



St. Peter Parish Quincy, IL

Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 3, 2026

~Mass Intentions~

May 4-10, 2026

- 4. **Monday 8:00 a.m.**
Bill & Mary Brahler
- 5. **Tuesday 8:00 a.m.**
Paul Poore
- 6. **Wednesday 8:20 a.m.**
Max Wavering
- 7. **Thursday 8:00 a.m.**
Bob Soltys
- 8. **Friday 8:00 a.m.**
Ann Anderson
- 9. **Saturday 8:00 a.m.**
Roger Frankenhoff
- 9. **Saturday 5:00 p.m.**
Our Parish Family
- 10. **Sunday 8:00 a.m.**
Priscilla Morrison
- 10. **Sunday 9:30 a.m.**
Pat Ellerbrock
- 10. **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,

The month of May has arrived, and one can say it is one of the busiest times of the year. It is a time of commencement, graduations, promotions. It is a time of change, as priests prepare for challenges of a new parish assignment. It is also a time of sporting activities from baseball to softball, from golf to soccer. Needless to say, it is a very busy month for students, parents, and priests. May God help us to be able to settle down and relax during this very busy time.

Our readings for this Sunday continue the theme of Jesus the Good Shepherd. Once again Jesus reminds us He is the Good Shepherd. As that Good Shepherd, He tells us that His sheep recognize His voice. As I was thinking about that metaphor, I liken it to my two dogs that I had as a priest. Both of them were German Shepherds. And I have to admit they both recognized my voice. They should have as they heard me quite often correcting them or calling them from doing something they should not have been doing. I was amazed how they did recognize my voice and how they wagged their tail when I called to them. Even though sheep were a different type of animal, the metaphor whether sheep or dogs is still the same in the sense that it is about the recognition of the voice of the one who cares for them, who feeds them, who corrects them. May all of us be in tune with the voice of the Good Shepherd and we will not be far from the happiness and joy that only His voice will lead us. In our day and age, we have many differing voices that compel us to engage in certain activities, differing voices that tempt us to try certain things; and other voices that could lead to our destruction. When are we going to learn that the only voice that matters is the voice of the Good Shepherd. May that voice always be front and center as we struggle to open our ears to hear it and our wills to follow it.

Last weekend I shared with you about the changes in personnel in our diocese. But I realized that I didn't state the names of the priests involved. First, I am scheduled for a new role in life. After 51 years and 76 years of age, I will be scheduled for retirement. As of July 1, 2026, I will be pastor emeritus of St. Peter Church. All that means is that I am retired. In my place, Fr. Dan Bergbower is our new pastor. Fr. Dan Bergbower was born December 29, 1959, ordained a priest for our diocese on November 26, 1988 and has served as Parochial Vicar at St. Ambrose Godfrey, Our Lady of Lourdes, Decatur, Pastor of Sacred Heart Church, Effingham Illinois, Pastor of St. Peter Church, Quincy, 2004-2008, Chaplain for the Air National Guard, 2008-2012, Parochial Administrator, St. Peter Church, Quincy 2010-2011, Pastor, St. Mary Church Edwardsville, Dean of the Springfield Deanery, and Pastor of St. Agnes Church, Springfield. As you can see Fr. Dan comes to us with a wealth of experience and hopefully will find a home with us. Fr. Paul Lesupati will be leaving us as our Parochial Vicar to become pastor of St. Agnes Church, Springfield and chaplain at Sacred Heart Griffin High School. The parochial vicar assigned to St. Peter Parish is Fr. Gerald Zienna, a priest from the archdiocese of Tamale, Ghana. Please make him feel at home with us here in Quincy. So, we have two new shepherds of our parish. I ask that you open up your hearts and lives for them and assist them as they guide this flock of sheep that we call St. Peter Parish.

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

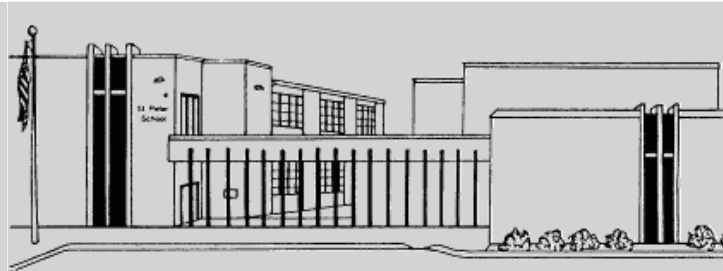
All 7th, 8th, & 9th graders & their friends welcome!



**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 May 3, 2026

A Message from Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh

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



BLESSING

MRS. HUTSON and MRS. GAIL

Last Wednesday during our Children's Mass Fr. Paul blessed Mrs. Roberta Hutson and Mrs. Tara Gail. As a school we celebrated both Administrative Assistant and Secretary's Day. We are so blessed. The two amazing ladies help our student's in hundreds of ways day in and day out. We are blessed!



CONGRATULATIONS

Mrs. Brooke Stratton received \$200 from the Optimist Club in Quincy. She will use the money for the 7th grade students when they go on their Mark Twain Cave field trip in addition to their trolley ride.

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. 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 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>.

SCHOOL MENU

Monday: Corn dog, curly fries, peas, fruit.
Tuesday: Popcorn chicken, hash brown, carrots, fruit.
Wednesday: 1/2 day - no lunch.
Thursday: Hamburger on bun, smiley fries, romaine salad, fruit.
Friday: Soy butter/jelly uncrustable, chips, mozzarella stick, veggie juice, apple slices.

THIS WEEK

Teacher /Staff Appreciation Week

Monday, May 4: **8th grade graduation fees due, etc.**

Tuesday, May 5:

Wednesday, May 6: Early Dismissal at 11:30—Teacher in service; **8:20 CHILDREN'S MASS— 6th grade** in charge.

Thursday, May 7: **READ Day** for K-2.

Friday, May 8: **PMO Tour at 10:45; Teacher Appreciation Luncheon.**

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Website: www.stpeterschool.com
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Fr. Leo's column continued..

Just for your information our 8th grade students will graduate on Tuesday, May 12th, at 6:00 p.m. QND Baccalaureate will be on Thursday, May 14th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Francis church. QND Graduation will be at the Pit at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 17th. I ask for your prayers for all graduates that they live what they have learned.

Update on our construction: "This week, the sky-walk started to take shape. We received the exterior metal paneling, so that will start to go up in conjunction with the brick, which should begin the first part of May. Some of the exterior glass will also start the end of next week or beginning of the following. Interior rough-in continues and walls are starting to get mud and taped."

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: A 92-year-old man went to the doctor to get a physical. A few days later the doctor saw the man walking down the street with a gorgeous young lady on his arm.

At his follow up visit the doctor talked to the man and said, "You're really doing great, aren't you?"

The man replied, "Just doing what you said doctor, 'Get a hot mamma and be cheerful.'"

The doctor said, "I didn't say that. I said you've got a heart murmur. Be careful."

Magr. Leo J. Eulow

Mark Your Calendar	
Mon. May 4:	
Tues. May 5:	
Wed. May 6:	Ladies Cursillo 1:30 p.m., Fr. Bauer Prayer Room PSR 6:30 p.m., School
Thurs. May 7:	
Fri. May 8:	
Sat. May 9:	
Sun. May 10:	

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 | | |



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 26	Total to Date
Loose Collections	\$1,372.84	\$51,990.02
Regular Collections	\$59,839.72	\$1,376,289.14
Annual School Fund	\$7,505.00	\$292,454.11
Holy Days	\$55.00	\$42,077.35
Totals	\$68,772.56	\$1,762,810.62
Total Budget Goal	\$42,000.00	\$1,546,000.00
Difference	\$26,772.56	\$216,810.62

Diocesan Collections

Catholic Home Mission: \$93.00 Seminarians: \$65.00
 Catholic Relief Services: \$151.39 Others: \$35.00
 Quincy Catholic Cemeteries: \$75.00

Haiti Sister Parish Collections

Collected \$640.00

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

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.

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.

Our Priests Need Your Prayers
 The "Seven Sisters Apostolate" invite new members to sign up on Saturday, May 9th and Sunday, May 10th after each Mass. Nancy Dolan and Jean Anne Cook will be on hand in the Narthex to answer any questions along with information regarding the Apostolate and how you can be an intricate part of Praying for our Priest.
 One hour, one day a week, for one year. Please consider joining us to Pray for our Priest.

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) or
 Fr. Bob Barko, O.F.M. (rjbarko@gmail.com).
 We look forward to celebrating these lives and continuing the healing of our own hearts.

Heart Check for Tim
 April 13th, 2017 Timothy Haley, age 26, died from an unknown heart issue while playing cards with friends. It was identified as a Fatal Ventricular Arrhythmia due to Cardiomegaly with hypertrophy. His family and friends are hosting a benefit "Heart check for Tim" on Saturday, May 9th from 10:00am-8:00pm at the K of C grounds. This event will honor Timothy with a Wiffle ball tournament, silent auction, basket raffle, food and cash bar. This event is to raise awareness for unknown heart conditions and provide free on-site heart screenings for high school students by QMG. Our goal is to help prevent one family from going through the pain of losing a loved one as we have. Part of the proceeds raised will go to the Tim Haley Fund with the Quincy Medical Group Foundation. That helps families who have children diagnosed with a heart condition that needs medical care outside of our local community, for the expenses that come with travel. The other part of the proceeds will go to the Timothy L Haley Scholarship Fund. Scholarships have been established at both Quincy Notre Dame & John Wood Community College. We hope to see you Saturday, May 9th. Any questions about the benefit please contact Matt Witte 217-257-9636.

Baptism
Blair Elaine Doane, daughter of **Blake & Shelbi (Blair) Doane**, was made a child of God through the reception of the sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, April 26, 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
 Thursday: 2:00-3:00pm
 Friday: 1:00-2:00am
 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 Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
 This May, our diocese will take up a collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). I invite you to give prayerful consideration to supporting this important effort. Fifty percent of the funds collected remain here in the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, while the other half supports Catholic communication initiatives across the United States and around the world.

Through Catholic Times, social media, videos, podcasts, and other digital platforms, our diocese is using a wide range of tools to share the inspiring stories of people in our diocese, teach the faith, and offer hope and encouragement to people wherever they may be in their spiritual journey.
 In recent years, engagement with our diocesan media has grown significantly. Our social media channels now reach more people than dioceses of similar size — and even some that are much larger. For instance, our Facebook page has grown from about 3,000 followers seven years ago to more than 13,000 today. Likewise, our YouTube channel has expanded from fewer than 500 subscribers in 2020 to over 20,000 today. This growth reflects the meaningful, inspiring, and educational content created by our diocesan team.

Our official podcast, Dive Deep, reaches listeners around the world and is even featured by EWTN on its podcast central platform. In addition, our communications team has produced the documentaries God is Alive and God is Alive Part 2, highlighting powerful stories of faith and miraculous events across the Midwest. More recently, the video series One Mile Talks —featuring priests sharing their vocation stories, personal interests, and moments of humor—has also resonated with many viewers.

With your generous support, we can continue to create impactful content that brings people closer to Christ and, for some, even back to the Church.
 Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generosity. Parishioners can donate online at parishgiving.dio.org/secondcollections or use their second collection envelope. You can also mail your donation to your parish office. For more information about the collection and the projects it supports, visit www.usccb.org/ccc. Thank you.
 Sincerely yours in Christ,

† Thomas John Paprocki
 Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
 Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

Parish in Action

JOIN US FOR A BLOCK PARTY
SATURDAY, MAY 16 • 6 - 9 P.M.
St. Peter Campus by Seton Hall
Need More Info? Call 217.214.0187

Kick off summer with our BLOCK PARTY! After the 5 P.M. Mass, enjoy live music from the Stonehill Band and purchase food and refreshments from a variety of food trucks. Please bring your own lawn chairs, BYOB, and any outdoor games for the kids to enjoy. We can't wait to see you there for an evening of food, music, and fellowship!

LIVE MUSIC STONEHILL BAND


- NICE N' CHILL
- THE PIZZA WAGON
- TASTEBUDS
- ZIPPY'S WALKING TACOS
- TRI STATE SNO BIZ
- ALL PUCKERED UP LEMON SHAKEUPS
- SMOOTH AS ICE
- LICKINS BBQ
- QUINCY FIZZ CO.
- PETITE PANCAKES

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

SCAN CODE TO RSVP




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. Early Bird tickets need to be in QND's Foundation office by 4pm May 8th to be eligible for the Early Bird drawing. www.QuincyMegaRaffle.org



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/TTOR 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!

