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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.

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time FEBRUARY 20, 2022

1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23; 1 Corinthians 15:45-49; Luke 6:27-38

Unless you have faith, it is pretty stupid for you to be in Church! I mean, why on earth would anyone want to "love his enemies and do good to those who hate?" It is not natural.

The natural thing is to do to others as they do to us to repay evil with justice: Get even! Don't let anyone get by with anything! The philosophy of this world is "self interest." Oh, yes, we may try to be a bit "humane," but most of us like a bit of vengeance.

Our Christian outlook is radically different from the philosophy of this world. By nature, we are as selfish as anyone else. But God calls us to reflect his unselfishness, his mercy, his love.

Our first reading tells of David and Saul. King Saul was paranoid. He tried constantly to kill David. David has the opportunity to settle scores, but he has pity on the king.

Jesus calls us to bless those who curse us, to turn the other cheek, to love our enemies, to be compassionate as our heavenly Father is compassionate. He calls on us to do to others as God does to us. When we were God's enemies by sin, God sent his only Son to save us. His Son died for us.

It takes great faith to love enemies and to do good to those who hate us. We need to pray for that kind of faith. Christianity is not easy; it is a constant struggle to have Christ's values instead of the values of this world. Keep praying and struggling to follow Christ.

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



The Parish of St. Peter Quincy, IL

~Mass Intentions~ February 21-27, 2022

21. Monday 8:00 a.m. Jacqueline Loos Taylor
22. Tuesday 8:00 a.m. Carolyn Schuering
23. Wednesday 8:30 a.m. Brett Miller
24. Thursday 8:30 a.m. David Oakley Sr.
25. Friday 8:00 a.m. Mike Barton
26. Saturday 8:00 a.m.

- David Oakley Sr. 26. Saturday 5:00 p.m.
- David Adam Oakley
- 27. Sunday 8:00 a.m. Karen Wiewel
- **27. Sunday 9:30 a.m.** Our Parish Family
- 27. Sunday 11:00 a.m. Dave Stegeman

- 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. Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 20, 2022

Dear Parishioners,

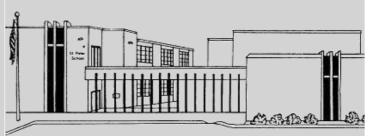
This weekend the Church celebrates the 7th Sunday in Ordinary time. Our theme for this Mass can be found in our second reading from Paul's letter to the Corinthians. Paul helps us to understand our human nature. On one level, we are children of the first Adam by our birth. Thus, we are heirs to human weaknesses and inclined to the enticements of this world. We all experience in our lives the disorder caused by original sin. But Paul also says in this same reading that we are also children of the "Second Adam," who is Jesus. In and through Jesus we are graced, which enables us to rise above our fallen nature and to live this new life of grace. With this theme in mind, we turn to our gospel. In this gospel, we hear some very challenging words of Jesus which call us to live the life of the new Adam, even though our tendencies are to resort to the old Adam in all of us. So Jesus says "love your enemies, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you." To the old Adam in all of us, those words go against everything that is realistic for us. But Jesus continues, as He challenges the new Adam in all of us to "Do to others as you would have them do to you. Love your enemies, be merciful, stop judging, stop condemning, forgive and you will be forgiven, for the measure you measure with will in return be measured to you." These words are difficult and challenging. But God gives us the grace we need to make this new Adam in all of us a reality. So this weekend the Church lays before us two options: the way of the old Adam or the way of the new Adam. Which is our choice to follow?

As I stated in last week's bulletin column, the scheduled collection of items for our sister parishes in Haiti has been put on hold. The reason for this postponement is that our usual mode of transportation has been discontinued for a while. Between the volatile situation in Haiti, and the Parish Twinning Program undergoing changes, there is no way to transport by ship the articles to our sister parishes, let alone having Fr. Michel receive them in the port of Haiti without difficulties. So in the meantime, I ask you to pray for our brothers and sisters in Haiti who are suffering from food shortage and extreme poverty, let alone the political unrest in Haiti.

Since Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent is March 2, we are introducing for your pre-Lenten enjoyment our own version of Mardi Gras. It will be held on Friday, February 25, in the St. Peter School Gym from 7:00–11:00 p.m. Please consult the bulletin for more details. Music by the QND jazz band from 7:00–8:00 p.m. followed by the Silver Bullets from 8:00–11:00 p.m. Come and have fun, listening and dancing to some great music.

We are having a spring session of the Men's Group beginning on Friday, February 25, in the St. Peter School Gym. The doors open at 6:00 a.m. and the program starts at 6:30 a.m. with the finishing time being at 7:30 a.m. This session will last 7 weeks and will study the Holy Spirit in a program called *The Wild Goose* by Fr. Dave Pivonka. Please consult the bulletin for other details. To the men of our parish, please make this a central part of your Lenten practice.

The School of St. Peter



Week of February 20, 2022 **A Message from Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh**

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



MENU

Monday: No School.

Tuesday: Cheeseburger, French fries, green beans, tropical fruit.

Wednesday: Waffles/syrup, sausage link, warm apples, razzy juice.

Thursday: Breakfast burrito, hash rounds, peaches & yogurt, side kick.

Friday: Cheezy ravioli, spinach salad, fruited jello cup, garlic bread.

WHAT IS HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

Monday, Feb. 21: NO SCHOOL - President's Day

Tuesday, Feb. 22: Preschool Registration forms due.

Wednesday, Feb. 23: 8:30 a.m. Children's Mass for grades K, 3, 5 and 6.

Thursday, Feb. 24: Children's Mass for grades 1, 2, 4, 7 and 8; Preschool registration link goes live at 6:00 p.m. on Sign Up Genius.

Friday, Feb. 25:

MARK YOUR CALENDARS Kindergarten Round Up – March 10 12:30–2:45 p.m. or 5:30–7:45 p.m.

Father Daughter Winter Wonderland Ball – March 11, 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Job Openings for 2022–2023 School Year *3-year-old Preschool Aide *Daycare Coordinator (Contact Mrs. Venvertloh at c.venvertloh@cospq.org for info.)

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Mark Your Calendar

Mon., Feb. 21: Tues., Feb. 22: Novena – 8:30 a.m., Church Ladies Bible Study - 8:30 a.m., Martha Jane Room RCIA - 7:00 p.m., Martha Jane Room Wed., Feb. 23: Ladies Cursillo – 1:30 p.m., Fr. Bauer Prayer Room PSR - 6:15 p.m., School Thurs., Feb. 24: Cribbage – 1:00 p.m., Martha Jane Room St. Veronica's Guild – 1:00 p.m., Lower Level Conf. Room Fri., Feb. 25: Mardi Gras Party - 7:00 p.m., Gym Sat., Feb. 26: Rosary – 7:30 a.m., Church Sun., Feb. 27: FOUND – 6:30 p.m., Martha Jane Room Marriage Course - 6:30 p.m., Cafeteria

Fr. Leo's column continued..

As we make preparations for our season of Lent, I do want to tell you that we will be having an evening Mass during the weekdays of Lent at 6:30 p.m. This is a tradition that Fr. Bauer started years ago, and I want to continue it as an encouragement to celebrate the Eucharist, especially since many have stayed away because of the pandemic. With the conclusion of the Eucharist on Tuesdays and Thursdays, I am hoping to share with you Bishop Robert Barron's various talks on the Nicene Creed. I have six CD's (one a week) in which Bishop Baron shares his knowledge of our faith in the Nicene Creed. He is a tremendous speaker and is an inspiration to all who hear him. Plan on using this Lent for adult catechesis for yourself.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: Immediately after the service the pastor announced, "There will be a meeting of the board."

The sermon concluded, board members gathered at the back of the sanctuary, only to find a stranger in their midst. The man was a first-time visitor to the church.

"Friend," said the pastor, "do you know that this is a meeting of the board?"

"Yes," the visitor replied, "and after today's sermon, I suppose I'm just about as bored as anyone else."

Church signs:

A dam holds back water. It's not my Name. – God No Perfect People allowed.

When you smile you spoil the day for some grouch.

– 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

	February 13	Total to Date
Loose Collections	\$678.06	\$28,483.45
Regular Collections	\$44,409.20	\$968,086.34
Annual School Fund	\$9,339.00	\$285,975.60
Holy Days	\$0.00	\$50,237.07
Totals	\$54,426.26	\$1,332,782.46
Total Budget Goal	\$32,000.00	\$1,056,000.00
Difference	\$22,426.26	\$276,782.46

Diocesan Collections

Catholic Times: \$150.00 Latin America: \$5.00

Haiti Sister Parish Collections

Collected: \$2,127.00

Mags. Les J. Enlow

Parish in Action

Music by: The Silver Bullets Opening band of QND Jazz, Band 7-8p.m.

February 25, 2022

7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

BYOB Also Please Bring a Heavy Appetizer to Share

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Adults only

> Dancing St. Peter School Gym 10.00 per Person 15.00 per couple

Reservations: To Lyn at (217) 316-4590 (voicemail or text) or email at l.strieker@cospq.org Or please use QR Code



Walk ins

Welcome!

St. Veronica Guild The St. Veronica Guild will meet Thursday, February 24, in the Lower Level of the Rectory at 1:00 p.m. making prayer shawls and blankets for those who need to feel the love of Jesus in a time of need. All are welcome. Please join us! Haiti Sister Parish Update There will be NO COLLECTION OF UNDERWEAR AND SOCKS the weekend of February 19–20. The committee just received a letter from the Parish Twinning Program of the Americas (PTPA) that the Spring 2022 Sea Container Program has been postponed until, hopefully, fall 2022. Obviously, the news from the Parish Twinning Program of the	Men's Group Spring Session The Men's Group resumes its spring session on Friday morning, February 25. The doors open at 6:00 a.m. and the program starts around 6:30. The program is finished by 7:30. Over the 7-week session, the men's group will continue to study the Holy Spirit in a program called <i>The Wild Goose</i> , presented by Father Dave Pivonka. Please bring a friend and enjoy the fellowship and faith formation program. If you have any questions, please contact Doug Greenwell (217-242-4518) or Mark Strieker (217-316-0080).
Americas is a disappointment for all of us. Because it occurred during our annual Twinning collection we want to make parishioners aware of what was happening. Thank you for all you do for our Sister Parishes. Please continue to keep them in your prayers. If you have any questions, contact Marilena Frier (217-408-2904).	Chaddock Donations The Chaddock Outreach Ministry is asking for donations of daily personal care supplies (shampoo, soap, toothbrushes) and comfort items (pillows, blankets, towels) for our neighbors at Chaddock. If you would like to donate items, please use this link to access the Chaddock Amazon Wish List. Thank you! www.bit.ly/Chaddock
Marriage Course The Marriage Enrichment group is offering <i>The Marriage</i> <i>Course</i> , a seven-week program that teaches important skills on key aspects of healthy relationships. Dates: every Sunday of Lent (2/27-4/10) from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Other evenings may be available depending on interest/need. Cost is \$10 per couple (includes a workbook for each individual). For more information, contact Betty or George McDonnell at 217-653-3003.	Looking for a Tax Credit Are you looking for a tax credit for this year? Please consider Empower Illinois Scholarship Program. Donations to this program are eligible for a 75% state tax credit. A donor is sponsoring our school with a 1:1 matching gift for donations raised toward this tax credit scholarship. For every \$1 our school raises for Empower Illinois Scholarship Program, the donor will donate \$1. The donation to our school will be capped at \$10,000.00. This matching gift program began on February 1, 2022 and ends when all matching funds are depleted or on April 15, 2022, whichever comes first. For more information, call Kristi at 222-3155.
QND Open House Quincy Notre Dame High School will hold their annual Open House on Sunday, February 27, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. for parents and students interested in QND. They will have the opportunity to meet QND students, parents, and faculty; find out more about the academic programs offered; take a tour and explore the school and discover what's happening at QND. Everyone is welcome to come for all or part of the afternoon. The schedule for the QND Open House is as follows: 1:00–2:00 p.m. – Presentations in the QND Cafeteria. Welcome, overview, question and answer session about financial assistance and more. 2:00–3:00 p.m. – Tour QND and meet teachers in their classrooms on a student-guided tour or explore on your own. For more information, please contact Mary Pat Vahlkamp at	Quincy Deanery Council of Catholic Women Spring Meeting All women are invited to the Quincy Deanery Council of Catholic Women Spring Meeting on Wednesday, March 16, 2022, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Pittsfield, IL. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. with Holy Mass at 9:00 a.m., Rosary following, and meeting and luncheon to follow at St. Mary's Hall, adjacent to the church parking lot. Please refer to the flyer information in your church. There is also a sign-up sheet with the flyer so that we can get a good approximate number for the luncheon, by March 11. We encourage all women to join us for this nice day of fellowship with Catholic women of our deanery area, in the service and leadership of our Catholic faith. Our Lady of Good Counsel invites you to be a part of her council and beautiful work of the Lord!!
mvahlkamp@quincynotredame.org or 217-223-2479.Please keep the following in your prayers: ~Kristopher Schreacke ~Elias Erd ~Lilli Foster ~Ian Mehaffy~Hunter Hildebrand ~Isabella Benner ~Natalie Meyer ~Theresa Althoff ~Steve Hull ~Rose Hockgraver ~Bonnie Haubrich ~Alden & Joyce Shipp ~Norma Johnson ~Ted Kemner ~Steve Sinnock ~Jim Steinkamp ~Amy Seibert ~Priscilla & Bill Morrison ~Julie Eftink ~Jo Buckley ~Kathy Schuckman ~Jack Terford ~Billy Smith ~Ken & Barb Wolf ~Paul & Joan Wilson ~Anonymous ~JoAnn SchaeferPrayerTo have a name added to this list, please call the Parish Office at 222-3155 or email church@cospq.org.Prayer	St. Joseph's Sixth Annual Shrimp Boil and Fish Fry St. Joseph's 6th Annual All You Can Eat Shrimp Boil and Fish Fry will be held Saturday, February 26. A special Mass will be at 4:00 p.m. Food served at 5:00 p.m. All you can eat for \$20. Ages 5–12: \$5; 4 and under: Free. Shrimp, fish, andouille sausage, corn on the cob, French fries, potatoes, corn dogs, onion rings, and more. 1435 E. 1500th Street, Quincy (in the country by the Quincy Airport). Greenmount Cemetery Clean-up The Greenmount Cemetery will have the Annual Clean-Up of the cemetery grounds from March 14–18. We ask families to remove all items by March 13 and not to replace them until March 19. This is a complete clean up – <u>everything</u> must be removed except for the Shepherds' hooks/staffs, but all items need to be removed from the hooks.

