



St. Peter Parish Quincy, IL

Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 26, 2026

~Mass Intentions~

April 27-May 3, 2026

- 27. Monday 8:00 a.m.
Bob Soltys
- 28. Tuesday 8:00 a.m.
Sylvester & Romona
Flock
- 29. Wednesday 8:20 a.m.
Anita Lavery
- 30. Thursday 8:00 a.m.
Luke Mayfield
- 1. Friday 8:00 a.m.
Dale Tangy
- 2. Saturday 8:00 a.m.
Dan Miller
- 2. Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Our Parish Family
- 3. Sunday 8:00 a.m.
Patricia Pannkuk
- 3. Sunday 9:30 a.m.
Bob Soltys
- 3. Sunday 11:00 a.m.
Sue Miller

— 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 celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday. Although most of us could admit that this figure of a Good Shepherd is far from our experiences of rural America. Who among us has ever seen a shepherd let alone a flock of sheep. But in the Holy Land, I have read that the image of sheep following a shepherd was and still is a striking and commonplace experience and thus is used as a image of leadership. Whatever the case, Jesus uses this image of a shepherd and the sheep as a sign of leadership in our Church.

In our gospel for today, Jesus tells us that in the evening, many shepherds would bring their sheep into a designated pen for protection and safety. Since there were many flocks gathered into the pen, the sheep would be in tune with their shepherd’s voice and in the morning that shepherd would call them out and they would follow his voice to the next grazing area. As Jesus tells us, the shepherd would enter this “pen” and calls “each by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice.” Notice in this image, there is an investment of the shepherd, knowing his own sheep as he leads them. He doesn’t drive them but gently leads them because they trust him as they know that this shepherd will keep them safe from all harm and will find them both water and pasture. That my brothers and sisters is the image of a Good Shepherd. As Jesus tells us in John’s gospel, “I am the Good Shepherd, I know my sheep and mine know me.” Yes, Jesus does know us, but do we know Him? Each and every day, we are challenged to let the Good Shepherd guide and direct us. Our lives are about Him and not about ourselves.

As we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday, this weekend then is quite appropriate to make the announcements of the changes in personnel here at St. Peter. We will be announcing these changes at all of our Masses this weekend. Just let me say that I have considered it a privilege, a grace, and a joy to have been your pastor since January 2011. I thank you for you putting up with my flaws and weaknesses, as I have enjoyed being your pastor for all these years. One of the hardest things that I have had to do is to retire from this role. After 51 years of priesthood, I have realized that I cannot continue in my role as pastor. This cancer and my age continues to fatigue me and I realize that it is not fair to you, that I cannot be the pastor needed for this great parish. People ask me what I will do in my retirement and I can honestly say “I don’t know.” On one hand, it frightens me but on the other hand, it is probably what I need with my age and health issues. I do plan on continuing living here in Quincy. I consider Quincy to be my home and will continue to be a member of St. Peter Church. I ask you to pray for your new pastor, to accept him as you did me, and to continue to be the sheep of this great flock called St. Peter Church. The new appointments take effect on July 1, 2026. May God strengthen and help us all.

I remind you of our May crowning with our students on Friday, May 1st, at 8:45 a.m. Please join us as we honor Mary as the Mother of God and the Mother of the Church. Mary, Queen of peace, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.

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**Next Meeting
TBD
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

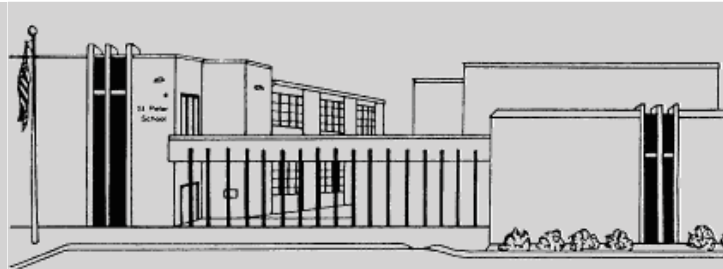
All 7th, 8th, & 9th graders & their friends welcome!



**Saints Alive!
May 15th
6:00-7:30 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 26, 2026

A Message from Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh

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

WELCOME TO THE STAFF Mrs. Megan Medsker



We are happy to announce that Mrs. Meghan Medsker will join the St. Peter School staff for the 2026-2027 school year. She will work with the half day pre-school three and four year olds as a teacher aide.

Megan, along with her husband Marcus, are the proud parents of three St. Peter students, Jack, Lily, and Thomas. When you don't see Meghan at St Peter, she is busy teaching at the Quincy YMCA, 30hot-studio, and Cheryl Kaiser School of Dance. She is so thrilled to become a teacher's aide next year! Her hope is that she will

make a difference in every child's experience and become part of the reason that they would enjoy coming to school every day!

OLYMPIC DAY 2026



Our Catholic Elementary School students and QND had a fabulous day at the annual Olympic Day last week! Friendly competition took place in both field and track events!

SCHOOL MENU

- Monday:** French bread pizza, yogurt, romaine salad, fruit.
- Tuesday:** Chicken chunks, hash brown, carrots, fruit.
- Wednesday:** Orange chicken, fried rice, veggie juice, fruit.
- Thursday:** Tenderloin on bun, curly fries, green beans, fruit.
- Friday:** Donuts, sausage, veggie juice, fruit.

THIS WEEK

BOOK FAIR TAKES PLACE ALL WEEK

Monday, April 27:

Tuesday, April 28: 6th grade students **BIZTOWN** trip to Chesterfield, MO.

Wednesday, April 29: **8:20 CHILDREN'S MASS—HOUSE Mass—7th grade** in charge; Students wear House shirts with dress code bottoms.

Thursday, April 30:

Friday, May 1: **Spirit Day**—bring in donation & wear Spirit Day shirts w/ out of dress code bottoms; **May Crowning**—8:45 in the church.

Teacher Openings for 2026-2027

4th grade, 7/8 grade Science teacher (religion and reading are also taught to 7th grade)

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Fr. Leo's column continued..

As I prepare for my retirement and move out of the rectory, I cannot believe what I have accumulated over the years. Needless to say, it is time to downsize which is very difficult for me. But I'm guiding my downsizing based on the principle that if I haven't used something within the past year, do I really need it? So, it is a continual struggle for me and I ask for your prayers. Thank you.

Please join us for the Block Party on Saturday, May 16th, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. on St. Peter Campus, by Seton Hall. There will be music and a variety of food and drink available. Please consult the bulletin for further details.

Have you sold or purchased your tickets for the Everybody Wins Mega Raffle? Only 4000 tickets will be sold with all different kinds of winners. But the real winners are our students in our Catholic schools.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: A priest was walking down the street one day when he noticed a small boy trying to press a doorbell on a house across the street.

However, the boy was very small, and the doorbell was too high for him to reach. After watching the boy's efforts for some time, the priest moved across the street and walked up behind the little fellow. Placing his hands kindly on the child's shoulder, he leaned over and gave the doorbell a solid ring. Crouching down to the child's level, the priest smiled benevolently and asked, "And now what, my little man." To which the boy replied, "now we run."

Magn. Leo J. Eulow

Mark Your Calendar

Mon. Apr. 27:

Tues. Apr. 28:

Wed. Apr. 29: Ladies Cursillo 1:30 p.m., Fr. Bauer Prayer Room
PSR 6:30 p.m., School

Thurs. Apr. 30:

Fri. May 1:

Sat. May 2:

Sun. May 3: Coffee & Donuts, Blood Pressures and Book Fair after all Masses

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 | |
| ~Terri Bauer | | |



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 19	Total to Date
Loose Collections	\$1,116.00	\$50,617.18
Regular Collections	\$39,824.47	\$1,316,449.42
Annual School Fund	\$3,820.00	\$284,949.11
Holy Days	\$70.00	\$42,022.35
Totals	\$44,830.47	\$1,694,038.06
Total Budget Goal	\$42,000.00	\$1,504,000.00
Difference	\$2,830.47	\$190,038.06

Diocesan Collections

Catholic Home Mission: \$477.00 Seminarians: \$25.00
Catholic Relief Services: \$320.00 Holy Land: \$20.00
Quincy Catholic Charities: \$220.00

Haiti Sister Parish Collections

Collected \$555.00

Rest in Peace
May the soul of
Mary Ann Peter
sing praises with the Angels in Heaven forever.

Coffee & Donuts, Blood Pressures and Book Fair Next Sunday
 Please join us next Sunday, May 3, after all Masses in the cafeteria for Coffee & Donuts, blood pressure screenings and the book fair.

PSR Closing Mass on May 13th
 PSR is having a Closing Mass for the end of the year on Wednesday, May 13 at 6:30 pm in the church. Everyone is welcome to attend to support the children as they will be doing the Reading, Petitions, serving, and gifts. This is a special evening and we would like for others to attend. Please add this date to your calendar and attend. Thanks for your consideration.

Social Concerns Collection
 Social Concerns will be collecting hamburger helper, pasta and pasta sauce with meat, canned fruit and cereal next weekend, May 2-3 for the 1st Sunday collection for the Ladies of Charity. Containers will be located in the Narthex. Thank you in advance!

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.



QU Mass of Remembrance
 For all who carry the loss of a child before birth.
 Monday, May 11, 2026, 5:00 pm
 Quincy University Chapel
 If you would like your child's name included in the Litany during the Mass, please contact:
 Joni Frieden (gregjonifrieden@gmail.com)
 Fr. Bob Barko, O.F.M. (rjbarko@gmail.com)
 We look forward to celebrating these lives and continuing the healing of our own hearts.

Blessed Sacrament's Women's Prayer Breakfast
 Join us for a beautiful morning of prayer, encouragement, and fellowship with women of our parish and community. Breakfast will be catered by Thyme Square as we gather together to grow in faith and friendship. Due to limited space, breakfast seating is available for the first 80 people who register. Deadline is April 30th. Featured speaker is Sr. M. Clementia Toalson, FSGM. Register with QR Code or contact Blessed Sacrament at 217-222-2759.



Gene Grawe Fund Annual Announcement
 The Gene Grawe Fund is having its annual announcement of funds given for the 2026-27 school year on Wednesday April 29th, 6:00 PM at St Peter Church Narthex (lobby). Everyone is welcome & encouraged to come to learn about the Gene Grawe Fund.

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
 Thursday: 2:00-3:00pm
 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!

QND Drama Club Performance
 The QND Drama Club proudly presents the comedy "Clue - High School Edition" on Friday, May 8, and Saturday, May 9. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., show begins at 7:00 p.m., at JWCC Mary Ellen Orr Auditorium. Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students and can be purchased at the Gene Grawe office, QND, or at QuincyNotreDame.org.

St. Francis Solanus School Proudly Presents: Princess Whatsername
 Over 20 fifth through eighth grade students at St. Francis Solanus School will appear in the school musical comedy, "Princess Whatsername". The performances are Friday, May 1 and Saturday, May 2 at 7:00pm.
 This event will be held in the school's gym at 1720 College Avenue, Quincy. Admission is by free will donation. A concession stand will be offered at intermission. The play is under the direction of the Music Teacher, Mr. Josh Crowl. Come see our talented students!

May Usher Schedule
 Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Mass
 Lead Usher: Steve Sturhahn Ushers: Rodney Becks, Rick Halter, Tom Moore, Mark Wiewel
 Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Mass
 Lead Usher: Kevin Haider Ushers: Terry Hickey, Zachary Kinscherf, Nathan Koettters, Nick Terwelp
 Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Mass
 Lead Usher Tim Sedovic Ushers: Chris Bockius, Neal Cornwell, Matt George, Brian Walker
 Sunday, 11:00 a.m. Mass
 Lead Usher: Dave Cawthon Ushers: Tim Brenner, Mario Camacho, Jim Deters, Jim Scott

May Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Schedule
 Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Mass - Kent Anderson (1), Louis Anderson (2), Tom Klene (3), Sharon Mitten (4), Mary Oakley (5) Debra Smith (6)
 Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Mass - Maria Eckert (1), Connie Schrage (2), George Schrage (3), Dennis Semerad (4), Lynn Semerad (5), Lori Terwelp (6)
 Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Mass - Lindsay Bond (1), Gary Hackman (2), Rose Ann Huber (3), Debbie Miller (4), Randy Miller (5), Chris Robnett (6)
 Sunday, 11:00 a.m. Mass - Luke Bealor (1), Michelle Bozarth (2), Nathan Bozarth (3), Mary Ann Kroshinsky (4), Julie Radel (5), Nick Venvertloh (6)

Parish in Action

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SATURDAY, MAY 16 • 6 - 9 P.M.

St. Peter Campus by Seton Hall
 Need More Info? Call 217.214.0187



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- SMOOTH AS ICE
- LICKINS BBQ
- QUINCY FIZZ CO.
- PETITE PANCAKES

SCAN CODE TO RSVP



Our campus is still under construction. Please stay behind the fences and out of restricted zones.

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



Totus Tuus

Registration is OPEN for Totus Tuus 2026!
 At Totus Tuus, we bring kids closer to Christ through skits, songs, prayer, and lots of fun!

- Grades 1-6: June 8-12 | Mon-Fri | 9 AM - 2:30 PM
- Grades 7-12: June 7-11 | Sun-Thu | 6:30 PM - 8:15 PM
- Cost: \$30 per child OR \$65 per family
- To register & pay, visit: GO.DIO.ORG/TTCR
- Questions? Text Gina at 217-430-6080 or Grant at 217-602-9293.
- Co-hosted by St. Francis Solanus & St. Peter Church;
- Camp will be held on the campus of St. Francis!

