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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 Preparation:* 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.

### *Third Sunday of Advent*

**DECEMBER 11, 2022**

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10; James 5:7-10;  
Matthew 11:2-11

Today is often called “Gaudete” Sunday; the word means “Rejoice!” It is the first word of the Latin Entrance Antiphon for today. Once again, our first reading gives the “signs” of the times of the Messiah: The desert will bloom; the wasteland will be fertile; the feeble will be strong; the blind will see, and so on. But, of course, that didn’t happen.

John the Baptist, in prison now, sends word to Jesus: “Are you the one, or should we look for someone else?” He wanted Jesus to make everything perfect *now*. He wanted him to start acting like the Messiah whom they expected.

Jesus tells of some people who have been cured. But he proclaims blessed the person who does not lose faith because he is not the kind of Messiah they want.

What happens when things go wrong for us? What happens when we don’t get our private miracle? Jesus is still Messiah! Perfection must await his “Second Coming.”

Meanwhile, our second reading urges us to be patient. Don’t lose faith and don’t grumble. Come out of yourself and your own little world. Renew your hope and be a person of hope and joy. Show by your life that Jesus is Messiah!

--Msgr. William Carr

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# *The Parish of St. Peter Quincy, IL*

## *~Mass Intentions~*

*December 12-18, 2022*

- 12. Monday 8:00 a.m.**  
Loren Tournear
- 13. Tuesday 8:00 a.m.**  
Norman Ward
- 14. Wednesday 8:30 a.m.**  
Zakery Haubrich
- 15. Thursday 8:00 a.m.**  
Anna Lee Conrad
- 16. Friday 8:00 a.m.**  
George DeVaul
- 17. Saturday 8:00 a.m.**  
Dr. Donald Dowler
- 17. Saturday 5:00 p.m.**  
David Adam Oakley
- 18. Sunday 8:00 a.m.**  
Karen Wiewel
- 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.

*Third Sunday of Advent, December 11, 2022*

**Dear Parishioners,**

Today is called “Gaudete Sunday.” The word “Gaudete” is the Latin word which means “Rejoice.” It comes from the old Entrance Antiphon for this Sunday which proclaims, “Rejoice in the Lord always, again, I say rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.” On this third Sunday of Advent we truly look forward and realize that the Lord is near as we prepare ourselves for His coming in our history. And a reflection of that attitude to rejoice, the Church invites the priest and deacons to wear “rose” colored vestments. We are called to be a people of joy in the midst of an imperfect world. We cannot just sit back and wallow in self pity because we live in this imperfect world. Instead, we are called to be a people of faith and hope, to proclaim the good news that Jesus has come, and that Jesus will come again, and always be challenged to live in this positive manner. So, “rejoice,” for the Lord is near.

We have our new 2023 St. Peter’s Church Catholic calendars available in the narthex of the Church. Besides the necessary information regarding staff, school and rectory numbers, and our Mass times, there are some beautiful religious art pictures in each month of this calendar. These calendars are the gift of Duker & Haugh Funeral Home. So I ask you to please take a calendar home with you, one per family, and if you know of anyone in a nursing home, or confined to their homes, please make sure that you take one for each of them. Also, if you see Jared or Ann Haugh, I ask you to thank them for this gift to our parishioners. If you need a second calendar, please wait until after this weekend so that everyone has an opportunity to pick one up. Thank you.

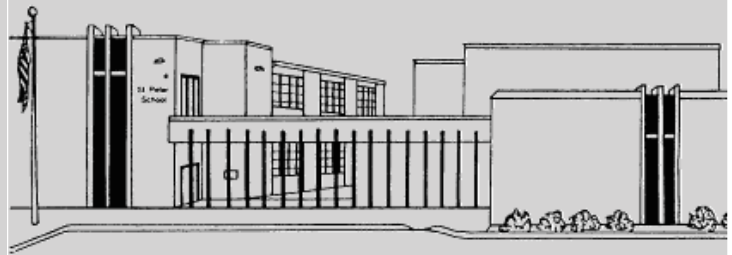
I want to thank everyone who participated in our parish mission. Hopefully you set aside some time to come and become spiritual refreshed as you continue your Advent journey.

This weekend is our annual Christmas cookie sale sponsored by the Social Concerns Committee of our parish. After our Masses this weekend, I invite you to the cafeteria to browse through the large selection of cookies and perhaps purchase a few to take home with you. We will also be serving coffee and cinnamon rolls after our Masses this weekend. Please join us and support the efforts of the Social Concerns committee.

If you want to begin to feel the Christmas spirit, I invite you to join the QND chorus as they will be having their annual Christmas concert this Monday at 6:30 p.m. in St. Peter Church. We have so many talented individuals and we need to support them as they share the Christmas spirit with us next Monday, December 12.

Also this weekend, December 10-11, you are invited to bring your wrapped Christmas gifts for our “Giving Wreath” initiative which always assists those in our community who need some assistance this Christmas. I ask you to bring in your wrapped Christmas gifts, with the tags that you chose firmly secured on the packages, and then left in the narthex of the Church. The various organizations will then pick these up and then distribute them to those in need.

# The School of St. Peter



Week of December 11, 2022

## A Message from Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh

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

### A ST. PETER TRADITION—GINGERBREAD HOUSES



Did you know that we have a tradition at St. Peter School? For the last 36 years our Kindergarten students have constructed a gingerbread house with their parents or chosen loved one. Many of the St. Peter School alumni still talk about the time when they made their gingerbread houses when they were in Kindergarten. In fact, some have reported that they still have their creation and they bring it out every year as they decorate for Christmas!

### PLEASE PARTICIPATE IN CULVER'S CARES NIGHT

The 6th grade students have been participating in a Junior Achievement class that has been preparing them for an upcoming trip to BizTown in Chesterfield, MO. The trip is scheduled to take place on Monday, February 6, 2023.

JA BizTown is a class that combines in-class learning with a day-long visit to a simulated town. This learning experience allows the students to operate banks, manage restaurants, write checks, and vote for mayor. Students can connect the dots between what they learn in school over a span of 12 lessons taught by community leaders as well as Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Stratton to the real world. To offset the cost of the trip, St. Peter School is sponsoring a Culver's Cares Night on Tuesday, December 13 from 4:00-8:00. A percentage of the sales during the four-hour period will come back to St. Peter's 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

Please encourage your family and friends to help our students by eating at Culver's on this designated evening. Thank you for your support!

### MENU

**Monday:** Pepperoni pizza, mixed veggies, pudding, fruit.

**Tuesday:** Beef nachos, black beans, corn, fruit.

**Wednesday:** Hot ham/cheese, tater tots, carrots, fruit.

**Thursday:** Ravioli, marinara, green beans, yogurt, fruit

**Friday:** Grilled chicken on bun, baked chips, peas, fruit.

### THIS WEEK

Monday, Dec. 12: QND/PMO Choir Concert 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 13: **Culver's Cares Night** from 4-8 p.m. Please help support the 6th grade trip to BizTown by visiting Culver's!

Wednesday, Dec. 14: 8:30 a.m. **Children's Mass:** 6th grade leading.

Thursday, Dec. 15: **GSA Meeting** 11:00 a.m.—parents are welcome to attend!

Friday, Dec. 16: **Second Quarter Ends; Christmas break begins at the end of the day**—regular dismissal time.

### HIRING AFTERNOON DAY CARE HELPERS

St. Peter School is hiring daycare workers to work with students during the after school program from 2:15-5:30 Mon.-Fri. Applicants must love children & enjoy supervising & working closely with them. Rate of pay per hour is \$13.00. If interested send a resume along with 2-3 letters of recommendation to Miss Maddie Ippensen at 2500 Maine Street, Quincy, IL 62301 or [madisonippensen@icloud.com](mailto:madisonippensen@icloud.com)

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**Mark Your Calendar**

Mon. December 12:

Tues. December 13: RCIA 7:00 p.m., Martha Jane Room

Wed. December 14: Ladies Cursillo 1:30 p.m., Fr. Bauer  
Prayer Rm

PSR 6:30 p.m., School

Thurs. December 15:

Fri. December 16:

Sat. December 17:

Sun. December 18:

**—Mass Servers—**

Not Assigned At This Time but can  
Signup Online for Weekdays and Weekends

**—Daily Mass Ministry Schedule—**

Not Assigned At This Time

**Fr. Leo's column continued..**

I am not sure if you have noticed it or not, but the trees along Maine Street and the three trees directly in front of the school, are decorated with a special strand of lights called "blinkies." These lights were the gift of George and Mary Nell Meyer. And I cannot thank them enough as they truly make our decorations come alive and are so classy. George and Eric McNay, decorated the trees and Randy Martin ran the electricity to these trees. I am so impressed as they add so much to our Christmas decorations.

We are doing our best to try to get our young people back into the habit of serving Mass, especially on the weekends. We are training them but need to make sure that their parents sign them up to serve on the weekends.

**Christmas Mass Schedule:** Saturday, December 24: Masses are 4:00, 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. Then Sunday, December 25, Masses are at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.

**ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:** A young boy really wanted to be Joseph in the Sunday school Christmas play. Instead, the teacher cast him as the innkeeper—and the boy was obviously displeased.

On the night of the play, the children playing Mary and Joseph knocked on the door and asked the boy, as the innkeeper, if he had a room for them at the inn.

"Sure," he replied. "I've got lots of room. Come on it."

*Msgr. Leo J. Embury*



**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

	<b>Dec. 4</b>	<b>Total to Date</b>
Loose Collections	\$888.30	\$22,674.40
Regular Collections	\$34,284.20	\$621,513.09
Annual School Fund	\$17,921.00	\$221,306.21
Holy Days	\$556.00	\$4,265.00
Totals	\$53,649.50	\$669,758.70
Total Budget Goal	\$32,000.00	\$736,000.00
Difference	\$21,649.50	\$133,758.70

**Diocesan Collections**

Justice & Hope: \$335.00 Retired Religious: \$300.00  
Dependent Children: \$200.00  
Catholic Cemeteries: \$165.00

**Haiti Sister Parish Collections**

Collected \$2,106.00

# Parish in Action

## ADULT GINGERBREAD HOUSE COMPETITION

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

5 - 7 P.M. @ STUDIO 125  
125 N. 6TH STREET IN QUINCY



Join us for some competitive Christmas cheer! All materials provided. BYOB or stop by the Quincy Brewing Co. to pick some up. We will have prizes for 1st and 2nd place, with winners determined by our celebrity judges! \$10 per couple payable via Venmo @Katelyn-Kinscherf

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## ST. PETER SOCIAL CONCERNS CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE

THIS WEEKEND  
DECEMBER 10 & 11

Come join us after All Masses this weekend in the cafeteria.  
Come buy some wonderful Christmas Cookies  
Coffee & Cinnamon Rolls Will Be Available!

This is one of Social Concerns Committee's biggest ways to fund their work. Social Concerns helps provide assistance for needy people in our area along with providing funds to Horizon Soup Kitchen, Quincy Catholic Charities, Quincy Teen Reach and other local organizations.

### Christmas Decorations (Please print legibly)

To make a donation (\$10.00) for Christmas poinsettias & decorations in memory of a loved one, please put money in a plain envelope labeled "Christmas Decorations" by Sunday, December 11, or email church@cospq.org.

#### A Donation for Christmas Decorations

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_



## Rest in Peace

May the soul of

## Peggy Sparano

sing praises with the Angels in Heaven forever.



### St. Peter Social Concerns Christmas Cookie Sale - Bakers! December 10 & 11

We need your help! Bake a batch of Christmas cookies for this special fundraiser. Bring Cookies to the Cafeteria on that SATURDAY or on SUNDAY before 9:30 a.m. Mass. If you are willing to volunteer to work the sale, call Sharon at (217) 257-1376. Coffee & Cinnamon Rolls Will Be Available!

### KofC 2023 Calendar Raffle for Charity

The Knights of Columbus has it's "2023 Calendar Raffle" in progress which helps support our catholic schools as well as other charitable causes such as Ladies of Charity and Birthright. Please consider purchasing a raffle calendar for \$25 with 365 chances to win \$24,300 in cash prizes. They make great Christmas gifts!

The calendars are available at the KofC main building during business hours or by calling Mike Schlipmann at 653-9318 or John Veith at 653-0258.

Thank for your consideration and support.

### Adoration Chapel

Our prayers have been answered to be able to open the Adoration Chapel for 24 more hours (72 hours total so far - open Wed. 9 a.m. to Sat. 9 a.m.) We are now seeking Adorers for several more hours.

Hours available are:

Saturday 11 a.m. to Noon, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. the 4th week of the month

Thank you for your consideration in taking an hour of quiet prayer in the Adoration Chapel.

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

### 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, [www.cospq.org](http://www.cospq.org), 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.

### St. Anthony Adoration

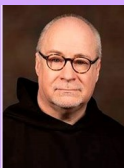
In observance of the Eucharistic Revival Year, St. Anthony of Padua Parish is hosting the Forty Hours Devotion from Friday, December 16 through Sunday, December 18 at St. Anthony Church. We invite you to be part of this time of Eucharistic Renewal in the midst of final preparations for Christmas. The Church will be open for adoration throughout this time, pausing only for Masses. We are asking for two parties (individuals or families) to be present in the church at all times as "official adorers" and we expect to still need help to fill all of the hours. If you are willing to participate in this way, a listing of available hours will be available at [www.stanthonypadua.org](http://www.stanthonypadua.org) starting on Monday, December 12. Please call the St. Anthony Parish Office (217) 222-5996 to sign up for one of these hours. Even if you are not an 'official adorer', all are welcome to spend some time before our Eucharistic Lord.

## SAVE THE DATE

# LENTEN PARISH MISSION

## FEBRUARY 18-20, 2023!

- Begins during all Weekend Masses on 2/18 and 2/19
- Continues with Parish Mission Conferences on 2/19 and 2/20 at 6:30 p.m. in the Church
- A reception will follow on 2/20 in the Narthex
- Childcare available for children age 1 and older



Fr. Denis Robinson, OSB will offer this second Parish Mission during Lent. He will discuss the Eucharist in the context of Lent/the coming of Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection at Easter.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

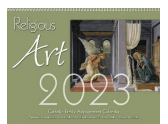
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| ~Michelle Houston          | ~Dustin Markert      |                 |



To have a name added to this list, please call the Parish Office at 222-3155 or email [church@cospq.org](mailto:church@cospq.org).

### 2023 Calendars

We now have the new 2023 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.



### 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@cospq.org](mailto:church@cospq.org) to give us the dates you will be gone. We get charged for any returned bulk mailings (newsletters, envelopes, etc.)

### Christmas Mass Times

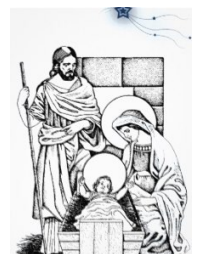
The following are the Mass Times we will have for Christmas this year:

#### Christmas Eve:

4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.  
NO 8:00 am. & 5:00 p.m. Mass

#### Christmas Day:

8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.  
NO 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Mass



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

**Drop Off & Pick Up - Martha Jane Room**

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



**Saints Alive!  
Generosity and St. Maximilian  
Kolbe - December 11  
6:00-7:30 p.m. in the Gym**

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 these fun evenings in the St. Peter Gym 6:00-7:30 p.m. Wear your Saints Alive Shirt! Please check Facebook for updates.

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