



# St. Peter Parish Quincy, IL

*Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 2026*

*~Mass Intentions~*

*May 25-31, 2026*

- 25. Monday 8:00 a.m.  
Mass at Calvary at 9am
- 26. Tuesday 8:00 a.m.  
Mr. & Mrs. Don Sturhahn
- 27. Wednesday 8:20 a.m.  
Howard Buckley
- 28. Thursday 8:00 a.m.  
Pat Ellerbrock
- 29. Friday 8:00 a.m.  
Andrew Teo
- 30. Saturday 8:00 a.m.  
Patricia Ann Gehring
- 30. Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Tom Lepper
- 31. Sunday 8:00 a.m.  
Mary Jane Taylor
- 31. Sunday 9:30 a.m.  
Mae Jackson
- 31. 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,**

“Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray: Lord by the light of the Holy Spirit, you have taught the hearts of the faithful. In the same Spirit help us to relish what is right and always rejoice in your consolation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.”

This simple and direct prayer to the Holy Spirit is quite appropriately prayed on this Solemnity of Pentecost. Today is the day that this Holy Spirit came upon the apostles in that upper room appearing to them as tongues of fire. As a result of being filled with the Holy Spirit, they began to speak in different tongues as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. And the people were astounded and in amazement as they heard them speaking in his own language. What dis-unified people and language now, because of Pentecost, unifies them once again. And thus, the Church is born. And so today we celebrate the birthday of the Church.

In our creed, we proclaim that the Holy Spirit is the “giver of life.” The Holy Spirit is the very breath of God. We hear in our gospel for this weekend that Jesus breathes on the apostles and prays, “receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.” With that breath of God in the lives of the apostles, they now had the power to forgive sins, to reconcile people, and to bring healing. This is the Church and this is our mission, and why we are sent into the world. May that Holy Spirit, fills our lives so that we can continue to preach, teach, and to sanctify and thus establish God’s kingdom here on earth.

This past week was a little bittersweet in my life. I celebrated my last school Mass with our children last Wednesday. As I looked around, I was so very thankful to God for bringing me to St. Peter in Quincy. The faculty over these past 15 years have been a true blessing to me, competent and professional. I also owe a debt of gratitude to Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh, our principal, who has carried much of the burdens of operating a school in a competent and professional manner. She too has been a blessing and am sad to see her leave but understand. Even though I will not be working hand in hand with our new principal, Mrs. Chris Reichert, I know that I leave our school in very capable hands. To all of our other personnel, I thank you for making it easier for me to be pastor of this large parish. We have so many people gifted with much talent that I hope our parents will appreciate what their children receive by attending St. Peter School.

This Monday, May 25th, we will be celebrating our annual all city Memorial Day Mass at Calvary Cemetery at 9:00 a.m., weather permitting. If the weather is raining, or perhaps too muddy, we will move this Mass to St. Peter Church. But if the weather is nice, I invite you to bring your lawn chairs and/or blankets and join us as we pray for our deceased, especially for all our war veterans who have died in differing wars. I also ask you to remember our cemeteries with your donations. Envelopes are provided in your packet of parish envelopes. Monies collected help to defray costs of much needed future projects.

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

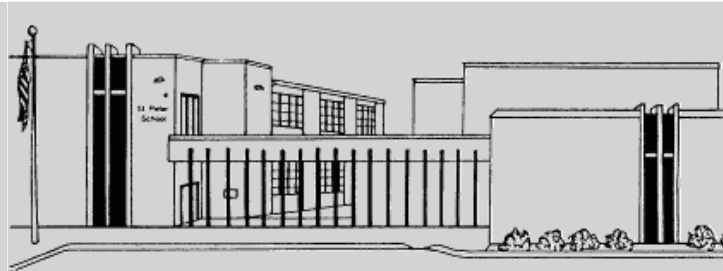
All 7th, 8th, & 9th graders & their friends welcome!



**Saints Alive!  
TBD  
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 May 24, 2026

## A Message from Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh

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



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PRESCHOOLERS  
THEY ARE OFF TO KINDERGARTEN

Our four year old preschool students celebrated their final day by graduating and celebrating the completion of their preschool year! They are so excited to move on to Kindergarten for the 2026-2027 school year. We are so proud of them for all of their accomplishments!

### Teacher Openings—We are hiring! Come and be part of an outstanding and committed staff for the 2026-2027 School Year.

St. Peter School is accepting applications for full-time teaching positions for the 2026-2027 school year. We have a 4th grade position as well as a 7/8 grade Science/Religion/Reading position open. (UPDATE: We have the 7/8 science position filled from January of 2027-May 2027. We are still looking for someone to teach from August of 2026-December 2026.) Applicants must hold an active Illinois teaching license and demonstrate enthusiasm and dedication to student success. As a Catholic school, we seek educators who are committed to fostering both academic excellence and spiritual growth in a faith-filled environment that supports the values of our Catholic tradition.

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume, and three letters of reference via email to [c.venvertloh@cospq.org](mailto:c.venvertloh@cospq.org) or by mail to Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh, Principal, St. Peter School, 2500 Maine Street, Quincy, IL 62301. For inquiries, please contact the school office at 217-223-1120. St. Peter School wages are based on years of experience and education ranging from \$33,000 to \$70,000 depending upon education and experience. More specific information will be provided upon request. A summary of benefits can be found at <https://dio.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/2026-Benefits-Flyer-2.pdf>.



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### SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Wednesdays—9:00-1:00

SUMMER VACATION  
IS HERE!  
THANK YOU  
FOR A SPECTACULAR YEAR

**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 woodchips. 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.

### Fr. Leo's column continued..

Latest Construction Progress: The drywall hanging is wrapping up, and the drop ceilings will start being hung. The drywall will continue to be taped and mudded, then they can start on the paint. The mechanical rough-in continues. With school getting out, the sprinkler contractor plans to begin working in Seton Hall. Now from an outsider's viewpoint, the building is really taking shape. I haven't seen the inside yet but from what people have said it is taking shape. Keep your prayers coming and your generosity. The last part of this construction is creating a new parish center under the Church. That may take a little longer than expected.

**ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:** Flying through the Midwest in the summer means one thing: turbulence. I was working as a flight attendant on one particular flight when we hit a patch of very rough air just after a young teen on his first flight had entered the bathroom. After the bumps had subsided, he exited the bathroom, a look of sheer terror etched on his face.

"Are you all right?" I asked. "Don't worry, that turbulence was as bad as it gets..."

"So that's what it was," he said. "I thought I'd pushed the wrong button."

Still having fun packing. Ha! Ha! Making headway by doing a little at a time. Pray for patience!

*Magi. Leo J. Eulow*

### Mark Your Calendar

- Mon. May 25: No 8:00am Mass at St. Peter  
Mass will be at Calvary Cemetery Chapel at 9:00 a.m.
- Tues. May 26:
- Wed. May 27: Ladies Cursillo 1:30 p.m., Fr. Bauer Prayer Room
- Thurs. May 28: St. Veronica's Guild 1:00 p.m., Lower Level Conf. Room
- Fri. May 29:
- Sat. May 30:
- Sun. May 31:

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     | ~Anonymous     |
| ~Dick Hopkins              | ~Mary Neuser     |                |
| ~Winnie Vogel              | ~Rinley Barry    | ~Drake Willing |
| ~Terri Bauer               | ~Brad Schutte    |                |



To have a name added to this list, please call the Parish Office at 222-3155 or email [church@cospq.org](mailto: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 17	Total to Date
Loose Collections	\$1,253.00	\$55,949.02
Regular Collections	\$16,269.23	\$1,446,466.22
Annual School Fund	\$2,730.00	\$311,406.01
Holy Days	\$0.00	\$42,227.35
Totals	\$20,252.23	\$1,856,048.60
Total Budget Goal	\$42,000.00	\$1,672,000.00
Difference	(\$21,747.77)	\$184,048.60

### Diocesan Collections

Catholic Communications: \$70.00  
Retired Priests: \$230.00  
Quincy Catholic Cemetery: \$165.00

### Haiti Sister Parish Collections

Collected \$270.00

*Rest in Peace*  
*May the soul of*  
**Roy Vonderheide**  
*sing praises with the Angels in Heaven forever.*

**Memorial Day Mass**  
 The Memorial Day Mass will be held at the Calvary Cemetery Chapel (east end of the cemetery) on Monday, May 25, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. Please bring your own chair(s) if possible.  
 In case of rain, the service will be held at St Peter Church.

**St. Veronica Guild**  
 The St. Veronica Guild will meet **Thursday, May 28** 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!

**Next Weekend is Social Concerns 5th Sunday Collection**  
 May 30 & 31 is the Fifth Sunday collection for the Social Concerns Committee. Please consider making a donation to help support our community. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

**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.



**Junefest**  
 Come join us at Junefest, Saturday, June 6th at St. Dominic School. The evening begins with Mass at 4 pm in the school followed by the opening ceremony at 5 pm. There will be food, drinks, entertainment, and games. New this year will be the Foam DJ Party from 5:30-7:30 pm for all ages! with a DJ afterwards. Basket Raffle, Cash Raffle, Bingo, Cornhole Tournament, Silent Auction, Football Toss, Kiddieland and more.

**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!

**Baptism**  
 Benjamin Sterling Paul, son of Nicholas & Megan (Brennan) Paul, was made a child of God through the reception of the sacrament of Baptism on Saturday, May 16, 2026.

**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!

May, 2026

Dear Friends in Christ,  
 Each year on the feast of Pentecost we rejoice that the gifts of the Holy Spirit are given to the Church in every age. As we celebrate this feast, I ask you to consider a generous response in the Retired Diocesan Priests Collection to meet the immediate retirement and health care needs of our priests.  
 Please pray for our priests who serve so generously in various apostolates throughout our diocese. Please thank God for all that we have received from our priests who are now retired, many of whom continue to offer generous service in every way that they are able throughout our diocese.  
 If you are unable to make an in-church contribution, please make your donation online at dio.org/give. At this location, please designate your gift in the instructions for this particular collection. You can also mail your donation to your parish office.  
 Thank you in advance for your support this year. May the Holy Spirit give us every gift we need to build up the Body of Christ in our time and place.  
 With every best wish and prayers, I remain  
 Sincerely yours in Christ,  
 Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki  
 Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

**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](mailto:akuhn@smseagle.org). Interested candidates will need to submit an application package by May 27.

**Fr. Aaron Kuhn's Party**  
 Fr. Aaron Kuhn is being moved from this area to a new Priestly Assignment. To show appreciation for Fr. Aaron's quiet and dedicated service to this area, his family will host a party on Wednesday, June 10 starting at 6:30pm in the Quincy Notre Dame Cafeteria. Meal and world-famous soft-serve ice cream served. RSVP greatly appreciated but not required. RSVP by call or text to (217)-242-5217 or (217)-740-7326. Everyone is welcome and the party starts when you get there!

# 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.*

**Our Priests Need Your Prayers**  
 The "Seven Sisters Apostolate" are looking for new members to help pray for our priests. Jean Anne Cook can answer questions along with information regarding the Apostolate and how you can be an intricate part of praying for our priests. Please call her at 217-430-6967 for more information or to sign up. One hour, one day a week, for one year. Please consider joining us to Pray for our Priest.

**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](mailto:church@cospq.org). Thank you!

Name of Graduate: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree Received / Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of College: \_\_\_\_\_