



St. Peter Parish Quincy, IL

~Mass Intentions~

January 12-18, 2026

- 12. Monday 8:00 a.m.
Marjorie Bergman
- 13. Tuesday 8:00 a.m.
Barbara Wolf
- 14. Wednesday 8:20 a.m.
Joe Mason
- 15. Thursday 8:00 a.m.
Anita Lavery
- 16. Friday 8:00 a.m.
Roger Frankenhoff
- 17. Saturday 8:00 a.m.
DJ Venvertloh
- 17. Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Norm & Ruth Schmelzle
- 18. Sunday 8:00 a.m.
Our Parish Family
- 18. Sunday 9:30 a.m.
Bob Soltys
- 18. Sunday 11:00 a.m.
Frank Poore

— 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 Baptism of the Lord Feast, January 11, 2026

Dear Parishioners,

Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. This is the official day that we conclude our Christmas season and return to what is called “ordinary time.” However, between last weekend and this warmer week, we were able to dismantle our Christmas decorations and return our Church to its normal beauty, a week before our official end. I do want to thank all those who assisted us in taking down our Christmas decorations. It is always a sad time as the decorations come down and put away as our Christmas time comes to an end for another year.

Last weekend we celebrated the Solemnity of the Epiphany. This Solemnity celebrates Jesus being revealed to the Gentile world as its Lord and Savior. The Magi represent this non-Jewish world. Today, on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we have a second epiphany. This Epiphany reveals to us the only time in Scripture that the presence of the Triune God is revealed to us at one time. It is during the Baptism of Jesus, “He came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for Him and He saw the spirit of God descending like a dove upon Him. And a voice came from the heavens saying, ‘this is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.’” So the voice of the Father, the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove, and Jesus, God’s Son, all revealed to us as the Triune God. What an epiphany! As we recall Jesus’ baptism, perhaps it’s a time that we recall our own baptisms. For during our baptisms, the voice of the Lord also was very well pleased with each of us as chosen by God to be ever close to Him.

Fr. Paul recently received some very sad news. His mother has been in and out of hospitals in Kenya with pulmonary issues. This morning (Wednesday) he received word that she died. Our prayers are with him and his mother and family. I ask you to remember his mother in your prayers, Cecilia ngee Lesupati. He will be leaving from our parish within a day or two and will be returning sometime before Lent. Let’s pray, “eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen” “God is good, all the time. All the time, God is good.”

Just to let you know that we have recently hired Jaicee Griggs, as our new director of music and liturgy at St. Peter Church. Jaicee will be part-time until she completes her employment with the school district. We are very happy to have her accept this position and look forward to her sharing her talents and skills with us as we celebrate the liturgy of the Church. This is an important position as it helps us celebrate the liturgy of our Church, attempting to keep us focused and involved in congregational singing.

Recently our finance council decided that we needed to look at our budgeted goal as presented in our parish bulletin each week. This goal of \$32,000 was not matching the actual costs that we were having in our parish and school. Because of increases in salaries and insurance, a more realistic weekly goal would be \$42,000. This weekly goal would be more realistic as we try to meet our budgets each week. So when this appears in our bulletin this week, you will understand the rationale behind it. I ask you to continue your stewardship to our parish family and we will be able to meet the budgeted goals of our parish and school.

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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!

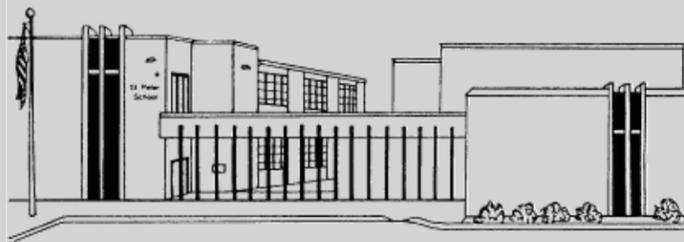


Let Me See
Your Halo

Saints Alive!
January 26th
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 January 11, 2026

A Message from Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh

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



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK IS ALMOST HERE!
Mark your Calendars for January 25-Jan 30
Shining the Light of Christ in Our Schools

It is so hard to believe that we are going to be celebrating Catholic Schools Week soon.

A full agenda of events will be sent to our school families as we get closer. We will be collecting food items for the Souper Bowl of Caring the entire week. The highest collecting classroom (per student) will earn an out of dress code week!

The following are a few highlights for our exciting week.

Saturday/Sunday, January 24th & 25th:

Students will participate in all of the masses by sharing in the readings, bringing up offertory and greeting people.

Monday, Jan. 26th:

Students dress monochromatic—all in one color. We will participate in a QCS virtual rosary. BINGO will take place in the gym.

Tuesday, Jan. 27th:

Classroom Theme Day choice.
Activity: Winter Olympics among the HOUSES.

Wednesday, Jan. 28th:

Western Day—students wear western wear!
Parents invited to join us for 8:20 Mass.
Parents invited to join us for 1:15 Talent Show in the Gym.

Thursday, Jan. 29th:

Pajama Day—Jesus and Jammies—PTA providing popcorn for Educational Movies

Friday, Jan. 30th:

Athletic Day—students wear athletic wear.
Annual 8th grade volleyball game held at 1:30.



We are on the look out!

Do you have a passion for trivia as well as working with students? If so, we have a great opportunity for you. We are on the lookout for one to two coaches for the 6th-8th grade St. Peter School Scholastic Bowl team.

Mrs. Laura Dighe and Mrs. Jodi McDonald have graciously coached our students for the last 10 years. They are ready to pass on the torch! Both will be helpful to the new coach or coaches that agree to organize the St. Peter School students. If you are interested in leading our students please be sure to contact Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh at c.venvertloh@cospq.org or 217-223-1120. Practices for Scholastic Bowl begin in January 2026.

SCHOOL MENU

Monday: Corn dog, curly fries, peas, fruit.

Tuesday: Hamburger on bun, smiley fries, mixed vegetables, fruit.

Wednesday: Nachos, fiesta corn, salsa, fruit.

Thursday: Grilled chicken on bun, hash brown, romaine salad, fruit.

Friday: French toast sticks, sausage, veggie juice, fruit.

THIS WEEK

Monday, Jan. 12: Launch of new school website!

Tuesday, Jan. 13:

Wednesday, Jan. 14: **8:20 Children's Mass**—4th grade in charge.

Thursday, Jan. 15: Talent Show Tryouts after school.

Friday, Jan. 16:

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Fr. Leo's column continued..

The St. Peter's Men's Group will be starting a new initiative in 2026. The new group name will be The Rock: Men of St. Peter Church. Please look for upcoming information with new events and programs that will be available for all men of the parish.

As we look ahead, in two weeks we will be celebrating Catholic School's Week for the Catholic schools here in Quincy. Saturday and Sunday, January 24-25th, students will begin this week by participating in all of the Masses by sharing in the readings, bringing up the gifts and greeting people. Through this week, let's take pride in what we have as we thank God for the gift of Catholic education present today and in the future.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: Although a bright and able man, my husband is almost completely helpless when faced with even the simplest domestic chore.

One day, in exasperation, I pointed out to him that our friend, Betty, had taught her husband Frank to cook, sew and do laundry, and that if anything happened to Betty, Frank would be able to care for himself.

Then I said, "What would you do if anything happened to me?"

After considering that possibility for a moment, my husband said happily, "I'd move in with Frank."

Mrs. Leo J. Eulow

Mark Your Calendar	
Mon. Jan. 12:	
Tues. Jan. 13:	OCIA 7:00 p.m., Martha Jane Room
Wed. Jan. 14:	Ladies Cursillo 1:30 p.m., Fr. Bauer Prayer Room PSR 6:30 p.m., School
Thurs. Jan. 15:	
Fri. Jan. 16:	Social Concerns Meeting 8:30 a.m., Martha Jane Room
Sat. Jan. 17:	
Sun. Jan. 18:	

Please keep the following in your prayers:

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| ~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 | ~Norman Kemner | ~Pat Arnold |
| ~Maria (Eberhardt) Sparrow | | ~Ken Althoff |
| ~Lori Eaton | ~Ellie Peters | |
| ~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

	January 4	Total to Date
Loose Collections	\$1,161.00	\$31,765.41
Regular Collections	\$26,722.90	\$801,122.81
Annual School Fund	\$6,960.00	\$198,441.41
Holy Days	\$3,573.00	\$38,443.56
Totals	\$38,416.90	\$1,069,773.19
Total Budget Goal	\$42,000.00	\$874,000.00
Difference	(\$3,583.10)	\$195,773.19

Diocesan Collections

Catholic Times: \$250.00 First Offering: \$462.00
Cath. Children's Home: \$70.00 Retired Religious: \$20.00
Central & Eastern Europe: \$50.00 Latin America: \$30.00

Haiti Sister Parish Collections

Collected \$1,814.00

Rest in Peace
May the souls of
Linda Mettemeyer and
Kirk Rodemich, Sr.
sing praises with the Angels in Heaven forever.

Adoration on January 11
 Please join us for Eucharistic Adoration this 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.

Social Concerns Meeting
 Social Concerns will be meeting **Friday, January 16** at 8:30 a.m. in the Martha Jane Room. All are welcome!

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study
 Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study Topic: Based on the Book of Ephesians, "Fearless and Free" Bible study focuses on healing and wholeness. Author Lisa Brenninkmeyer designed this Bible study for any woman confronting the reality that life isn't easy. When: Every Tuesday starting January 20th - February 24th Time: 8:30 am-9:00 am - social, study will start at 9:00 am and end by 10:30 am. If interested in joining this study, please contact Gina Bergman at 217-430-6080 or g.bergman@cospq.org by January 14th so we can order materials. Cost will be \$25 (book).

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.

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

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.

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>

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!

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 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

Men's Cursillo #381
 Men's Cursillo weekend #381 will be held January 22-25, 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 \$185 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.

Going Somewhere For the Winter?
 If you are going somewhere warmer for the winter, please contact the parish office by email at church@cospq.org or call 217-222-3155 to let us know when you will be gone.

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



St. Peter Pancake & Sausage Breakfast Jan. 25th



The Rock: Men of St. Peter Church is hosting a pancake and sausage breakfast on Sunday, January 25th, from 8:00am until 12:30pm. The breakfast will be located in the cafeteria in the lower level of the church building.

Cost is \$12 for adults/children 13 and older, \$5 for children ages 5 to 12 years old, and children under 5 years are free.

