



St. Peter Parish Quincy, IL

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 15, 2026

~Mass Intentions~

February 16-22, 2026

- 16. Monday 8:00 a.m.
Dale Tangy
- 17. Tuesday 8:00 a.m.
Cindy & David Brown
- 18. Wednesday 8:20 a.m.
D.J. Venvertloh
- 18. Wednesday 12:10 p.m.
Virginia Deters
- 18. Wednesday 6:30 p.m.
Julius "Bud" Meyer
- 19. Thursday 8:00 a.m.
James Churchwell
- 20. Friday 8:00 a.m.
Dr. John Nolan
- 21. Saturday 8:00 a.m.
Jacqueline Loos Taylor
- 21. Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Don Vancil
- 22. Sunday 8:00 a.m.
David Adam Oakley
- 22. Sunday 9:30 a.m.
Bob Soltys
- 22. 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,

This Wednesday, February 18th is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the season of Lent. According to the ordo which guides our participation in the sacramental life of the Church, "the annual observance of Lent is the special season for the ascent to the holy mountain of Easter. Through its twofold theme of repentance and baptism, the season of Lent disposes both the catechumens (non-baptized) and the faithful to celebrate the paschal mystery. Catechumens are led to the sacraments of initiation by means of the rite of election, the scrutinies, and catechesis. The faithful, listening more intently to the word of God and devoting themselves to prayer, are prepared through a spirit of repentance to renew their baptismal promises. Lent runs from Ash Wednesday until the Mass of the Lord's Supper exclusive on Holy Thursday.

Lent is the principal penitential season of the Church year. All the Christian faithful are urged to develop and maintain of voluntary program of self-denial, serious prayer, and performing of deeds of charity and mercy, including the giving of alms. The Lenten regulations are posted in another part of our bulletin for this week. Even though there are age restrictions to fasting and abstinence, I ask our parents to consider celebrating this season as a family, fasting on the Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and abstaining from meat also on those days and the Fridays of Lent. I can't imagine cooking a separate meal for the kids—it seems to go against what Lent is all about. Two days of Lent and every Friday might teach our young people the value of fasting and abstinence. But for the elderly who will make this sacrifice, I ask you to keep yourselves healthy, perhaps eating more when needed or not fasting at all. I want you to keep yourselves healthy and if this means disregarding some of the Lenten regulations, then please do so for your personal health.

As I previously stated, this Wednesday, February 18 is Ash Wednesday. To usher in this new season of Lent our Mass schedule at St. Peter Church will be as follows:

Masses at 8:20 p.m., (10:00 at QND), 12:10 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

During the season of Lent, we will be celebrating a second Mass each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and then the devotions, the station of the cross and Benediction each Friday at 6:30 p.m.. We will be hearing Confessions on both Wednesday and Fridays beginning at 5:30 p.m. and continuing to 6:15 p.m. The confessional time is very important to our families who have a second grader making his/her first confession.

A parishioner recently asked me how to hold her hands when praying. I thought that was an interesting question. What prompted her to ask is that she sees many differing people holding their hands during the prayers of the people. Some have folded hands, others have hands in the orans position as the priest, others might be holding the hands of an infant or spouse. As I thought about her question, I think it says much about a parish who prays. We may not do everything the same way, but we are praying together. I am very thankful for that. Personally, it doesn't worry me that we all pray differently—at least we are praying.

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**Next Meeting
Sunday, Feb. 22nd
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Meet in Martha Jane Room**

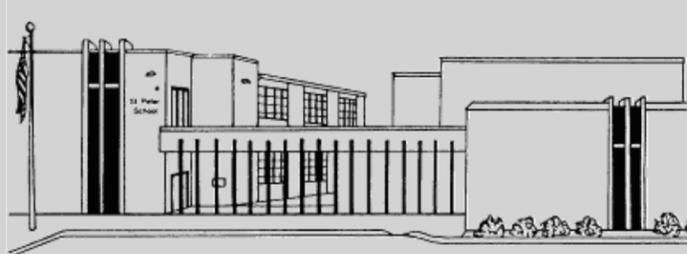
All 7th, 8th, & 9th graders & their friends welcome!



**Saints Alive!
March 27th
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 15, 2026

A Message from Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh

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

FIFTH GRADE WORKS TOGETHER TO MAKE SLIME DURING SCIENCE CLASS



5th GRADE ENJOYS A SPECIAL DRESS CODE DAY DURING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

← Yeehaw—we had a great day!



Room 6E—winners of the food collection challenge.

We are so proud of our students and staff for collecting 4428 food items during the Souper Bowl of Caring Campaign during Catholic Schools week. Congratulations to Mrs. Riese's students who brought in 660 cans of food for the hungry in our community. They have earned an out of dress code week for their efforts and teamwork!

SCHOOL MENU

Monday: No School
Tuesday: Hamburger on bun, curly fries, baked beans, fruit.
Wednesday: Toasted cheese ravioli, yogurt, romaine salad, fruit.
Thursday: Tenderloin on bun, smiley fries, corn, fruit.
Friday: Fish sticks, hash brown, mixed vegetables, fruit.

THIS WEEK

Monday, Feb. 16: **NO SCHOOL—President's Day.**

Tuesday, Feb. 17: Lenten Prayer Service and Mardi Gras Celebration.

Wednesday, Feb. 18: **8:20 Ash Wednesday Children's Mass—8th grade in charge.**

Thursday, Feb. 19: Adoration

Friday, Feb. 20: Mother/Son Event from 6:30-8:30pm.

Teacher Openings for 2026-2027

4th grade teacher and 7/8 grade Science teacher (religion and reading are also taught to 7th grade)

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Fr. Leo's column continued..

Just to let you know that I had another chemo treatment this past Monday. Every other Monday I get to look forward to these treatments that seem to zap me and cause me to wonder why I'm doing this to myself. I can only pray that its keeping the cancer at bay. For any who have experienced the same treatments, I can relate with you. I understand.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: In Nashville, a young man went to a well known music row store and purchased a rhythm guitar. It just so happened on that particular day there was a famous guitar picker in the store. Mr. James Opperknockity autographed the hollow body and tuned the guitar for the young man. Then he cautioned the young fellow, don't bump it or let it fall because it would knock it out of tune.

Carefully, the new owner of the instrument carried his prize to the car and stowed it away. On the way home a careless driver pulled out in front of the young man and he was obliged to slam on the brakes to avoid an accident, throwing the new guitar to the floor of the car.

Sure enough, the new guitar was hopelessly out of tune. In desperation, he took it right back to the store and asked Mr.Opperknockity to please tune it for him once more. The famous picker refused, politely but firmly. He would not so it no mater how the young musician begged.

"Why? Why won't you tune it for me," the young man asked.

"Because, Opperknockity only tunes once!" he said.

Mrs. Lisa J. Eubank

Mark Your Calendar

Mon. Feb. 16:

Tues. Feb. 17: 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. Feb. 18: Mass at 8:20 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 6:30 p.m.
 Ladies Cursillo 1:30 p.m., Fr. Bauer Prayer Room

Thurs. Feb. 19:

Fri. Feb. 20: Social Concerns Meeting 8:30 a.m., Martha Jane Room

Sat. Feb. 21:

Sun. Feb. 22: FOUND 6:30 p.m., Martha Jane Room

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	~Drake Willing
~Bonnie Haubrich	~Rinley Barry	
~Winnie Vogel		



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 QR Code or Pushpay link below to start your yearly giving. Any questions please contact the parish office.

<https://pushpay.com/g/stpeterquincy>



WEEKLY COLLECTION

	February 8th	Total to Date
Loose Collections	\$1,167.75	\$36,748.41
Regular Collections	\$33,231.04	\$978,973.62
Annual School Fund	\$10,135.00	\$228,852.31
Holy Days	\$25.00	\$38,753.56
Totals	\$44,558.79	\$1,283,327.90
Total Budget Goal	\$42,000.00	\$1,084,000.00
Difference	\$2,558.79	\$199,327.90

Diocesan Collections

Catholic Times: \$175.00; Church in Latin America: \$175.00
 Other: \$20.00

Haiti Sister Parish Collections

Collected: \$925.00

Rest in Peace
May the soul of
Justin Haubrich
sing praises with the Angels in Heaven forever.

Adoration for This Sunday Has Been Cancelled
 Adoration for this Sunday, 2/15, has been cancelled.

Ash Wednesday Mass Times
 Ash Wednesday Mass times are 8:20am, 12:10 & 6:30pm.

EMHC & Usher Sign Up for Ash Wednesday Masses
 We need Eucharistic ministers and ushers for the Ash Wednesday Masses on February 18. Please signup in the Narthex if you can help. Thank you!

Fellowship Tuesdays
 Join us for Fellowship Tuesdays after 8:00am Mass this week (2/17). Come for Mass, fellowship, coffee and treats!

Social Concerns Meeting
 Social Concerns will be meeting **Friday, Feb. 20** at 8:30 a.m. in the Martha Jane Room. All are welcome!

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.

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).

Fish Fries in the Area
 Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18, 4:00-7:00pm. Catfish or walleye dinner (includes mac & cheese, potato salad, coleslaw, dessert & drink) for \$14, mac & cheese dinner (includes applesauce, dessert & drink) for \$7. Curbside pickup, carryout or dine in. Blessed Sacrament School cafeteria (1115 S. 7th). Please join us for a delicious dinner while supporting Scouting.

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18, 4:30-7:30pm. Catfish filets, potato salad, macaroni & cheese, baked beans, coleslaw and desserts provided by the Ladies of St. Francis. Cost \$13 for adults, \$7 for children 6-12, free for 5 & under. Eat in, carry out, drive through. Prepared by the men of the Holy Name. St. Francis Parish Center (1721 College).

Feb. 20, 4:30-7:00pm. St. Dominic School, 4100 Columbus Rd. Enter through East driveway. Catfish plate (whole or filet, 3 sides, drink, dessert) \$15, walleye plate (3 sides, drink, dessert) \$15, child's plate (1 pc. Walleye, 2 sides, drink, dessert) \$8, fish sandwich, fries, drink \$8.

St. Francis Spring Card Party
 Where: St. Francis Parish Center When: Thursday, March 5th
 Time: 11:00-3:00 (doors open at 10:30)
 Cost: \$13 (includes lunch).
 Reservations: Call Pat Winking 217.257.0416

What is CRS Rice Bowl?
 CRS Rice Bowl is a Catholic Relief Services' Lenten faith-in-action program for families and faith communities. Through CRS Rice Bowl, we deepen our personal experience of Lent. We can devote our Lenten prayers, fasting and gifts to transform our relationship with God and neighbor. Please pick up your families Rice Bowl. Bowls are in the Narthex and will be collected **April 11 & 12** - the weekend **after** Easter.

February, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
 Years of war in Ukraine have profoundly affected both Ukrainian society and the Church in Ukraine. From the beginning, the laity have played a significant role in responding to the needs of displaced families, orphaned children, and other victims of the conflict. In the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church's Exarchate of Lutsk, laypeople such as catechists, parish pastoral and economic council members, and priests' wives have been called upon to provide faith formation, carefully manage parish resources, and provide emotional and spiritual support to members of the local parish communities.

These laypeople have heeded their call to holiness by bringing their talents and abilities to serve God and their neighbors. The exarchate, with crucial funds received through the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, has answered the call of Pope Leo to empower and form the laity to help bring the Gospel to the world. The exarchate is hosting formation seminars and trainings for priests' wives, parish pastoral and financial advisers, and catechists so that they might foster spiritual healing and economic recovery amid the devastation of war.

By donating to this special collection when it is taken up in our diocese — either through a contribution at Mass or through your parish's e-giving platform — you help the Church in Ukraine and more than 25 other countries in Central and Eastern Europe to witness to Christ's mercy, even in the midst of terrible hardship. To support the collection with an online donation, please use this QR code or visit #iGiveCatholic at igivecatholic.org/story/USCCB-CCEE.

For more information about the collection and who it supports, visit www.usccb.org/ccee. Thank you for your help to restore the Church and build the future in Central and Eastern Europe.
 Sincerely yours in Christ,
 Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
 Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

QND Open House 2026
 QND Open House will be held on Sunday, February 22nd.
 1:00-2:00pm - presentation in cafeteria
 2:00-3:00pm - tour and meet teachers
 You are welcome to come for all or part of the afternoon. QND is located at 1400 S. 11th, Quincy.

For more information, please contact Natalie at ngenenbacher@qndhs.org or 217-223-2479 ext. 326.

QND Coaching Opportunity
 Quincy Notre Dame High School is seeking a qualified candidate for an Assistant Girls Volleyball Coach for the 2026-27 school year. To receive full consideration, interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume and three letters of reference by Friday, February 20, to QND Athletic Director Bill Connell at bconnell@qndhs.org.



Parish in Action

LENTEN REGULATIONS
 ABSTINENCE - Everyone 14 years of age and over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
 1. FAST - Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 is required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
 2. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is permitted. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to each person's needs, but together these two should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids (including milk and fruit juices) are allowed.
 3. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.

ST. PETER LENTEN MISSION

MARCH 8, 9, & 10
PASSION AND PRESENCE:
LIVING YOUR EUCHARISTIC IDENTITY THROUGH THE PASCHAL MYSTERY;
HOSTED BY SISTER M. CLEMENTIA



JOIN US STARTING WITH ADORATION AT 6 P.M. ON SUNDAY, MARCH 8. THE LENTEN MISSION WILL BEGIN AT 7 P.M. ON SUNDAY, MARCH 8 AND CONTINUE AT 7 P.M. ON MONDAY, MARCH 9 AND TUESDAY, MARCH 10.

Join us in the church each evening at 7:00 p.m. for the Lenten Parish Mission hosted by Sister M. Clementia.

Sister M. Clementia Toalson, FSGM
 Parish Liaison for Restored Order & Coordinator for Diocesan Celebrations
 Diocese of Springfield in Illinois



Call 217.222.3155 for more information.



ST. PETER CHILI COOK OFF

SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2026
12:00 - 2:00 PM

ST. PETER SCHOOL GYM
2500 MAINE ST. IN QUINCY



FLIGHT OF CHILI: \$5 PERSON / \$10 FAMILY
 Hot dogs and cornbread also provided. Water will be served. BYO drinks.

DOES YOUR CHILI HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO WIN?

Questions?
CALL
217.214.0187



- Chefs set up at 10:00 a.m. / Doors open at Noon
- Prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and People's Choice
- Limited to 16 entries
- FREE to enter

ATTENDEE
 SIGN UP

