



St. Peter Parish Quincy, IL

Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 15, 2026

~Mass Intentions~

March 16-22, 2026

- 16. Monday 8:00 a.m.
Frank Poore
- 17. Tuesday 8:00 a.m.
Bill & Mary Brahler
- 18. Wednesday 8:20 a.m.
NO Mass
- 18. Wednesday 6:30 p.m.
JE & Clara Ashbaker
- 19. Thursday 8:00 a.m.
Steven & Ed Churchwell
- 20. Friday 8:00 a.m.
Virginia Deters
- 21. Saturday 8:00 a.m.
Dale Tangy
- 21. Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Karen Wiewel
- 22. Sunday 8:00 a.m.
Sue Miller
- 22. Sunday 9:30 a.m.
Our Parish Family
- 22. Sunday 11:00 a.m.
Jerry Eberhardt &
Bradley Havermale

— 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,

We gather this weekend to celebrate the Fourth Sunday in our season of Lent. The entrance antiphon for our Mass seems to invite us to “rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning.” With this antiphon for this 4th Sunday of Lent, the Church celebrates what is called “Laetare Sunday.” The word “Laetare comes from this entrance antiphon and means to “rejoice.” This halfway point and respite in our penitential season is marked by rose vestments instead of violet. There is a joyful note at this point in Lent because of the ancient practice of “handing over” the Apostles Creed to the Elect (non-baptized), the last and decisive step for those preparing for baptism. This Sunday is also called “Rose Sunday, which comes from the papal blessing of the golden rose, a symbol of spiritual joy. The floral spray was blessed by the pope on the Fourth Sunday of Lent and sent to some notable person or institution to acknowledge and honor special service or loyalty. There is a small container of musk and balsam in the heart of the sprays principle rose. And so today, we find the priest wearing “rose colored vestments” to designate the rejoicing that we feel as Easter gets closer and closer.

This Sunday we also have our Second Scrutiny celebration with our Elect. On this particular Sunday, we use the Scripture of the man born blind. Jesus encounters this man born blind as he traveled along the way. Question was asked, “Who sinned to bring about this blindness, this man or his parents? Because he was unable to read the Torah, it was understood that some sin must have caused this blindness since God could not cause it. And so there is a major discussion concerning who caused this blindness. Then Jesus does something unexpected. He puts clay on his eyes and tells him to go wash. “So, he went and washed and came back, able to see.” Then we have a major discussion that involved this blind man, his parents, and the Pharisees who were trying to find fault to criticize Jesus. What happens next is a conversion story, namely, the conversion story of the blind man. He goes from questioning to stating that Jesus was a prophet. After further questioning and being accused of all things by the Pharisees, he states, “one thing I do know is that I was blind but now I see.” Through it all, they even questioned his parents. But the blind man remains firm and in spite of the ridicule, he is steadfast in his profession of faith that Jesus healed him. And because of that steadfastness, they argued, “you were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us? And they threw him out.” And this is when Jesus encounters him again and is asked, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered Jesus by saying, “Who is He, sir, that I may believe in Him” Then Jesus reveals Himself to the man born blind and says to him, you have seen him and the ones peaking with you is he. And thus, Jesus makes a profound statement to His audience, “I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind. Hoping and praying that this conversion story is ours. Our Elect will be participating in their second scrutiny which prays for their eyes to be opened, and they profess their faith in Jesus Christ. Soon and very soon we will journey toward the baptismal waters where they will encounter our Lord and Savior, telling them to go wash in the pool and they will truly be able to see.

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

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

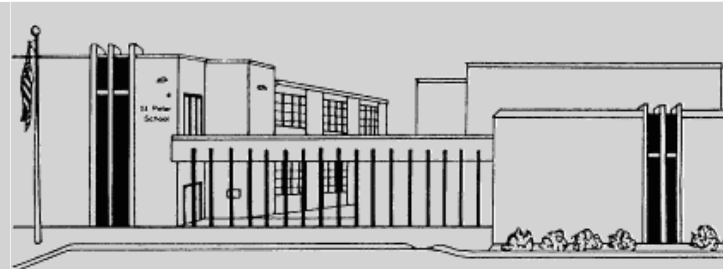


Let Me See
Your Halo

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

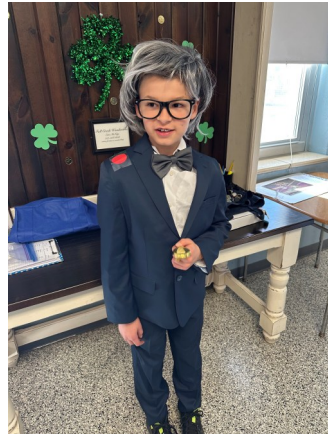


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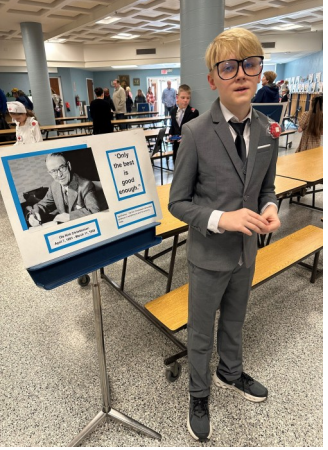
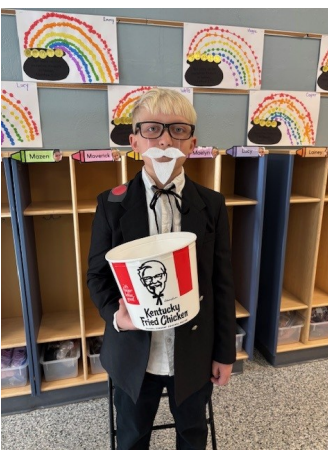
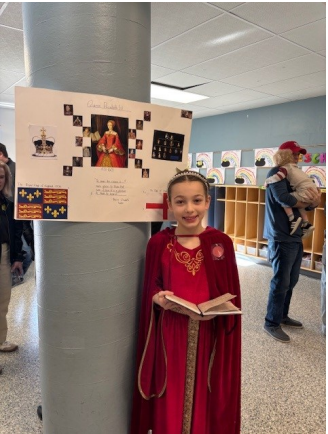
A Message from Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh

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

5th GRADE WAX MUSEUM



Students dressed as a famous person in history and shared a report with those who came to visit them. Once again this tradition serves as a great learning experience for all!



SCHOOL MENU
Monday: Corn dog, curly fries, peas, fruit.
Tuesday: Hamburger on bun, hash brown, green beans, fruit.
Wednesday: Dorito walking taco, lettuce/tomato, refried beans, fruit.
Thursday: Breaded chicken on bun, smiley fries, corn, fruit.
Friday: Toasted cheese ravioli, yogurt, romaine salad, fruit.

THIS WEEK

Vision and Hearing Testing all week

Monday, Mar. 16:

Tuesday, Mar. 17: School Advisory Board Meeting 5:30.

Wednesday, Mar. 18: **NO CHILDREN'S MASS**—priests out of town; State and Diocesan School Review.

Thursday, Mar. 19: Adoration.

Friday, Mar. 20: **Crazy Sock Day**—wear mismatched socks to support World Down Syndrome Day; **STEM Fair**; Q3 report cards sent.

Two 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 Tuesday and Wednesday, March 17-18th, the priests of the diocese are required to attend a meeting with the bishop that is what is called our "corporate meeting." It will be in Springfield at the Crown Plaza going from Lunch on Tuesday to closure sometime on Wednesday. Because of this meeting, **THERE WILL BE NO MASS ON WEDNESDAY MORNING, MARCH 18TH.** But we will have confessions and evening Mass on Wednesday evening. Please pray for us as we are away.

I want to congratulate our QND boy's basketball team who will be competing in the IHSAA state tournament this weekend. After a spectacular season, hopefully they will be bringing home a state trophy to our QND Raiders boys basketball team. Our Lady, Queen of Victory, Pray for us.

Also, I want to congratulate our third graders from St. Peter School who will be completing their initiation rites at the Cathedral this past Saturday. They will be receiving Confirmation and their First Holy Communion, I thank our parents for being their first teachers in the ways of faith along with our teachers in our grade school and PSR program. I want them to know how proud I am of them and pray that they remain ever close to our Lord in the Church and especially in the Eucharist. Our parish celebration with them will be this Sunday at the 11:00 Mass.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: My youngest son asked me how old I was.

Mom answered, "39 and holding."

The son thought for a moment and then asked, "And how old would you be if you let go?"

Mrs. Lisa J. Eulow

Mark Your Calendar

Mon. Mar. 16:

Tues. Mar. 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. Mar. 18: 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. Mar. 19:

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

Confessions 5:30 p.m., Church
 Stations of the Cross 6:30 p.m., Church

Sat. Mar. 21:

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

Please keep the following in your prayers:

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| ~John & Barb Meyer | ~Elias Erd | ~Jo Buckley |
| ~Isabella Benner | ~Amy Seibert | ~Nancy Bohan |
| ~Hunter Hildebrand | ~Ellie Lamberson | ~Julie Eftink |
| ~Kathy Schuckman | ~Vivian Schwartz | ~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 | ~Mary Lavery | ~Anonymous |
| ~Lori Eaton | ~Ellie Peters | ~Anonymous |
| ~Vincent Holtmeyer | ~Jimmy Brinkman | ~Anonymous |
| ~Jordyn Holtmeyer | ~Ian Mehaffy | ~Mary Neuser |
| ~Bonnie Haubrich | ~Dick Hopkins | ~Drake Willing |
| ~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

| | March 8 | Total to Date |
|---------------------|-------------|----------------|
| Loose Collections | \$1,137.00 | \$41,285.21 |
| Regular Collections | \$37,255.44 | \$1,125,192.79 |
| Annual School Fund | \$6,230.00 | \$253,527.21 |
| Holy Days | \$145.00 | \$40,601.56 |
| Totals | \$44,767.44 | \$1,460,606.77 |
| Total Budget Goal | \$42,000.00 | \$1,252,000.00 |
| Difference | \$2,767.44 | \$208,606.77 |

Diocesan Collections

Quincy Catholic Charities: \$4,219.00
 Church of Central & Eastern Europe: \$135.00
 Quincy Catholic Cemetery: \$50.00 Others: \$265.00

Haiti Sister Parish Collections

Collected \$1,430.00

Rest in Peace
May the soul of
Gordon Pasley
sing praises with the Angels in Heaven forever.

No Morning Mass on Wednesday, 3/18
 We will not have morning Mass on Wednesday, 3/18. We will have the evening Mass.

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.

Help With Communion to the Nursing Homes
 We are looking for people to help with delivering communion to Adams Pointe and High Point nursing homes on the weekends. If you would like to help, please contact the parish office at church@cospq.org or 217-222-3155.

Join Us for Music for Triduum Masses
 All are welcome to join St. Peter Music Liturgy to help lead music for Triduum Masses. Please join us for practices on March 18th, 25th, and April 1st at 7:00 pm in the music practice room. Contact Jaicee Griggs with any questions at music@cospq.org.

Chaddock Collection: Hygiene Products
 The Chaddock Outreach Ministry will be collecting hygiene products. Items needed are body wash, shampoo, conditioner, African-American hair care products, lotion, combs/brushes, stick deodorant, toothbrush/paste, shaving cream, razor, and chapstick. Please take a tag from the table in the Narthex. Items can be placed in the box in the Narthex March 21-22. Thank you for being a good neighbor to the residents at Chaddock.

St. Anthony Fish Fry
 March 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. Patrick's Day Dinner
 St. Rose Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner, Tuesday, March 17th. Serving 11:00am - 6:00pm. Drive Thru Only. Serving corned beef & cabbage OR German sausage & sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, and apple or cherry pie. Can also have 1/2 beef & 1/2 pork. \$15 per meal. St. Rose of Lima Parish Hall, 715 Chestnut, Quincy IL. Enter through alley off of 8th Street. Order from your car!

Volunteers needed at Ladies of Charity
 Ladies of Charity is looking for volunteers for both our Thrift Store (24 & Elm) and our Center (4th&State). Most volunteers are women but men are also invited to assist us with some of the heavy lifting jobs. We are particularly looking for volunteers who can work the cash registers at our Thrift Store but other opportunities also exist at both the Thrift Store and the Center. Volunteers typically donate 2 to 5 hours of their time per week. Please call/text either Kathy Obert at (703) 786-4788 or Brenda Ehrhardt at (217) 257-8832 to learn more.

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** - 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

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!

Men's Cursillo #383
 Men's Cursillo weekend #383 will be held March 19-22, 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.

QND Spring Show
 The QND Music Department will present Spring Show 2026: The Elements, on March 19 & 20 at 7:00 p.m. and March 21 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. All shows will be held in the Mary Ellen Orr Auditorium at John Wood Community College. The Concert Chorale, Mixed Chorus, Men's and Women's Glee, Jazz Ensemble and Mixed Nuts Comedy Ensemble will entertain. Also featured will be specialty acts presented by our talented QND students. Ticket prices are \$15 for adults and \$5 for students. Tickets are on sale now at the Gene Grawe Fund office, at Quincy Notre Dame, and online at www.quincynotredame.org.

Attention All Women of the Parish
 You are invited to The Quincy Deanery Council of Catholic Women's Spring Gathering on Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at St Thomas Parish in Camp Point IL.
 Theme: "Building Catholic Culture"
 Featured speaker Father Scott Snider; Tri-Parishes Pastor
 7:45 am-8:15 am: Registration; Cost \$10
 8:15 am: Mass followed by Adoration and the rosary
 10am: Light Breakfast, program & speaker, lunch & FUN.
 Ends approximately 2:30pm
 Please register so we know how many for lunch. You can register by using the QRC or use the sign-up sheet at church. Questions, contact Susan Asher QDCCW, President 217-653-5074.



Parish in Action




QUINCY CATHOLIC NAVIGATING US

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Town & Country Inn and Suites
 110 North 54th Street, Quincy, IL 62305

APRIL 10 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
APRIL 11 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
APRIL 12 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

SCAN ME 

livethelife.org/event-details/quincy-navigating-us-retreat

Calvary, St. Boniface & St. Peter's Cemeteries Clean-Up

The 2026 clean-up will be held March 16th - March 20th. You must have everything off the graves by Sunday, March 15th. As the clean-up will start early on March 16th. You may leave the shepherds hooks, but clean-up is a good time to take them home and repaint them. Also if they are rusting you don't want the stone damaged due to the rust to dripping on the stone! Everything else please remove! Please mark your flowers with the Name on the stone and your contact number so if they come off there is a better chance of having them returned to the right spot. (Markings should be weather proof if possible.)

Another Opportunity to Show Your Commitment to QND!

The students of QND thank you for your support on Commitment Weekend! For those parishioners who missed the opportunity to make their pledge or gift to QND, You can place your contribution in the collection basket or they can be mailed to QND, PO Box 1014, Quincy, IL 62306. Contributions benefit the 49th Fund Drive, which bridges the gap between the cost to educate and the tuition charged to families. To learn more about QND, visit QuincyNotre-Dame.org Scan the QR codes to give to QND. Thank you for your consideration!



Easter Flowers

To make a donation for Easter flowers in memory of a loved one, please fill out the envelope in your packet or, for those who do not receive envelopes, please put your donation in a plain envelope labeled "Easter Flowers" along with this form and place it in the collection by Sunday, March 29 or email church@cospq.org.

Given by: _____

In Memory of: _____