



# St. Peter Parish Quincy, IL

*Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 8, 2026*

*~Mass Intentions~*

*February 9-15, 2026*

- 9. Monday 8:00 a.m.  
Julia Maas
- 10. Tuesday 8:00 a.m.  
Bill & Mary Brahler
- 11. Wednesday 8:20 a.m.  
Robert & Dorothy Deters
- 12. Thursday 8:00 a.m.  
Tom Lepper
- 13. Friday 8:00 a.m.  
Ann Anderson
- 14. Saturday 8:00 a.m.  
Richard Lauer
- 14. Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Karen Wiewel
- 15. Sunday 8:00 a.m.  
Priscilla Morrison
- 15. Sunday 9:30 a.m.  
Our Parish Family
- 15. Sunday 11:00 a.m.  
Zak Haubrich

*— 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 celebrate this new month of February, our thoughts, at least mine do, turn to the thoughts of Spring. I've had my share of winter and look forward to warmer temps, longer days, and new growth on our trees and on our lawns. Unfortunately, our prognosticator of Spring, namely Punxsutawney Phil, sees his shadow and supposedly we now have six more weeks of winter. The interesting part of that prediction is that according to our calendar, we are more than six weeks away from Spring anyway. So, it doesn't matter for we will take what is given to us and be thankful to God for the gift of Creation.

Our readings for this weekend are rather interesting and help us to understand what God expects from each of us. In the second reading from Paul's letter to the Corinthians, he tells us that he did not come preaching "with sublimity of words or of wisdom." But rather what guided Paul was the person of Jesus, and "him crucified." Like most of the evangelists, we come to our people, "in weakness and fear and much trembling, and my message and my proclamation were not with persuasive words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of Spirit and power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God." This short passage is a reminder to all of us who preach the gospel not to be impressed with our persuasive speech, nor our human wisdom, but instead to let the power of God speak through us. I find that we often times just need to get out of the way and let God speak His message through us. If God does that for His priests and evangelists, He also does the same for His people who are the light of the world and the salt of the earth. Jesus is Jesus and you and I just need to open up our hearts and our lives to allow Him to speak through us and in us. If we do that, we will bring light to others and salt to the lives of others.

Just to prepare you with a reminder that the season of Lent will begin on Wednesday, February 18th, with our celebration of Ash Wednesday. Our Mass schedule for that day will be as follows: **Mass at St. Peter Church at 8:20, 12:10, and 6:30 p.m. There will also be Mass at QND at 10:00 in the QND gym for those who might be interested. Also, this day is a day of fast and abstinence. Please note that we will have a Wednesday evening Mass during Lent at 6:30 p.m. with Confessions from 5:30-6:20 p.m. Then on Fridays, we will have the same confessional schedule but at 6:30 p.m. we will have Stations of the Cross followed by Benediction. Please begin to think of what Lenten practices and/or disciplines that you will be doing for yourselves as preparation for Easter.**

We are very happy to welcome back this coming week Fr. Paul Lesupati, who has returned to us from his visit with his family in Kenya upon the death of his mother. We missed him and are very glad he has returned to us safe and hopefully refreshed.

Just to let you know that I have been able to move my chemo treatments from Fridays to now Mondays. My next treatment is Monday, February 9th. So if you see me looking tired and fatigued, it's not the disease but the chemo. These treatments will continue every other week until sometime in April when I will have another evaluation by Siteman Cancer Center at Barnes Hospital.

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

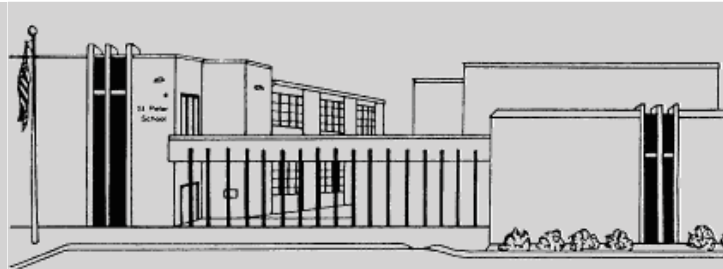
All 7th, 8th, & 9th graders & their friends welcome!



**Saints Alive!  
February 10th  
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 8, 2026

## A Message from Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh

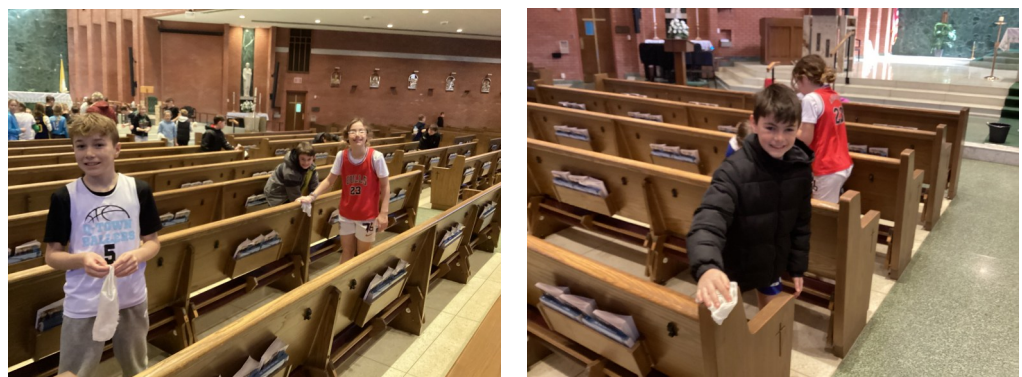
"St. Peter School provides a quality education built on Catholic values and teachings."

### Celebrating the 100th Day of School During Catholic Schools Week



Our Kindergarten students rapidly aged overnight! Fifty of our Kindergarten students showed up at school on the 100th day looking like they were 100 years old! They were so adorable and had a great time doing various 100 day activities throughout the day!

### Fourth Grade Helped to Clean Our Church During Catholic Schools Week



### Teacher Openings—We are hiring! Come and be part of an outstanding and committed staff for the 2026-2027 School Year.

St. Peter School is accepting applications for full-time teaching positions for the 2026-2027 school year. We have a 4th grade position as well as a 7/8 grade Science/Religion/Reading position open. Applicants must hold an active Illinois teaching license and demonstrate enthusiasm and dedication to student success. As a Catholic school, we seek educators who are committed to fostering both academic excellence and spiritual growth in a faith-filled environment that supports the values of our Catholic tradition. Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume, and three letters of reference via email to [c.venvertloh@cospq.org](mailto:c.venvertloh@cospq.org) or by mail to **Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh, Principal, St. Peter School, 2500 Maine Street, Quincy, IL 62301**. For inquiries, please contact the school office at **217-223-1120**. St. Peter School wages are based on years of experience and education ranging from \$33,000 to \$70,000 depending upon education and experience. More specific information will be provided upon request. A summary of benefits can be found at <https://dio.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/2026-Benefits-Flyer-2.pdf>.

### SCHOOL MENU

**Monday:** BBQ rib on bun, curly fries, corn, fruit.  
**Tuesday:** Sausage/egg biscuit, hash brown, veggie juice, fruit.  
**Wednesday:** Meatballs, bosco stick, romaine salad, fruit.  
**Thursday:** Nachos, fiesta corn, salsa, fruit.  
**Friday:** No School

### THIS WEEK

Monday, Feb. 9: 8th grade visit QND.

Tuesday, Feb. 10: **K-8 Winter Olympics**—students wear HOUSE shirts with dress code bottoms.

Wednesday, Feb. 11: **8:20 Children's Mass**—Kindergarten in charge.

Thursday, Feb. 12: **Quarter 3 Midterms** sent home.

Friday, Feb. 13: **NO SCHOOL**—Teachers & Administration Retreat in Springfield.

**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..

Parishioners have been asking about our building project and how it is going. Here is the latest correspondence from Maas Construction. "The steel and block phase will be continuing for several more weeks. By March, we should be close if not already working on fully enclosing the building with the roof going on. The exterior framing will be going, and the brick will be able to start around that time as well. We should be seeing some doors and windows going in as well. This means interior work will start as well but that will be less visible. Generally, after the block and steel are done, there will be more to update on as things progress a little faster at that point." Of course this is all weather dependent.

Just a reminder to our parents of our second grade students that they are expected to be present at our First Reconciliation Sacrament Meeting this Wednesday, at 6:30 p.m. in the Church.

**ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:** Parents visited their newly married daughter, who was preparing her first Thanksgiving dinner. The mother noticed the turkey thawing in the kitchen sink with a dish drainer inverted over the bird.

Mom asked why a drainer covered the turkey.

The daughter turned to her mother and said, "Mom you always did it that way."

"Yes," her mother replied, "but you don't have a cat!"

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH.

*Maggi Lisa J. Eulow*

### Mark Your Calendar

**Mon. Feb. 9:**

**Tues. Feb. 10:** Ladies Bible Study 8:30 a.m., Martha Jane Room

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

**Wed. Feb. 11:** Ladies Cursillo 1:30 p.m., Fr. Bauer Prayer Room

First Reconciliation Sacrament Meeting 6:30 p.m., Church  
 PSR 6:30 p.m., School

**Thurs. Feb. 12:** St. Veronica's Guild 8:30 a.m., Lower Level Conf. Room

**Fri. Feb. 13:**

**Sat. Feb. 14:**

**Sun. Feb. 15:** Adoration 5:45 p.m., Church

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	~Maria (Eberhardt) Sparrow	~Abram Kelle
~Lori Eaton	~Ellie Peters	
~Vincent Holtmeyer	~Anonymous	~Dick Hopkins
~Jordyn Holtmeyer	~Ian Mehaffy	~Mary Neuser
~Bonnie Haubrich	~Emmett Hertle	
~Winnie Vogel	~Rinley Barry	



### 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 1	Total to Date
Loose Collections	\$934.25	\$35,580.66
Regular Collections	\$23,589.10	\$945,742.58
Annual School Fund	\$4,195.90	\$218,717.31
Holy Days	\$45.00	\$38,728.56
Totals	\$28,764.25	\$1,238,769.11
Total Budget Goal	\$42,000.00	\$1,042,000.00
Difference	(\$13,235.75)	\$196,769.11

### Diocesan Collections

Catholic Times: \$240.00  
 Latin America: \$415.00

### Haiti Sister Parish Collections

Collected \$1,880.75

*Rest in Peace*  
*May the soul of*  
**Joseph Welch**  
*sing praises with the Angels in Heaven forever.*

**St. Veronica Guild**

The St. Veronica Guild will meet **Thursday, February 12** in the Lower Level of the rectory at 8:30 a.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!

**Adoration on February 15**

Please join us for Eucharistic Adoration on Sunday, February 15th from 5:45pm until 7:00pm. There will be a reflection 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.

**St. Peter Liturgical Choir**

Interested in the choir? All are welcome to come to sing and learn more about St. Peter Liturgical Choir on Wednesday, February 11th starting at 6:30 pm in the choral practice room by the cafeteria. We will start to prepare for the Lenten season and Easter. If you have any questions, please email Jaicee at [music@cospq.org](mailto:music@cospq.org).

**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](mailto:fishgills1208@gmail.com). Deadline to register is February 17.

**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](mailto: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).

**Annual Rosary Prayer Service**

The Annual 'Rosary Prayer Service' will be held on Wednesday, February 11, 2026 at 1:30pm on the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes at 'Our Lady of Lourdes of Ghost Hollow Grotto'. The Grotto is located at the corner of 4507 Ghost Hollow and Herleman Roads, Quincy, IL 62305. All are invited. Dress for the weather and bring a folding chair.  
 For information contact Janice E. Pohlman at 217-257-2400.

**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. For more information, please contact Natalie at [ngenenbacher@qndhs.org](mailto:ngenenbacher@qndhs.org) or 217-223-2479 ext. 326.

**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!

**Sunshine Crew Lent 2026 Signup!**

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 ([5mcdonaldsic@gmail.com](mailto:5mcdonaldsic@gmail.com)) or Lyn Strieker ([l.strieker@cospq.org](mailto:l.strieker@cospq.org)).  
 Signup Genius link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0B4CA5AE22A64-61802075-stpeter>

**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.holylandtoursllc.com/tour/789>.  
 If you have any questions, email Fr. Zach at [zsamples@dio.org](mailto:zsamples@dio.org).

**Women's Cursillo Weekend #382**

Women's Cursillo weekend #382 will be held February 19 through February 22, 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 \$186 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.

**Moving?**

If you are moving, please contact the parish office at [church@cospq.org](mailto:church@cospq.org) or 217-222-3155 to give us your new address.

# Parish in Action

*New Year New Spark 2026*

**FEBRUARY DATE: LOVE ON THE RANGE**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22**  
**1:00 - 3:00 P.M. @ THE RANGE at KC**  
**830 S 36th St. / Quincy, IL**

LOOKING FOR THE PERFECT DAY DATE? GRAB YOUR PLUS-ONE AND SWING BY AND JOIN US! NO PRO SKILLS REQUIRED - JUST GOOD VIBES AND BETTER COMPANY! FREE CHILDCARE FOR AGES 3-12 @ THE QUINCY GYMNASIUM CENTER. BAYS AVAILABLE FOR GOLF BETWEEN 1:30 - 2:30 P.M.

\*REGISTER EARLY: Childcare is limited to 60 children and golfing is limited to 30 couples.




  
**SCAN CODE TO REGISTER**

**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**  
