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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.

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Please phone the Parish Office at 217-222-3155 Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Second Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER 4, 2022

Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12

Two hundred fifty years before Isaiah wrote, God promised that the dynasty of David would last forever. (See 2 Samuel 7:11-17.) But the descendants of David were a sorry lot. They were weak, corrupt, and faithless kings. Nevertheless, Isaiah — and the rest of the Bible preserves the tradition which contradicted their experience.

Isaiah sees that a "righteous shoot" shall spring from the "dead stump" of Jesse (David's father). Isaiah calls on us to have hope, even when it contradicts our experience. Isaiah gives a beautiful picture of paradise which will come when the Messiah comes: The wolf shall be guest of the lamb; the leopard shall lie down with the kid ... etc.

In the second reading, Paul urges us to have hope because of the example of patience in our spiritual ancestors. He urges us to accept each other because Christ has accepted us: Whether we are Jew or Gentile, the Lord has had mercy on us all. Therefore we should glorify him by our charity toward each other.

The Gospel is a fiery sermon of John the Baptist. He calls the good people of his day (the Pharisees) a "nest of snakes!" He calls for everyone to turn his life around in order to escape the punishment his sins deserve. No one likes to hear a hurtful truth; but the truth is necessary for our spiritual conversion.

Let us pray today that we may have hope even when things seem hopeless, and that we may always follow the truth – even when it hurts.

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The Parish of St. Peter Quincy, IL

Second Sunday of Advent, December 4, 2022

~Mass Intentions~

December 5-11, 2022

- **5. Monday 8:00 a.m.** Jeff Burgess
- **6. Tuesday 8:00 a.m.** Carolyn Schuering
- 7. Wednesday 8:30 a.m.
 Wayne & Dorothy
 Messick
- 7. Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Roger Frankenhoff
- 8. Thursday 8:30 a.m. Dorothy Davis
- 8. Thursday 12:10 p.m.
 Ashbaker & Buckley
 Families
- 8. Thursday 6:00 p.m. Brian D. Reis
- 9. Friday 8:00 a.m. Michael Brahler
- **10. Saturday 8:00 a.m.** David Oakley Sr.
- 10. Saturday 5:00 p.m. Ann Anderson
- **11. Sunday 8:00 a.m.**Dee Burnham
- **11. Sunday 9:30 a.m.** Mandi Dickerman
- **11. 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.

Dear Parishioners,

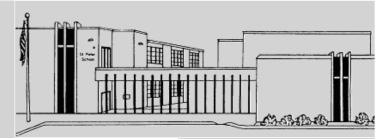
Can you believe that this weekend we are celebrating the Second Sunday in our season of Advent? A question to ask ourselves is: have we taken the time to refocus our lives and made use of prayer, the Eucharist, or spiritual reading? If not, then this season will come and go and we will not make this time a spiritual journey in which we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ.

As we celebrate this Second Sunday of Advent, our first reading for our weekend celebration is filled with hope. But isn't that what Advent is all about? At the time of Isaiah the prophet in the 8th Century before Christ, the leaders of God's people, descendants of David, were worthless, weak, and corrupt. In fact, it was rather a depressing experience for the people of God, for their kings and other Jewish leaders led them away from God, not to God. And so what we find today in that reading is an element of hope that Isaiah preserved. He tells us that there will be a day that "a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom." Jesse was the father of David, so Isaiah foresees the day that what seemingly was dead, as in a stump, would produce a blossom that would bring justice, peace, and joy for the world. Then Isaiah brings forth an imagery that flows from this new blossom, an imagery of harmony between seemingly disharmonious elements. As an example, the "wolf shall be the guest of the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the young lion shall browse together; the cow and the bears shall be neighbors, and the baby shall play by the cobras den." What seemingly is impossible, now will become reality as this new blossom brings forth the promised Messiah. That is the hope of the people of God and that still remains our hope even today, as we await Jesus' coming again.

Also on this Second Sunday of Advent, the Church introduces to us an Advent figure, namely, John the Baptist. In Matthew's gospel, John is introduced as the new Elijah for, according to tradition, Elijah would return right before the Messiah. This fits perfectly then with John the Baptist. As the fiery prophet, John proclaimed that everyone must have a conversion of heart and must show that conversion in their lives. Putting this all together, then we should use this time of Advent to change our ways and our lives, ready to meet the Lord, whenever He comes to us in mystery, history, or His Second Coming.

On behalf of our parish family, I want to welcome Fr. Kolbe Woniakowski, a Benedictine Priest, who will be here with us this weekend. He will be preaching at all of our Masses as we challenge ourselves in this parish mission centering around the mystery of the Eucharist. Fr. Woniakowski is a classmate of Fr. Zach at St. Meinrad Seminary in Indiana. Besides preaching at all the Masses he will also give two different conferences on Monday and Tuesday of this week, December 5-6 at 6:30 p.m. There is childcare (one year of age and older)included for those, who want to attend, as well as a reception after the final conference on Tuesday. Please make this mission a special treat for yourselves, taking the time for this spiritual renewal. We welcome Fr. Kolbe Woniakowski, OSB.

The School of St. Peter



Week of December 4, 2022

A Message from Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh

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

CELEBRATING ADVENT







One of our traditions at St. Peter School is to celebrate the coming of the Advent Season. We begin this special time each year with a prayer service. Each classroom created a chain of blessings that we linked together to brighten our Christmas tree in the gym lobby. Each link on this chain

represents a blessing staff have been given in their lives. It is our hope that during this special season we all

that our students and

take time to thank God for these special blessings, especially our greatest gift of all, our Lord Jesus Christ.

It is with great joy and deep gratitude that we look forward to the very special celebration of Jesus' birth and we ask that He come and rest in our hearts, not only during this Advent Season, but always.





CONGRATULATIONS MRS. HANAFIN

The Optimist Club of Quincy financially supports an innovative classroom activity or project each month by awarding a teacher \$150. Teachers submit a proposal in the hopes of being chosen. Mrs. Elise Hanafin, 7th & 8th Science teacher, was selected as their recipient. She will be doing a dissection Science activity with her students. Congratulations Mrs. Hanafin!

MENU

Monday: Tenderloin on bun, baked chips, green beans, fruit.

Tuesday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, corn, fruit.

Wednesday: Sausage/egg biscuit, carrots, fruit.

Thursday: French bread pizza, marinara, peas, fruit

Friday: Hamburger on bun, fries, lima beans, fruit.

THIS WEEK

Monday, Dec. 5: QND/PMO Choir Concert at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 6: OND Kindergarten Night with Santa at QND from 6-8 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 7: 8:30 Children's Mass: 8th grade leading.

Thursday, Dec. 8: 8:30 Children's Mass-Feast of the Immaculate Conception: 7th grade assisting.

Friday, Dec. 9: SPIRIT DAY-bring in 0.25 donation for CareNet and wear out of dress code bottoms with Spirit Day shirts!

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

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Mark Your Calendar



Mon. December 5: Parish Mission 6:30 p.m., Church

Tues. December 6: Parish Mission 6:30 p.m., Church RCIA 7:00 p.m., Martha Jane Room

Wed. December 7: Ladies Cursillo 1:30 p.m., Fr. Bauer
Prayer Rm

Vigil Mass 6:30 p.m., Church

Thurs. December 8: Holy Day Mass Times: 8:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 6:00 p.m., Church

St. Veronica's Guild 8:30 a.m., Lower Level Conf. Room

Fri. December 9:

Sat. December 10: Return Giving Wreath Gifts in Narthex Social Concerns Cookie Sale after Mass, Cafeteria

Sun. December 11: Return Giving Wreath Gifts in Narthex Social Concerns Cookie Sale after All Masses, Cafeteria

—Mass Servers—

Not Assigned At This Time Signup Online for Weekdays and Weekends

—Daily Mass Ministry Schedule—
Not Assigned At This Time

Fr. Leo's column continued..

Next Thursday, December 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and a Holyday of Obligation. Mary, under the title of the Immaculate Conception, is the patroness of the United States as well as the patroness of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois. In fact, the principal Church for our United States is the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.; and the Cathedral of our Diocese of Springfield is also named the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. As we honor Mary on this day, let us not only pray for our country but also our diocese as we ask her to continue to pray for all of us. She is in the words of a person of history, "our tainted nature's solitary boast." To celebrate this Solemnity, our Mass schedule is as follows:

Vigil Mass on Wednesday, December 7, at 6:30 p.m. Masses for Thursday, December 8: 8:30 a.m., (10:00 a.m. at QND); 12:10 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: A Sunday school teacher asked her class, "What was Jesus' mother's name?"

One child answered, "Mary."

"Who knows what Jesus' father's name was?" the teacher asked next.

A little boy replied, "Verge."

"Verge?" the teacher asked. "Where did you hear that?"

"Well," the boy said, "you know they're always talking about Verge 'n' Mary."





WEEKLY COLLECTION

	Nov. 27	Total to Date
Loose Collections	\$899.50	\$21,786.10
Regular Collections	\$27,758.20	\$587,228.89
Annual School Fund	\$8,061.00	\$203,385.21
Holy Days	\$30.00	\$3,709.00
Totals	\$36,748.70	\$816,109.20
Total Budget Goal	\$32,000.00	\$704,000.00
Difference	\$4,748.70	\$112,109.20

Diocesan Collections

Justice & Hope: \$85.00 Catholic Cemeteries: \$295.00

Haiti Sister Parish Collections

Collected \$238.00

Parish in Action



2022 Giving Wreaths

Can you believe we are fast approaching Christmas. Where does the time go? Again this year, St. Peters will sponsor the Giving Wreath. This is a program that allows us at St. Peters a way to help those in our community who are less fortunate. Several local organizations send the needs of their people. Each need is put on a tag and we put those tags out on tables in the Narthex.

This is happening **Now through December 4**. You can choose a tag(s) before or after church. The gifts are to be wrapped and returned to Church with the gift tag **securely taped** during the weekend of **December 10 and 11**. The local organizations will pick up their gifts on December 12, so NO gifts delivered after December 12. This will replace the Social Concerns 1st Sunday collection for December. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



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 Fred Bichsel



sing praises with the Angels in Heaven forever.

Holy Day Mass Times

Thursday, December 8, is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Mass times are as follows:

Dec. 7, at 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 8, at 8:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

EMHC & Usher Sign Up for the Holy Day Masses

We need ushers for the Holy Day this next week on Dec. 7 & 8. Please signup in the Narthex if you can help. Thank you!

St. Veronica Guild

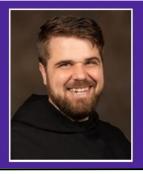
The St. Veronica Guild will meet Thursday, December 8 in the Lower Level of the rectory at 8:30 a.m., making prayer shawls & blankets for those who need to feel the love of Jesus in a time of need. All are welcome, please join us!

ADVENT PARISH MISSION

JOIN US DECEMBER 3-6

- Begins during all Weekend Masses on 12/3 and 12/4
- **Continues with Parish Mission Conferences on** 12/5 and 12/6 at 6:30 p.m. in the Church
- A reception will follow on 12/6 in the Narthex

*childcare for age 1 and older available



Fr. Kolbe Woniakowski, OSB will offer the first Parish Mission during Advent. He will discuss the Eucharist in the context of Advent and the coming of Christ's birth at Christmas.

~Julie Eftink

~Steve Hull

~Evelyn Garrett

~Ted Kemner

~Jack Terford

~Judy Domme

~Dan Dailing

~Anonymous

~Jack Bunte

~Jo Buckley

Please keep the following in your prayers:

- ~Kristopher Schreacke
- ~Elias Erd
- ~Lilli Foster
- ~Hunter Hildebrand
- ~Natalie Meyer
- ~Rose Hockgraver
- ~Alden & Joyce Shipp
- ~Jim Steinkamp
- ~Kathy Schuckman
- ~Ken & Barb Wolf
- ~Matt Mast
- ~Mark & Diane Zoller
- ~JoAnn Schaefer ~Michelle Houston

- ~Amv Seibert
- ~Isabella Benner
- ~Theresa Althoff
- ~Bonnie Haubrich
- ~Norma Johnson
- ~Joan Wilson
- ~Priscilla & Bill Morrison ~Daniella Kendrick

 - ~John & Barb Mever
 - ~Donna Schutte
 - ~Michael Mason
 - ~Valerie Fox Ortball
 - ~Debra Sparrow
 - ~Dustin Markert

To have a name added to this list, please call the Parish Office at 222-3155 or email church@cospg.org.

Welcome!

Please welcome to our parish family Mark & Susan Schmitz!

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!

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:

Wednesday 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on the 2nd, 4th and 5th weeks of the month

Saturday 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., 11 a.m. to Noon, 2 p.m. to 3p.m., 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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.



DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD IN ILLINOIS

Office of the Bishop

December, 2022

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon, our parishes will be conducting the Retirement Fund for Religious collection, an annual appeal that benefits nearly 25,000 elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Our senior religious are a treasure - both for their service to our Church and for the ways their prayer and witness enrich our faith. "Planted in the house of the Lord, they shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall bear fruit even in old age" (Ps 92:14-15).

As I reflect on the ministry of women and men religious past and present - I am grateful for the ways they have shaped my own faith. I also value the tremendous service they have offered our diocese. Perhaps you, too, recall an older religious who made a positive difference in your life.

Most senior religious worked many years for little pay, leaving their religious communities with a shortage of retirement savings. Rising health-care costs and decreased income compound the challenge to meet day-to-day needs for medications, nursing assistance, and other necessities. Donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious provide financial support that helps religious communities care for aging members while ensuring younger ones can continue the good works of their elders.

I understand you are asked to support many worthy causes. I invite you to give what you can. Most importantly, please pray for God's continued blessing on all our women and men religious. Rest assured that they are praying for you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

† Niomoo John Paprocki

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

Next Meeting December 4 **Christmas Party** 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. Maximillian 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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