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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 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.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FEBRUARY 5, 2023

Isaiah 58:7-10; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16

The first reading is taken from the third part of Isaiah. The setting is the time after the Hebrews had returned from captivity in Babylon. They expected everything to be perfect; they expected the "light" of the immediate coming of the Messiah. But he didn't come.

The nation lay in ruins, and the people were poor; they almost despaired. The author tells them to share their food, to shelter the homeless, to help their fellow countrymen. *Then* the Lord will restore them; *then* they shall truly see his light!

The second reading reflects Paul's bitter experience at Athens. There he had tried rhetoric and reason or "wise" argumentation; his preaching fell flat. From then on he resolved to preach only Christ crucified, without eloquence or philosophy. His simple message was truly light for the Corinthians.

The Gospel is from the Sermon on the Mount. In ancient times, there was no pure salt. To flavor food, there was a salt bag with a rock of salt with all its impurities. Eventually, after much use, only the dregs remained in the bag; the salt had been used up. The salt bag was good for nothing but to be thrown out.

We must always be salt, and not dregs! On a pitch-dark night, even a candle seems brilliant. We may not be much, but we can surely let our light shine before others – even if it is only one candle power!

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The Parish of St. Peter Quincy, IL

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 5, 2023

Dear Parishioners,

During this past week, we have begun the month of February, the shortest month of the year. It is also the month which will celebrate Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent. Being the shortest month, we can begin to anticipate the season of Spring and all that this new season has in store for us. As far as I am concerned it cannot come soon enough. Even though we have had a mild winter, I am ready for a total change and look forward to mother nature changing out of her winter garments into the new garments of Spring.

Jesus uses several images of what discipleship should be in each of our lives. He uses the image of salt, calling us the "salt of the earth." What He means is that you and I are to season with our faith, our hope, and our love, the very people who surround us in life. That means we make a difference in the lives of others. As salt seasons the foods we eat, as salt brings out the flavor of these foods, so we are to do the same with the way we live our lives. The second image is that of light, namely, calling us to be the "light of the world." If we have a flashlight on a dark evening, it serves no purpose if we were to put it under a bushel basket. Instead, we are to use it to light our way. What do you think this says about our faith, our hope, and our love? It is a light that shines for others to see, helping them find their way home to our God.

A parishioner asked me the other day concerning the survey that they took several months ago. Well, we finally got the responses and will be publishing them for all to see. Overall, I thank you for participating and being so honest. It was a big help and we will basically present to you a summary of our findings.

I remind our parents whose children will be receiving their First Reconciliation to be present at a meeting next Wednesday, February 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the Church. Besides being the first teachers in the ways of faith, I am reminding our parents that they are to be the salt and light for your children, helping to form them with a Catholic identity. Translated, this means being models of faith as you celebrate the Eucharist each and every Sunday.

I remind you to reserve the weekend of February 18-19, along with Monday, February 20, for our Pre-Lenten Parish Mission. Fr. Denis Robinson, OSB, will offer this parish mission and will be discussing the Eucharist in the context of Lent. Fr. Denis Robinson is a Benedictine monk who will be preaching at all the Masses that weekend, along with offering two talks, one on Sunday night and then another on Monday, both at 6:30 p.m. in the Church. A reception will follow the last talk on Monday in the narthex. There will be babysitting for children ages 1 and older. Please use this time as an opportunity to get yourselves ready for Lent.

Recently I attended a home volleyball game for the crusaders, our junior high volleyball team from all four Catholic schools. The gym was packed, with very little seating. There was no room for the girls to dress as there are no locker rooms. What I am suggesting is the consideration in our building project of building a gym to accommodate our junior high teams. Think about it!

~Mass Intentions~ February 6-12, 2023

- **6. Monday 8:00 a.m.** James Huffman
- 7. Tuesday 8:00 a.m.
 William, Ted & Bruce
 Sander
- 8. Wednesday 8:30 a.m. Patrick Myers
- 9. Thursday 8:00 a.m. Thomas Lawless
- **10. Friday 8:00 a.m.** Barbara Boone
- **11. Saturday 8:00 a.m.**Alice Wavering Kemner & T.B. Kemner
- 11. Saturday 5:00 p.m.
 Wayne & Dorothy
 Messick
- **12. Sunday 8:00 a.m.**Joanne Schlepphorst
- 12. Sunday 9:30 a.m. Tom Lawless
- **12. Sunday 11:00 a.m.** Our Parish Family

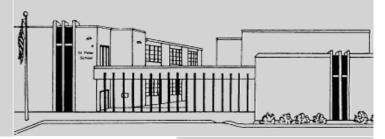
— Mass Schedule —

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.

The School of St. Peter



Week of February 5, 2023

A Message from Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh

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

KINDERAGARTEN CELEBRATES THE 100TH DAY OF SCHOOL



Mrs. Gallaher's Kindergarten South



The students aged overnight and arrived at school looking like they were 100 year old on January 26!

Mrs. Eaton's Kindergarten North









Mrs. Riese's Kindergarten West



Aging overnight sure was an exciting adventure for our students!

MENU

Monday: Grilled chicken on bun, tri-taters, peas, fruit.
Tuesday: Pulled pork, smiley fries, mixed vegetables, fruit.
Wednesday: Nachos, corn, black beans, pudding, fruit.
Thursday: Sausage pizza, green beans, jello, fruit.
Friday: Ham/cheese rollup, baked chips, carrots, fruit.

THIS WEEK

ACRE religious testing begins for grades 5 & 8

Monday, Feb. 6; 6th grade visit BIZTOWN in Chesterfield, MO; Tuition Announcement sent to our school families.

Tuesday, Feb. 7:

Wednesday, Feb. 8: 8:30 a.m. Children's Mass—Kindergarten leading; Sacrament of Reconciliation meeting for 2nd grade students 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 9:

Friday, Feb. 10: **Spirit Day**—be sure to bring in \$0.25 donation to help out Catholic Charities!

Teacher Openings for 2023-2024

We will be hiring a 6th grade teacher and a 7&8 Science teacher for the coming year. Contact Mrs. Venvertloh for details.

> School of St. Peter 2500 Maine Street Quincy, IL 62301

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Mark Your Calendar



Mon. February 6:

Tues. February 7: Ladies Bible Study 8:30 a.m., Martha

RCIA 7:00 p.m., Martha Jane Room

Wed. February 8: Ladies Cursillo 1:30 p.m., Fr. Bauer

Prayer Rm

PSR 6:30 p.m., School

Reconciliation Family Meeting 6:30 p.m.,

Church

Thurs. February 9: St. Veronica's Guild 8:30 a.m.,

Lower Level Conf. Room

Fri. February 10:

Sat. February 11: EMHC Training 10:00 a.m., Church

Sun. February 12:

–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..

Also, during our season of Lent, we will be offering an evening Mass at 6:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday. We will also be making ourselves available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday during Lent from 5:45-6:15 p.m. These are sacramental opportunities provided for our parish family to help you grow spiritually. On the Thursdays of Lent, after the celebration of the Mass, we will also offer a video series called "Presence" and will discuss the Eucharist. We will present a brief video followed by discussion. Again, these are opportunities that we are offering to you for your spiritual journey during Lent.

On the weekend before Lent, we will have available a small book entitled "Daily Reflections for Lent, Not on Bread Alone, 2023." These reflections are written by Susan Swetnam and will be available in the narthex for your used during Lent. They are a small gift from the parish to help you in your Lenten journey. Please make sure that you take one.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: Our Lord gave St. Peter a list of people who were not to be admitted to heaven. Later on, He saw them all walking around inside. He went to St. Peter and said, "Peter, I told you these people were not to be allowed into heaven. Why were my orders not obeyed?"

St. Peter replied, "Lord I did what you ordered. I locked my door securely against them all, but your Mother opened a window and let them all come in."

Our Lady, Queen of heaven, May. Lad. End.



WEEKLY COLLECTION January 29 Total to Date Loose Collections \$932.79 \$32,553.17 Regular Collections \$45,353.40 \$871,909.24 Annual School Fund \$7,316.00 \$297,746.21 **Holy Days** \$25.00 \$40,240.40 Totals \$53,627.19 \$1,242,449.02 **Total Budget Goal** \$32,000.00 \$992,000.00 Difference \$250,449.02 \$21,627.19

Diocesan Collections

Latin America: \$145.00 Catholic Times: \$145.00 Others: \$575.00

Haiti Sister Parish Collections

Collected \$1.805.00

Parish in Action

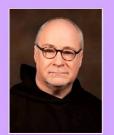
LENTEN PARISH MISSION

JOIN US 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 in the Cafeteria







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.



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3:00 - 5:00 P.M. 110 N 6TH STREET IN QUINCY

Grab a date or a group of friends and join us for a fun afternoon of fellowship! Take advantage of this opportunity to spend some quality time together. Light snacks will be provided and the first FIVE couples to arrive will each receive a free drink on us!

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

Need More Info? Or to phone in RSVP, Call 217.214.0187 SCAN QR CODE TO RSVP





Baptisms

Brooks Bradford Niemann, Camden Robert Niemann and Cole John Niemann, sons of Brad & Jenna (Boyko) Niemann were made children of God through the reception of the sacrament of Baptism on Saturday, January 28, 2023.

Social Concerns Collection

Social Concerns is collecting cereal, toilet paper, laundry detergent and dish soap this weekend, February 4-5 for the 1st Sunday collection for Quincy Catholic Charities. Containers are located in the Narthex. Thank you!

EMHC Training

We will have a training for anyone interested in learning how to become an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion on Saturday, Feb. 11 at 10:00 a.m. in the church. It will last approximately one hour.

Please contact the parish office or Gina Bergman (g.bergman@cospq.org) for more information or to sign up.

St. Veronica Guild

The St. Veronica Guild will meet Thursday, February 9 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!

Marriage Course

The Marriage Enrichment group is offering The Marriage Course, a seven-week program that teaches important skills on key aspects of healthy relationships. Dates: 7 Sundays in Lent, February 26-April 16 (except Easter), from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the Martha Jane Room. Babysitting provided. Cost is \$10 per couple. To register please contact the church office or Betty McDonnell at 217-653-3003.

St. Francis Women's Saints Study - Tuesday, February 7

Women of all ages: Join us Tuesday, February 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the St Francis Parish Hall for our monthly Women's Saints Study. Featured this month is Fatima and First Saturday Devotion. Bring a friend! Women's Saints Study is open to all parishes. For more information, contact Karen Weiman (217-242-5513) or Kelli Lunt (217-617-1566).

Mardi Gras Celebration

Celebrate Mardi Gras in style with great music in Quincy's newest event space. Join The Gentlemen at The Armory on Saturday, February 18 from 7-11 p.m. \$20 gets you in the door of this beautiful space to listen to one of Quincy's best bands! Proceeds benefit the QCES Foundation. Tickets are available at ticketstripe.com/MardisGras23

Please keep the following in your prayers:

~Kristopher Schreacke ~Elias Erd

~Lilli Foster

~Amy Seibert

~Hunter Hildebrand

~Isabella Benner

~Natalie Meyer

~Theresa Althoff

~Bonnie Haubrich

~Steve Hull ~Matt Mast

Prayer

~Dan Dailing

~Rose Hockgraver ~Alden & Joyce Shipp

~Norma Johnson

~Ted Kemner

~Joan Wilson

~Jack Terford

~Julie Eftink

~Priscilla & Bill Morrison ~Daniella Kendrick

~Jo Buckley

~Kathy Schuckman ~Lorna Shade

~John & Barb Meyer

~Judy Domme ~Anonymous

~Mark & Diane Zoller

~Donna Schutte

~Valerie Fox Ortball

~Cindy Barner ~JoAnn Schaefer

~Ken Wolf ~Michael Mason

~Michelle & Dustin Houston ~Debra Sparrow

~Jack Bunte

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

St. Peter Technology/Marketing Coordinator

Looking for a self-driven candidate with a Bachelor of Science degree in technology and knowledge in marketing. This position supports and manages infrastructure of both the School and Church technology and marketing needs. Experienced candidates please contact Kristi Smith at the parish office 217-222-3155.

St. Peter Girl Scout Troops Cookie Sales

The St. Peter Girl Scout Troops will be selling cookies at the Masses next weekend, February 11 & 12. Please stop by and buy some cookies.

"A Time To Mourn...A Time to Heal"

Are you struggling with the loss of a loved one? Need someone to talk to?

We will be offering a 5-week "Grief Support" series starting this Lent on Thursday evenings from 4:30-6 p.m.

on February 23, March 2,16,23.30 in the St. Peter Parish Office

For more information or to signup for the session please contact Rebecca in the Parish Office at 217-222-3155.

St. Edward Church Whole Hog Annual Sausage & Pancake Day and Biscuits & Gravy

All You Can Eat. February 12, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. 214 South State Road, Mendon, II 62351. Adults \$12, 10 and under \$6. Pork for Sale, Call Lindsev at 430-7437 or you may email by 4 p.m.

2/8/23, stedwardsmeatorders@gmail.com.

St. Joseph's All You Can Eat Shrimp Boil & Fish Fry

Mark your calendar for the 7th annual All You Can Eat Shrimp Boil & Fish Fry on Saturday, February 18. Come to Mass at 4:00pm, food served at 5:00 p.m. All you can eat for \$20, 4 and under free, 5-12 \$5. Shrimp, fish, andouille sausage, corn on the cob, French fries, potatoes, corn dogs, onion rings and more. 1435 E. 1500th St. All are welcome.

Trivia and Silent Auction

St. Joseph Church, Saturday, February 11, 1435 E. 1500th st. Quincy, II, 62305. Proceeds go to Catholic Hart Work Camp and Catholic Youth Conference. Doors open at 5, Trivia begins at 6. For more information call Dana 217-242-8200.

Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes

The Annual 'Rosary Prayer Service' will be held on Sat., Feb. 11 at 1:30 p.m. on the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes at 'Our Lady of Lourdes of Ghost Hollow Grotto' located at the corner of 4507 Ghost Hollow & Herleman Rds, Quincy. All are invited. Dress for the weather & bring a folding chair. For information contact Janice at 222-5769/257-2400.

St. Francis Parish Mission

Renowned Catholic recording artist Steve Angrisano will give a parish mission at St. Francis Solanus Church, 1721 College Ave., Quincy, Feb. 13-14 at 6:30 p.m. in the church. Free will offering.

Women's Cursillo #358

Women's Cursillo #358 will be held February 16-19 at the Franciscan Retreat Center located at 1909 N. 18th Street in Quincy. Cost of the weekend is \$165.00 with lodging and all meals provided. A partial monetary gift to defray the cost is available if needed. For more information or to receive an application please call Dwight/Barb Seeley at 217-224-5615 or go to www.quincycursillo.com and "applications" and print one.

Next Meeting February 5 Movie Night 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Notice Time is Longer

Drop Off & Pick Up - Martha Jane Room

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



Saints Alive! **Next Date** February 12 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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