



St. Peter Parish Quincy, IL

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 1, 2026

~Mass Intentions~

February 2-8, 2026

- 2. **Monday 8:00 a.m.**
Patrick Haugh
- 3. **Tuesday 8:00 a.m.**
Mr. & Mrs. Don Sturhahn
- 4. **Wednesday 8:20 a.m.**
Dan Barry
- 5. **Thursday 8:00 a.m.**
Leo Bauer
- 6. **Friday 8:00 a.m.**
Sue Miller
- 7. **Saturday 8:00 a.m.**
Dan Miller
- 7. **Saturday 5:00 p.m.**
Bob Soltys
- 8. **Sunday 8:00 a.m.**
Our Parish Family
- 8. **Sunday 9:30 a.m.**
Marty Peters
- 8. **Sunday 11:00 a.m.**
Bradley Havermale

— 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,

The month of January seems to have flown by. There is good news and bad news with the closing of this month. The good news is that Spring is much closer to becoming a reality for us. The bad news is that we continue to endure the uncertainty of the winter months. With the last frigid weather that brought the snowstorm, the idea of Spring around the corner is very appealing. But unfortunately we will deal with whatever Mother Nature will give us.

As we gather on this 1st day of February the Church continues to celebrate Ordinary Time as this Sunday is the 4th Sunday in this time called “ordinary.” Our second reading for our Mass today gives us much food for thought. Paul is writing to the Church at Corinth, and states, “consider your own calling, brothers and sisters.” Then he reminded the Corinthians and us, “Not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth.” Then he tells the Corinthians and us the in spite of our lacking in human qualities, God chose us so that everything we are and all that we do is from the grace of God in our lives. Then Paul continues, “God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong, and God chose the lowly and despised of the world, those who count for nothing, to reduce to nothing those who are something, so that no human being might boast before God.” If we are ever to boast it is boasting in the Lord. If you look at the lives of the saints, especially that of the Blessed Mother, they were people who experienced God’s saving grace in their lives, appreciated the charism given to them to live saintly lives, and were always grateful to God for filling their lives with His love and forgiveness. May each of us have the same humility and gratitude for all that God has given to us.

As you should know by now, Fr. Paul is still with his family in Kenya after suffering the death of his mother. He should be returning around the 12th of February. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.

This weekend, we bring to conclusion our Catholic School’s Week. Our Catholic School is an important part of our ministry and so I continue to ask your support of it through your prayers and generosity. I also want to publicly thank all of our teachers, their aides, our office personnel, maintenance staff, our kitchen personnel, as well as our DRE, as well as our principals, Cindy Venvertloh and Chris Reichert, as well as our parents who help us in so many ways. It takes many dedicated individuals who believe in what we do in our Catholic school to make it a ministry of our Church. Thank you, Thank you. Your sacrifices and commitment mean so much to the St. Peter Parish family.

Just a reminder that February 18th is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of our new season of Lent. At this point in time I know that we are not able to have all evening Masses during the week because of my illness and not wanting to overload Fr. Paul. What I am thinking of doing is having a Mass on each Wednesday during Lent with confessional time from 5:30-6:15 and Mass beginning at 6:30 p.m. Then on Friday, we will have the same confessional times, but then, instead of Mass, have the devotion of the Stations of the Cross and Benediction. It will be different from years before but we just don’t have the vocations to do everything.

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**Next Meeting
Sunday, Feb. 1st
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Meet in Martha Jane Room**

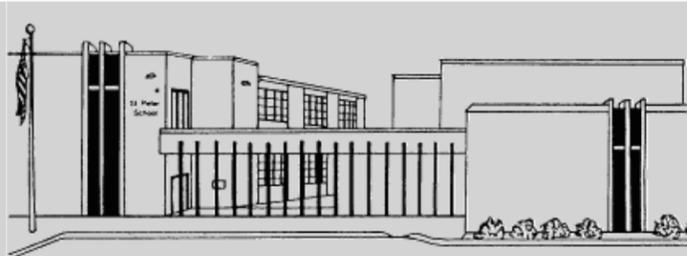
All 7th, 8th, & 9th graders & their friends welcome!



**Saints Alive!
February 10th
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 February 1, 2026

A Message from Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh

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

FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE MEMORIES



Although it was a cold, cold night, it did not keep our fathers and daughters from coming to the Winter Dance. Everyone had a great time celebrating and making wonderful memories.

Next week be on the lookout for more pictures to come from our Catholic Schools Week celebrations.

Teacher Openings—We are hiring! Come and be part of an outstanding and committed staff for the 2026-2027 School Year.

St. Peter School is accepting applications for full-time teaching positions for the 2026-2027 school year. We have a 4th grade position as well as a 7/8 grade Science/Religion/Reading position open. Applicants must hold an active Illinois teaching license and demonstrate enthusiasm and dedication to student success. As a Catholic school, we seek educators who are committed to fostering both academic excellence and spiritual growth in a faith-filled environment that supports the values of our Catholic tradition. Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume, and three letters of reference via email to c.venvertloh@cospq.org or by mail to Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh, Principal, St. Peter School, 2500 Maine Street, Quincy, IL 62301. For inquiries, please contact the school office at 217-223-1120. St. Peter School wages are based on years of experience and education ranging from \$33,000 to \$70,000 depending upon education and experience. More specific information will be provided upon request. A summary of benefits can be found at <https://dio.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/2026-Benefits-Flyer-2.pdf>.

SCHOOL MENU

Monday: French toast sticks, sausage, veggie juice, fruit.
Tuesday: Popcorn chicken, hash brown, carrots, fruit.
Wednesday: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, corn, fruit.
Thursday: Hot dog on bun, smiley fries, baked beans, fruit.
Friday: Pepperoni pizza, pudding, peas, fruit.

THIS WEEK

Monday, Feb. 2: **Virtual Rosary** rescheduled at 8:30; students dress Monochromatic (1 color). **Last day** to collect items for **Souper Bowl of Caring**.

Tuesday, Feb. 3:

Wednesday, Feb. 4: **8:20 Children's Mass—1st grade** in charge; **Preschool Open House 6-7 pm**.

Thursday, Feb. 5: Adoration

Friday, Feb. 6: **Quarter 3 mid-term; Spirit Day**; be sure to bring in your Spirit Day donation for Hayden Ware to be able to wear your Spirit Day shirt and jeans!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE
February 4, from 6-7 p.m.

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..

After a telephone meeting with a doctor at the Siteman Center at Barnes Hospital, it was determined that my best course of action was to continue chemo every other week until mid April when I would be reevaluated by then again. Just keeping you informed and thanking you for your prayers. They are working.

Last Sunday we had the first annual Men's sausage and pancake breakfast served in our cafeteria. I was able to enjoy this breakfast after the 11:00 a.m. Mass and need to commend our men for a very delicious brunch. These guys did an excellent job of cooking, serving and cleaning up afterward. For those who did not come down, you missed an excellent breakfast. Please consult the bulletin for the next gathering of the men.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: Middle Age

A man has reached middle age when he is cautioned to slow down by his doctor instead of the police.

Middle age is having a choice of two temptations and choosing the one that will get you home earlier.

At my age, "getting a little action" means I don't need to take a laxative.

Don't worry about avoiding temptation. As you grow older, it will avoid you.

You know you're getting old when you stop buying green bananas.

It's hard to be nostalgic when you can't remember anything.

You're getting old when you wake up with that morning after feeling, and you didn't do anything the night before.

You're getting old when you're sitting in a rocker and you can't get it started.

Magi. Leo J. Eulow

Mark Your Calendar

Mon. Feb. 2:

Tues. Feb. 3: Ladies Bible Study 8:30 a.m., Martha Jane Room

OCIA 7:00 p.m., Martha Jane Room

Wed. Feb. 4: Ladies Cursillo 1:30 p.m., Fr. Bauer Prayer Room

PSR 6:30 p.m., School

Thurs. Feb. 5:

Fri. Feb. 6:

Sat. Feb. 7:

Sun. Feb. 8:

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	~Pat Arnold
~John Douglas Holford	~Norman Kemner	~Ken Althoff
~Sarah Sturhahn Stegeman	~Norman Kemner	~Abram Kelle
~Maria (Eberhardt) Sparrow	~Ellie Peters	
~Lori Eaton	~Anonymous	~Dick Hopkins
~Vincent Holtmeyer	~Ian Mehaffy	~Mary Neuser
~Jordyn Holtmeyer	~Emmett Hertle	~Rinley Barry
~Bonnie Haubrich	~Tom Friye	
~Winnie Vogel		



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

	January 25	Total to Date
Loose Collections	\$705.00	\$34,646.41
Regular Collections	\$35,221.17	\$922,153.48
Annual School Fund	\$8,315.00	\$214,521.41
Holy Days	\$0.00	\$38,683.56
Totals	\$44,241.17	\$1,210,004.86
Total Budget Goal	\$42,000.00	\$1,000,000.00
Difference	\$2,241.17	\$210,004.86

Diocesan Collections

Catholic Times: \$210.00; Retired Religious: \$150.00
 Retired Diocesan Priests: \$200.00 Seminarians: \$200.00
 Quincy Catholic Charities: \$200.00 Others: \$580.00

Haiti Sister Parish Collections

Collected \$1,915.00

Parish in Action

Social Concerns Collection

Social Concerns will be collecting laundry detergent, dish soap, canned fruit, soup, hamburger helper, jelly this weekend, Jan. 31-Feb. 1 for the 1st Sunday collection for Catholic Charities. Containers will be located in the Narthex. Thank you!

Coffee & Donuts and Blood Pressures Next Sunday

Please join us this Sunday, Feb. 1, after all Masses in the cafeteria for Coffee & Donuts and blood pressure screenings.

Sunshine Crew Lent 2026 Signup!

St. Peter Parish is asking for parishioners to sign up to be part of our Sunshine Crew. This ministry reaches out to our Homebound/Nursing Home parishioners through letters and cards during Lent. If you are interested in signing up, we are asking you to send a letter, card, note with children's artwork, etc., WEEKLY during Lent 2026 (6 weeks total). Once you sign up via the Signup Genius link below, you will be emailed the Name and Address of a Homebound/Nursing Home parishioner before Monday, February 16, 2026. Please help us bring some sunshine to our Homebound/Nursing Home parishioners! If you have any questions or need assistance signing up, please contact Jodi McDonald (5mcdonaldsjc@gmail.com) or Lyn Strieker (Lstriecker@cospq.org). Signup Genius link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0B4CA5AE22A64-61802075-stpeter>

Quincy Catholic School Chess Tournament

Calling all chess players! Quincy Catholic Chess Club is hosting a chess tournament at St. Peter's cafeteria on February 21. Anyone K-8 is welcome to attend. Cost is \$10 per child. Starts at 8:00am and should conclude by 12:30pm. To register or ask questions, please contact Chris Gill at fishgills1208@gmail.com. Deadline to register is February 17.

Quincy University's 36th annual Chili Cook-Off

The Mart Heinen Club of Quincy University will be holding the 36th annual Chili Cook-Off on Sunday, February 1, from 11am until 2pm in the QU Health & Fitness Center & Hall of Fame Room, 19th and Oak. Admission is \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 per family at the door. Sample various chilies and soups and vote for your favorites.

Holy Land Pilgrimage with Fr. Zach Samples, Fr. Alex McCullough and Fr. Sam Rosko

Walk in the footsteps of Jesus this coming October 11-24, 2026. Together, we will visit the Sea of Galilee, Nazareth, Bethlehem, and more. We'll have the opportunity to visit all of the important sites from Jesus's life and have Masses in the very places where Jesus walked. The tour will also take us to Jordan and to Cairo to see the pyramids. If you are interested in joining the trip, sign up here:

<https://www.holylandtoursllc.com/tour/789>.

If you have any questions, email Fr. Zach at zsamples@dio.org.

Annual Rosary Prayer Service

The Annual 'Rosary Prayer Service' will be held on Wednesday, February 11, 2026 at 1:30pm on the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes at 'Our Lady of Lourdes of Ghost Hollow Grotto'. The Grotto is located at the corner of 4507 Ghost Hollow and Herleman Roads, Quincy, IL 62305. All are invited. Dress for the weather and bring a folding chair.

For information contact Janice E. Pohlman at 217-257-2400.

End Of Year Statements

End of year statements have been emailed to you on 1/23/26. If you did not have an email on file, your statement is in the Narthex. Instructions on how to retrieve your statement online are located in the Narthex.

If you have any questions, please contact Kristi in the parish office at 217-222-3155.

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 1, 3, 5)

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 getting together February 4th, 6:30pm at the Saint Peter's Fr Bauer Room. We are a young adult group (ages ~20-30) that focuses on fun, faith and fellowship. All are welcome to hear a talk given by a special guest about Lent and how to fast Biblically.

St. Edward Annual Whole Hog Sausage & Pancake Day

St. Edward Church, Mendon, Annual Whole Hog Sausage and Pancake Day with biscuits and gravy. Sunday, February 8 from 7:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Adults \$12; 10 and under \$6. To place a meat order by February 4 call Lindsey at 430-7437 or stedwardsmeatorders@gmail.com.

Lenten Retreat

"Heaven Meets Earth: A Journey through the Holy Mass"

The Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women invites all women to their annual Lenten Retreat at Villa Maria in Springfield, Feb 24th - 25th with Retreat Director, Sister Margaret Schreiber OP, PhD.

What a wonderful time for spiritual presentations, prayer, Holy Mass, Confession, fellowship and much more! Bring your sister, your mom, and your friend. All are welcome! Registration forms with cost and further information is available in your parish office. Deadline to register is Feb 14th. Contact Mary Ann Sullivan 217-822-1928.

Women's Cursillo Weekend #382

"Women's Cursillo weekend #382 will be held February 19 through February 22, 2026 at the Franciscan Retreat Center in Quincy. During this three day experience, those attending pray together, celebrate the Eucharist, listen to talks given by priests, religious and laypersons, and share the fellowship of Jesus Christ and each other. It provides a casual and relaxed experience in a Christian community.

Cost of the weekend is \$186 with lodging and all meals provided. A partial monetary gift to defray the cost is available. For more information or to receive an application, please contact Emily Goodapple, 217-242-8802 or go to <https://quincycursillo.com> to print one."

February 2026 Usher Schedule

Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Mass

Lead Usher: Alan Boone **Ushers:** Chuck Fitch, Tom Moore, Doug Sperry, Mark Wiewel

Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Mass

Lead Usher: Kent Schrecke **Ushers:** Dave Kuhl, Isaac Scoggin, Kurk Stuckman, Dale Venvertloh

Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Mass

Lead Usher: Eric Entrup **Ushers:** Harold Ellerbrock, Steve Green, Russ Hinkamper, Chris Robnett

Sunday, 11:00 a.m. Mass

Lead Usher: Tom Strieker **Ushers:** Tim Brenner, Mario Camacho, Patrick McDonald, Jim Scott

February 2026 EMHC Schedule

Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Mass - Louis Anderson (1), Meg Fitch (2), Tim Oitker (3), Joe Ormond (4), Signe Oakley (5), Karen Wolf (6)

Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Mass - Sara Bradfield (1), Jean Cook (2), Nick Moran (3), Bob Musolino (4), Jeff Norton (5), Richard Taylor (6)

Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Mass - Mindy Entrup (1), Jean Green (2), Barb Holtmeyer (3), Matt Holtmeyer (4), Mike Schwartz (5), Brian Terstegge (6)

Sunday, 11:00 a.m. Mass - Luke Bealor (1), Karen Disseler (2), Jennifer Kewney (3), Mindee & Lydia Miller (4&5), Mary Jo Viau (6)



February 2026

Wed 4 6:30 PM	Fellowship <i>Meet and Greet - The Range at KC</i> <i>Pizza and drink provided</i>
Wed 11 7pm	Formation <i>Faith Witness Talk</i> <i>Meeting in Cafeteria</i>
Wed 18	Ash Wednesday - No Meeting <i>"We are dust"</i> <i>Mass times - 8:20am, 12:10 & 6:30</i>
Wed 25 7:30 PM	Worship <i>Rosary and Prayers</i> <i>Meeting in the Church</i>