



# St. Peter Parish Quincy, IL

*Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, June 14, 2026*

*~Mass Intentions~*

*June 15-16, 2026*

- 15. Monday 8:00 a.m.  
Tom Lepper
- 16. Tuesday 8:00 a.m.  
Cindy & David Brown
- 17. Wednesday 8:20 a.m.  
Joe Mason
- 18. Thursday 8:00 a.m.  
Otis McKenna
- 19. Friday 8:00 a.m.  
Dennis Buckley
- 20. Saturday 8:00 a.m.  
Kenneth Schlipman
- 20. Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Ann Anderson
- 21. Sunday 8:00 a.m.  
Our Parish Family
- 21. Sunday 9:30 a.m.  
Bob Soltys
- 21. Sunday 11:00 a.m.  
Jerry Eberhardt &  
Bradley Havermale

*— 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,**

Well, after two Solemnities, the Church has resumed to “ordinary time” with our weekend celebrations. Again, it is called “ordinary” because there is no particular aspect of the mystery of Christ being celebrated, but rather the mystery of Christ in itself is honored in its fullness. And so today, we celebrate the 11th Sunday in this time called “ordinary”

Our gospel for this Sunday has Jesus dealing with His statement, that “The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few.” He looked around at the sight of the crowd gathered and His heart was moved with pity for them because “they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd.” And so, Jesus undertakes His choosing of the twelve apostles who would become the laborers for the harvest. When we look at these apostles, we might wonder and question His choices. We find men like Peter, who would deny knowing Jesus; we find men like Judas, who would betray Him; and we find men like Thomas, who would doubt Him. Why would Jesus choose such men to labor in the harvest? We will never know the answer to that question. We might speculate that He takes each of us where we are and gives us His grace to assist us in any vocation for which He calls us. Such is the case of the apostles, and such is the case of each of us. God doesn’t expect perfection, but He does expect us to be open to His graces. And in their simplicity and humility, these apostles tried to fulfill that role. Thus, Jesus sent them out instructing them, “go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel, and “make this proclamation, the Kingdom of heaven is at hand.” I wonder to myself what these men thought with these instructions. Did they feel competent? Only with the grace of God.

If you check you July newsletter, there will be an introduction to our new pastor, Fr. Dan Bergbower. We welcome him to our parish and ask God to fill him with the same graces He gave to the apostles as He sent them forth to a new mission. From personal experience, I know that He is coming to a great parish family and will enjoy sharing His vocation with all of us.

Since I will be absent from the parish for the next two weekends, visiting my family in Pennsylvania, I want to welcome Fr. Jeff Grant to our parish as my substitute. Fr. Jeff is also one of those of us called, “pastor emeritus” and he seems to be enjoying his new role. Welcome Fr. Jeff.

Construction update: The brick started to go up this week. Over the next couple of weeks, the outside of the building will change drastically. Inside we hung a significant portion of the grid for the ceilings upstairs. This allows lighting fixtures and sprinkler heads to be dropped and work has started on that. Other rough in and drywall work continued. Flooring is set to begin next month. Please keep your pledges coming as our project continues.

Fr. Paul and I continue our packing. This is always a chore for me as I seem sometimes to be a packrat. I always think I will use this or that item in the future but the sad part is that I couldn’t possibly locate the item if I needed it for the present. Once again I am thankful for the members of the QND football team, coaches, and the men of this parish for helping me move into my new place.

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

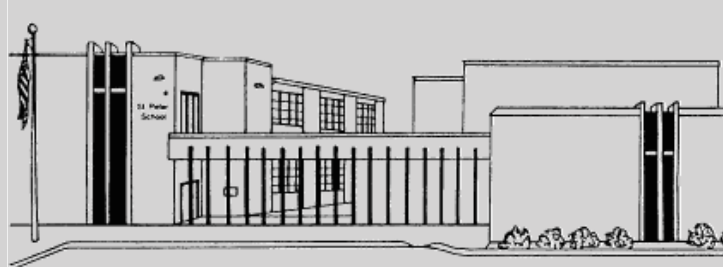
All 7th, 8th, & 9th graders & their friends welcome!



**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 June 14, 2026

## A Message from Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh

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



WELCOME TO THE  
STAFF  
7/8 Grade Science  
Teachers

Brenda Zessin  
and  
Hana Knuffman



Mrs. Brenda Zessin—born and raised in Quincy, IL, her educational journey began at QHS and JWCC before taking her to Camp Pendleton, CA, in support of her husband's military career. There, she earned a Bachelor's in Elementary Education from San Diego State University, followed later by a Master's from George Mason University and a Specialist Degree from Southwest Baptist University.

Over a 22-year span, she taught upper elementary grades across multiple states, including 2 years at Trinity Christian School in Virginia. Her path then transitioned into leadership, where she served as the Principal of Stowell Elementary in Hannibal from 2008 to 2011, before dedicating her final 12 years in public education to teaching 6th-8th grade English Language Arts at QJHS.

Her husband, Daryl—a retired U.S. Marine Corps Master Sergeant and former Hannibal teacher—share 2 daughters, 2 sons-in-law, and 2 granddaughters. Daryl continues to support local youth as a QHS wrestling coach and school security guard.

Her connection to St. Peter began while subbing for the beloved Cindy Brown, a former colleague from Baldwin Intermediate. Deeply moved by the warm, appreciative spirit of this community, she is thrilled to return to the classroom this fall to teach, guide, and pray alongside St. Peter's amazing 7th and 8th-grade students and staff.

Miss Hana Knuffman is currently in the process of completing her degree in elementary education with an endorsement in reading at Illinois State University. After graduation in December 2026, with tremendous enthusiasm, she will be joining the faculty at St. Peter School in January 2027. Immediately applying the skills and new ideas she has learned at ISU, she will teach 7th and 8th grade science as well as 7th grade reading and religion.

A St. Peter graduate, Hana is especially grateful for the opportunity to return to the community that helped shape both her faith and love of learning. She looks to build lasting relationships with students, families and staff in her return to St. Peter School as an educator. Welcome, Hana!

### SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Wednesdays—8:00-1:00

SUMMER VACATION  
IS HERE!  
THANK YOU  
FOR A SPECTACULAR YEAR

2026-2027 Teacher Opening  
4th grade teacher  
Please spread the word.

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 making this happen. If wanting to donate by check please make it payable to St. Peter School.



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

During our celebrations of our Baptisms of our little ones, both Fr. Paul and myself have noticed that our parents celebrated their marriages in a locale other than a Catholic Church. Many were married outside or perhaps on a beach some place on the coast. Whatever the case, these marriages are not recognized as valid in the Catholic Church. I ask our parents to call and make an appointment to validate your marriage. It doesn't take much and I encourage you to call and make an appointment to let us help you make it right in the Church. Usually, a little paperwork is all that we need. Think about it and pray about it.

**ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:** The other day it was my turn to prepare dinner so I asked my wife to go over to the local market and buy some organic vegetables. She came back rather upset.

When I asked her what was wrong, she said, "I don't think I like that produce guy. I went and looked around for your organic vegetables and I couldn't find any. I asked him where the organic vegetables were. He didn't know what I was talking about.

So I said, "these vegetables are for my husband. Have they been sprayed with any poisonous chemicals?"

He said, "no, ma'am. You'll have to do that yourself."

*Magi. Leo J. Embor*

### Mark Your Calendar

Mon. June 15:

Tues. June 16:

Wed. June 17: Ladies Cursillo 1:30 p.m., Fr. Bauer Prayer Room

Thurs. June 18:

Fri. June 19:

Sat. June 20:

Sun. June 21:

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
~Maria (Eberhardt) Sparrow	~Mary Lavery	~Anonymous
~Lori Eaton	~Ellie Peters	~Dick Hopkins
~Cruz Mellon	~Anonymous	~Rinley Barry
~Vincent Holtmeyer	~Jimmy Brinkman	~Brad Schutte
~Jordyn Holtmeyer	~Ian Mehaffy	
~Mary Neuser	~Winnie Vogel	
~Drake Willing	~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

	June 7	Total to Date
Loose Collections	\$1,312.00	\$59,842.52
Regular Collections	\$34,446.17	\$1,534,476.01
Annual School Fund	\$7,130.00	\$332,346.91
Holy Days	\$0.00	\$42,252.35
Totals	\$42,888.17	\$1,968,917.79
Total Budget Goal	\$42,000.00	\$1,798,000.00
Difference	\$888.17	\$170,917.79

### Diocesan Collections

Peters Pence: \$50.00  
Retired Priests: \$55.00  
Quincy Catholic Cemetery: \$45.00

### Haiti Sister Parish Collections

Collected \$1,487.00

**Adoration on June 14**  
Please join us for Eucharistic Adoration on Sunday, June 14th 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.

**Fellowship Tuesdays on June 23rd**  
Join us for Fellowship Tuesdays after 8:00am Mass next week (6/23). Come for Mass, fellowship, coffee and treats! Please notice this is a week later than normal.

**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.

**Blessed Sacrament's Adoration for Priests**  
There will be an hour of Adoration for Priests followed by Benediction at Blessed Sacrament Church 1119 S. 7th St. Quincy on June 14, 2026, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. All are invited to come and pray for your Priests.

**Men's Cursillo #385**  
Men's Cursillo weekend #385 will be held June 25-28, 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>.

**QND Trivia Cup**  
The QND Trivia Cup, presented by the QND Pommers, on August 7th 7-10pm (doors open at 6pm) at St. Peter Gymnasium. 10 rounds of trivia, 10 questions each. BYOB and food. 50/50 raffle, mulligans, silent auction. Sign up today: <https://forms.gle/UfcX2qGaFMCiDXa6A>

**QND Football Fundraiser**  
4th Annual Hog N' Dog QND football fundraiser will be held on July 18th, 2026, 8:00am-3:00pm at the Knights of Columbus. Raffle drawings, volleyball tournament, kids games / corner, silent auction. Only 600 raffle tickets available. Raffle tickets are \$50 each.

**Great River Quest**  
Inviting all 13-15 year olds! Great River Quest, in Quincy IL, has a retreat coming up July 10-11, 2026 (6p-6p). It's a fast paced 24 hour retreat aimed at helping youth to examine their relationship to God, self, and others in their lives. You get to make new friends and get to know the ones you come with better, all while having lots of fun!  
Please contact Caroline Wiewel 217-430-6086 / [questcoordinator@greatrivertec.org](mailto:questcoordinator@greatrivertec.org) for questions or fill out an app online at [www.greatrivertec.org/quest](http://www.greatrivertec.org/quest).

**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: 8:00-9:00pm  
Friday: 1:00-2:00am  
Saturday: 11:00-Noon (weeks 2,3,4,5)  
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!

**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.



**Monastic Experience**  
The Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration invite single women, ages 18-40 who are curious about religious life, to their Monastic Experience June 26-28, 2026, at their monastery in Clyde, Missouri.

It's a chance to experience the daily rhythm of monastic life where participants can join the Sisters in praying the Divine Office, Daily Mass and Eucharistic Adoration, as well as experiencing Lectio Divina (praying with Scripture) and gaining wisdom from the Benedictine tradition. There is no cost to attend, and more details are available at [www.benedictinesisters.org](http://www.benedictinesisters.org) - Vocations - Events.  
To register, please contact Sister Nancy Rose at (660) 944-2221 ext. 142 or [vocation@benedictinesisters.org](mailto:vocation@benedictinesisters.org) or complete the form at <https://bit.ly/4skj3Xa>

**2026 Quincy Junior Raider Cheerleading Registration**  
Registration will CLOSE Monday, June 15, 2026 for the 2026 Junior Cheerleading Season! (July-Early October)  
All Quincy Catholic School girls, including homeschool students and Future Raiders who are active parishioners at one of our Quincy Catholic Churches are welcome. We'd love to have you join us! The girls must be going into 5th-8th grades for the 2026-2027 school year.  
This program welcomes girls of all skill levels to come learn and perform cheerleading basics. We will be cheering for the Junior Raider Football games in the Summer/Fall of 2026.  
We will have a pre-season gathering where the girls will be fitted for their uniforms and have fun getting to know each other.

More information is available at: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1nW8CnOGTihRI5fdKEPo7IVC5\\_60CGnl1HWIP\\_nnqTnl/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1nW8CnOGTihRI5fdKEPo7IVC5_60CGnl1HWIP_nnqTnl/viewform)  
Please email Michelle for more information at: [quincyraidercheerleading@gmail.com](mailto:quincyraidercheerleading@gmail.com).

# Parish in Action



**Congratulations College Graduates!**  
**We're so proud of you!**



**Kenzie Craven**  
From: Truman State University  
Degree: Bachelor of Science in Nursing  
**Eva Rose Dickerman**  
From: University of Nebraska at Kearney  
Degree: Bachelor of Science in Education - Communication Disorders  
**Madelyn Rose Dickerman**  
From: Maryville University  
Degree: Masters of Science in Speech-Language Pathology M.S., CF-SLP  
**Christopher Gill**  
From: John Wood Community College  
Degree: Associate in Advanced Manufacturing Technology  
**Courtney Johnson**  
From: Drake University  
Degree: Bachelor of Music Education

**Madison Kent**  
From: Missouri State University  
Degree: Bachelor of Science in Animal Science  
**Calvin Lavery**  
From: North Central College  
Degree: Bachelor of Business Administration / Finance (Cum Laude)  
**Luke Robert Mettemeyer**  
From: Bethel University - McKenzie, TN  
Degree: Bachelor of Science in Fitness & Wellness, Physical Education  
**Ava Monteyne**  
From: John Wood Community College  
Degree: Associate in Accounting  
**Mason Monteyne**  
From: John Wood Community College  
Degree: Associate in Criminal Justice  
**Katherine O'Quinn**  
From: Washington University Law - St. Louis  
Degree: Juris Doctor

**HOW IT WORKS:**

1. SIGN UP AND COMMIT TO ONE CHALLENGE PER MONTH.
2. WE'LL SEND YOU CREATIVE IDEAS FOR SPENDING TIME TOGETHER.
3. SUBMIT PHOTOS OF YOUR FAMILY ADVENTURES FOR THE CHALLENGE.

Complete 3 adventures between June 15th - September 15th and be entered into a prize drawing! Each adventure you report (up to 3) receives an entry into the raffle.

**QUALITY TIME TOGETHER IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT INGREDIENTS FOR A HEALTHY, HAPPY FAMILY!**  
**BE SURE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS FUN WAY TO CONNECT WITH EACH OTHER!**



**QUESTIONS? CALL 217.214.0187**



**SCAN TO SIGN UP**

