



St. Peter Parish Quincy, IL

Second Sunday of Advent, December 7, 2025

~Mass Intentions~

December 8-14, 2025

- 8. Monday 8:20 a.m.
DJ Venvertloh
- 8. Monday 12:10 p.m.
Bobbie Ehrhardt
- 8. Monday 6:00 p.m.
Ted Kemner
- 9. Tuesday 8:00 a.m.
Jerry Kemner
- 10. Wednesday 8:20 a.m.
Loren Tournear
- 11. Thursday 8:00 a.m.
John McCourt
- 12. Friday 8:00 a.m.
Jim Schlipmann
- 13. Saturday 8:00 a.m.
Janet Shaughnessy
- 13. Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Dan Frericks
- 14. Sunday 8:00 a.m.
Robert & Joanne Schlepffhorst
- 14. Sunday 9:30 a.m.
Our Parish Family
- 14. Sunday 11:00 a.m.
Barbara & Ken Wolf

— 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.

Dear Parishioners,

We gather on this Second Sunday of Advent in the words of St. John the Baptist, to “prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His paths.” So, on this Second Sunday the Church introduces us to that Advent figure of John the Baptist. He was a figure who wore clothing made of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey, an interesting menu from the desert in which we find him. But there was something about him that made him very attractive, as people gathered around him to hear his message and to be baptized by him as they acknowledged their sins. As he met so many people coming to him, he challenged them to produce good fruit as proof of their willingness to change. Advent then becomes a time of change for us, changing from living in terms of this world only and somehow making our lives ready for the coming of Christ. There is hope for all of us. In our first reading from Isaiah, the prophet uses an image of a sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom. If you ever travel through the forest or woods, you will encounter fallen trees. And what we would find in these fallen trees, are blossoms sprouting forth from the remnants of the tree, new life in the midst of brokenness and death. That is the hope Isaiah provides, helping us realize that new blossoms can still bud in our lives. This is our hope for Advent as we await the Lord whose coming gives us life and helps us bear fruit.

This Monday, December 8th, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. It is a Holyday of Obligation for all Catholics. But because the vigil of this Solemnity falls on a Sunday, the Second Sunday of Advent takes precedence so there is NO VIGIL MASS ON SUNDAY EVENING. Our Mass schedule for the Holyday is as follows: 8:20 Mass at St. Peter, 10:30 Mass at QND, 12:10 Mass and 6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Peter Church. Please join us for our celebration as we honor Mary under this title as the patron of our diocese and our country. Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, pray for us.

As we announced at our Masses last weekend, our Advent parish mission needed to be cancelled. The sudden death of Fr. Zehnle necessitated that we cancel our mission, especially since his death affected the life and vocation of our mission presenter. So, I ask you to pray for him and we will try to reschedule our mission in the future.

I also want to address an issue with you regarding Mass attendance when the weather is not conducive to being out and traveling in it. I remind you, especially the elderly and the sick, that they are not obliged to attend Mass when it’s impossible to be present because of ice and snow. Just please stay home under these circumstances and don’t risk getting out and falling and breaking a hip or leg. Under such circumstances, please stay safe at home. It is not a sin to stay home when the weather or road conditions make it difficult. The Church does not ask the impossible of us.

If you haven’t turned in your stewardship commitment cards, there is still time to do so. Please take them to prayer and ask our Lord to help you discover what He is asking of you this year. Mail or put it in the collection basket.

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

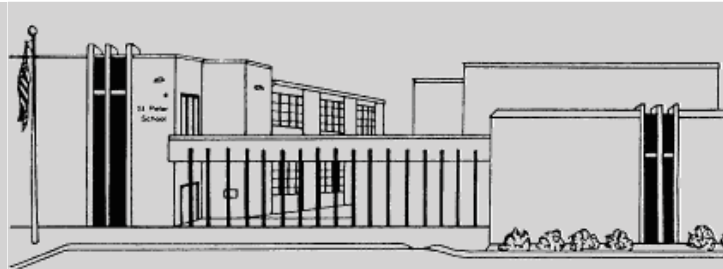
All 7th, 8th, & 9th graders & their friends welcome!



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 December 7, 2025

A Message from Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh

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

CELEBRATING THANKSGIVING



St. Peter Students celebrated Thanksgiving by having a HOUSE feast. Students were paired with their HOUSE buddies. They enjoyed a delicious feast provided by the PTA as they worked on a HOUSE banner that reflected everything they are thankful for.



ST. JUAN DIEGO WINNERS OF THE HOUSE RAP

The 10 HOUSES created a special HOUSE RAP song that helped everyone learn about their HOUSE virtue and their saint. Each HOUSE performed in front of a panel of 4 guest judges— Coach Jack Cornell (QND), Mrs. Diane Kasparie (QND), Mr. Josh Factor, and Mrs. Allie Walch (Tracy Family Foundation). Congratulations to HOUSE St. Juan Diego!!



SCHOOL MENU

Monday: French bread pizza, marinara, romaine salad, fruit.
Tuesday: Breaded chicken on bun, potato rings, corn, fruit.
Wednesday: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, fruit.
Thursday: Sausage/egg biscuit, hash brown, veggie juice, fruit.
Friday: Toasted cheese ravioli, pudding, carrots, fruit.

THIS WEEK

Monday, Dec. 8: **Immaculate Conception Mass** 8th grade in charge.
 Tuesday, Dec. 9 :
 Wednesday, Dec. 10: **Children's Mass** 7th grade in charge.
 Thursday, Dec. 11:
 Friday, Dec. 12:

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 2024-2025 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 of St. Peter
 2500 Maine Street
 Quincy, IL 62301
 Phone: 217-223-1120
 Website: www.stpeterschool.com
 Email: c.venvertloh@cospq.org

Fr. Leo's column continued..

An update on our construction: The last couple of weeks have allowed for good progress on the project. Steel is about 20% up, concrete floors on the 1st floor are 80% complete, and the mechanical rough ins on the 1st floor have been completed. The block layers were able to get the elevator pit up as well. With the current cold and snowy weather, we don't anticipate much movement this week and maybe next. Prayers for a slight warm-up would be helpful.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: An industrious turkey farmer was always experimenting with breeding to perfect a better turkey.

His family was fond of the leg portion for dinner and there were never enough legs for everyone. After many frustrating attempts, the farmer was relating the results of his efforts to his friends at the general store. "Well, I finally did it! I bred a turkey that has six legs."

They all asked the farmer how it tasted. "Don't know," said the farmer. "Never could catch the darn thing!"

Henny Youngman's Quotes:

1. I told the doctor I broke my leg in two places. He told me to quit going to those places.
2. I call my lawyer and say, "Can I ask you two questions?" He says, "What the second question?"
3. My wife is on a new diet. Coconuts and bananas. She hasn't lost weight, but can she climb a tree.
4. When God sneezed, I didn't know what to say.
5. "Doctor, my leg hurts. What can I do?" The doctor says "Limp!"

Mary. Lisa J. Eubank

Mark Your Calendar

Mon. Dec. 8: Holy Day Masses: 8:20 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 6:00 p.m., Church
Tues. Dec. 9: OCIA 7:00 p.m., Martha Jane Room
Wed. Dec. 10: Ladies Cursillo 1:30 p.m., Fr. Bauer Prayer Room
 PSR 6:30 p.m., School
Thurs. Dec. 11: St. Veronica's Guild 8:30 a.m., Lower Level Conf. Room
Fri. Dec. 12:
Sat. Dec. 13: Social Concerns Cookie Sale after Mass, Cafeteria
Sun. Dec. 14: Social Concerns Cookie Sale after Mass, Cafeteria

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



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 30	Total to Date
Loose Collections	\$876.50	\$25,627.13
Regular Collections	\$20,085.77	\$604,973.63
Annual School Fund	\$3,084.90	\$148,670.51
Holy Days	\$305.00	\$7,253.31
Totals	\$24,352.17	\$786,524.58
Total Budget Goal	\$32,000.00	\$704,000.00
Difference	(\$7,647.83)	\$82,524.58

Diocesan Collections

Quincy Catholic Cemeteries: \$105.00
 Catholic Times: \$15.00
 Justice & Hope: \$50.00

Haiti Sister Parish Collections

Collected \$512.75


Rest in Peace
 May the soul of
Donald McCleary
 sing praises with the Angels in Heaven forever.

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 or an 8:00 a.m. Mass on Monday.

Social Concerns 5th Sunday Collection

December 6 & 7 is the rescheduled Fifth Sunday collection for the Social Concerns Committee. This was postponed from last weekend. Please consider making a donation to help support our community. Thank you for your generosity!

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.

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.

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 everyday 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.

Fourth Day Renewal

Consider attending a Fourth Day Renewal to deepen your spiritual journey. If you have ever attended a Cursillo weekend, you are invited to attend. All are welcome - couples, singles, widowed, divorced, male and female. These 24 hours can be a real gift from God to you and a re-fueling of your Piety, Study, and Action. The December weekend begins on the 19th and 20, 2025 from 7pm Friday to 7pm Saturday) and is held at the Franciscan Retreat Center, Quincy, Il. Cost is \$55 per person. To learn more and to register online, go to <https://www.quincycursillo.com/applications/fourth-day-renewal/>, or contact Emily Goodapple, 217-242-8802."

Moving?

If you are moving, please call the parish office at 222-3155 to give us your new address.

Baptisms

Rex Jacob Bertram, son of Jacob & Aubrie (Grubbs) Bertram, was made a child of God through the reception of the sacrament of Baptism on Saturday, November 29, 2025.

Mabel Molly Hugenberg, daughter of Michael & Sophie (Borer) Hugenberg, was made a child of God through the reception of the sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, November 30, 2025.

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!

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)
- Wednesday: 1:00-2:00am
- 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!

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, please take one for them.

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 12, 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.

Great River Quest

Inviting all 13-15 year olds! Great River Quest, in Quincy IL, has a retreat coming up December 12-13, 2025(6p-6p). It's a fast paced 24 hour retreat aimed at helping youth to examine their relationship to God, self, and others in their lives. You get to make new friends and get to know the ones you come with better, all while having lots of fun! Please contact Caroline Wiewel 217-430-6086/questcoordinator@greatrivertec.org for questions or fill out an app online at www.greatrivertec.org/quest.

Parish in Action



DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD IN ILLINOIS
 OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

December, 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

I write to tell you about the upcoming 2025 collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. This annual appeal assists nearly 25,000 elderly sisters, brothers and religious order priests nationwide.

I am grateful for the significant influence that women and men religious, both past and present, have had on my own spiritual journey. I deeply appreciate their invaluable contributions to our diocese and the wider community. Perhaps you too have been touched by the kindness and guidance of an older woman or man religious who made a positive difference in your life.

We are called to recognize that many of our senior vowed religious have dedicated their lives to service, usually receiving little pay in return. Consequently, their religious communities face a shortage of retirement savings. Compounding this challenge are rising health-care costs and decreased income. Religious communities find it increasingly difficult to meet the day-to-day needs of aging members, including their medical expenses, nursing assistance and other necessities.

Your generous donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious provide vital financial support, enabling religious communities to care for their aging members.

I know you are frequently asked to support many worthy causes. I invite you to contribute whatever you can toward this year's collection. In addition to your financial contribution, please keep all our women and men religious in your prayers. May God's abundant blessings be upon you and your loved ones.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Thomas John Paprocki

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
 Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

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.

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: _____