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# **Diocese of Springfield in Illinois**

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# **Parish Office Information:**

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# **Mass Times:**

Weekday Mass: Monday through Saturday: 8:00 a.m. Except Wednesday 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass: Sat.: 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

## **Reconciliation:**

Saturday 7:30-7:50 a.m., 3:30-4:30 p.m., or by appointment.

# **Sacramental Preparation:**

*Baptisms:* Please contact the Parish Office to sign up for Baptism Class. *Weddings:* Please contact a St. Peter Priest at least six months in advance. *Sacramental Prearation:* Is offered through St. Peter School and the St. Peter Parish School of Religion.

*R.C.I.A.*: Please contact the Parish Office.

# To Join St. Peter Parish:

Please phone the Parish Office at 222-3155 Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

# Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

**JANUARY 2, 2022** 

Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

The word "epiphany" means "manifestation" or "glorious appearance." Originally, the word referred to the big showy event when a monarch visited his provinces. There were parties and banquets and parades; there was a general amnesty for prisoners; everyone enjoyed the "epiphany" of the prince.

The word came to be used in a theological and liturgical sense: It refers to the glorious appearance of Jesus Christ as King and Savior of the entire world. He is not merely the *Messiah* of the Jews; he is Lord of all peoples and nations and places. Epiphany is, thus, the original feast of Christ the King. Epiphany is a kind of *Mission Sunday*.

All of the texts of today's Mass teach urgent will of God to include the non-Jews (the Gentiles) in God's saving plan. The Magi or Wise Men (*not* astrologers!) represent all the nations of the world: They were not of the "Chosen," but they came from afar to do homage to Jesus. The Gospel emphasizes the irony that these people who had been in darkness work hard to find the light; meanwhile the people who should have seen the light preferred darkness.

The first reading speaks of people coming from "afar" to bring gifts to the Lord. "Afar" means that they were not worshipers of the one God. The second reading is Paul's marvel at the mystery of God's plan: He now intends to include non-Jews (Gentiles) in salvation.

In the western Church, Epiphany was associated with three events: the coming of the Magi, the baptism of Jesus, and the miracle at the wedding feast of Cana. Nowadays, we separate these three events. But each of them is a manifestation of the glory of Jesus Christ.

We need to examine our consciences: God intends all persons to come to the knowledge of the truth and be saved. But they cannot do this unless we reach out to them. Each of us is called to be a witness of Christ to our neighborhood, our community, and to the world. If we do nothing, the world will continue to sink, and the Church will continue to lose ground. Let us pray that we may have zeal for the missions at home and abroad.

> --Msgr. William Carr © 2022 by Sunday Missal Service 1012 Vermont Street • Quincy, IL 62301



# The Parish of St. Peter Quincy, IL

~ Mass Intentions ~ January 3-9, 2021

- 3. Monday 8:00 a.m. Joe & Anita Lavery
- 4. Tuesday 8:00 a.m. Mary Talken
- 5. Wednesday 8:30 a.m. Bob Casburn
- 6. Thursday 8:30 a.m. Dorothy Davis
- 7. Friday 8:00 a.m. Ann Anderson
- 8. Saturday 8:00 a.m. Frank Costigan
- 8. Saturday 5:00 p.m. Tony & Betty Wiewel
- 9. Sunday 8:00 a.m. Dee Burnham
- 9. Sunday 9:30 a.m. Michael Brahler
- 9. Sunday 11:00 a.m. Our Parish Family

# — Mass Schedule —

Monday-Saturday 8:00 a.m. Wednesday & Thursday 8:30 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. The Epiphany of the Lord, January 2, 2022

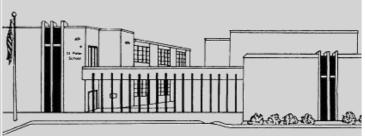
# Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany. In the Universal Church this solemnity is celebrated on the 12th day of Christmas, that is, January 6. In the same Universal Church this particular solemnity is also a Holy Day of Obligation for all Catholics. However, in the Roman rite of the Catholic Church the Bishops of the United States moved this Solemnity to the Sunday following the Feast of the Holy Family. Whatever the case, the Solemnity of the Epiphany is an important celebration as it continues to unveil the mystery of Christmas. As the Jewish nation was present, represented by the shepherds and Mary and Joseph, so today the Gentile world, represented by the Magi, is now present as this celebration brings to completion that mystery of Christmas. Perhaps the best reflection of this solemnity is found in our responsorial Psalm for the day, as we hear proclaimed what is celebrated today, "Lord, every nation on earth will adore you." Thus, those words are now fulfilled with the arrival of the Magi. The mystery of Christmas is not complete as this mystery is unfolded for all peoples and for all times. "Lord, every nation on earth is now to adore you."

It is said in our gospel that the Magi arrived in Jerusalem from the East. No one is certain who these men from the East really were. Sometimes they are pictured as kings in our presentation of the creche in our homes and in our churches. Sometimes we think of them as stargazers, following a star that settled over the house of Mary and Joseph in Bethlehem. Whatever the case, we seem to conclude that there had to be three by the number of gifts that they brought. But these gifts were symbolic and proclaim to generations in the future who this child was. The gift of gold that was brought declared Jesus to be a king; the gift of frankincense was that declaration of the divinity of Jesus; and the final gift, that of myrrh, was symbolic of an upcoming death, perhaps the reality of the cross. The number of Magi really doesn't matter, but rather it is a proclamation that God became man for all people and for all time; that He is the Savior for all humanity.

As a point of trivia, the word epiphany means a manifestation, one of those moments that we might call an "aha" moment, as it finally clicks that this newborn Savior is the Lord for all nations to come and adore. In the 7th century of our Church, there was a man named Venerable Bede who gave names to these strange people from the East. Bede said that their names were Melchior (gold), Gaspar (frankincense), and Balthasar (myrrh). After leaving that day the scripture says nothing about their lives. Never had a lost legend filled the vacuum. Many years after Christmas, Saint Thomas the apostle visited the Magi, and after catechizing them he initiated them into the Christian faith. Then, according to legend, they were ordained priests and later bishops. According to further legend, toward the end of their lives, the Christmas star revisited them, this time leading them to one another for a reunion. According to medieval legend, in the 6th century their relics were brought from Constantinople to Milan, and from there in the 12th century to the city of Cologne where their relics remain. Interesting point of trivia to ponder and to reflect upon.

# The School of St. Peter



# Week of January 2, 2022 **A Message from Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh**

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



# **BABY SHOWER FOR JESUS**

During the season of Advent students in grades K-3 held a baby shower for Jesus. Items brought in were given to CareNet. CareNet was overwhelmed by the generosity of our staff and students!

# DAYCARE COORDINATOR POSITION OPEN FOR 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

We are looking for a DAYCARE COORDINATOR for the 2022-2023 School Year. Hours of work take place from 6:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. and from 2:15–5:45 p.m. Monday–Friday. Duties include: providing a safe and enjoyable environment for students and daycare staff, supervising daycare staff and assigning tasks, printing out weekly attendance, working with kitchen manager to provide snacks, billing families for daycare use, familiarizing oneself with students and parents, having computer skills, maintaining a clean environment, cleaning and sanitizing work area, and providing activities for 50–70 students in grades Preschool 4's–8th grade. If you are interested or know of someone who may be interested in this position, send a resume along with two or more references to Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh at 2500 Maine Street, Quincy, IL 62301.

# CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2022

National Catholic Schools Week is quickly approaching! Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. It begins the last Sunday in January and runs all week (January 30 – February 5, 2022). Through various events St. Peter School will focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities, and our nation.

# MENU

**Monday:** Hot dog/bun, baked chips, carrot sticks/dip, apple slices, cookie.

**Tuesday:** Sloppy joe/bun, French fries, green beans, mandarin oranges.

Wednesday: Cheezy scrambled eggs w/ bacon, banana bread, diced peaches, razzy juice.

Thursday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, butter corn, applesauce, dinner roll. Friday: French toast sticks, sausage links, hard boiled egg, diced pears, razzy juice.

# WHAT IS HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

Happy New Yearl

Monday, Jan. 3: School resumes

Tuesday, Jan. 4:

Wednesday, Jan. 5: 8:30 a.m. Children's Mass for grades K, 3, 5 and 6; 6th grade in charge of planning.

Thursday, Jan. 6: 8:30 a.m. Children's Mass for grades 1, 2, 4, 7 and 8; 8th grade in charge of planning.

Friday, Jan. 7: 2nd quarter report cards available on Renweb for grades 3–8 and sent home with K–2. Spirit Day – Students and staff wear their Spirit Day shirts and donate 25 cents to Haiti.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for No School on Jan. 14. Teachers will be attending Professional Development.

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# Mark Your Calendar

Mon., Jan. 3:

**Tues., Jan. 4:** Novena – 8:30 a.m., Church RCIA – 7:00 p.m., Martha Jane Room

Wed., Jan. 5: Ladies Cursillo – 1:30 p.m., Fr. Bauer Prayer Room PSR – 6:15 p.m., School

Thurs., Jan. 6: Cribbage – 1:00 p.m., Martha Jane Rm

Fri., Jan. 7:

Sat., Jan. 8: Rosary – 7:30 a.m., Church

Sun., Jan. 9: Coffee & Donuts after all Masses, Cafeteria FOUND – 6:30 p.m., Martha Jane Room

# Fr. Leo's column continued..

As we gathered for the celebration of Christmas, I was deeply concerned about COVID and how it might affect our celebrations; and it did. Our attendance was down, but it was still so great to see people present celebrating the mystery of Christmas together rather than virtually. I cannot thank you enough for being present and celebrating together as a parish family. Last week, I gave praises to our decorating committee who made the church look so beautiful. This week, I sing the praises for our music, canters, musicians, pianist, and a special thank you to Monica Scholz. I was so proud of all of you as it made our celebration of Christmas come alive with much joy and happiness. Thank you.

I also want to thank all of our parishioners who remembered Saint Peter Church and School in their end of the year contributions. I'm so thankful and grateful to each and every one of you. I also thank all the many people who remembered us priests with cards and gifts. You are truly appreciated and my heart is filled with gratitude for all of you. May God bless you.

**ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:** This one is an old one but a good one:

A father and his son were looking at a Nativity scene in a London gallery. It was Titian's world famous painting of the scene at Bethlehem. The boy said, "Dad, why is the baby lying in such a crude cradle in a pile of straw?"

"Well, son" explained the father, "they were poor and couldn't afford anything better."

Said the boy, "Then how could they afford to have their picture painted by such an expensive artist?"

— Mass Servers —

Not Assigned At This Time But Can Sign Up Online for Weekdays and Weekends

# — Daily Mass Ministry Schedule —

Not Assigned At This Time



# WEEKLY COLLECTION

		Total to Date
Loose Collections	Because of	
Regular Collections	the Holiday,	
Annual School Fund	December 26	
Holy Days	collection will be in next	
Totals	weekend's	
Total Budget Goal	bulletin.	
Difference		

# **Diocesan Collections**

# Haiti Sister Parish Collections

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# **Parish in Action**

# **SATURDAY, JANUARY 22** 3:00 - 5:00 P.M.



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Grab a date and join us for a fun afternoon of fellowship as we celebrate the new year together. Take advantage of this opportunity to spend some quality time with your significant other. Snacks will be provided AND The <u>first FIVE couples to arrive will each receive a free drink on us</u>!

BROUGHT TO YOU BY: THE ST. PETER RELATIONSHIP ENRICHMENT TEAM

Upcoming Events:

February - Mardi Gras Dance March - March Madness April - Happy Hour @ Spirit Knob Winery May - Block Party! June - Outdoor Movie Night



SCAN QR CODE TO RSVP





#### Welcome!

Please welcome to our parish family Kourtney Dye, and her children Madison, Kayley, and Mason; Derek and Melissa Harris and their children Grayson and Leighton; Patricia McClelland; and Louis and Jan Ouintero!

# Coffee & Donuts on January 9th

Because of the holiday, Coffee & Donuts will be held next weekend, on Sunday, January 9, after all Masses in the Cafeteria.

## Social Concerns Collection

Social Concerns will be collecting new adult and children's gloves and mittens next weekend, January 8-9, for the 1st Sunday collection for the Ladies of Charity. Please notice because of the holidays we have moved the date to the Second weekend in January. Containers will be located in the Narthex. Thank you in advance!

# Going Someplace Warmer for the Winter?

If you are going someplace warmer for the winter, please call the Parish Office at 222-3155 or email us at church@cospg.org to give us the dates you will be gone. We get charged for any returned mailings.

#### 2022 Calendars

We now have the new 2022 calendars in the Narthex. Please take one. If you know someone in a nursing home or that is staying at home right now, please take one for them too.



#### **Updates for Email Addresses**

We have been trying to stay connected to you in various ways. If you have e-mail and have not received e-mails from us recently, we may not have your e-mail address or perhaps not the correct one. Now, more than ever, it is important that we have this up-to-date for you. If you have not received e-mails from us recently, please e-mail Lyn Strieker and let her know at L.STRIEKER@COSPQ.ORG. If your address or phone number(s) (home or cell) has changed, you can include that as well.

Please keep the following ~Kristopher Schreacke ~Lilli Foster	g in your prayers: ~Elias Erd ~lan Mehaffy	Prayer Requests	
~Hunter Hildebrand	~lsabella Benner	~John Meyer	
~Natalie Meyer	~Lucy Miller	~Steve Hull	
~Rose Hockgraver	~Bonnie Haubrich	~Mike Creek	1
~Sharon Zehnle	~Alden & Joyce Ship	p ~Ted Kemner	
~Steve Sinnock	~Jim Steinkamp	~Theresa Althoff	⊢
~Priscilla & Bill Morrison	~Barbara Helmedag	~Julie Eftink	
~Kathy Schuckman	~Jack Terford	~Amy Seibert	
~Jo Buckley	~Ken & Barb Wolf	~Norma Johnson	1
~Anonymous	~JoAnn Schaefer	~Gary Frye	ł
To have a name added to	this list, please call t	the Parish Office	ł

at 222-3155 or email church@cospg.org.

## Don't Forget to Turn in Your Commitment Card

We're still in the midst of our annual Stewardship Renewal. If you haven't returned your Commitment Card or completed one online at the parish website, it is NOT too late. Returning your card is an important part of being an active member of St. Peter. Please take this opportunity to discern how God is calling you to grow closer to Him this year.

# **Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study**

Join us for Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained January 25-April 12 (No meeting on March 16 due to Spring Break)

Meet in the Martha Jane Room

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. fellowship

Study runs from 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. each Tuesday

Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained is a systematic presentation of our Catholic Faith. It will lead you through the "big picture" of the Catholic Faith, and our Creed is the guide. Symbolon brings together some of the most trusted Catholic teachers in the world to guide you through the breadth and richness of the Catholic Faith.

Books can be purchased for \$10. Babysitting available. Contact Gina Bergman for more information at g.bergman@cospq.org or 217-430-6080.

## Pro-Life Mass & March

The Diocese of Springfield invites you to join us for a diocesan wide pro-life Mass and march event on Friday, January 21, in Springfield at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. We will begin with Mass at 10:00 a.m. followed by an 11:00 a.m. march to the Illinois Capitol. Like last year, the diocese has decided to forego a trip to Washington, D.C. and focus on a local march. The Mass and march are intended for 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders, college students, and adults.

We would love to see each school and parish bring a delegation to the Mass and march. Please visit this website (dio.org/youthministry.mfl) for more information and to register. Also on the website are pro-life resources for all ages. Please use these in your classroom, home, and/or parish. Bishop Thomas John Paprocki will celebrate Mass and we encourage your pastor and/or deacon to join us.

For those who are able to join us for the Mass but are unable to join us for the march, Eucharistic adoration will be going on at the Cathedral during the march.

The Cathedral cafeteria will be open to groups who would like to eat a sack lunch after the march. Please note that this space is limited and will be a first come first serve basis. You will be able to indicate this option on the registration form.

Please watch this video:

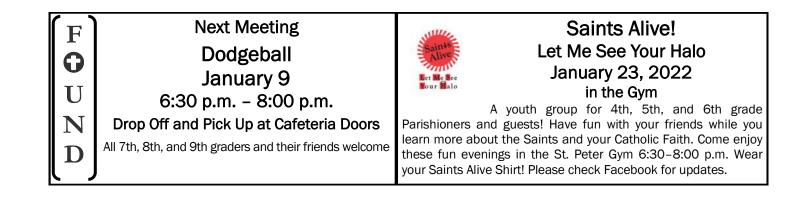
(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t7Q\_0ZGpBjE), from last year to better understand the event.

#### Moving?

If you are moving, please call the Parish Office at 222-3155 to give us your new address. We get charged for any returned newsletters, contribution envelopes, or mailings.

# **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.





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