



# St. Peter Parish Quincy, IL

*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 25, 2026*

*~Mass Intentions~*

*Jan. 26-Feb. 1, 2026*

- 26. Monday 8:00 a.m.  
Luke Mayfield
- 27. Tuesday 8:00 a.m.  
Monroe & Beverly Johnson
- 28. Wednesday 8:20 a.m.  
Merle Frese
- 29. Thursday 8:00 a.m.  
Bob Soltys
- 30. Friday 8:00 a.m.  
Eileene Anderson
- 31. Saturday 8:00 a.m.  
Dale Tangy
- 31. Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Bill & Mary Brahler
- 1. Sunday 8:00 a.m.  
Patricia Pannkuk
- 1. Sunday 9:30 a.m.  
Our Parish Family
- 1. Sunday 11:00 a.m.  
Paul 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.

**Dear Parishioners,**

This weekend we gather as a parish family to celebrate the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary time. On this particular weekend, we begin what we call “Catholic School’s Week.” It is during this week that we thank our God for the gift of our Catholic faith, as well as thanking Him for the blessings of a Catholic school in which this faith is taught, promoted, preserved, and challenged. As I was reflecting upon my own Catholic school educational experience, I remember the Ursuline nuns whose charism led them to my grade school experiences. And as I reflect upon my grade school years, I wonder to myself how these women of God survived the challenges that we gave them as their students. Were they sometimes difficult, yes, but so were we. Did they use some types of physical threats to keep us in line, yes, they did but I also think we were quite deserving of whatever came our way. But these good sisters held their own and in spite of our lack of appreciation for them, they taught us and taught us well. I am still very grateful for their dedication and commitment to Catholic education as I would not be the person I am without their presence in my life.

Many of us have our own recollections of grade school days. Some good and some not so good. Whatever the case, our Catholic schools laid the foundation for our faith development and helped us to become the person that we are today. For all of our lay teachers, religious personnel, and administrative leaders, each of us owe a debt of gratitude for what we have received. All of us can be very thankful for our Catholic education and hopefully today we are reaping the results of such a gift given to many of us. And so, today we gather to thank our God for this rich legacy of a Catholic school in which our faith is learned, our hope is instilled, and our love is challenged. I pray that all of us appreciate this gift of St. Peter School and Notre Dame High School and support our efforts to make certain that Catholic education in Quincy is here to stay for a long time. It’s a joy this weekend to see our students, parents, and our faculty gathered together to celebrate this great Sacrament of the Eucharist, the very source and summit of our Catholic faith. And I also want to personally thank our parishioners for their support of this gift handed down to us. May God help each of you to see the blessings of such a gift as a Catholic school and will continue to sacrifice that it remains a vital ministry here at St. Peter. Thank you to all of you for this great gift.

As part of Catholic school’s week, we will be having a Pancake and Sausage Breakfast being served in the cafeteria (below the Church) from 8:00-12:30 p.m. This breakfast is being sponsored by the Men of St. Peter Parish. This sponsorship is the result of a new men’s group initiative called The ROCK. This group will be something for all men of the parish to help them in their spiritual journey together. This initiative will involve worship, fellowship, service and faith formation. Please join us at the breakfast and find out more information about this new initiative.

Please check out our new parish website for St. Peter Church and St. Peter School as of January 12, 2026. The Church is [www.stpeterquincy.com/church](http://www.stpeterquincy.com/church) and the School is now [www.stpeterquincy.com/school](http://www.stpeterquincy.com/school).

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

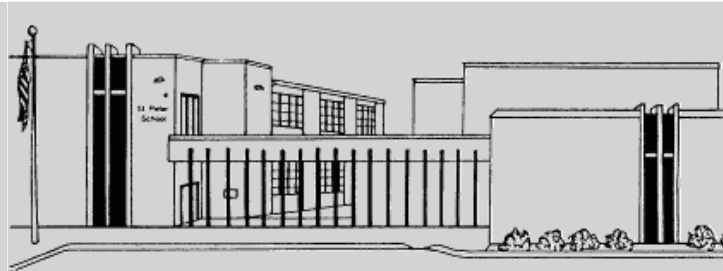
All 7th, 8th, & 9th graders & their friends welcome!



**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 25, 2026

## A Message from Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh

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



### CELEBRATING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

The students and staff are looking forward to a very exciting Catholic Schools Week. This weekend kicks off Catholic Schools Week across the United States and our school will be celebrating what it means to be able to celebrate our faith within our school. The staff and students are blessed to be at St. Peter School.

Catholic Schools  
United in Faith and Community

We are extremely thankful for parishioner, parent and community support that is given to us each day. We know that it takes a team of many people to help run our school – some volunteer time, some volunteer prayers, some volunteer gifts – all of these make our school so very special. Often, we get caught up in our own world and forget that not everyone has the choice of coming to a Catholic school. As we celebrate our school, its education, and students, we truly feel blessed and honored to be able to be a part of St. Peter School. Through your love and belief in us, we hope we make you proud as we grow each day in Christ's image. God bless everyone for this wonderful gift of our school – thank you so much!

#### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

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!

**Saturday/Sunday, January 24th & 25th:** Students participate in all of the masses by sharing in the readings, bringing up offertory and greeting people.

Please enjoy our slideshow before Mass!

#### Monday, Jan. 26th:

Dress Code: Students dress **monochromatic**—all in one color. We will participate in a QCS **Virtual Living Rosary** at 9:30 am with the Quincy Catholic Schools.

Activity: **BINGO** will take place in the gym.

#### Tuesday, Jan. 27th:

Dress Code: **Classroom Theme Day** choice—student in each room follow a special theme for dress code.

Activity: Game Day and **Winter Olympics** among the HOUSES.

#### Wednesday, Jan. 28th:

Dress Code: **Western Day**—students wear western wear!

Parents invited to join us for 8:20 **Mass**.

Activity: Parents invited to join us for 1:15 **Talent Show** in the Gym.

#### Thursday, Jan. 29th:

Dress Code: Pajama Day—Jesus and Jammies.

Activity: Educational videos—PTA providing popcorn for Educational Movies.

#### Friday, Jan. 30th:

Dress Code: **Athletic Day**—students wear athletic wear.

Activity: **Annual 8th grade volleyball game** held at 1:30.

#### SCHOOL MENU

**Monday:** Chicken parmesan, garlic bread, peas, fruit.

**Tuesday:** Sausage/egg biscuit, hash brown, veggie juice, fruit.

**Wednesday:** Dorito walking taco, lettuce/tomato, refried beans, fruit.

**Thursday:** Breaded chicken on bun, smiley fries, corn, fruit.

**Friday:** Tenderloin on bun, curly fries, mixed vegetables, fruit.

#### THIS WEEK

Monday, Jan. 26:

Tuesday, Jan. 27:

Wednesday, Jan. 28: **8:20**

**Children's Mass—2nd grade** in charge.

Thursday, Jan. 29:

Friday, Jan. 30: **3rd grade Field trip to Quincy Children's Museum.**

#### 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](http://www.stpeterschool.com)

Email: [c.venvertloh@cospq.org](mailto:c.venvertloh@cospq.org)

#### Fr. Leo's column continued..

Lately, according to some parishioners I apparently have been asking parishioners for either gift cards or for you to call me about some issue I wanted to discuss. I hate hearing this and never want our parishioners to be taken in by such a scam. Let me be perfectly clear, I have never asked parishioners for gift cards, nor have I asked for parishioners to call me about some issue to discuss. If you ever receive such a notice on your computer, don't fall prey to such a tactic. If you look closely at this scam, my email is wrong and I guarantee that I would never place you in a position where I would be asking you for gift cards, money, or issues to discuss. Instead, if I ever have anything I need to discuss with you, I would do it via a phone call. So please never get taken in by any scam that you receive supposedly from me. If you ever do and have questions, please call me and verify. I just hate it when this happens to my parishioners. To those who are the source of this fraud, I can only say that you are in need of our prayers.

#### ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: Middle Age

Maybe it's true that life begins at 50, but everything else starts to wear out, fall out or spread out.

There are three signs of old age. The first is our loss of memory the other two I forget.

Middle age is when it takes longer to rest than to get tired.

By the time a man is wise enough to watch his step, he's too old to go anywhere.

Middle age is when you have stopped growing at both ends and have begun to grow in the middle.

The cardiologist's diet: If it tastes good, spit it out.

*Magi. Leo J. Eulow*

#### Mark Your Calendar

**Mon. Jan. 26:**

**Tues. Jan. 27:** Ladies Bible Study 8:30 a.m., Martha Jane Room

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

**Wed. Jan. 28:** Ladies Cursillo 1:30 p.m., Fr. Bauer Prayer Room

PSR 6:30 p.m., School

**Thurs. Jan. 29:**

**Fri. Jan. 30:**

**Sat. Jan. 31:**

**Sun. Feb. 1:** Coffee & Donuts and Blood Pressures after all Masses

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	~Maria (Eberhardt) Sparrow	~Pat Arnold
~Lori Eaton	~Ellie Peters	~Ken Althoff
~Vincent Holtmeyer	~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](mailto: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 18	Total to Date
Loose Collections	\$999.00	\$33,941.41
Regular Collections	\$48,104.17	\$886,932.31
Annual School Fund	\$3,145.00	\$206,206.41
Holy Days	\$0.00	\$38,683.56
Totals	\$52,248.17	\$1,165,763.69
Total Budget Goal	\$42,000.00	\$958,000.00
Difference	\$10,248.17	\$207,763.69

#### Diocesan Collections

Catholic Times: \$725.00  
First Offering: \$30.00

#### Haiti Sister Parish Collections

Collected \$300.00

<p><b>St. Peter Pancake &amp; Sausage Breakfast Jan. 25th</b> 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.</p>	<p><b>End Of Year Statements</b> 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. If you have any questions, please contact Kristi in the parish office.</p>
<p><b>Social Concerns Collection</b> Social Concerns will be collecting laundry detergent, dish soap, canned fruit, soup, hamburger helper, jelly next weekend, Jan. 31-Feb. 1 for the 1st Sunday collection for Catholic Charities. Containers will be located in the Narthex. Thank you in advance!</p>	<p><b>Adoration Chapel Open Hours</b> 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!</p>
<p><b>Coffee &amp; Donuts and Blood Pressures Next Sunday</b> Please join us next Sunday, Feb. 1, after all Masses in the cafeteria for Coffee &amp; Donuts and blood pressure screenings.</p>	<p><b>Sunshine Crew Lent 2026 Signup!</b> 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 (<a href="mailto:5mcdonaldsjc@gmail.com">5mcdonaldsjc@gmail.com</a>) or Lyn Strieker (<a href="mailto:l.strieker@cospq.org">l.strieker@cospq.org</a>).</p>
<p><b>St. Peter Men's Group New Initiative</b> 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.</p>	<p><b>Holy Land Pilgrimage with Fr. Zach Samples, Fr. Alex McCullough and Fr. Sam Rosko</b> 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: <a href="https://www.holylandtoursllc.com/tour/789">https://www.holylandtoursllc.com/tour/789</a> If you have any questions, email Fr. Zach at <a href="mailto:zsamples@dio.org">zsamples@dio.org</a>.</p>
<p><b>St. Peter Men's Group KC Range Event</b> The Rock: Men of St. Peter is hosting a fellowship event on Wednesday, Feb. 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.</p>	<p><b>Quincy University's 36th annual Chili Cook-Off</b> 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 &amp; Fitness Center &amp; 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.</p>
<p><b>Our New Website for Church and School</b> We are excited to announce that our new website, <a href="http://www.stpeterquincy.com">www.stpeterquincy.com</a>, has been launched. This website replaces both the church website, <a href="http://www.cospq.org">www.cospq.org</a>, as well as our school website, <a href="http://www.stpeterschool.com">www.stpeterschool.com</a>. Please update your bookmarks accordingly. For questions, please contact Andrew Goerlich at 217-222-3155 or <a href="mailto:a.goerlich@cospq.org">a.goerlich@cospq.org</a>.</p>	<p><b>Quincy University's Parents Night Out</b> Parents enjoy a night out and we'll entertain the kids. Offered Saturday, 1/31, 4:00-8:00pm. \$10 per kid. Located in the Hall of Fame Room. Sponsor by Quincy University Softball.</p>
<p><b>Quincy Catholic School Chess Tournament</b> 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 <a href="mailto:fishgills1208@gmail.com">fishgills1208@gmail.com</a>. Deadline to register is February 17.</p>	
<p><b>St. Edward Annual Whole Hog Sausage &amp; Pancake Day</b> 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 <a href="mailto:stedwardsmeatorders@gmail.com">stedwardsmeatorders@gmail.com</a>.</p>	
<p><b>St. Brigid Trivia Night</b> 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).</p>	

# 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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
Soon our diocese will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For more than 50 years, this collection has given Catholics in the United States an opportunity to share faith in unity with our brothers and sisters in Christ throughout Latin America and the Caribbean islands.  
The year 2025 marked the 60th anniversary of the promulgation of *Dei Verbum*, the document on Divine Revelation issued during the Second Vatican Council. In that document, the Council Fathers call for all the Christian faithful to have "easy access to Sacred Scripture" so that they might more deeply know and love God through understanding and meditating on the Scriptures (no. 22).  
To commemorate this important anniversary and help the bishops fulfill their mission to proclaim the Word of God to all people, the Catholic Biblical Federation used funds received through the Collection for the Church in Latin America to gather 130 participants for a Bible conference at the Mexico City headquarters of the Conferencia del Episcopado Mexicano in April 2025. These biblical pastoral ministry leaders from countries throughout Latin America came together for formation in the teachings of *Dei Verbum* and for the opportunity to collaborate with and encourage one another in this critical pastoral ministry.  
Your support for the Collection for the Church in Latin America helps church leaders throughout Central and South America and the Caribbean to fulfill their mission to preach the Word of God and to awaken a love of Scripture in the hearts of those they serve.  
Our diocese takes up this collection on the weekend of Jan 31/ Feb 1, 2026. Please be generous toward this collection. Consider giving at Mass or through your parish's online giving platform. To support the collection with an online donation, please use this QR code or visit [usc.cb.igivecatholicttogether.org/organizations/usc.cb-church-in-latin-america](https://usc.cb.igivecatholicttogether.org/organizations/usc.cb-church-in-latin-america). For more information on the Church in Latin America and the many projects funded by the collection, please visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america).

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki  
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

