



St. Peter Parish Quincy, IL

~Mass Intentions~

January 5-11, 2026

- 5. Monday 8:00 a.m.
Robert Halter
- 6. Tuesday 8:00 a.m.
Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Wand
- 7. Wednesday 8:20 a.m.
Don Adolfs
- 8. Thursday 8:00 a.m.
Julia Maas
- 9. Friday 8:00 a.m.
Ann Anderson
- 10. Saturday 8:00 a.m.
Dave Huseman
- 10. Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Tom Lepper
- 11. Sunday 8:00 a.m.
Our Parish Family
- 11. Sunday 9:30 a.m.
Brett Miller
- 11. Sunday 11:00 a.m.
Zak Haubrich

— 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 Epiphany of the Lord Solemnity, January 4, 2026

Dear Parishioners,

This is our first bulletin for our new year, 2026. As we gather this weekend as parish family, I hope and pray that God's many blessings will be bestowed upon each of you and that all of us will experience these blessings and be filled with gratitude and thanksgiving. And so my prayer for each of you is the prayer of blessing by Moses upon the people of Israel:

MAY THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU!

MAY THE LORD LET HIS FACE SHINE UPON YOU AND BE GRACIOUS TO YOU!

MAY THE LORD LOOK UPON YOU KINDLY AND GIVE YOU PEACE!

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. The word "epiphany" means a manifestation or a "showing" of Jesus to all nations and peoples. The first Christmas in Bethlehem showed Jesus to the people of Israel, a manifestation to them represented by the shepherds. This Epiphany manifests Jesus now to the entire world, represented by the Magi who came from afar to worship this newborn king. Perhaps the best summary of our celebration today is found in our responsorial psalm for our vigil Mass which proclaimed, "All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God;" or for the Mass itself, "Lord, every nation on earth will adore you." God's gift of His Son is now revealed as a gift to humanity. But as we hear in our gospel, there were some who refused this gift, who saw it as a threat to their political power, namely Herod. His irrational jealousy toward this newborn king led him with a desire to destroy this child who was a threat to Him. Thankfully, the magi were smart enough to see through this irrational behavior and went back another way.

On this Solemnity of the Epiphany we remember the Magi, those characters who represented us that first Christmas. We remember Melchior, an old man with white hair and a long beard who offered gold to the Lord as to a king; we remember Gaspar, young, beardless, of ruddy hue, offered to Jesus his gift of incense, the homage due divinity; and we remember Baltasar, the man of black complexion, with a heavy beard, who offered myrrh which would prefigure the death of the Son of Man. These memories come to us through Venerable Bede who provided the colorful details. As is the custom, you are invited to take some chalk and chalk your doorway with the following: **20+C+M+B+26**. The understanding of this custom is by doing this we are requesting Christ to bless our homes, those who dwell there, and those who enter throughout the entire year. Chalk will be available this weekend to inscribe this message above your doors on the Solemnity of the Epiphany.

I know that you have experienced me bragging about the decorations of our Church as they always are simple but beautiful, as they reflect the season of Christmas. I thank our committee for their skills. But I also want to personally thank Nate Frericks and Frericks nursery for their generous donation of all of our poinsettia plants that reflect the beauty of this season. If you happen to see Nate and any of the Frericks family, please personally thank them for helping St. Peter Church to be such a beautiful place for worship.

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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 January 4, 2026

A Message from Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh

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

3rd grade made a blanket for Jesus' Baby Shower



Mrs. Claus made a special visit to preschool!

Kindergarten celebrated their annual Ginger Bread House making day with parents.



SCHOOL MENU

Monday: No School
Tuesday: Pepperoni pizza, ro-maine salad, yogurt, fruit.
Wednesday: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit.
Thursday: Popcorn chicken, hash brown, peas, fruit.
Friday: Hot dog on bun, curly fries, baked beans, fruit.

Happy New Year!

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

WELCOME BACK!!

Monday, Jan. 5: Teacher In-service.
Tuesday, Jan. 6: School resumes with full bus service.
Wednesday, Jan. 7: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Feast Day—students in this house wear house shirts with dress code bottoms; 8:20 Children's Mass—5th grade in charge.
Thursday, Jan. 8: Adoration.
Friday, Jan. 9: Quarter 2 report cards sent home.

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Fr. Leo's column continued..

As we begin this new year I hope and pray that our parishioners will be more honest with us and themselves. As many of your know, we are asking our school families to put in the collection basket little cards indicating their presence at Mass. It is our way of encouraging them to attend Mass while also helping them benefit by giving them the participating rate of tuition for parishioners. The unfortunate part is that our ushers have seen and I myself have seen grandparents putting in these cards without the children even being present. Let's teach honesty and practice it ourselves.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: A guy goes into his dentist's office because something was wrong with his mouth. After a brief exam the dentist exclaims, "Holy Smoke! The plate I installed in your mouth six months ago is almost totally corroded. What on earth have you been eating?"

"Well....the only thing I can think of is this...my wife made me some asparagus about four months ago and had this great tasting sauce on it....Hollandaise sauce she called it....and Doc that stuff is delicious. Ever since I have been putting it on everything I eat...meat, fish, toast, vegetables...you name it."

"That explains it" says the dentist. "Hollandaise sauce is made with lemon juice, which is acidic and highly corrosive. I am going to have to install a new plate, but made out of chrome this time."

"Why chrome?" the man asked.
"Well, everyone knows there's no plate like chrome for the Hollandaise!"
Let the groans begin.

Mrs. Leo J. Eubank

Mark Your Calendar

Mon. Jan. 5:
Tues. Jan. 6: OCIA 7:00 p.m., Martha Jane Room
Wed. Jan. 7: Ladies Cursillo 1:30 p.m., Fr. Bauer Prayer Room
PSR 6:30 p.m., School
Thurs. Jan. 8: St. Veronica's Guild 8:30 a.m., Lower Level Conf. Room
Fri. Jan. 9:
Sat. Jan. 10:
Sun. Jan. 11: Adoration 5:45 p.m., Church
FOUND 6:30 p.m., Martha Jane Room

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
~Darin & Cathy Green	~Joyce Shipp	~Cheryl Liesen
~Donna Schutte	~Virginia Hunter	~Lori Eaton
~John Douglas Holford	~Norman Kemner	~Ellie Peters
~Sarah Sturhahn Stegeman	~Pat Arnold	
~Maria (Eberhardt) Sparrow	~Ken Althoff	
~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.

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 the Pushpay link below to start your yearly giving. Any questions please contact the parish office.

<https://pushpay.com/g/stpeterquincy>

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

	December 21	Total to Date
Loose Collections	\$1,502.00	\$29,153.13
Regular Collections	\$76,712.61	\$744,349.14
Annual School Fund	\$12,070.00	\$185,221.51
Holy Days	\$350.00	\$11,297.56
Totals	\$90,634.61	\$970,021.34
Total Budget Goal	\$32,000.00	\$800,000.00
Difference	\$58,634.61	\$170,021.34
	Dec. 25 & 28	Total to Date
Loose Collections	\$1,451.28	\$30,604.41
Regular Collections	\$30,050.77	\$774,399.91
Annual School Fund	\$6,259.90	\$191,481.41
Christmas Loose	\$3,936.00	
Christmas Collect.	\$19,547.00	
Holy Days	\$90.00	\$34,870.56
Totals	\$61,334.95	\$1,031,356.29
Total Budget Goal	\$32,000.00	\$832,000.00
Difference	\$29,334.95	\$199,356.29

Diocesan Collections

Justice & Hope: \$100.00 Retired Religious: \$675.00
Catholic Home Mission: \$1,603.00 Other: \$155.00

Haiti Sister Parish Collections

Collected \$3,777.75



Rest in Peace
May the soul of
Connie Niemann
sing praises with the Angels in Heaven forever.



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

St. Veronica Guild
The St. Veronica Guild will meet **Thursday, Jan. 8th** in the Lower Level of the rectory at 8:30 a.m., making prayer shawls & blankets for those who need to feel the love of Jesus in a time of need. All are welcome, please join us!

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.

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.


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.

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.

Quincy Catholic Charities Part-Time Job Opening
Quincy Catholic Charities is seeking a part-time Office Assistant. The hours for this position are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30-4:30, with some flexibility to determine the set schedule. Interested candidates can apply on Indeed. For additional information you may reach out to Kevin Williams, Area Director at Williams_qcc@cc.dio.org.

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 QNDCheer@QuincyNotreDame.org.
<https://forms.gle/2u6EUSCbPAz84WXw8>

St. Peter Christmas Decorations: We Remember
Deceased members of the Camacho and Johnson Families
By: Mario & Ginny Camacho
Carl Vogel
By: Huebotter, Simons & Vogel Families
Mr. & Mrs. Joe Moore and Mr. & Mrs. Robert Siepker
By: Tom & Susie Moore



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!

Quincy Catholic Young Adult Group
The Quincy Catholic Young Adult Group is hosting a Christmas Party on January 7th, 6:30pm at the Saint Peter's Cafeteria. We are a young adult group (ages ~20-30) that focuses on fun, faith and fellowship. For those joining our group, we would appreciate it if you would bring a small snack to share and your favorite board game or two!

Adoration on January 11
Please join us for Eucharistic Adoration on Sunday, January 11th from 5:45pm until 7:00pm. There will be a reflection by Ashleigh Wisslead at 5:45pm with Adoration from 6:00pm until 7:00pm. This is an open Adoration hour, come for as long as you are able.

Knights of Columbus Calendar Raffle
The Knights of Columbus "2026 Calendar Raffle" is in progress which helps support many local charitable causes such as QND, Ladies of Charity and Birthright. Please consider purchasing a raffle calendar for \$25. A winner every day of the year with over \$24,000 in cash prizes. And they make Great Christmas Gifts.
The raffle calendars are available at the K of C east building during business hours or by calling Mike Schlipmann at 217-653-9318 or John Veith at 217-653-0258.

Blessed Sacrament Scouts Christmas Tree Pick-up
Scout BSA Troop 1 from Blessed Sacrament Parish is holding their annual Christmas tree pick-up on Saturday Jan. 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, and 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.

QND 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.

Parish in Action

New Year New Spark  *2026*

JANUARY DATE NIGHT: MISSION IMPOSSIBLE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30
6 - 8 P.M.

YOUR MISSION: CALLING ALL COUPLES! Go on a date night and receive a bonus \$25 to help cover the cost of your date. FREE childcare for ages 3-12.

*Everyone must CHECK IN @ Quincy Children's Museum (115 N 4th St.)
REGISTER EARLY: Childcare is limited to 60 children.



SCAN CODE TO REGISTER

Pick up chalk after Mass Jan. 3-4.



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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.