



St. Peter Parish Quincy, IL

First Sunday of Lent, February 22, 2026

~Mass Intentions~

Feb. 23-Mar. 1, 2026

- 23. Monday 8:00 a.m.
Dale Tangy
- 24. Tuesday 8:00 a.m.
Luke Mayfield
- 25. Wednesday 8:20 a.m.
Roger Frankenhoff
- 25. Wednesday 6:30 p.m.
Robert & Dorothy Deters
- 26. Thursday 8:00 a.m.
Bob Soltys
- 27. Friday 8:00 a.m.
Dave Stegeman
- 28. Saturday 8:00 a.m.
Leta Mae Frese
- 28. Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Raymond & Viola Deters
- 29. Sunday 8:00 a.m.
Patricia Pannkuk
- 29. Sunday 9:30 a.m.
Kenneth Schlipman
- 29. 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 weekend is the First Sunday in our season of Lent. Perhaps a good summary of what we do during Lent is found in our Opening Prayer for this day. Let's read this prayer and let it sink into our hearts and lives as we encounter this Season of Transformation in all of our lives. This prayer states beautifully, "Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever." As I reflected upon this prayer, I notice several sections which assist us in our practices during Lent. The first is growing in the understanding of the riches hidden in Christ. This first part speaks of prayer. So Lent is a time of prayer where we discover the riches hidden in Christ and our Catholic faith. The next section is "by worthy conduct pursue their effects." This is where the discipline of Lent comes to mind. Our fasting and abstaining, various disciplines where we pursue the worthy conduct of the mystery of Christ crucified, Christ died, and Christ coming again. Does that sound familiar? It is part of our renewal of our baptismal promises which is what Lent helps us appreciate and live. So, whatever you decide to do during Lent, hopefully it will include prayer, and the other disciplines that Lent provides us with. And through our practices of Lent, may it draw us toward a sense of renewal and transformation so that our Easter celebration is filled with joy and a closeness to our risen Lord.

Another practice of Lent is our encounter with the Risen Lord and the forgiveness and mercy that He provides through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. For many who have stayed away from this Sacrament, or who have rationalized their behavior and not needing this Sacrament, I challenge you to make use of it during this Season of Lent. Every Saturday we hear confessions from 7:30 a.m. to 7:50 a.m. and from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. We will also be having our community wide Reconciliation service on Sunday, March 29th, at Blessed Sacrament Church at 2:00 p.m. Confessions will also be heard on each Wednesday and Friday evenings from 5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. Please don't wait until the last minute but let's encounter and experience once again Jesus' words from His encounter with the sinful woman, "Go and sin no more." Yes, I understand that when we have been away from this Sacrament, it's always difficult to come back. But I guarantee that Jesus is awaiting your return to Him as we pray, "Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned." Let's make those words resound in our hearts and lives this Lenten season.

Also, I remind you that each Wednesday during Lent, we will have an evening Mass at 6:30 p.m. Then on Fridays during Lent, we will have the traditional devotion of the Stations of the Cross followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, also at 6:30 p.m. Please make it a point to include these days in our practices during Lent.

Lent is also a time of almsgiving. I know two areas that could use our generous gifts, our sister parish in Haiti, or the community ministry of our Social Concerns Committee. Needless to say, there are many other organizations that can use our generous donations not only during Lent, but also throughout the year.

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

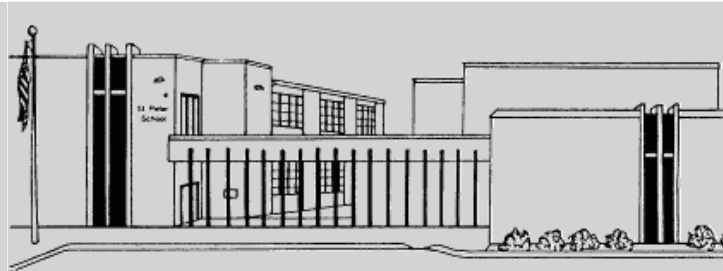
All 7th, 8th, & 9th graders & their friends welcome!



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 22, 2026

A Message from Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh

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

CHANGES FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

We have some changes in store for next year. It is always bittersweet to have our beloved staff members move on to the next chapter in their lives. Their dedication and commitment is overwhelming but they will always remain as part of the St. Peter School family. We have been blessed to have them in our lives.

The following will be retiring and will not be returning for the coming school year.

- Mrs. Evelyn Downey – 3rd grade
- Mrs. Cris Weckbach – 4th grade
- Roberta Hutson - Secretary

All three ladies will be extremely missed. They have been so dedicated and committed to everyone and have put their heart and soul into their profession.

Openings for next year:

- 4th grade teacher – this is a one-year position since we will have 3 fourth grade classes.
- 7/8 Science/Religion/Reading Teacher. Mrs. Brooke Stratton has decided to move from teaching 7/8 grade science/religion/reading to teaching fourth grade.
- A two day (full day) preschool aide opening.

Please help us to advertise for the positions.

Mrs. Lindsay Holtschlag will be our secretary next year! She has subbed for us many times and will transition well into this role. We are blessed to have her join us. Please help me to welcome her to our staff.

I also have an additional announcement that I find very difficult to share. After careful and prayerful consideration, I have decided that I will not be returning as principal for the upcoming school year. I am sincerely grateful for the opportunity to serve this school community and for the dedication, faith, and support shown by our students, families, faculty, and parish. It has been a privilege to walk alongside you, and I wish the school continued success and blessings. I cannot even begin to share with you how much this position has meant to me. I have been blessed to see the children grow. They feel like they are my own and mean a great deal to me. St. Peter will always be considered my family, and I am so very grateful for all of your constant support. I have been truly blessed.

I will remain with you until the end of July, but when August begins you will find Mrs. Chris Reichert filling the position as principal. I could not ask anyone better to take this on. She has been a gift to me for so many years. I am asking for your prayers as I transition into a new chapter in my life as well. I do not know where God will lead me but am looking forward to new challenges.

SCHOOL MENU

Monday: Pancakes, sausage, veggie juice, fruit.

Tuesday: Breaded chicken on bun, smiley fries, peas, fruit.

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

Thursday: Chicken chunks, hash brown, corn, fruit.

Friday: French bread pizza, marinara, romaine salad, fruit.

THIS WEEK

Monday, Feb. 23: St. Polycarp Feast Day—students in this House wear their shirts with dress code bottoms.

Tuesday, Feb. 24: School Advisory Board Meeting.

Wednesday, Feb. 25: **8:20 Ash Wednesday Children's Mass—7th grade** in charge.

Thursday, Feb. 26: Adoration

Friday, Feb. 27: 5th grade Wax Museum; Western Day for the Haubrich family—wear western wear and bring in a donation.

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..

This Sunday, we are celebrating the Rite of Sending of our Catechumens to the Cathedral in Springfield where they will be celebrating the Rite of Election with our Bishop and all catechumens (those not baptized) throughout the diocese. But before they go, we will be assuring them of our prayers. Our catechumens this year in our OCIA process are Jameson Felsman, Gaylon Ryan, and Amber Venvertloh. Our candidates (those baptized already and will make a profession of faith) are: Jason Gail, Preston Kamradt, Chuck Matthews, Katie Peters, Kimberly Polley, and Linda Wensing. The candidates do not have to go for the Rite of Election but still could use our prayers as they enter more deeply in our Catholic faith. You might ask, what is the Rite of Election? It is a special rite in the Church in which the Church acknowledges that these people have been chosen to continue their journey of faith leading them to the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. Their names will be inscribed in the Book of the Elect with the Bishop's signature, indicating that the catechumens will now be called the "Elect" as they have been chosen by the Church to continue the journey of faith.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: During a performance for the high school drama class at the local theater, a hole was cracked in the stage floor. Subsequent acts managed to avoid the damaged area until Freddy, juggling bowling pins, accidentally stepped through the hole up to his knees. He apologized to the audience for his clumsiness. But a heckler in the back of the theater shouted, "Don't worry, Freddy! It's just a stage you're going through."

Mrs. Lisa J. Eubank

Mark Your Calendar

Mon. Feb. 23:

Tues. Feb. 24: Ladies Bible Study 8:30 a.m., Martha Jane Room

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

Wed. Feb. 25: Ladies Cursillo 1:30 p.m., Fr. Bauer Prayer Room

Confessions 5:30 p.m., Church

Mass 6:30 p.m., Church

PSR 6:30 p.m., School

Thurs. Feb. 26: St. Veronica's Guild 1:00 p.m., Lower Level Conf. Room

Fri. Feb. 27: Confessions 5:30 p.m., Church

Stations of the Cross 6:30 p.m., Church

Sat. Feb. 28:

Sun. Mar. 1: Coffee & Donuts and Blood Pressures after 8:00 and 9:30 a.m. Masses.

Chili Cook Off 12:00 p.m., Gym

Please keep the following in your prayers:

~John & Barb Meyer	~Elias Erd	~Jo Buckley
~Isabella Benner	~Amy Seibert	~Nancy Bohan
~Hunter Hildebrand	~Ellie Lamberson	~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	~Terri May	~Abram Kelle
~Maria (Eberhardt) Sparrow	~Anonymous	~Anonymous
~Lori Eaton	~Ellie Peters	~Dick Hopkins
~Vincent Holtmeyer	~Jimmy Brinkman	~Mary Neuser
~Jordyn Holtmeyer	~Ian Mehaffy	~Drake Willing
~Bonnie Haubrich	~Emmett Hertle	
~Winnie Vogel	~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

	February 15th	Total to Date
Loose Collections	\$1,299.80	\$38,048.21
Regular Collections	\$52,568.43	\$1,031,542.05
Annual School Fund	\$7,895.00	\$236,747.31
Holy Days	\$0.00	\$38,753.56
Totals	\$61,763.23	\$1,345,091.13
Total Budget Goal	\$42,000.00	\$1,126,000.00
Difference	\$19,763.23	\$219,091.13

Diocesan Collections

Catholic Times: \$70.00
Church of Central & Eastern Europe: \$60.00
Church of Latin America: \$30.00

Haiti Sister Parish Collections

Collected \$415.00

Rest in Peace
May the soul of
Leonard Tournear
sing praises with the Angels in Heaven forever.

Social Concerns Collection

Social Concerns will be collecting canned meats, tuna, canned fruit, canned green beans and corn, peanut butter & jelly next weekend, Feb. 28-March 1 for the 1st Sunday collection for Ladies of Charity. Containers will be located in the Narthex. Thank you in advance!

Coffee & Donuts and Blood Pressures Next Sunday

Please join us next Sunday, March 1, after 8:00 and 9:30am Masses in the cafeteria for Coffee & Donuts and blood pressure screenings.

St. Veronica Guild

The St. Veronica Guild will meet **Thursday, February 26** in the Lower Level of the rectory at 1:00 p.m., making prayer shawls & blankets for those who need to feel the love of Jesus in a time of need. All are welcome, please join us!

Evening Mass, Confessions and Stations During Lent

During Lent we will be having Mass on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm, confessions on Wednesdays and Fridays 5:30-6:15pm and Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 6:30pm.

What is CRS Rice Bowl?

CRS Rice Bowl is a Catholic Relief Services' Lenten faith-in-action program for families and faith communities. Please pick up your families Rice Bowl. Bowls are in the Narthex and will be collected **April 11 & 12**—the weekend **after** Easter.

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!

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 info., contact Natalie at ngenenbacher@qndhs.org or 217-223-2479 ext. 326.

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).

"A Time To Mourn...A Time to Heal"

We are holding our bereavement sessions called "A Time To Mourn...A Time to Heal." This 4 week series is being offered at the St. Peter parish office on: March 5, 12, 19 & 26 at 4:30pm. If interested, please RSVP to Sarah Wietholder at the parish office at 217-222-3155.

Haiti Sister Parish Update

Fr Michel recently wrote the following to Fr. Leo and the committee:

Dear Friends in Christ,

Each day people are asking: how are things going in Haiti? Is there some hope with its complex situation? How is our sister parish? Let me try to approach the reality of these questions.

The current situation is marked by political instability, economic hardship, and widespread violence. The country has been grappling with severe challenges each and every day in a power vacuum. Various armed gangs now control large parts of the capital, Port-au-Prince and other regions, leading to increased violence, kidnapping and extortion. The economy is also in crisis, with inflation, and a lack of basic services like healthcare and education, contributing to widespread poverty.

The people of Haiti continue to suffer from a lack of governance, economic opportunities and safety.

However, during the last few weeks, the police force has been very active, hoping to dismantle the gangs. We have some hope for Haiti if the army and police force do not give up. Hope lives in the Haitian people, in their strength, their culture, their faith, and their refusal to give up. But it is very hard.

In many situations and even after disaster and hardship, Haiti rises, again and again. The problem is the continuity and the perseverance. Haiti needs a strong renewal, a strong engagement from people, local movement, agricultural cooperative conducive to food security, self-reliance and so on. We also need hospitals, clinics, and healthcare for the people. When will we see something positive like that? Hope doesn't disappoint.

It is also imperative to decrease social inequality and to build a nation where justice can flourish and long-term resilience is generated.

As far as our parish, your sister parish, we are doing well and are doing our best. We were happy to celebrate Christmas and see the 2026 New Year. Good time. The children went back to school recently.

Our goal for 2026 is to partially renovate the Mission Church in Chemin-Neuf. It is in bad shape. We will try to make it look better for God's glory and his people's joy. People are waiting to see their dream come true. Thanks to God and to you, it will happen.

Regarding the pick-up truck, it will become a reality in the near future. I am in talks with a car dealer for this project. And I am grateful to all of you who gave your money so that I have a reliable car to accomplish my pastoral mission as I get older. This is a tremendous help.

Here at Our Lady of Assumption Parish, we continue to pray for you, asking God to bless you with health, joy and peace for a good life on earth as we make our way to heaven one day. Pray for us as well.

May God bless you for your generous help.

Fr. Delix Michel

Parish in Action

ST. PETER LENTEN MISSION

MARCH 8, 9, & 10

PASSION AND PRESENCE:

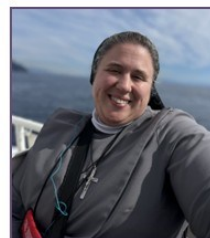
LIVING YOUR EUCHARISTIC IDENTITY THROUGH THE PASCHAL MYSTERY;

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.

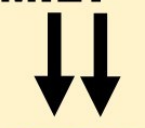
DOES YOUR CHILI HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO WIN?

Questions?
CALL
217.214.0187



CHEF SIGN UP

- 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

