



St. Peter Parish Quincy, IL

Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 22, 2026

~Mass Intentions~

March 23-29, 2026

- 23. Monday 8:00 a.m.
Marge McClain
- 24. Tuesday 8:00 a.m.
Julie Sturhahn Barry
- 25. Wednesday 8:20 a.m.
Sherrie Craven
- 25. Wednesday 6:30 p.m.
Jeff Steinkamp
- 26. Thursday 8:00 a.m.
Dave Huseman
- 27. Friday 8:00 a.m.
Dale Tangy
- 28. Saturday 8:00 a.m.
Sheri George
- 28. Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Bob Soltys
- 29. Sunday 8:00 a.m.
Our Parish Family
- 29. Sunday 9:30 a.m.
Talyn Fesler
- 29. Sunday 11:00 a.m.
Dennis Buckley

— 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,

“Once upon a time it was the tradition to cover all crucifixes, statues, and pictures in purple cloth from two Sundays before Easter until Good Friday. Those were the days when the Fifth Sunday of Lent, one week before Palm Sunday, was called *Passion Sunday*. The veiling referred to the closing words of the Sunday’s Gospel, ‘they picked up stones to throw at Him, but Jesus hid Himself, and went out of the temple.’ The Lenten veil also expressed the sorrow of the Church at this time. As a matter of fact, the Roman Missal still says, in a note about the Saturday of the fourth week of Lent, that this tradition may be observed, continuing the veiling until the beginning of the vigil.” (The Catholic Source Book).

As we continue to prepare our Elect for the Easter sacraments, and as we prepare to renew our baptismal promises at the Easter Vigil, the Church this weekend uses John’s gospel concerning the death of Jesus’ friend, Lazarus. The whole purpose in using this particular reading is the statement that Jesus states boldly that “He is the resurrection and the life; whoever believed in Him, even if that person dies, will live; and everyone who lives and believed in Jesus will never die. Then Jesus asks, Martha the question he poses for all of us, namely, “do you believe this?” Well this question is what the Paschal Mystery is all about, namely, Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection. This is our faith, this is what Easter is all about. Do you believe this? Hopefully we will be like Martha and are able to say and renew each Easter, “Yes, Lord, I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world.”

Now to illustrate Jesus’ words to Martha and to us, we find Jesus going to the tomb in which they buried Lazarus. And then we hear how the humanity of Jesus seemed to come forth at the thought of the death of Jesus’ friend, and all the gospel tells us that “Jesus wept.” Sadness and sorrow take hold of the humanity of Jesus as it does all of us, and tears are shed. But there were skeptics who thought to themselves, “could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?” After reaching the tomb, Jesus tells them to remove the stone that lay across it. There was concern that since Lazarus had been dead for a number of days that there might have been a stench. But to prove Jesus is who He told Martha He was, He prayed to His Father and then in those remarkable words of power of life over death, Jesus cries out and says, “Lazarus come out! And Lazarus did come out as directed, tied hand and foot with burial bands. And Jesus says “untie him and let him go free.” The words of Jesus echoed over and over at the tomb and many began to believe in Him. This story continues to ask that same question that Jesus asked of Martha “do you believe that Jesus is the resurrection and the life?” The raising of Lazarus is proof that Jesus is who He says He is. This is the Easter Mystery. This is the mystery that helps us realize that death has no power over Jesus, nor His promise to all those who acknowledge Him as our Savior.

Because of this gospel, we will have the third and final scrutiny for our Elect. Our prayer for this scrutiny has to do with death and resurrection, new life in the Sacraments, and that our Elect will receive the new life of the Risen Christ and bear witness to it.

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

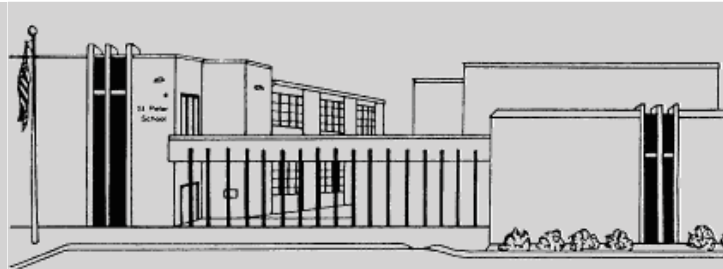
All 7th, 8th, & 9th graders & their friends welcome!



**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 March 22, 2026

A Message from Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh

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



SR. CLEMENTIA VISITS GRADES 3 & 4

Sr. Clementia, Coordinator of Diocesan Celebrations, visited with our students. She spoke to the third grade about the sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion. We absolutely love when she visits us as she brings such great energy and knowledge to our students.

CONGRATULATION CONFIRMANDI

St. Peter Students received the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation this past Sunday! We are so very proud of them.



SCHOOL MENU

Monday: Pancakes, sausage, veggie juice, fruit.
Tuesday: Hot dog on bun, smiley fries, green beans, fruit.
Wednesday: Chicken chunks, mashed potatoes, carrots, fruit.
Thursday: Tenderloin on bun, hash brown, peas, fruit.
Friday: French bread pizza, pudding, romaine salad, fruit.

THIS WEEK

Monday, Mar. 23: **6th grade Culture Day** at QND; **3rd grade celebration field trip.**

Tuesday, Mar. 24:

Wednesday, Mar. 25: **8:20 CHILDREN'S MASS**—3rd grade in charge.

Thursday, Mar. 26:

Friday, Mar. 27: **HOUSE Activity** wear **HOUSE shirts** with dress code bottoms.; **Stations of the Cross** led by 7th grade at 1:10.

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..

Recently I have found out from the Bishop that I will be appointed Pastor emeritus of St. Peter Church when my appointment ends in June. What this means is that I am being appointed to retired ministry with no parish assignment. The diocese is in the process of finding the new pastor for St. Peter Church. Please pray for our Bishop and his personnel board that they find the right fit for this wonderful parish.

FYI—I have another chemo treatment this Monday. The good part is that this means that I will be able to have our Holy Weeks celebrations without having to worry about the side effects of the treatment.

Also we will be having our traditional city-wide Penance Service next Sunday, March 29th at 2:00 p.m. in Blessed Sacrament Church. There will be a number of priests present for this service to celebrate individual confessions with those participating. Please take advantage of this time.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: Scripture Thoughts
 Eve never had to listen to Adam's talk about how well his mother cooked.
 What kind of motor vehicles are in the Bible? God drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden in a Fury. David's Triumph was heard throughout the land. Also, probably a Honda, because the apostles were all in one Accord.
 Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible? Samson. He brought the house down.
 What kind of man was Boaz before he married? Ruthless.
 Who was the greatest babysitter mentioned in the Bible? David. He rocked Goliath to a very deep sleep.

Magi. Leo J. Eulow

Mark Your Calendar

Mon. Mar. 23: Saints Alive 3:00 p.m., Martha Jane Room
Tues. Mar. 24: Ladies Bible Study 8:30 a.m., Martha Jane Room
 OCIA 7:00 p.m., Martha Jane Room
Wed. Mar. 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. Mar. 26: St. Veronica's Guild 1:00 p.m., Lower Level Conf. Room
Fri. Mar. 27: Confessions 5:30 p.m., Church
 Stations of the Cross 6:30 p.m., Church
Sat. Mar. 28:
Sun. Mar. 29:

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	~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	



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 15	Total to Date
Loose Collections	\$1,409.00	\$42,694.21
Regular Collections	\$25,905.96	\$1,151,098.75
Annual School Fund	\$2,340.00	\$255,867.21
Holy Days	\$0.00	\$40,601.56
Totals	\$29,654.96	\$1,490,261.73
Total Budget Goal	\$42,000.00	\$1,294,000.00
Difference	(\$12,345.04)	\$196,261.73

Diocesan Collections

Quincy Catholic Charities: \$666.00
 Catholic Relief Services: \$389.00

Haiti Sister Parish Collections

Collected \$375.00

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.

St. Veronica Guild
 The St. Veronica Guild will meet **Thursday, March 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!

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 This Weekend
 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.

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.

St. Francis Card Party
 Where: St. Francis Parish Center
 Entrance: North Door of the Church
 When: Thursday, April 9th.
 Time: 11:00-3:00 (doors open at 10:30)
 Cost: \$13
 Reservations: Call Pat Winking 217.257.0416

St. Francis Quilters
 The St. Francis quilters would like to invite anyone looking for a place to quilt or anyone looking to learn to quilt to join them at St. Francis. All of our quilts are hand-quilted. We quilt on Tuesday mornings from 9-11:30 and on Thursdays from 9-3. You can come any time on those days and stay for as long as you like. We have some that stay the mornings and some that only come in the afternoon. Some only come one day a week. We are located in the basement of the Parish Center, 1721 College Ave. Please come on over, or call Kay Gallaher at 217-223-4922. Leave a message and she will get back to you.

Baptism
Paris Alexa Million, daughter of **Alex & Madalyn (Terstegge) Million**, was made a child of God through the reception of the sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, March 15, 2026.

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!

Adoration Chapel Closed Easter Week
 The Adoration Chapel will be closed Easter week, March 31 through April 4. It will reopen on Tuesday, April 7 at 9:00am.

St. Anthony Fish Fry
 March 27, 4:30-7:00pm. St. Anthony Parish, 2223 St. Anthony Rd. 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.

College Scholarship Available to Girls Graduating High School in 2026
 The Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic women is offering a \$2000 College Scholarship to Girls Graduating in 2026 from either Quincy Notre Dame, public school or home school. Application must be in by April 15th. See your parish office to pick up the application.

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

Sponsored By:

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

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

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 QuincyNotreDame.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: _____
