

~Mass Intentions~

Dec. 29-Jan. 4, 2026

- 29. Monday 8:00 a.m. Nancy Scholz
- 30. Tuesday 8:00 a.m. Don Adolfs
- **31. Wednesday 8:20 a.m.** Luke Mayfield
- 31. Wednesday 5:00 p.m. Luke Mayfield
- **1. Thursday 8:00 a.m.** Pat Ellerbrock
- 1. Thursday 10:00 a.m. Dennis Buckley
- **2. Friday 8:00 a.m.**OND Class of 1960
- 3. Saturday 8:00 a.m. Joe & Anita Lavery
- 3. Saturday 5:00 p.m. Karen Wiewel
- **4. Sunday 8:00 a.m.** Patricia Pannkuk
- **4. Sunday 9:30 a.m.** Our Parish Family
- **4. Sunday 11:00 a.m.** Jerry Eberhardt

— 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.

St. Peter Parish Quincy, IL

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Feast, December 28, 2025 Dear Parishioners.

This weekend after Christmas, we gather to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. This feast celebrates the fact that Jesus came into the world within the context of a family, and that family would mold and fashion this Son of God into the man of faith, hope, and love that He would become. This family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph offer our families an example of what it means to live in holiness and faith. The first thing we notice is that this holy family knew its own share of heartache, challenge, and hardship. As we hear in our gospel today that they were forced to travel far from home during the riskiest time of Mary's pregnancy, leading to their Son's birth in a rough place and in conditions less than ideal. Shortly after the birth, they are told that they must flee for their lives and the life of their newborn Son. They travel in haste to a distant land until they receive the message that it is safe for them to return. Their challenges resemble the challenges we experience in our own families.

This Feast of the Holy Family holds up for us their example of simple trust and openness to God, and the faith which they shared. They show us that our families, even in times of challenge or uncertainty, can also be holy families—settings in each of us can grow in kindness, humility, gentleness and peace.

On this Feast of the Holy Family, I want to let you know that each of you will be remembered in my prayers. As I reflect upon my parish family, I realize the holiness that exists in each of your lives. May that holiness continue to permeate your lives as you share it with others. On this feast of the Holy Family, this is my prayer for you:

"We bless your name, O Lord, for sending your own Incarnate Son to become part of a family, so that, as He lived its life, He would experience its worries and its joys.

We ask you, Lord, to protect and watch over this family, so that in the strength of your grace its members may enjoy prosperity, possess the priceless gift of your peace, and, as the Church alive in the home, bear witness in this world to your glory.

May the Lord Jesus, who lived with His holy family in Nazareth, dwell also with your family, keep it from all evil, and make all of you one in heart and mind. Amen.

As usual, our Church was beautifully decorated for Christmas on the outside as well as the inside. I am so proud of people who know how to decorate in a simple but glorious fashion. Our decorations are so welcoming and display the mystery of Christmas in such a simple but glorious way. Thank you for making our Christmas celebration a liturgy of class and beauty.

I also want to thank our choirs for enhancing our liturgies with their gift of song. Through your participation, you put each of us in the spirit of Christmas. Thank you for sharing your gifts with all of us.

Again, to each and every one of you, I want to wish you a very Blessed and Merry Christmas.

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Next Meeting Sunday, Jan. 11th 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Meet in Martha Jane Room

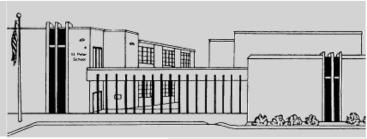
All 7th, 8th, & 9th graders & their friends welcome!



Saints Alive! TBD 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 December 28, 2025

A Message from Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh

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

7th graders wrapped up their cell unit with an incredible 3D cell project!











CONGRATULATIONS 6th GRADE DARE GRADUATES





Christmas Break

December 19-January 5





Merry Christmas!

The teachers and staff of St. Peter School wish to extend to everyone a very Blessed and Merry Christmas!
May you and your family keep Jesus in your hearts throughout this joyful season!

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Fr. Leo's column continued..

Just a reminder that next Thursday, January 1st, is a Holyday of Obligation for all Catholics as we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God. Our Mass schedule will be as follows: Vigil Mass for the Holyday, Wednesday, December 31st will be at 5:00 p.m. Then our Mass on the Holyday itself, January 1st, will be at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Please join us as we celebrate this Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: Rules for buying gifts for men:

- 1. Never buy a man anything that says, "some assembly required" on the box. It will ruin his special day and he will always have parts left over.
- 2. When in doubt, buy him a cordless drill. It does not matter if he already has one. I have a friend who owns 17 and he has yet to complain. As a man, you can never have too many cordless drills. No one knows why.
- 3. If you are really, really broke, buy him anything for his car. A 99 cent ice scraper, a small bottle of deicer, or something to hang from his rear view mirror. Men love gifts for their cars. No one knows why.
- 4. Rope. Men love ropes. It takes us back to our cowboy origins, or at least the Boy Scouts. Nothing says love like a hundred feet of 3/8 manila rope. No one knows why.
- 5. Buy men label makers. They are almost as good as cordless drills. Within a couple of weeks there will be labels absolutely everywhere. Socks, Shorts, Cups, Saucers, Door, Lock, Sink. You get the idea. No one knows why.

Mark Your Calendar

Mon. Dec. 29:

Tues. Dec. 30:

Wed. Dec. 31: Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Parish Office Closed

Thurs. Jan. 1: Masses at 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

Parish Office Closed

Fri. Jan. 2: Parish Office Closed

Sat. Jan. 3:

Sun. Jan. 4:

~John & Barb Meyer ~Elias Erd ~Isabella Benner ~Amy Seibert ~Hunter Hildebrand ~Terri May ~Jo Buckley ~Kathy Schuckman ~Mary Lavery ~Nancy Boh

~Mary Lavery ~Nancy Bohan ~Joyce Shipp ~Julie Eftink ~Virginia Hunter ~Bill Morrison

~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

Darin & Cathy Green

Please keep the following in your prayers:

~Jordyn Holtmeyer ~lan 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/stpeterguincy



WEEKLY COLLECTION

	Loose Collections	Because of	
	Regular Collections	the Holiday,	
	Annual School Fund	December 20th/21st & Christmas	
	Holy Days		
	Totals	collections will be in a	
	Total Budget Goal	later bulletin.	
	Difference		

Diocesan Collections

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New Year's Mass Times

New Year's Eve (12/31): 5:00 p.m. New Year's Day (1/1): 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

EMHC & Usher Sign Up for New Year Masses

We need Eucharistic ministers and ushers for the New Year's Eve and New Year's Day Masses. Please signup in the Narthex if you can help. Thank you!

Parish Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed Wed., 12/31 thru Friday 1/2.

Social Concerns Collection

Social Concerns will be collecting adult/kid gloves & hats, adult/kid socks, bedding: sheets, blankets, comforters, mattress cover next weekend, January 3-4 for the 1st Sunday collection for the Ladies of Charity. Containers will be located in the Narthex. Thank you in advance!

2026 Calendars

We now have the new 2026 calendars in the Narthex. Please take one. If you know someone in a nursing home, or that is staying at home right now, take one for them too.

St. Peter Pancake & Sausage Breakfast Jan. 25th

The Rock: Men of St. Peter is hosting a pancake and sausage breakfast on January 25, 2026 from 8am to 12:30 pm. This event will help kickoff Catholic Schools Week.

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.

Blessed Sacrament Job Opening

Blessed Sacrament Church is seeking to fill the role of **full time Parish Secretary** to support the daily operations of our parish. This position is open for **immediate hire**. The role is ideal for someone who enjoys working with people, has strong administrative skills, and is comfortable using technology and databases to keep parish life running smoothly. For more information, please contact Audreana Derhake at 217-222-2759 or faithformation@blessedscs.org.

Our New Website for Church and School

We are excited to announce that our new website, www.stpeterquincy.com, will be launching on January 12, 2026. This website will be replacing both the current church website, www.cospq.org, as well as our school website, www.stpeterschool.com. Please update your bookmarks accordingly. For questions, please contact Andrew Goerlich at 217 -222-3155 or a.goerlich@cospq.org.

OND Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

The Annual QND Pancake and Sausage Breakfast will be Sunday, January 11th from 8:30am-12:30pm in the QND cafeteria. The cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. (Children under 5 eat free). All proceeds benefit the Catholic Heart Workcamp trip this summer.

QND Cheerleaders' Winter Camp

The QND Cheerleaders will be hosting their annual winter camp for ages 3 through 8th grade on January 17th. Check in starts at 5:30. Camp is \$35 and includes t-shirt, pizza, snacks and admission to the game. Campers will perform at half time of the Varsity basketball game. Use the link to register by January 14th to guarantee t-shirt size. Walk ins are welcome.

Questions contact ONDCheer@QuincyNotreDame.org. https://forms.gle/2u6EUSCbPAz84WXw8

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!

Wednesday: 2:00-3:00am, 3:00-4:00am

Friday: 1:00-2:00am Saturday: 2:00-3:00pm

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 W. at (217) 257-9966. Thank you!

January 2026 Usher Schedule

Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Mass

Lead Usher: Steve Sturhahn **Ushers:** Dave Reis, Ray Koenig, Bob Rakers, Rodney Becks

Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Mass

Lead Usher: Tom Hellhake **Ushers** Nick Terwelp, Gary Zanger, John Cunningham, Nathan Koetters

Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Mass

Lead Usher Robert Johnson **Ushers:** Jil Johnson, Eric Kasparie, Martin Ohnemus, Jeremy Stegeman

Sunday, 11:00 a.m. Mass

Lead Usher: Steve Koester **Ushers:** Jim Deters, Gary Frericks. Steve Adair. Tim Haubrich

January 2026 EMHC Schedule

Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Mass – Tom Klene (1), Sharron Mitten (2), Helen Terstriep (3), John Terstriep (4), Holy VanderBol (5), Kent Anderson (6)

Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Mass - Connie & George Schrage (1 & 2), Katie Stegner (3), Mark Strieker (4), Nina Taylor (5), Lori Terwelp (6)

Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Mass – Lanie Mast (1), Maria Mast (2), Sharron & Steven Shaw (3 & 4), Laurie Stegeman & Martin Stegeman (5 & 6)

Sunday, 11:00 a.m. Mass - Michelle & Nathan Bozarth (1 & 2), Dianne Deters & Jim Deters (3 & 4), Monica Epping (5), Julie Radel (6)

St. Peter Men's Group New Initiative

We are excited to announce that the St. Peter Men's Group will be starting a new initiative in 2026. The new group name is The Rock: Men of St. Peter. Please look for upcoming information with new events and programs that will be available for all men of the parish. There will be something for all men to engage in worship, fellowship, service, and faith formation to enhance their spiritual journey together. Contact Doug Greenwell 217-242-4518 or Mark Strieker 217-316-0080

Blessed Sacrament Scouts Christmas Tree Pick-up

Scout BSA Troop 1 from Blessed Sacrament Parish is holding their annual Christmas tree pick-up on Saturdays Jan. 3 & 10. Fee is \$10. All tinsel, decorations, lights and stand must be removed from trees. To schedule pick-up: Venmo your name, address, phone number & payment to @Amanda-Doellman or call/text 573-494-2941.

Please have your tree outside by 8:00 a.m. on your scheduled pick-up day.

Thank you for supporting scouting!

Parish in Action







Chalking of the Doorway

Use chalk, blessed by our priests, to inscribe this message above your doors on the Feast of the Epiphany

Jan. 6, 2026

as a request for Christ to bless your home, those who dwell there, and those who enter throughout the entire year.