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Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Rev. Msgr. Leo J. Enlow, Pastor

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Parish Office Information:

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Mass Times:

Weekday Mass: Monday through Saturday: 8:00 a.m. Except Wednesday & Thursday 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 217-222-3155 Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

Exodus 32:7-11,13-14; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-32

The God of the Old Testament is the same as the God of the New Testament. But at times he is perceived differently. Our first reading tells of the rebellion and idolatry of the Israelites in the desert. God mercifully brought them out of slavery in Egypt.

But while Moses is on Mt. Sinai receiving the Holy Torah, the Israelites make a golden calf and adore it as their god! God wants to destroy this rebellious people, but Moses intercedes and calls on God to remember that he is the God of mercy.

The Gospel gives parables of the mercy of God. He searches for the lost (i.e. the sinner) until he finds and brings back. God always takes the first step to reach out to the sinner in order to show mercy and forgiveness.

In the second reading, Paul says that he does not deserve God's mercy since he was an arrogant blasphemer and persecutor. But God showed him mercy.

How do we handle our sins? Do we try to run and hide? Do we rationalize and pretend that we have never sinned? Do we leave the Church and accuse the Church of wrongdoing? Or do we realize that God still loves us and wants to forgive us.

His great sacrament of mercy is always available. But we must accept his mercy. We must admit our sins and resolve that we shall never turn our backs on him again. God searches us out to show us his mercy. How do we act when we are forgiven? Let us show such gratitude that we shall never sin again.

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



The Parish of St. Peter Quincy, IL

~Mass Intentions~

September 12-18, 2022

- **12. Monday 8:00 a.m.** Ringenberg Family
- **13. Tuesday 8:00 a.m.** Dan Barry
- **14. Wednesday 8:30 a.m.** Herb Terwelp
- **15. Thursday 8:00 a.m.** Loren Tournear
- **16. Friday 8:00 a.m.** Bob & Eileene Anderson
- 17. Saturday 8:00 a.m. Michael Reiter
- 17. Saturday 5:00 p.m. David Adam Oakley
- 18. Sunday 8:00 a.m. Alice Wavering Kemner & T.B. Kemner
- **18. Sunday 9:30 a.m.** Orville Lubbe
- **18. Sunday 11:00 a.m.** Our Parish Family

— Mass Schedule —

Monday-Saturday 8:00 a.m. Wednesday 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. Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 11, 2022

Dear Parishioners,

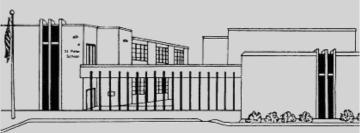
As we celebrate this second weekend in our month of September, the Church in turn celebrates the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time. In our gospel today, we have a number of images presented that reflect the foolishness of our God. The first image is that of a shepherd who in his foolishness leaves his 99 sheep in order to search for a lost one. In terms of economics, this gesture would be not only foolish but ridiculous. Leaving 99 healthy sheep by themselves in order to find one that is lost. And then once it is found, then calls his family and friends together to celebrate finding the lost sheep. Foolish? Ridiculous? In terms of the things of this world, this would have been labeled a waste of time and efforts. Then in the same gospel, we find another bit of foolishness where a woman who having ten coins, loses one of them. How many of us would waste our time and effort in search of a coin? We would label this search as stupidity and very foolish. But I suppose that we can be thankful that our God is this foolish and acts in such a ridiculous way. Because this image that is presented in the gospels is of a God who never abandons us but is continually searching for us and inviting us to return to Him. Even though we are sinful, and often don't feel that we ever deserve to be found, our God always finds us and then, in the heavens, rejoice as Jesus states so beautifully, "I tell you there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents." For you and I, there is always hope. May this hope sustain us and lead us always to our God.

We are still in need of Communion ministers at Blessing Hospital. Not sure how many of you have ever been in the hospital setting here in Quincy, but if you ever were it was always a great relief to have someone distribute Holy Communion to you in your hospital room. If anyone is interested in this invaluable ministry, please call the Rectory and leave your name for our parish nurse, Rebecca Knuffman. Because of the experience with COVID, the hospital has not recovered from the effects that this infection has caused. So let's see what we can do to put this in the past and begin anew with the Eucharist daily for our Catholic patients.

Now concerning the hospital, I know that you might think we have been negligent concerning hospital visits by your priests. Because of COVID, we were limited in visiting some people who were infected. There were times that we were dressed in a space outfit to anoint someone, but other than that we were restricted from visiting some rooms. Plus, we are finally getting back to normal visits. But please call the Rectory to inform us of your stay at the hospital.

From Monday evening, September 19 to Thursday, September 22, the priests of the diocese are expected to attend a Convocation to be held in Collinsville, Illinois, at the Doubletree Inn. During this convocation, we eat together, pray together, and even learn together. Then on Tuesday night, the Bishop addresses all the priests in a mandated conference. This is his yearly corporate talk that all pastors must be present. Since we are away from the parish, there will be NO MASSES ON TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND THURSDAY. If there is an emergency, please contact the Parish Office.

The School of St. Peter



Week of September 11, 2022 A Message from Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh

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

DO YOU KNOW OUR OUTSTANDING PARA EDUCATORS?

Preschool: Mrs. Amber Venvertloh (PS3), Miss Hannah Klingele (PS4) & Miss Chloe Jones (PS4) Kindergarten: Mrs. Sue Ohnemus (KS), Mrs. Sue Beswick (KS). We are looking to hire a para for KW (Mrs. Sara Bradfield and Mrs. Lindsey Holschlag are currently subbing in this position.)

1st Grade: Mrs. Donna Lamkin (1E) & Ms. Terri Many (1W)

2nd Grade-6th grade: Mrs. Jamie Robnett, Mrs. Linda Myers, Mrs. Lisa Goughnour,

Mrs. Mandi Griffin-Harmann, Miss Madison Ippensen.

7th/8th grade: Mrs. Amy Halter

We are extremely blessed to have a dedicated group of para educators. They not only assist our students but they also help out our teachers in so many ways! (If you are interested in joining our school family as a para educator, please let me know by calling the school at 217-223-1120 or emailing me at c.venvertloh@cospg.org. We are still looking to fill one more para educator position for our new kindergarten classroom.

7th/8th GRADE PARTICIPATE IN SPECIAL COURSES TITLED ELECTIVES







SEWING CLASS

ART CLASS

APP CLASS

Our 7th/8th grade students have the opportunity to choose a few of their classes called electives during the school year. We are excited to offer the following electives to our students this year: 3D Design, Art 101, 102, 103, Apps, Social Emotional, Drama classes, PE, Sign Language, Robotics, Ukulele, Support Study, Health, Sewing, Cooking, Dance, Garage Band, Bible Study, WWII, Grandparent Choir, and Bucket Drumming, We are currently looking for a teacher for our Cooking Elective. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Chris Reichert, Curriculum Director, at c.reichert@cospq.org or 217-223-1120.

STATEMENT ON NON-DISCRIMINATION

In accordance with the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, St. Peter School admits students of any race, color, sex, or national and ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally available to students: Appropriateness of educational programs, students in good standing, and/or the availability of factors affecting admissions.

MENU

Monday: Hot dog/bun, fries, peas, fruit. Tuesday: Pasta/meat sauce,

spinach salad, bosco stick, fruit.

Wednesday: Fish sticks, tri tator, baked beans, fruit. Thursday: Tenderloin/bun, baked chips, corn, fruit. Friday: Corn dog. green beans, fruit, teddy graham.

THIS WEEK

Monday, Sept. 12: Jubilation Choir

Tuesday, Sept. 13:

Wednesday, Sept. 14: 8:30 a.m. Children's Mass, 5th grade leads.



Thursday, Sept. 15: Fall Picture Day for grades PS3-8th

grade: Family STEM Night-Birthday Bash in the gym and rear parking lot behind main school building

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Friday, Sept. 16: Scheduled student visits to the Planetarium SKY DOME throughout the day; Midterms reports sent.

JOB OPENINGS Para Educator for Kindergarten West and Elective Teacher for Cooking Class Contact Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh for details.

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Mark Your Calendar

Mon., September 12:

Tues., September 13: Novena – 8:30 a.m., Church Ladies Bible Study – 8:30 a.m., Martha Jane Room

Wed., September 14: Ladies Cursillo — 1:30 p.m., Fr. Bauer Room PSR — 6:30 p.m., School

Thurs., September 15: Cribbage — 1:00 p.m., Martha Jane Room

Fri., September 16:

Sat., September 17: Social Concerns Meeting – 8:30 a.m., Martha Jane Room

Sun., September 18:

Fr. Leo's column continued..

I want to remind our parents that just because your child has received the sacraments, Eucharist and Confirmation, doesn't mean that they have graduated from learning about their Catholic faith. I expect our young people, especially in our public schools, to continue their presence in our PSR school of religion on Wednesday nights. I don't want to see our young people thinking that they have learned all they needed to know and then enter the world with a third grade understanding of their faith. How ill prepared they will be to encounter the struggles of life.

Also, we are beginning our new RCIA process for anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. This process will begin next Tuesday, September 13, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Martha Jane Room. Please enter the doors below the church from the lower parking lot. There will be no pressure but a challenge to let God's grace enter the hearts of the inquirer, and come to a better understanding of the Catholic faith. If you know of anyone, please contact the Rectory with their names, of course, having made sure that you told them you would be doing so.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: A patient visited her doctor.

"Doctor, it's been one month since my last visit, and I still feel miserable."

"Did you follow the instructions on the medicine that I have you?" asked the doctor.

"Absolutely. The bottle specifically said, 'Keep tightly closed."" Magn. Ludor

-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

| | <u>Sept. 4</u> | Total to Date |
|---------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Loose Collections | \$1,283.10 | \$9,766.65 |
| Regular Collections | \$19,799.20 | \$274,289.49 |
| Annual School Fund | \$11,766.00 | \$116,625.21 |
| Holy Days | \$25.00 | \$1,051.00 |
| Totals | \$32,873.30 | \$401,732.35 |
| Total Budget Goal | \$32,000.00 | \$320,000.00 |
| Difference | \$873.30 | \$81,732.35 |

Diocesan Collections

Catholic Cemetery: \$25.00 Church of Africa: \$135.00 Missionary Co-op: \$25.00

Haiti Sister Parish Collections

Collected: \$1,357.00

Parish in Action



DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD IN ILLINOIS Office of the Bishop September, 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As a diocese, we will soon take up a collection for the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. In his 2020 encyclical *On Fraternity and Social Friendship (Fratelli Tutti)*, Pope Francis wrote, "It is ... urgent to continue to bear witness to the journey of encounter between the different Christian confessions" (no. 280). In this spirit of encounter and dialogue, in September 2020, the Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference organized a symposium on ecumenism, interreligious dialogue, and dialogue with secular culture. Participants including priests, men and women religious, and members of the laity from dioceses across South Africa and Botswana gathered for presentations and discussions with non-Catholic Christians and Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Bahai, and traditional African religion representatives. At the conclusion of the symposium, participants returned to their dioceses to share with their neighbors the message of openness and unifying dialogue.

This vital work of encounter was made possible through funding from the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. Your support of the collection for the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa has been crucial to fostering tolerance and respect between neighbors, including those belonging to different faiths, which has contributed to interreligious cooperation and more peaceful communities in a number of places across Africa.

The Church in Africa needs your help to ensure that all the faithful have access to resources to help them grow in the faith. Please be generous to the Solidarity Fund through the collection offertory envelope or your parish's e-offertory platform. #iGiveCatholicTogether also accepts funds for the collection. To learn more about the collection and whom it supports, visit <u>www.usccb.org/africa</u>.

Thank you and God bless.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Tromos John Paprocki

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki Bishop of Springfield in Illinois



*pre-registration required



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

Need More Info? or to phone in RSVP, Call 217.214.0187

SAVE THE DATE FOR Upcoming Events: October 16 - S'MORE FUN returns! November 4 - Parents Night Out! December 10 - Adult Gingerbread House Competition

yard games available to play!





Baptism

Truman Spencer Thompson, son of Geoffrey and Kourtney (Nesbit) Thompson, was made a child of God through the reception of the sacrament of Baptism on Saturday, September 3, 2022.

Coffee and Donuts and Blood Pressures This Sunday

Please join us this Sunday, September 11, after all Masses in the cafeteria for Coffee and Donuts and blood pressure screenings.

Survey Says: I Am Here

Tell us your thoughts about our parish! We are in the process of conducting a parish-wide survey, which we hope will help us shape the future direction of our parish to make us stronger and serve your spiritual needs better.

Every registered household received a parish survey in the mail and/or email. You can also go to our parish website, <u>www.cospq.org</u>, to fill out the survey. We ask that you take time to read through it and respond to each question.

Please complete the survey this week – in paper or online. Your time, participation, and honesty are appreciated. Thank you.

RCIA Program

If you or a family member is considering the Catholic faith, please join us in our RCIA program. The program started in September. Wonder no longer, come find out what the Catholic faith is all about. Classes are on Tuesday evenings 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Martha Jane Room beneath the church. Contact the Parish Office at 222-3155. You will be glad you did.

Social Concerns Meeting

Social Concerns will be meeting **Friday**, **September 16**, at 8:30 a.m. in the Martha Jane Room. All are welcome!

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study

<u>Topic</u>: Symbolon Part 2: The Catholic Faith Explained - Living the Faith.

<u>When</u>: Every Tuesday starting September 13 – November 22 <u>Time</u>: 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. – social, study will start at 9:00 a.m. and end by 10:30 a.m.

If interested in joining this study, please contact Gina Bergman at 217-430-6080 or <u>g.bergman@cospq.org</u>.

| Please keep the following ~Kristopher Schreacke ~Lilli Foster | g in your prayers: ~Elias Erd ~Amy Seibert | Prayer Requests |
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| ~Hunter Hildebrand | ~lsabella Benner | ~Julie Eftink |
| ~Natalie Meyer | ~Theresa Althoff | ~Steve Hull |
| ~Rose Hockgraver | ~Bonnie Haubrich | ~Mike Creek |
| ~Alden & Joyce Shipp | ~Norma Johnson | ~Ted Kemner |
| ~Jim Steinkamp | ~Joan Wilson | ~Jack Terford |
| ~Priscilla & Bill Morrison | ~Daniella Kendrick | ~Jo Buckley |
| ~Kathy Schuckman | ~John & Barb Meyer | ~Judy Domme |
| ~Ken & Barb Wolf | ~Donna Schutte | ~Anonymous |
| ~Evelyn Garrett | ~Mark & Diane Zoller | |
| ~JoAnn Schaefer | ~Valerie Fox Ortball ~ | Michael Mason |
| To have a name added to this list, please call the Parish Office | | |
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at 222-3155 or email <u>church@cospg.org</u>.



GSA IS FOR EVERYONE!

ALL SCHOOL PARENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND GSA MEETINGS

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 11 A.M. - 12 P.M. SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM (by the new Kindergarten classroom)

The St. Peter Grade School Association's mission is to provide support to our educators and encourage the connection between the families and our school. GSA is always looking for volunteers to help coordinate and assist with events throughout the school year.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL JENNY

217.242.4175 or email: jenny.willingham@gmail.com

Marriage Enrichment

The Marriage Enrichment team is once again offering The Marriage Course. We will meet on the following dates from 5:30-7:00 p.m. in the St. Peter cafeteria: September 25; October 2, 9, 23, 30; November 6 and 13. (Note: we will not meet 10/16 due to S'More fun event!) Childcare will be provided. If you are interested, please call the Parish Office. If you have any questions, please contact George or Betty McDonnell at 217-779-7960. If you are unable to attend one of the weeks, don't worry. It is very easy to make it up on your own if you wish. We look forward to seeing you!

Additional details: The cost of the program in \$10 per couple and includes a workbook for each individual attending. You do not need to be a parishioner to attend.

Adoration Chapel Hour That Needs Filled

Lift your minds and hearts to God by spending some time in the Adoration Chapel.

The following time is open for you to say yes to the following hour: <u>Thursday</u> 1 a.m. to 2 a.m.

Please call Mary Voorhis at 217-653-3127 or call or text Gina Wolf at 217-257-9966.

Area Wide Mass September 27

All are welcome to attend the Area Wide Mass on Tuesday, September 27, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. in the QND gym. Staff and students from the 4 Catholic grade schools in Quincy, St. Mary's in Mt. Sterling, and QND will gather with family and friends to celebrate the Eucharist and the gift of Catholic education.

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.

