



St. Peter Parish Quincy, IL

~Mass Intentions~

December 1-7, 2025

1. **Monday 8:00 a.m.**
DJ Venvertloh
2. **Tuesday 8:00 a.m.**
Dorothy Schlipman
3. **Wednesday 8:20 a.m.**
Florence Terwelp
4. **Thursday 8:00 a.m.**
Helen Uhl
5. **Friday 8:00 a.m.**
Bob & Eileene Anderson
6. **Saturday 8:00 a.m.**
Edgar A. & Virginia R. Newman
6. **Saturday 5:00 p.m.**
Fr. Michael Grawe OFM
7. **Sunday 8:00 a.m.**
Jerry McNay
7. **Sunday 9:30 a.m.**
Pat Ellerbrock
7. **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.

First Sunday of Advent, November 30, 2025

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we are entering into the season of the Church that we call Advent. According to our ordo, “Advent has a two-fold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the first Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ’s Second Coming, at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight. With the ushering in this Advent season, the new Year of the Church for 2026 begins. What this means is that we will be following the cycle of Readings in the Year A on Sundays and the cycle of Readings II during the week-day cycle. Happy Advent to all.

One of the popular symbols in our Church and home as we celebrate Advent is the Advent wreath. This wreath, consisting of four candles (three violet or purple and one rose) are then lit during the weekends of Advent, signifying each weekend as we get closer to the fullness of light that comes to us at the Coming of Christ as Christmas. There is a blessing in our missalette to be used when we use this symbol in our homes. It is the following:

Christ came to bring us salvation and has promised to come again. Let us pray that we may be always ready to welcome Him.

1. *That the keeping of Advent may open our hearts to God’s love, we pray to the Lord.*
2. *That the light of Christ may penetrate the darkness of sin, we pray to the Lord.*
3. *That this wreath may constantly remind us to prepare for the coming of Christ, we pray to the Lord.*
4. *That the Christmas season may fill us with peace and joy as we strive to follow the example of Jesus, we pray to the Lord.*

Lord God, your Church joyfully awaits the coming of its Savior, who enlightens our hearts and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin. Pour forth your blessings upon us as we light the candles of this wreath; may their light reflect the splendor of Christ who is Lord for ever and ever. Amen

Next Monday, December 8th, is the Solemnity of Mary under the title of the Immaculate Conception. It is a Holy Day of Obligation for all Catholics. It is under this title that she is the patron of our country and our diocese. Our Mass schedule is as follows: 8:20 Mass at St. Peter; 10:00 Mass at QND; 12:10 Mass at St. Peter and 6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Peter. There will be NO Vigil Mass on Sunday evening since the Second Sunday of Advent takes precedence over the Solemnity. But our Catholic Spiritual life must include an important place for Mary. She is not a goddess; she is not our access to Jesus; she is not the source of every grace and blessing. But she is the Mother of God and the Mother of the Church. She is, in the word of William Wordsworth, “our tainted natures solitary boast.” She is the model of what we should be as Christians; she is the sign of what we would have been and should have been if there never had been Original Sin. Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, pray for us now and forever.

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Next Meeting
Sunday, Dec. 7th
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Meet in Martha Jane Room

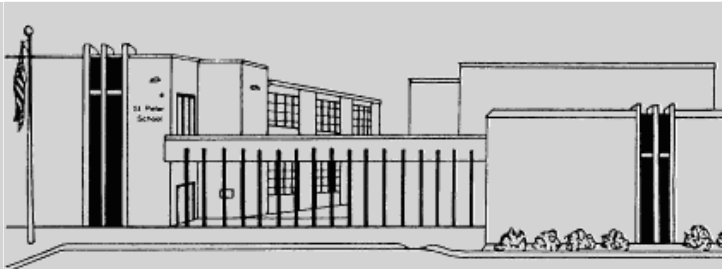
All 7th, 8th, & 9th graders & their friends welcome!



Saints Alive!
December 18th
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.

St. Peter School



Week of November 30, 2025

A Message from Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh

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

7th Grade European Presentations



The 7th grade students in Mrs. Martin’s history class presented information on a chosen European country.



LIVE CONVERSATION WITH OUR POPE

Last week many of our students participated in an amazing opportunity. They were able to be part of a live conversation with Pope Leo!

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED

You will love working with our students and staff!

St. Peter is in need of substitute teachers. If you are interested in subbing for the 2025-2026 school year please contact Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh—Principal or Mrs. Chris Reichert—Assistant Principal at 217-223-1120. (Requirements to sub include having a bachelor’s degree, completing fingerprinting, a background check and safe environment training.)

SCHOOL MENU

Monday: Pepperoni pizza, yogurt, carrots, fruit.
Tuesday: Hot dog on bun, curly fries, green beans, fruit.
Wednesday: Popcorn chicken, hash brown, corn, fruit.
Thursday: Maid rites, smiley fries, mixed vegetables, fruit.
Friday: French toast sticks, sausage, veggie juice, fruit.

THIS WEEK

Monday, Dec. 1: **8th grade QND placement test; Advent Prayer Service** 2 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 2: **Kindergarten visit with Santa** at QND 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 3: **Children’s Mass** 2nd grade in charge; 6th grade **DARE Graduation** 2 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 4: **Adoration**

Friday, Dec. 5: **Spirit Day**—students wear Spirit Day shirts with out of dress code bottoms if they bring in 25 cents or more for Hayden Ware.

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Fr. Leo’s column continued..

I want to encourage everyone to attend our St. Peter Advent Mission from Sunday, November 30th to Tuesday, December 2nd, starting each evening at 6:00 p.m. Our guest presenter is Sr. M. Clementia Toalson. Please join us for this evening of renewal, challenge, and Advent preparation. Our theme for these evenings is “they that hope.” Hope to see you there!

During this season of Advent, we need to prepare our hearts and lives for the coming of Christ. How best can we do that? In our day and age, with all its sufferings and sadness, I thought we might try bringing a sense of hope to others through our laughter. Laughter can often overcome many areas of sadness and sorrow. I was reading this article and thought I would share it with you.

Laughter is what happens when your body smiles.
Laughter is smiling out loud.
Laughter is the music a smile makes.
Laughter is what happens when a smile sings.
Laughter is a smile’s soundtrack.
Laughter is music created by a smile.
Laughter is the sound that occurs when a smile overflows.
Rev. Dr. Karl Kraft

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: This is not uncommon for priests to hear in the confessional. Often times people are preoccupied and come into the confessional. Instead of hearing the usual, “Bless me Father for I have sinned.” Instead, we hear, “Bless us O Lord for these thy gifts which we are about to receive from thy bounty.”

Mary. Lisa J. Enlow

Mark Your Calendar

Mon. Dec. 1: Advent Mission 6:00 p.m., Church
Tues. Dec. 2: Advent Mission 6:00 p.m., Church
Wed. Dec. 3: Ladies Cursillo 1:30 p.m., Fr. Bauer Prayer Room
PSR 6:30 p.m., School
Thurs. Dec. 4:
Fri. Dec. 5:
Sat. Dec. 6:
Sun. Dec. 7:

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
~Darin & Cathy Green	~Joyce Shipp	~Julie Eftink
~Donna Schutte	~Virginia Hunter	~Bill Morrison
~John Douglas Holford	~Norman Kemner	~Cheryl Liesen
~Sarah Sturhahn Stegeman	~Pat Arnold	~Lori Eaton
~Maria (Eberhardt) Sparrow	~Ken Althoff	~Ellie Peters
~Linda Mettemeyer	~Don McCleary	
~Anonymous	~Abram Kelle	
~Jordyn Holtmeyer	~Ian Mehaffy	~Dick Hopkins
~Bonnie Haubrich	~Emmett Hertle	~Mary Neuser
~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

	November 23	Total to Date
Loose Collections	\$806.00	\$24,750.63
Regular Collections	\$36,086.10	\$584,887.86
Annual School Fund	\$6,390.00	\$145,585.61
Holy Days	\$5.00	\$6,948.31
Totals	\$43,287.10	\$762,172.41
Total Budget Goal	\$32,000.00	\$672,000.00
Difference	\$11,287.10	\$90,172.41

Diocesan Collections

Quincy Catholic Cemeteries: \$255.00
Triennial U.S. Military Archdiocese: \$110.00

Haiti Sister Parish Collections

Collected \$645.00

Holy Day Mass Times Monday, December 8, is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Mass times are as follows: December 8th, at 8:20 a.m. (school Mass), 12:10 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. There will not be a vigil Mass on Sunday (12/7) or an 8:00 a.m. Mass on Monday (12/8).	Baptism Brantley William Smith, son of Jacob & Samantha (Fish) Smith, was made a child of God through the reception of the sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, November 23, 2025.
Social Concerns 5th Sunday Collection November 29 & 30 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!	St. Peter Social Concerns Christmas Cookie Sale - Bakers! December 13th & 14th We need your help! Bake a batch of Christmas cookies for this special fundraiser. Bring Cookies to the Cafeteria on that SATURDAY (12/13) after 2:00 pm or on SUNDAY (12/14) before 9:30 am Mass. If you are willing to volunteer to work the sale, call Sharon at (217) 257-1376. Coffee & Cinnamon Rolls Will Be Available!
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.cospq.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.	Adoration Chapel Open Hours 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 hour below filled! Tuesday: 1:00-2:00pm (weeks 2 & 4) Thursday: 2:00-3:00pm Friday: 8:00am 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. 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!
St. Peter Job Opening - Director of Liturgy and Music St. Peter's Church is looking for a Full Time or Part time - Director of Liturgy and Music. This person will oversee all aspects of the parish's liturgical life. Qualifications requested are 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. Salary ranges from \$20,000 to \$40,000. Please send resume along with 2 references to St. Peter Parish Office, 2600 Maine Street, Quincy IL, 62301 or email k.smith@cospq.org.	December 2025 Usher Schedule Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Mass Lead Usher: Alan Boone Ushers: Milke Kurk, Rick Halter, Tom Maas, Tom Moore Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Mass Lead Usher: Kevin Haider Ushers: Jay Zanger, Terry Hickey, John Liesen, Jerry Holzgrafe Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Mass Lead Usher: Pat Hibbeler Ushers: Trent Lepper, Brian Walker, James Weisenger, Chris Bokius Sunday, 11:00 a.m. Mass Lead Usher: Ted Niemann Ushers: Kevin Meyer, Kevin Schuckman, Tim Brenner, Mario Camacho
Diocese College Scholarship In our Diocese, applications are now being solicited for college scholarship grants under the Father Yunker Lithuanian Student Assistance Fund. Qualifications: applicants must have Lithuanian ancestry and must be a practicing member of the Roman Catholic Church. Completed application must be received by the close of business on Monday, Dec. 1, 2025. Details and application can be downloaded from dio.org/schools.	December 2025 EMHC Schedule Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Mass – Steve Boll (1), George Meyer (2), Singe Oakley (3), Debra Smith (4), Kent Stegeman (5), Mark Wiewel (6) Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Mass – Bob Musolino (1), Jim Palmer (2), Richard Redmond (3), Mary Christensen (4), Maria Eckert (5), Jeff Norton (6) Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Mass –Anne Gibleon (1), Russ Hinkamper (2), Debbie & Randy Miller (3 & 4), Lindsey Bond (5), Chris Robnett (6) Sunday, 11:00 a.m. Mass – Mary Howe (1), Kim Strieker (2), Janelle Van Hecke (3), Nick Venvertloh (4), Diane Weber (5), Beth Young (6)
QND Immediate Job Opening Quincy Notre Dame High School is seeking qualified candidates for a Maintenance/Groundskeeper position. Qualified candidates should submit a cover letter, resume and two letters of reference by Friday, December 5, to QND Principal Mark McDowell at mmcdowell@qndhs.org. Compensation is based on skill set and related experience and ranges from \$17-\$22 per hour. More specific information will be provided upon request. QND Employee Benefits: Paid Time Off, Paid Paternal Leave, Health Insurance, Dental Insurance, Eye Insurance, Basic Life Insurance, Voluntary Life Insurance, 403B Plan	St. Anthony Pancake & Sausage Breakfast The Pancake & Sausage Breakfast sponsored by the St. Anthony Men's Society will be Sunday, Dec. 14th, 7 a.m.-noon. Adults \$14, Children \$7 (under 5 free). Dine in or carry out. Advance meat orders: Link & Bulk Sausage, Ribs and Chops 5 lbs--\$25. Cooked links (Precooked weight) 5lbs-\$30. Call orders to 217-257-2108. Orders will be taken until 12/1 or until 2000 lbs. are sold!
QCES Foundation - Faith in Our Future Campaign QCES Foundation kicked off their <i>Faith in Our Future</i> campaign, supporting our Catholic grade schools in Quincy. Your gifts provide tuition assistance for families in need and classroom grants for our dedicated teachers. In the coming days, parish families will receive a letter in the mail with more details and ways to give. Please take a moment to read it, pray about your participation, and help ensure every child who desires a Catholic education can receive one.	

Parish in Action

ST. PETER ADVENT MISSION



THEY THAT HOPE

AN ADVENT MISSION FOR THE END OF THE JUBILEE YEAR



JOIN US STARTING AT 6 P.M. ON NOVEMBER 30, DECEMBER 1 & 2



Join us in the church each evening at 6:00 p.m. for the Advent Parish Mission hosted by Sister Clementia. Call 217.222.3155 for more information.

Sister M. Clementia Toalson, FSGM

Parish Liaison for Restored Order & Coordinator for Diocesan Celebrations

Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

They that hope in the LORD will renew their strength, they will soar on eagles' wings; They will run and not grow weary, walk and not grow faint. ~Isaiah 40:31 NAB

2025 Giving Wreaths

Can you believe we are fast approaching Christmas. Where does the time go? Again this year, St. Peters will sponsor the Giving Wreath. This is a program that allows us at St. Peters a way to help those in our community who are less fortunate. Several local organizations send the needs of their people. Each need is put on a tag and we put those tags out on tables in the Narthex.

This is happening **November 27 through December 7**. You can choose a tag(s) before or after church. The gifts are to be wrapped and returned to Church with the gift tag **securely taped** during the weekend of **December 13 and 14**. The local organizations will pick up their gifts on December 15, so NO gifts delivered after December 14. This will replace the Social Concerns 1st Sunday collection for December. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



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 14, or email church@cospq.org.

A Donation for Christmas Decorations

Given by: _____

In Memory of: _____

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