



St. Peter Parish Quincy, IL

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 18, 2026

~Mass Intentions~

January 19-25, 2026

- 19. Monday 8:00 a.m.
John Taylor
- 20. Tuesday 8:00 a.m.
Mildred Meyer
- 21. Wednesday 8:20 a.m.
Robert Elston Miller
- 22. Thursday 8:00 a.m.
Sue Miller
- 23. Friday 8:00 a.m.
Joe Lavery
- 24. Saturday 8:00 a.m.
Carol Adams
- 24. Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Bob Soltys
- 25. Sunday 8:00 a.m.
Cindy & David Brown
- 25. Sunday 9:30 a.m.
Michael Domme
- 25. Sunday 11:00 a.m.
Our Parish Family

— 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,

As we gather on this Second Sunday in Ordinary time, one might ask what happened to the first Sunday of Ordinary Time. There is no first Sunday. The Christmas season concluded with the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus, the ordinary time always began on the Monday following the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus. That first week was considered the first week of “ordinary time” with the following Sunday being the 2nd Sunday of Ordinary time. This Ordinary time will continue until February 17th, the day before Ash Wednesday. Then it will resume when the Easter season ends, that is, on Monday, May 25, the day following Pentecost. This time is called “ordinary” because there is no specific aspect of the mystery of Christ that is celebrated, but rather the mystery of Christ is honored in its fullness, especially on Sundays.

In our gospel for the weekend, we hear the testimony of John the Baptism concerning his experience of who Jesus is at His baptism. When seeing Jesus coming toward Him, he proclaimed, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.” Then John concludes that Jesus was the reason why John was baptizing with water, and then revealed, to the people listening, his experience at the baptism where Jesus was revealed to him as the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit. From this gospel, we hear the testimony of John that Jesus, who was without sin, entered the waters of baptism, taking upon Himself the sins of all humankind and nailing them to the cross. Thus, being that Lamb of God who offered Himself in solidarity with humanity in order to save ourselves from ourselves. This is God’s gift of reconciliation and salvation. So let’s remember Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away yours sins and my sins and leads us into a new way of living.

Next weekend, we will kick-off what we call Catholic School’s Week. Since I am a graduate of Catholic schools, Blessed Sacrament Grade School in Springfield, and Griffin High School in Springfield, and since being ordained a priest was involved in Catholic schools, Our Savior and Routt High School in Jacksonville, and St. Anthony Grade School and St. Anthony High School in Effingham, I can speak from many experiences of the value and importance of our Catholic schools. We have been entrusted from previous generations with a gift, a gift that promotes, encourages, and supports an educational system that allows us to teach and live our Catholic faith, its values, and its teachings, and thus continue this rich legacy building up God’s kingdom here on earth. I can honestly say that I am the person that I am today because of my parochial schools and I will always be indebted to them for my Catholic faith. Were my teacher’s perfect, No. Were my teachers the greatest educators, No. But I did realize that they did care for me, promoted me and my vocation, and laid the foundation of becoming a priest. For all my teachers in my grade school years, I am thankful. I still wonder how they did what they did in teaching with no aides and having almost 50 kids in a class. And I continued to appreciate the same educational experiences whether it was in Jacksonville or in Effingham as a priest involved in the schools. And now I find the same gift here at St. Peter School with teachers who care and who are more than willing to share their faith and love of God with our students.

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**Next Meeting
Sunday, Jan. 25th
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Meet in Martha Jane Room**

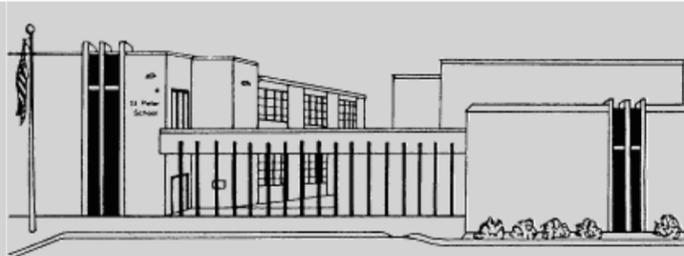
All 7th, 8th, & 9th graders & their friends welcome!



**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 18, 2026

A Message from Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh

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



PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE
February 4, 2026
6:00-7:00 p.m.

Please make plans to join us for St. Peter School Preschool Open House. We are excited to announce that we will be offering a different program for the coming 2026-2027 school year. We will be offering the following programs:

3 year old program: Monday-Friday 1/2 day program from 8:05-11:00
(School doors open at 7:50am)
Maximum enrollment = 16 students

4 year old program: Monday-Friday 1/2 day program from 12:00-2:45
Maximum enrollment = 18 students

4 year old program: Monday-Friday full day program from 8:05-2:45
(School doors open at 7:50am)
Maximum enrollment = 18 students

Mrs. Amber Venvertloh will teach the preschool 1/2 day programs for the three and four year olds. Mrs. Carmen Griffith will teach the full day four year old program. Mrs. Janae Koenig will be the teacher aide for the 1/2 day programs for 3 days a week and Mrs. Michelle Meyer will be our teacher aide for the full day four year old program for five days a week. We are in search of a pre school aide for 2 days a week. If you are interested in applying please reach out to Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh at c.venvertloh@cospq.org or call the school office at 217-223-1120.

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 2025-2026 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 MENU

Monday: No School

Tuesday: Toasted cheese ravioli, carrots, yogurt, fruit.

Wednesday: Chicken chunks, mashed potatoes, corn, fruit.

Thursday: Meatballs, bosco stick, romaine salad, fruit.

Friday: Pancakes, sausage, veggie juice, fruit.

THIS WEEK

Monday, Jan. 19: **NO SCHOOL**—Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Tuesday, Jan. 20: **St. Sebastian Feast Day**—House members wear your House shirts with dress code bottoms. **School Advisory Board Meeting** 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 21: **8:20 Children's Mass**—3rd grade in charge; **Talent Show rehearsal** after school; **3rd Grade First Communion/Confirmation Meeting in the church** 6:30-7:30.

Thursday, Jan. 22: **Adoration**

Friday, Jan. 23: **Father/Daughter Dance** 6:30-8:30.

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Fr. Leo's column continued..

Please consult the bulletin for the activities taking place as we celebrate Catholic School's Week. Next weekend our students will be involved in our weekend liturgies as we begin this special week, especially thank our parents and parishioners for their support of our Catholic schools.

I told you I would try to keep you informed concerning my health issues. This past week I had a CT scan with results being sent to Siteman Cancer Center. Then I do meet next Tuesday with the cancer specialists at Siteman to discuss what's next. I appreciate all your prayers for they give me strength to continue with all my treatments. Besides praying for me, I ask your prayers for Fr. Paul as he is with his family in Kenya. Prayers for him and his mother and family.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: Former Archbishop May of St. Louis tells this story. "Down in Southern Missouri, we have the Ozarks and the people down there don't know much about Catholics. A priest's car stalled on a back road, and he went to a small house to find help. The nice couple there said they had never met anyone with a collar on backwards."

The priest said, "yeah, but how come you have a picture of the pope on the wall?" "Where," they asked. The priest pointed to a picture on the wall. It was a picture of Pope Pius XII, a former pope who wore glasses. "Who's that," they asked. "The Pope," the priest said. "Oh my God!" the couple exclaimed. "We were told that was Harry Truman in his 33rd degree Masonic outfit."

Magi. Leo J. Eulow

Mark Your Calendar

Mon. Jan. 19:

Tues. Jan. 20: Ladies Bible Study 8:30 a.m., Martha Jane Room

Tuesday Treats after Mass in Narthex
OCIA 7:00 p.m., Martha Jane Room

Wed. Jan. 21: Ladies Cursillo 1:30 p.m., Fr. Bauer Prayer Room

PSR 6:30 p.m., School
First Communion/Confirmation Sacrament Meeting
6:30 p.m., Church

Thurs. Jan. 22: NO St. Veronica's Guild meeting today.

Fri. Jan. 23:

Sat. Jan. 24:

Sun. Jan. 25: Men's Group Pancake & Sausage Breakfast
8:00am-12:30pm, Cafeteria
FOUND 6:30 p.m., Martha Jane Room

Please keep the following in your prayers:

~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 11	Total to Date
Loose Collections	\$1,177.00	\$32,942.41
Regular Collections	\$37,705.33	\$838,828.14
Annual School Fund	\$4,620.00	\$203,061.41
Holy Days	\$240.00	\$38,683.56
Totals	\$43,742.33	\$1,113,515.52
Total Budget Goal	\$42,000.00	\$916,000.00
Difference	\$1,742.33	\$197,515.52

Diocesan Collections

Catholic Times: \$130.00 First Offering: \$105.00
Retired Religious: \$10.00
Quincy Catholic Cemetery: \$60.00

Haiti Sister Parish Collections

Collected \$880.00


Rest in Peace
 May the soul of
Judy Caspermeyer
 sing praises with the Angels in Heaven forever.
 

Our New Website for Church and School
 We are excited to announce that our new website, www.stpeterquincy.com, has been launched. This website replaces both the 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 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.

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.

St. Peter Men's Group KC Range Event
 The Rock: Men of St. Peter is hosting a fellowship event on Wednesday, February 4th, starting at 6:30 at the KC Range. We have a room reserved with food and drinks provided. Please come by to meet and greet with other men of the parish.

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.

St. Brigid Trivia Night
 Saturday, Feb. 28 at St. Brigid Catholic Church at 6:30 pm. Trivia Night to support the Catholic Heart Work Camp trip in June. If trivia is not your game, come to enjoy the supper before. Meal is served at 4 pm, for a free will donation. To register your team contact Jeanne Cramsey 217-653-3962. \$20 per individual or \$160 per table (max 8 people).

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.

St. Veronica Guild Cancelled for January 22nd
 The St. Veronica Guild will **not** meet this week on Thursday, January 22nd. The next meeting will be held as normal on Thursday, February 12th.

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!

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.holylandtourslc.com/tour/789>.
 If you have any questions, email Fr. Zach at zsamples@dio.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.

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.

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.

Moving?
 If you are moving, please contact the parish office at church@cospq.org or 222-3155 to give us your address.

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

January, 2026

My dear Friends in Christ,

Catholic Times has long been a trusted and essential voice for Diocese of Springfield in Illinois. Through its clear teaching of the faith, important diocesan news, and stories that inspire hope and faith, the magazine has helped connect our diocesan family and deepen our understanding of how God is at work among us.

Over the past six years, *Catholic Times* has been recognized with 14 national awards from the Media Association—a testament to the dedication, professionalism, and faithfulness of those who produce it and to the value it provides to our readers. Time and again, people tell us they read the magazine “from cover to cover” and that it has helped them better understand the teachings of the Church and the life of our diocese.

In 2026, *Catholic Times* is taking a significant next step in mission to inform, inspire, and connect the faithful. Beginning this year, the magazine will transition from publishing every other Sunday to a monthly magazine format. This change allows us to offer more in-depth reporting, richer photography, and a more cohesive and engaging reading experience.

With expanded space in each issue, *Catholic Times* will be able to tell more complete stories about the life of our parishes, schools, ministries, and people stories of faith, service, sacrifice, and hope that make our diocese so vibrant. Readers will also notice improved paper quality, and an engaging magazine that continues to deliver the features, evangelization, and diocesan news they have come to expect and enjoy.

At its heart, *Catholic Times* exists to serve you — the faithful of our diocese — and to share how Christ is alive and active in our communities. I am especially grateful for the opportunity to speak directly to you through my column, *Lex Cordis Caritas*, where I reflect on the challenges we face as Catholics today and share important decisions that impact our diocesan family.

It is all these reasons why I believe *Catholic Times* should be available to every household in our diocese, either digitally or by mail. During the weekend of January 17-18, 2026, please encourage your parishioners to respond gratefully in support of this communication tool so we can ensure *Catholic Times* remains an inexpensive source of Catholic information, education, and inspiration.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

 Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
 Bishop of Springfield in Illinois, Publisher, Catholic Times