



St. Peter Parish Quincy, IL

Second Sunday of Easter, April 12, 2026

~Mass Intentions~

April 13-19, 2026

- 13. Monday 8:00 a.m.
Sue Miller
- 14. Tuesday 8:00 a.m.
Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Wand
- 15. Wednesday 8:20 a.m.
Brett Miller
- 16. Thursday 8:00 a.m.
Julia Maas
- 17. Friday 8:00 a.m.
Larry Wavering
- 18. Saturday 8:00 a.m.
Irma Druffel
- 18. Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Karen Wiewel
- 19. Sunday 8:00 a.m.
Patricia Pannkuk
- 19. Sunday 9:30 a.m.
Our Parish Family
- 19. Sunday 11:00 a.m.
Jerry Eberhardt

— 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,

On this Second Sunday of Easter, the Church celebrates what is called “Divine Mercy Sunday.” This designation of this Sunday is by the proclamation of Pope St. John Paul II, as he responded to some of the private religious experiences of St. Faustina Kowalska. The resurrection of Jesus is, of course, the ultimate expression of God’s mercy toward confused and erring humanity. If we look at the gospel for this Sunday, we find Jesus appearing to the apostles. They were living in fear, and we find Jesus entering that locked room and His first words were “Peace be with you.” No longer would they fear as Jesus showed them that He had risen. Then Jesus does something remarkable. The Scriptures state that “He breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.’” With that gift of the Holy Spirit, the apostles and their successors had the power to forgive sins. One can see why this Sunday then is “Divine Mercy Sunday.” Then fortunately for us, there was one apostle who was missing. This was Thomas. And of course he behaved like most of us. When told of Jesus’ appearance; he refused to believe on the witness of the other apostles but demanded to touch the risen Christ before He would believe. And so it happened the following week. The apostles were present and Thomas was with them. Jesus appears and calls Thomas forward to touch Him. Thomas then places his finger into the nail marks and his hand into Jesus’ side then said, “do not be unbelieving but believe.” At this all Thomas could say was “My Lord and My God!” Then, for the next generation of followers, Jesus says, “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believe.” That’s you and me.

I hate to brag, but I thought that our Church was beautifully decorated and truly reflected the joy of Easter. I want to thank all those who contributed flowers for our celebrations, those memorials of our parishioners who remembered their loved ones in these decorations. I also want to thank Frericks Gardens for the generosity of our flowers. The Church remains a reflection of the joy of Easter. I cannot thank you enough for making this a reality for all of us.

One of the aspects of St. Peter that filled me with pride was the music that enhanced our liturgy. I want to thank Jaicee Griggs, our music director, along with all of our cantors and choirs, musicians and other participants. What a wonderful celebration as so many shared their time and talents to make our liturgy come alive. Thank you! Thank you!

And of course I want to thank our OCIA team for preparing our Elect and candidates for the Easter sacraments. This team, under the direction of Connie Schrage, consists of the following parishioners: Martha Rapp, George McDonnell, Dr. Daniel Strudwick, Bob Musolino, Linda Myers, Barb Hun, Jean Ann Cook, Michelle Haubrich, Kathy Obert, Deacon Bob Lundberg, Fr. Paul Lesupati, and myself. This team of volunteers gave of their time and talents in sharing their faith and their own journeys of faith with our new Catholics. For the past nine months, they met each week with our inquirers and supported them through their prayer and mutual support. Thank you again on behalf of our parish family for assisting in God’s grace of conversion of heart.

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**Next Meeting
Sunday, April 19th
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

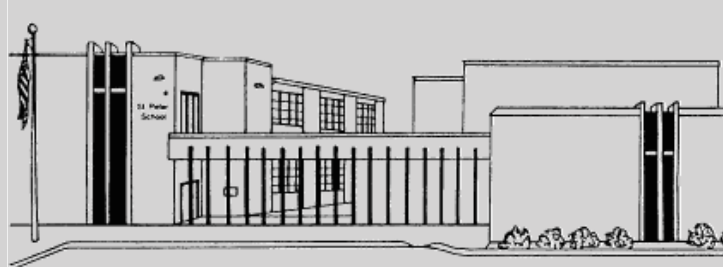
All 7th, 8th, & 9th graders & their friends welcome!



**Saints Alive!
April 13th
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 April 12, 2026

A Message from Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh

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

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SCHOOL MENU

Monday: Pepperoni pizza, yogurt, romaine salad, fruit.
Tuesday: Sausage/egg biscuit, hash brown, veggie juice, fruit.
Wednesday: Nachos, fiesta corn, salsa, fruit.
Thursday: Hamburger on bun, smiley fries, carrots, fruit.
Friday: Toasted cheese ravioli, pudding, romaine salad, fruit.

THIS WEEK

MAP retesting takes place all week for grades 2-8

Monday, April 13: 4th gr. QND field trip.

Tuesday, April 14: 5-8 gr. Olympic Day.

Wednesday, April 15: 8:20 CHILDREN'S MASS—1st in charge.

Thursday, April 16: St. Bernadette Feast Day!; PTA meeting at 11:00.

Friday, April 17: Quarter 4 mid-term; 7/8 gr. Spring Dance at QND 7-9 pm.

Teacher Opening for 2026-2027
 7/8 grade Science teacher (religion and reading are also taught to 7th grade)

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Fr. Leo's column continued..

For those who have been praying for me, I had my chemo on Monday, my CT scan on Wednesday, and will be going to Siteman Cancer Center at Barnes next Tuesday for evaluation. I want to thank you for your prayers as they mean so much to me. I anticipate my retirement coming soon, usually when the appointments come out sometime in May. Let us all pray for the new appointments as transition is always difficult for all.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE; A man is struck by a bus on a busy street in New York City. He lies dying on the sidewalk as a crowd gathers around him.

"A priest. Somebody get me a priest!" the man gasps. A policeman checks the crowd—no priest, no minister, no man of God of any kind.

"A priest, please" the dying man says again.

Then out of the crowd steps a little old Jewish man of at least eighty years of age.

"Mr. Policeman," says the man, "I'm not a priest. I'm not even a Catholic. But for fifty years now I'm living behind St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church on First Avenue, and every night I'm listening to the Catholic litany. Maybe I can be of some comfort to this man."

The policeman agreed and brought the octogenarian over to where the dying man lay. He kneels down, leans over the injured and says in a solemn voice:

"B-4, I-19, N 38, G-54, O-72"

Since we are still in the Easter season, my continue prayers and wishes that you have a very Happy and Blessed Easter.

Magr. Leo J. Eulow

Mark Your Calendar

Mon. Apr. 13: Saints Alive 3:00 p.m., Martha Jane Room

Tues. Apr. 14: OCIA 7:00 p.m., Martha Jane Room

Wed. Apr. 15: Ladies Cursillo 1:30 p.m., Fr. Bauer Prayer Room
 PSR 6:30 p.m., School

Thurs. Apr. 16:

Fri. Apr. 17: Social Concerns Meeting 8:30 a.m., Martha Jane Room

Sat. Apr. 18:

Sun. Apr. 19:

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	

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

	April 5	Total to Date
Loose Collections	\$2,988.15	\$48,143.91
Regular Collections	\$34,449.94	\$1,252,786.69
Annual School Fund	\$7,855.00	\$279,137.11
Holy Days	\$1,337.79	\$41,952.35
Totals	\$46,630.88	\$1,622,020.06
Total Budget Goal	\$42,000.00	\$1,420,000.00
Difference	\$4,630.88	\$202,020.06

Diocesan Collections

Catholic Home Mission: \$115.00
 Holy Land: \$1,076.75 Seminarians: \$977.00
 Catholic Relief Services: \$310.40 Others: \$85.00

Haiti Sister Parish Collections

Collected \$1,843.00

Adoration on April 12
Please join us for Eucharistic Adoration this Sunday, April 12th 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.

Social Concerns Collection
Social Concerns is collecting body wash, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, liquid hand soap, feminine products, toilet paper **this** weekend, Apr. 11-12 for the 1st Sunday collection for the Ladies of Charity. Containers are located in the Narthex. Thank you!

Coffee & Donuts and Blood Pressures Next Sunday
Please join us **this** Sunday, April 12, after all Masses in the cafeteria for Coffee & Donuts and blood pressure screenings.

Social Concerns Meeting
Social Concerns will be meeting **Friday, April 17** at 8:30 a.m. in the Martha Jane Room. All are welcome!

Women's Cursillo #384
Women's Cursillo weekend #384 will be held April 16-19, 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 \$185 with lodging and all meals provided. A partial monetary gift to defray the cost is available. For more information or to print an application, please contact Emily Goodapple, 217-242-8802 or go to <https://quincycursillo.com>.

Attention All Women of the Parish
Teresa Tomeo is Coming to Quincy. The Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women is Hosting the 97th Annual Convention in Quincy, IL on Thursday, September 3, 2026. Morning Rosary and Mass will be at St Anthony of Padua Church, Quincy, IL, followed by Registration and Program at the Ambiance Banquet Hall, Quincy, IL. Space is LIMITED, so register SOON. SCAN the QR code for more information and to register OR pick up a form at your parish.



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.

Moving?
If you are moving, please contact the parish office at church@cospq.org or 217-222-3155 to give us your new address. We get charged for any returned newsletters, contribution envelopes, or mailings.

Easter Flowers We Remember...

Wayne & Dorothy Schlipman, Jim & Catherine Johnson and Jim Johnson II
By: Bob & Jil Johnson
The Drechsler Family
By: Jane Drechsler



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. Bowls are being collected **THIS** weekend, **April 11 & 12**.



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!

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.

Everybody Wins Mega Raffle
Support our schools! The *Everybody Wins* Mega Raffle is the ONLY fundraiser that supports ALL K-12 Catholic education in Quincy. To keep our schools strong, **we need YOU - our parish family** - to help us sell tickets! As a way of saying thanks, for every 5 tickets you sell, you'll be entered to win \$4,000 in tuition credit or \$3,000 cash. Every ticket sold makes a difference—let's make this year a success! Tickets are available in the parish office, school office, or at the front entrance of QND. www.QuincyMegaRaffle.org

Scholarships for San Damiano College for the Trades
San Damiano College for the Trades in Springfield, is happy to announce that we will have \$5,000 scholarships available for five incoming freshmen in the fall of 2026. These scholarships are only available for students who reside in a Tracy Family Foundation County. Please contact Joanne Gaston at jgaston@sandamianoctrades.org for further information and to schedule a campus visit.

Parish in Action

Wed 15 7pm	Service <i>Spring Cleaning</i> <i>Meet at Church Rectory</i>
Wed 22 7pm	Formation <i>Sacramentals</i> <i>QU North Campus Retreat Center</i>
Wed 29 7pm	Worship <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i> <i>St. Peter Church</i>



Haiti Sister Parish Update

During a recent visit from Fr. Michel he reviewed some of the initiatives that have occurred since the inception of the Sister Parish relationship with St Peter in 2015:

- 1) Annual visit to Quincy by Fr. Michel to update Msgr. Leo and the committee on activities and expenses at Our Lady of the Assumption and its two Mission Churches
- 2) Visits from Msgr. Leo and parishioners to Haiti and one visit to Quincy from Haitian parishioners
- 3) Water filtration systems
- 4) Delivery of personal care packets, socks, underwear, school supplies and sports equipment
- 5) Feeding Project - Provide food for Haitian families
- 6) Construction and renovation of Our Lady of Assumption and 2 Mission Churches
- 7) Educational assistance for Haitian students by St Peter parishioners

2026 Goals:

- 1) Continue to provide hot meals to families at church
- 2) Initiate food distribution to 200 families for 10 days
- 3) Renovate the Mission Church of St. John the Baptist
- 4) Delivery of truck
- 5) Continue educational sponsorship program

Fr Michel stated that Haiti continues to grapple with one of its worst humanitarian crises in decades. Widespread gang violence controls much of Port-au-Prince and key roads, displacing over 750,000 people since early 2025 and causing daily killings, kidnappings, and sexual assaults.

Life is hard. In many places there are no good hospitals, no schools for many, no roads for the people, no potable water and no electricity. He believes without a sincere and practical approach, political reform and international support, stability will remain elusive.

Fr Michel and his people "sincerely appreciate all the efforts and sacrifices made by the people of St. Peter under the leadership of Msgr. Leo." He asked that "they remain vibrant and determined in their faith and dynamic in their love for their neighbor."