



St. Peter Parish Quincy, IL

The Ascension of the Lord Solemnity, May 17, 2026

~Mass Intentions~

May 18-24, 2026

- 18. Monday 8:00 a.m.
Julia Maas
- 19. Tuesday 8:00 a.m.
Cindy & David Brown
- 20. Wednesday 8:20 a.m.
Anita Wavering
- 21. Thursday 8:00 a.m.
Steve Sinnock
- 22. Friday 8:00 a.m.
Patrick Haugh
- 23. Saturday 8:00 a.m.
Jim Gibson
- 23. Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Ruth Schmelzle
- 24. Sunday 8:00 a.m.
Merle & Leta Frese
- 24. Sunday 9:30 a.m.
Bob Soltys
- 24. Sunday 11:00 a.m.
Our Parish Family

— 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,

Many of us remember when we learned the Holydays of Obligation in the Catholic Church. I remember the good Sisters at Blessed Sacrament teaching us that other than Sundays, there were six other Holydays that Catholics were obliged to celebrate by attending Mass on those days. After eight years of grade school education, most of us could remember and recite the six Holydays. If you remember, they were Christmas, the Solemnity of Mary, (January 1st), the Ascension of Jesus into heaven (40 days after Easter), the Assumption of Mary into heaven (August 15), All Saints Day (November 1st), and the Immaculate Conception (December 8th). Of the six that we learned, one of them was changed to the Seventh Sunday of Easter and that was the Ascension into heaven. No longer could we state as we learned that this Holyday was 40 days after Easter. Rather the Catholic Church of the province of Illinois transferred this Solemnity to a Sunday of the Easter season so that more Catholics would see the need to celebrate it. Apparently Ascension Thursday, 40 days after Easter, people failed to celebrate this Holyday of Obligation, so it was changed. There are however, a few provinces in the United States that still celebrate this Solemnity on the 40th day after Easter.

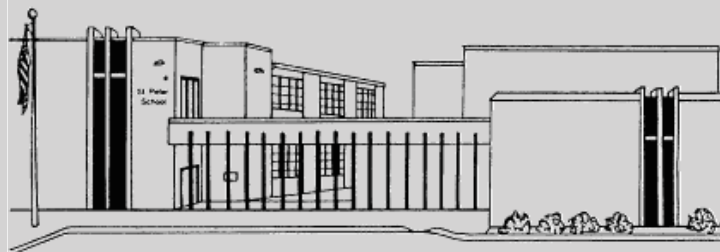
In our first reading for our Mass on this Solemnity of the Ascension of Jesus into heaven, we hear “about what Jesus did and taught until He was taken up into heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom He had chosen. He presented Himself alive to them by many proofs after He had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.” Then we hear, “When He had said this, as they were looking on, He was lifted up, and a cloud took Him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as He was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, ‘Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen Him going into heaven.’” So, this Solemnity of the Ascension of Jesus into heaven is a reminder that we are not to be looking upward but rather outward and get busy sharing our faith with others.

Our construction continues for those who have been following along. The last few week, the “skywalk started to take shape. We received the exterior metal paneling, so that will start to go up in conjunction with the brick. The construction will really start coming together, now. Some of the exterior glass will also be taking place with the interior rough-in continuing and walls are starting to get mud and taped. This week, the significant amount of mechanical rough-in and drywall continues inside. The tracks were installed for partition walls, and the elevator contractor was onsite this week to coordinate with the electrical and get mobilized for installation. Slowly but surely our construction is taking place. Just a reminder to continue your pledges to help us fund this project.

Our QND graduation will be celebrated this Sunday, May 17th, at 1:00 p.m. in the Pit (gym). On behalf of our parish. I congratulate our graduating seniors. Our prayers are with them as many will continue their educational experiences, or join the workplace, or serve their country. Congratulations!

F + U N D	<p>Next Meeting TBD 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>All 7th, 8th, & 9th graders & their friends welcome!</p>	 <p>Saints Alive! TBD 6:00-7:30 p.m.</p> <p>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.</p>
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St. Peter School



Week of May 17, 2026

A Message from Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh

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



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATING CLASS OF 2026

Congratulations to the St. Peter graduating class of 2026! We are so proud of these 41 young men and women and wish them the absolute best as they continue their academic career in high school. Katelyn B., Carson C. Jack C. Lilly F., Claire G., Sarah H., Sofie H., Blakleigh H., Ana H., Keaton H., Mason H., Jack K., Karly K., Anna K., Noah L., Chase L., Richie M., Sydney M., Dane M., Jefferson M., Emily N.m Austin O., Dylan P., Addie P., James P., Erin P., Jacob R., Alexandra R., Hannah R., Lucas S., Emma S., Linkin S., Ellisyn S., Katelyn T., Brookly U., Gwynneth V., Finley W., Paisley W., Anistyn W., and Madison W.



Building Our Playground Together

Help us to raise \$170,000 for a safe place to play.

100% of the proceeds directly support the playground project.

We need your help to build a brand new playground for our students. To make this happen we must raise \$170,000.

This includes equipment, lighting, benches, cameras and wood-chips. Every donation, big or small, brings us one step closer to make this happen. Please take a look at the enclosed flyer to learn more about this great opportunity to support our children.

SCHOOL MENU

Monday: Chicken parmesan, garlic bread, romaine salad, fruit.

Tuesday: Nachos, fiesta corn, salsa, fruit.

Wednesday: Last Day of School - School Picnic - early dismissal.

THIS WEEK

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, May 18:

Tuesday, May 19: Preschools last day; PS4's Graduation; 7th grade field trip to Hannibal; Kindergarten Field trip to Quincy Children's Museum;

Wednesday, May 20: Last Day of School—8:20

CHILDREN'S MASS— 4th grade in charge; School Picnic; 11:30 dismissal

*2026-2027 Teacher Openings
4th grade
7/8 Grade Science*

Contact

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Fr. Leo's column continued..

Just a reminder that Monday, May 25th is our annual day for our celebration of our Memorial Mass at Calvary Cemetery. This Mass will begin at 9:00 p.m. and St. Peter Church will be responsible for this Mass. Don't forget that if it rains that day, this Mass will be transferred to St. Peter Church at the same time. Please bring your lawn chairs, blankets or whatever that you can sit upon during our Mass. As is the custom, I ask you to remember our Catholic Cemeteries with your generosity. There are special envelopes for this generosity in your parish envelopes. The monies received from this collection will help us be able to complete some much need projects in our cemeteries. We want to make sure that our cemeteries are dignified places for our deceased. "Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them May they rest in peace."

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: A little girl on a bus kept whispering to her mother. At last the mother said firmly, "For the last time I'm telling you to stop whispering and speak up."

"Hasn't that man got a big, red nose? Bellowed the child in a tone that could have been heard two blocks away.

Joe Medwig, former St. Louis Cardinal baseball star, was on a tour of Rome. He was granted permission to see Pope Pius XII. As usual Hi holiness asked him his name and occupation.

Joe obliged: "I'm Joe Medwig. I used to be a cardinal too, Sir."

Magr. Leo J. Eulow

Mark Your Calendar

Mon. May 18:

Tues. May 19: Tuesday Treats after Mass in Narthex

Wed. May 20: Ladies Cursillo 1:30 p.m., Fr. Bauer Prayer Room

Thurs. May 21:

Fri. May 22:

Sat. May 23:

Sun. May 24:

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
~Terri Bauer	~Rinley Barry	
	~Brad Schutte	



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

	May 10, 2026	Total to Date
Loose Collections	\$1,461.00	\$54,696.02
Regular Collections	\$29,703.68	\$1,430,196.99
Annual School Fund	\$6,115.00	\$308,676.01
Holy Days	\$20.00	\$42,227.35
Totals	\$37,299.68	\$1,835,796.37
Total Budget Goal	\$42,000.00	\$1,630,000.00
Difference	\$(4,700.32)	\$205,796.37

Diocesan Collections

Catholic Home Mission: \$20.00 Seminarians: \$20.00
Catholic Communication: \$483.00 Holy Land: \$20.00
Quincy Catholic Cemetery: \$601.00

Haiti Sister Parish Collections

Collected \$990.00

Fellowship Tuesdays
Join us for Fellowship Tuesdays after 8:00am Mass this week (5/19). Come for Mass, fellowship, coffee and treats!

Hospital Visits
If you, or you know of any of our parishioners, are in the hospital, please let us know in the parish office. We want to make sure you and/or our parishioners are on our list for someone to visit you/them in the hospital. Please email us at church@cospq.org or call 217-222-3155. Please let us know your/their room number, if you have it.

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. Mary School Seeking Principal
St. Mary School in Mt. Sterling, a PreK-8 Catholic School, is seeking a PRINCIPAL. For more detailed information including salary range, benefits, required qualifications, school information, and how to apply, please reach out to the Pastor, Fr. Aaron Kuhn at akuhn@smseagle.org. Interested candidates will need to submit an application package by May 27.

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! On **May 20th at 8:35 AM**, the Early Bird winner will be announced. The overall Mega Raffle Drawing will be announced on **May 29th at 8:35 AM** from QND. Announcements will be made via live stream on the QCS and QND Facebook pages. We encourage all interested parties to like and follow both pages. Tickets are available in the school office or at the front entrance of QND.



St. Peter School Elective Program
Do you have a talent that you would like to share with our 7th and 8th graders? **If yes, then we need you!** We would like for you to be a part of our **Seton Hall Elective program**. This is a program where adults share a talent or interest 4 days a week for about an hour with our 7th and 8th graders. There is a stipend for teaching the classes and classes are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday in the afternoon. Examples of class topics: sewing, cooking, dance, French, ukulele, robotics, etc. We would love to have someone teach Spanish, photography, archery, or a skill that you might have. Contact Chris Reichert, 217-223-1120 or email c.reichert@cospq.org to learn more about this program.

Moving?
If you are moving, please contact the parish office at church@cospq.org or 217-222-3155 to give us your new address.

Welcome!
Please welcome to our parish family **John & Rosalie Baker!**

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!

St. Francis and St. Peter's are co-hosting Totus Tuus 2026!
Totus Tuus is a weeklong Catholic youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic faith, led by college-age missionaries and seminarians. The week is filled with messy games, crazy skits, Eucharistic Adoration, and Mass.

The **Evening Camp**, for teens entering 7th - 12th grade in Fall 2026, runs from Sunday, June 7th through Thursday, June 11th from 6:30 - 8:15 PM at St. Francis School.

The **Day Camp**, for students entering 1st - 6th grade in Fall 2026, will take place Monday, June 8th - Friday, June 12th from 9 AM - 2:30 PM.

The cost is \$30 per child or \$65 for 3 or more siblings. All area youth are welcome!

Visit GO.DIO.ORG/TTCR to sign up and pay by credit / debit card. Alternatively, pay by cash or check to "St. Francis" mailed/delivered to the St. Francis parish office. Text Gina at 217-430-6080 or Grant at 217-602-9293 for more information!

St. Francis Parish Picnic
Come Join Us for Lots of Fun!
Date: June 13, 2026
Time: 5:00-Midnight
Where: St. Francis School/Church property and St. Francis Parish Center (inside)
Look Forward to an evening seeing old friends. Outside and Inside Food, BINGO
50/50 Cash & Basket Raffle, Beer & Wine
Dunk Tank, Silent Auction, Kiddie Korner
Bounce House, Train Ride, Games and Prizes
Live Music by Heidelberg Band and Violet Hill
Plan on eating delicious food inside in the air condition hall.
We have BIG PLANS for our INSIDE BINGO games-Come check it out!

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@sandamianotrades.org for further information and to schedule a campus visit.

Parish in Action

Please join us for a
Procession & Benediction
for the Solemnity of

Corpus Christi

Sunday, June 7
following
11am Mass

Fr. Paul will lead the procession around Madison Park and conclude with Benediction in the Church.

An Invitation to College Graduates:

We would like to recognize parishioners who are graduating from college this spring. Information will be printed in the June 14 bulletin. To be included, please legibly print the info. below and return it to the Parish Office by Friday, June 5. Or email this information to church@cospq.org. Thank you!

Name of Graduate: _____

Degree Received / Major: _____

Name of College: _____