



# St. Peter Parish Quincy, IL

*Third Sunday of Lent, March 8, 2026*

*~Mass Intentions~*

*March 9-15, 2026*

- 9. Monday 8:00 a.m.  
Bob Soltys
- 10. Tuesday 8:00 a.m.  
Cindy & David Brown
- 11. Wednesday 8:20 a.m.  
Luke Mayfield
- 11. Wednesday 6:30 p.m.  
Bockenfeld Family
- 12. Thursday 8:00 a.m.  
Juia Maas
- 13. Friday 8:00 a.m.  
Mary Schlipmann
- 14. Saturday 8:00 a.m.  
Iva Woods Miller
- 14. Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Tom Lepper
- 15. Sunday 8:00 a.m.  
Carol Adams
- 15. Sunday 9:30 a.m.  
Our Parish Family
- 15. Sunday 11:00 a.m.  
Zak & Justin 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,**

This weekend we gather to celebrate the 3rd Sunday in our Season of Lent. For the next three Sundays, we will be hearing the Scripture readings intended for the scrutinies of those preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter. In the olden days of the Church the scrutiny were tests that those who were preparing for Baptism would undertake. These scrutinies were given to the Elect (unbaptized) to check if they were ready for the Sacraments. Not only were they tested on their knowledge of the Church but also on how they were living their lives. Not sure how many of us contemporary Catholics could have passed these tests for they were true scrutinies. Thankfully today, these scrutinies are now our prayers for the Elect as they prepare for the Easter sacraments.

In our gospel for this weekend, we hear about Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well. This encounter becomes a conversion experience for this woman who would come to this well every day to draw water. Well, this day would be a day for her to remember. The encounter starts off with casual conversation with Jesus asking her for a drink. Then this leads to a deeper conversation about the living water that Jesus would provide. Interested, the woman says, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Then the discussion continues and Jesus reveals some things about her past. But Jesus also reveals to her that He is the Messiah whom they were discussing. The woman, filled with amazement at this encounter, goes into town and becomes an evangelizer, spreading the good news about Jesus to everyone she would meet. Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in Him because of the word of that woman who testified, "He told me everything that I have done." And many of the people in that town believed in Him as they came to hear Him speak. Then the gospel concludes, "We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world." This brief encounter captures the conversion of heart that filled not only this woman whom Jesus encountered but also the lives of the people in that town who heard Him speak. These people were thirsting for something, and Jesus satisfied that thirst for them. Thus, it is with any conversion of heart.

Next Saturday, March 14th, our third grade students will be going to the Cathedral in Springfield to celebrate their Confirmation and First Communion with the Bishop. I ask that you pray for them and keep them safe on their journey to and from the Cathedral. Then on that Sunday, March 15, these same students will gather here at St. Peter to celebrate their sacrament with us at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. I want to congratulate them as we pray for them this next weekend.

Then we have our annual corporate meeting with the diocese, an event that is mandatory for all pastors. This meeting will be held in Springfield on March 17-18th. Because of this meeting, THERE WILL BE NO MORNING MASS ON WEDNESDAY, March 18th. We will have confessions and Mass that Wednesday evening. Again, please mark your calendars for these two days.

I have another chemo treatment this Monday, March 9th. Please keep me in your prayers. Thank you!

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

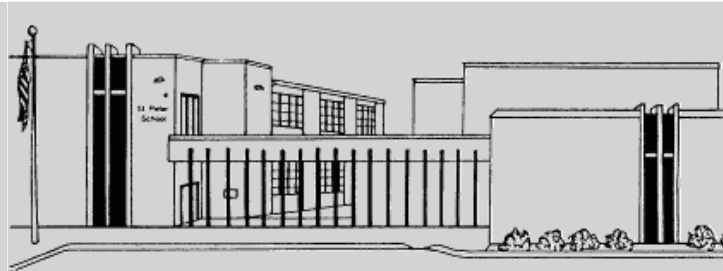
All 7th, 8th, & 9th graders & their friends welcome!



**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 8, 2026

## A Message from Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh

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

### RIGHT TO LIFE ST. PETER CONTEST WINNERS



BE KIND  
PRO-LIFE



The following students will go on to further judging for the Right to Life Contest.

Grade 4 winners—Ava F., Connor T., Aylah W., and Gwen N.

Grade 5 & 6 winners—Audrey W., Laikyn W., Anderson Z., and Gracie W.

Grade 7 & 8 winners—Emma S., Lilly F., Ana H., and Emily N. (not pictured).

7 & 8 essay winners— Charlotte B., Sofie H. (not pictured) and Gwynneth V.

All area-wide winning posters will be displayed at the Quincy Town Center from March 7-March 15, in the Right to Life Resource Center display window, 109 N. 8<sup>th</sup> during the weeks that follow.

### SCHOOL MENU

**Monday:** French toast sticks, sausage, veggie juice, fruit.

**Tuesday:** Meatballs, bosco stick, romaine salad, fruit.

**Wednesday:** House lunch - No hot lunch - bring cold lunch.

**Thursday:** Popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes, carrots, fruit.

**Friday:** No School

### THIS WEEK

Monday, Mar. 9: Sr. Clementia visiting from the diocese to talk with grades 3 & 4.

Tuesday, Mar. 10: Kohl's Try Day.

Wednesday, Mar. 11: 8:20 Children's HOUSE Mass—5th grade in charge. All students wear their HOUSE shirts with dress code bottoms. HOUSE lunch—all students bring a sack lunch.

Thursday, Mar. 12: St. Maximilian Feast Day so wear your PINK House shirt with dress code bottoms; Kindergarten Round Up from 5:30-7:45p.m.

Friday, Mar. 13: NO SCHOOL

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..

Just a reminder about our St. Peter Lenten Mission to be held March 8th, 9th, and 10th at 7:00 p.m. in our Church. The topic of the mission is Passion and Presence: Living your Eucharistic identity through the Paschal Mystery. Our speaker this year is Sr. M. Clementia FSGM. Please join us on each of these evenings and add another element of grace to your discipline of Lent. On March 8th, we will begin our mission with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 6:00 p.m. with the speaker to follow at 7:00 p.m.

A reminder that the collection for Catholic Charities of Quincy is still taking place this weekend. There are special envelopes in your parish packet of envelopes or there are still envelopes in the pews for your donation. Please respond generously to this great organization as they help all parishes respond to the poor in our area.

As we prepare our Church environment for our Easter celebration, if anyone would like to donate flowers in memory of a loved one, please do so soon. You may clip the form in our bulletin this week or last week, or you may use an envelope in your packet of parish envelopes and place in the collection. The beauty of our Church always depends upon our parishioners.

**ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:** Over dinner, a mother was explaining the health benefits of a colorful meal to her family. "The more colors, the more variety of nutrients," she told them. Pointing to the food served, she asked, "How many different colors do you see?"

"Six," volunteered the daughter. "Seven if you count the burnt parts."

*Mrs. Lisa J. Eulow*

### Mark Your Calendar

**Mon. Mar. 9:** Lenten Mission 7:00 p.m., Church

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

Lenten Mission 7:00 p.m., Church

**Wed. Mar. 11:** 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. 12:** St. Veronica's Guild 8:30 a.m., Lower Level Conf. Room

**Fri. Mar. 13:** Confessions 5:30 p.m., Church

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

**Sat. Mar. 14:**

**Sun. Mar. 15:**

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
~Lori Eaton	~Mary Lavery	~Anonymous
~Vincent Holtmeyer	~Ellie Peters	~Anonymous
~Jordyn Holtmeyer	~Jimmy Brinkman	~Anonymous
~Bonnie Haubrich	~Ian Mehaffy	~Mary Neuser
~Winnie Vogel	~Dick Hopkins	~Drake Willing
	~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 1	Total to Date
Loose Collections	\$1,278.00	\$40,148.21
Regular Collections	\$25,779.26	\$1,087,937.35
Annual School Fund	\$4,224.90	\$247,297.21
Holy Days	\$25.00	\$40,456.56
Totals	\$31,307.16	\$1,415,839.33
Total Budget Goal	\$42,000.00	\$1,210,000.00
Difference	(\$10,692.84)	\$205,839.33

### Diocesan Collections

Quincy Catholic Charities: \$1,440.00  
Church of Central & Eastern Europe: \$50.00  
Catholic Relief Services: \$40.00 Latin America: \$30.00

### Haiti Sister Parish Collections

Collected \$1,414.75

*Rest in Peace*  
*May the soul of*  
**Jean Evans**  
*sing praises with the Angels in Heaven forever.*

**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 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!

**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**  
 Feb. 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.

**Men's Cursillo #383**  
 Men's Cursillo weekend #383 will be held March 19-22, 2026 at the Franciscan Retreat Center in Quincy. 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 <https://quincycursillo.com> to print one.

**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  
 10:00 am: Light Breakfast, program and speaker, lunch and 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.



**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.

March, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
 Soon our diocese will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Your support for this collection provides aid to vulnerable people affected by war, natural disasters, and exploitation.

Human trafficking is the exploitation of a person through forced labor, domestic servitude, or commercial sex. It affects women, children, and men of all ages everywhere in the world, including in the United States. Although some victims of human trafficking are also smuggled across national borders, human trafficking involves anyone who is compelled by force, fraud, or coercion to provide work or service, regardless of nationality or citizenship or geographic location.

Poverty, isolation from the support of family and friends, and cultural or language barriers are among the factors that place people at risk of trafficking. Native Americans are particularly vulnerable to trafficking and violence, as many live in poverty away from reservations or tribal lands. Meanwhile, many reservations cover vast rural territories and have few law enforcement resources to aid victims of trafficking and bring perpetrators to justice.

In light of these challenges, successful antitrafficking efforts must involve communities that can recognize the signs of trafficking and provide direct assistance to victims. School teachers, parish staff and clergy, and health care providers at community clinics — with training to recognize the signs of human trafficking in their own communities— can be effective in combatting the exploitation of those they serve.

With funds received through The Catholic Relief Services Collection, the office of Migration and Refugee Services (MRS) of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops launched a pilot program to combat human trafficking among indigenous Hawaiians in the Diocese of Honolulu and on the St. Regis Mohawk Reservation in the Diocese of Ogdensburg, New York. Working with local partners, MRS staff assessed the challenges facing those communities, trained local leaders to recognize the signs of human trafficking, and helped leaders establish networks to respond to the needs of victims.

Your support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection empowers and brings healing to communities affected by poverty and injustice. Your participation helps MRS and five other Catholic ministries to reveal Christ's love to victims of trafficking, war, and natural disaster, both around the world and here in the United States. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection this year. To support the collection with an online donation, please use this QR code or visit [igivecat1101ic.org/9tonVUSCCB-CRS](https://igivecat1101ic.org/9tonVUSCCB-CRS)

To learn more about the collection and the people who benefit, please visit [tototo.usccb.org](https://tototo.usccb.org) or [catholic-relief.org](https://catholic-relief.org). Thank you for your generous support for The Catholic Relief Services Collection.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
 Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki

**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.

# 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.

### 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 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.)

### QND Commitment Weekend is March 7 & 8

All parishioners should have or will be receiving a letter and pledge card to consider a gift to support the students of Quincy Notre Dame. Students will speak this weekend at all Masses to share their gratitude for the opportunity to continue their Catholic education in high school. Gifts and pledge cards will be accepted at Masses during Commitment Weekend. Contributions can be placed in the offertory or mailed directly to QND, PO Box 1014, Quincy, IL 62306. Gifts support QND's 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](https://QuincyNotreDame.org) Scan the 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: \_\_\_\_\_