study 8:30 a.m., Martha Jane Room
OCIA 7:00 p.m., Martha Jane Room
Wed. Oct. 1: PSR 6:30 p.m., School
Thurs. Oct. 2:
Fri. Oct. 3: Men's Group 6:00 a.m., Martha Jane Room
Parish Office Closes at Noon.
Sat. Oct. 4:
Sun. Oct. 5: Coffee & Donuts, Blood Pressures and Book Fair after all Masses

Please keep the following in your prayers:

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



WEEKLY COLLECTION

	September 21	Total to Date
Loose Collections	\$1,164.00	\$14,522.04
Regular Collections	\$33,288.87	\$328,536.30
Annual School Fund	\$7,543.00	\$80,480.80
Holy Days	\$0.00	\$2,558.00
Totals	\$41,995.87	\$426,097.14
Total Budget Goal	\$32,000.00	\$384,000.00
Difference	\$9,995.87	\$42,097.14

Diocesan Collections

Church of Africa: \$684.00

Haiti Sister Parish Collections

Collected \$1,075.00

<p>Coffee & Donuts and Blood Pressures Next Sunday</p> <p>Please join us next Sunday, 10/5, after all Masses in the cafeteria for Coffee & Donuts and blood pressure screenings.</p>	<p>Adoration Chapel</p> <p>Mary, Gina and Jean Anne would like to thank all those who have stepped forward in taking an hour in St. Peter's Adoration Chapel. All open hours have been filled, but we can't stop here. Our ultimate goal is to eventually have the Chapel open again 24/7. WE NEED YOU.</p> <p>But for now, if you are interested in joining us, we are still in need of substitutes to help when an Adorer cannot cover their hour due to sickness, work or other reasons, especially the middle of night hours.</p> <p>Please consider an hour in the Adoration Chapel. Contact Mary at (217) 653-3127, Jean Anne at (217) 430-6967 or Gina at (217) 257-9966. Thank you!</p>
<p>Parish Office Closed Afternoon of 10/3</p> <p>The parish office will be closed starting at Noon on Friday, 10/3 for a diocese meeting.</p>	
<p>Social Concerns Collection</p> <p>Social Concerns will be collecting baby shower items (new items for infants: clothes, diapers, wipes, baby shampoo, Vaseline, bottles, etc) next weekend, Oct. 4-5 for the 1st Sunday collection for the Ladies of Charity. Containers will be located in the Narthex. Thank you in advance!</p>	<p>October 2025 Usher Schedule</p> <p>Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Mass Lead Usher: Warren Brush Ushers: Rick Halter, Tom Maas, Tom Moore, Dave Reis Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Mass Lead Usher: Mark Strieker Ushers: Ernie Bain, John Liesen, George McDonnell, Kurt Stuckman Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Mass Lead Usher: Kyle Venvertloh Ushers: Harold Ellerbrock, Steve Green, Mike Schwartz, Brian Untiedt Sunday, 11:00 a.m. Mass Lead Usher: Dave Cawthon Ushers: Tim Brenner, Mario Camacho, Al Eilers, Gary Frericks</p>
<p>Quincy Catholic Chess Club</p> <p>Attention any K-8 students interested in playing chess! Quincy Catholic Chess Club starts on October 7 at 6:30pm at St. Peter's Cafeteria. No cost to join. Don't know how to play chess? We will teach you! We meet on Tuesday evenings. More information: contact Chris Gill at: fishgills1208@gmail.com</p>	<p>October 2025 EMHC Schedule</p> <p>Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Mass – Lou Anderson (1), Marilena Frier (2), Carol & Steve Sturhahn (3 & 4), Karen Wolf (5), Kristin Martin (6) Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Mass – Sara Bradfield (1), Jean Cook (2), Ashley Koettters (3), Dennis & Lynn Semerad (4 & 5), Lyn Strieker (6) Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Mass – Natalie Genenbacher (1), Jean Green (2), Barb & Matt Holtmeyer (3 & 4), Lydia Miller (5), Allison Ohnemus (6) Sunday, 11:00 a.m. Mass – Luke Bealor (1), Jessica Beaston (2), Karen Disseler (3), Jennifer Kewney (4), Sonya Krause (5), Christine Russell (6)</p>
<p>Andrew Dinner on September 28</p> <p>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: https://forms.gle/exdi2Jyrpbo3zNrC7 or email Fr. Zach Samples at zsamples@dio.org. We hope to see you there!</p>	
<p>St. Francis Card Party</p> <p>St. Francis Card Party will be held Thursday, October 2nd at 11:00am at the St. Francis Parish Center. Menu: Ham, au gratin potatoes, green beans, and rolls and spice cake for desert. Jan Smith and her crew will prepare the meal. Call Pat Winking at 217-257-0416 for reservations. Please call at least 5 days in advance.</p>	
<p>QCES Job Opening</p> <p>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 dcgill@quincycatholicschools.org or call 217-222-2898 for more information.</p>	<p>October, 2025</p> <p>Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,</p> <p>Each year, Catholics across the United States join in supporting the Black and Indian Mission Collection— the oldest national collection of our Church. Since 1874, this collection has helped bring the Gospel to African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities by sustaining parishes, schools, catechesis, and the formation of future leaders. This collection strengthens vibrant faith communities that often face poverty and limited resources, reminding them that the wider Church walks with them.</p> <p>As St. John Paul II reminded us: "Faith is strengthened when it is given to others." When we contribute to this collection, we not only bring Christ's love to those in need, but we also deepen our own faith by sharing it.</p> <p>With gratitude for your faith and support, I remain</p> <p>Sincerely yours in Christ,</p> <p><i>+ Thomas John Paprocki</i></p> <p>Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki Bishop of Springfield in Illinois</p>
<p>Quincy University - The Transitus</p> <p>You are to join the Quincy University community as we honor the passing of St. Francis of Assisi from earthly life to eternal life with God including song, reading and reflection.</p> <p>The Transitus of St. Francis refers to the celebration of the passing (or "transition") of St. Francis of Assisi</p> <p>When: Friday, October 3, 2025 Time: 7:00 pm Where: The Quincy University Chapel</p>	
<p>Moving?</p> <p>If you are moving, please call or email the parish office at 222 -3155 or church@cospq.org to give us your new address.</p>	

Parish in Action

CALLING ALL MARRIED COUPLES!

If you are looking to engage more intentionally with other couples and increase your knowledge of God’s hope for your vocation, please consider filling out this survey to express interest in a marriage study group!



Complete this survey by September 30

Men’s Group Fall Session

Please join us in fellowship and a joint effort in growing our faith and leadership in our faith as we start up the Fall session of the St. Peter’s Mens Group on Friday, October 3. We will hear from some of the most prominent voices in Catholic Formation: Father Mike Schmitz, Father Dave Pivonka, Chris Stefanick, and others.

The group meets in the Martha Jane room under the church on Friday mornings. Enter through the south door of the church/cafeteria. The door opens at 6:00 am with the meeting beginning at 6:30 am and ending by 7:30 am. Coffee and juice and a light breakfast is served.



S'MORE FUN!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19 ■ 6:00-7:30 P.M.

- S’mores Stations
- Cozy Family Time
- Hot Dogs & Chips

- Live Music
- Hayride
- Hot Chocolate

SIGN UP TO ATTEND

\$5 PER PERSON

\$15 PER FAMILY





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