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Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

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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. Third Sunday of Lent MARCH 12, 2023

Exodus 17:3-7; Romans 5:1-2,5-8; John 4:5-42

Lent is devoted to baptism and baptismal renewal. Last week we saw that our baptism meant that we must be transfigured into the image of Christ. Before that, we saw that baptism does not mean freedom from temptation. As the Lord was tempted, so will we be tempted. We must daily struggle to overcome. Today we see that baptism is God's gracious gift to us. We don't deserve redemption, but Christ died for us even when we were sinners; he calls us to share his life-giving spirit through baptism.

Today we celebrate the first of the Scrutinies with our Elect. The Scrutinies are a time of soulsearching and repentance; we seek to uncover all that is weak, defective, or sinful; we offer ourselves to the Lord in order to strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good. In the ancient Church the Scrutinies were tests that the catechumens had to pass before they were accounted worthy to be baptized in the Easter Vigil. Even though the Church has relaxed its discipline, we should "scrutinize" ourselves to see if we live up to what God wants of us.

In this context let us look at the Scriptures: The Israelites complained that they were parched with thirst. God gave them water from the rock to drink. They did not pass the test of faith, but were a grumbling, griping, whining people. In spite of this, God had mercy on them.

(Rabbinical writings said that the rock followed them through their wandering in the desert, and that they had fresh water whenever Moses struck the rock; St. Paul takes this up in his epistles and says that the rock that followed them was Christ – the source of living water!)

If we think we deserve God's mercy, we should look within ourselves. We are sinners. If we have been preserved from sin, it is God's grace and not our own unaided efforts. Paul tells us that God sent his Son to save us when we were his enemies by sin! If we ever get discouraged because of our weaknesses, let us have hope because of the mercy of Christ!

The long Gospel is the story of the Samaritan woman at the well. Jesus asks her for a drink; she makes a smart remark; Jesus tells her that she should be asking him for a drink of "living" water. This is a play on words: She understands him to mean "fresh, flowing, or spring" water. He really means the water of the Holy Spirit conferred in baptism.

Let us examine ourselves: Do we appreciate God's mercy? Do we take him for granted? Do we presume on his mercy? Are we like the Israelites? Let us be conscious of the "living water" of the Holy Spirit given us in baptism; let us live in hope and confidence, but not in presumption.

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The Parish of St. Peter Quincy, IL

~Mass Intentions~

March 13-19, 2023

- 13. Monday 8:00 a.m.
- Iva Woods Miller
- 13. Monday 6:30 p.m. Edgar A. & Virginia R. Newman
- **14. Tuesday 8:00 a.m.** Jack Souders
- 14. Tuesday 6:30 p.m. NO MASS
- 15. Wednesday 8:30 a.m. NO MASS
- **15. Wednesday 6:30 p.m.** Dale Tangy
- **16. Thursday 8:00 a.m.** Virginia Deters
- 16. Thursday 6:30 p.m. Robert Deters
- **17. Friday 8:00 a.m.** Billy Smith
- 17. Friday 6:30 p.m. Ann Derrick
- **18. Saturday 8:00 a.m.** Orville Lubbe
- 18. Saturday 5:00 p.m. Ann Anderson
- **19. Sunday 8:00 a.m.** Our Parish Family
- **19. Sunday 9:30 a.m.** Donald Klingele
- **19. Sunday 11:00 a.m.** LeRoy Venvertloh

— 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 Lent, March 12, 2023

Dear Parishioners,

Our liturgical calendar indicates that this is the Third Sunday in our Season of Lent. This means we are getting close to the halfway mark in this time of discipline, penance, and prayer. I hope that each of you is making use of this time provided to grow in your relationship with God and His Church. Today in our gospel we have presented to us a conversion story of a woman for whom Jesus touched with His presence and forgiveness. In this story, we find a woman of Samaria going to the well to draw water from it and she meets this man named Jesus. Her first mistake was to begin a conversation with this strange man who asks for her to give Him a drink of water. From then on, Jesus draws her into a deeper conversation about the water that He provides, "the water that quenches the thirst of all." Not quite understanding, she asks to drink of that water. Then Jesus tells her to call her husband and return. Then the conversation centers upon her past life which Jesus reveals to her and then He invites her to a conversion of heart. She begins to understand that perhaps Jesus is the long awaited Messiah. Feeling a remarkable change in her heart and life, she follows Jesus' lead and begins to proclaim what happened to her with all her citizens in Samaria. So much so that we hear John state in this gospel: "Many of the Samaritans of the town began to believe because of the woman who testified, 'He told me everything that I have done."" But later after listening to Jesus, John states: "We no longer believe because of the woman's word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world." This gospel passage is a conversion story as well as a reminder to all of us who are already converted, that Jesus is that Savior who forgives, who reconciles, and who heals. May each of us renew our commitment and our hearts to this person who has touched our lives in so many ways.

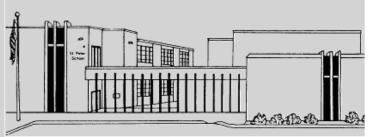
Today at our 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, we will have our First Scrutiny for the Elect (catechumens). A scrutiny used to be a test given to those who were longing for baptism. Nowadays, it is a series of prayers and intercessions for these people. Let each of us continue to support our Elect with our prayers, love, and support as they make their final preparations to join us at the Easter Vigil.

This Tuesday and Wednesday March 14-15, the priests of the diocese are expected to be at a Spring gathering of all the priests to be held in Springfield. Because of this expectation, THERE WILL BE NO TUESDAY EVENING MASS AT 6:30 P.M NOR WILL THERE BE A WEDNESDAY MORNING MASS AT 8:30 A.M. I'm sorry for this inconvenience but...it is expected of us.

I also want to share with you that I had a very uplifting experience on TEC this past weekend. I want to thank Lyn and Mark Strieker for their invitation to be the spiritual director and publicly state what a great job that they did as Lay Directors. I am most thankful to God for His presence on the weekend and for filling all of us, team and candidates, with His graces. And I thank all of you for your love and support, especially with your prayers.

Next weekend, March 17-19, Fr. Delix Michel from our sister parishes in Haiti will be here with us for a visit. As always please welcome him with our usual warmth and support.

The School of St. Peter



Week of March 12, 2023 A Message from Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh

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



Students in grades 4-8 participated in the Right to Life poster and essay contest. Above are pictured those who will go on to further competition. The theme for this year: Pro-Life = Pro-Baby + Pro-Mom encouraged our students to focus on the importance that all life is valuable and is a gift from God.

2023-2024 OPENINGS-Please spread the word!

TEACHER - 6th Grade: If you are interested in becoming part of our amazing teaching staff for the 23/24 SY, please be sure to send a cover letter, a resume and 2 letters of recommendation to <u>c.venvertloh@cospq.org</u> or mail attention to Cindy Venvertloh, 2500 Maine Street, Quincy, IL. Applicants must have an Illinois teaching license.

TEACHER - 7/8 Grade Science, 7th grade reading and religion.

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Teacher Aide Openings: St. Peter School is accepting applications for teacher aide positions for the 2023-2024 school year. Applicants should have experience working with young children. Responsibilities include working one on one with children, assisting the classroom teacher with instruction and supervision. Qualified applicants should send a cover letter, resume, and references to Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh, St. Peter School, 2500 Maine Street, Quincy, IL 62301.

MENU

Monday: Hot dog, fries, green beans, fruit.

Tuesday: Meatballs, bosco cheese stick, fresh broccoli, veggie juice, fruit.

Wednesday: Pepperoni pizza, mixed vegetables, yogurt, salad, fruit.

Thursday: Tenderloin on bun, baked beans, chips, fruit.

Friday: French bread pizza, marinara, peas, fruit.

THIS WEEK

Monday, March 13: **West Point** guest visiting for grades 7 & 8 at 1:10 p.m.

Tuesday, March 14: **Pi Day**—7th grade will focus on the math concept by participating in various activities.

Wednesday, March 15: No Children's Mass (priests will be out of town); Spring Pictures for grades K-8.

Thursday, March 16: **Kindergarten Round Up Day at 12:30 or 5:30 p.m.; Current Kindergarten students** are dismissed at 11:00 a.m.; 8th grade attend Career Fair.

Friday, March 17: **SPIRIT DAY**– students are asked to wear their Spirit Day shirts with out of dress code bottoms while bringing in 25 cents for Jackson Lincoln Pool.

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Mark Your Calendar

Mon. March 13: Mass 6:30 p.m., Church

Tues. March 14: Ladies Bible Study 8:30 a.m., Martha

Jane Room

NO 6:30 p.m. Mass RCIA 7:00 p.m., Martha Jane Room

Wed. March 15: NO 8:30 a.m. Mass Ladies Cursillo 1:30 p.m., Fr. Bauer Prayer Mass 6:30 p.m., Church PSR 6:30 p.m., School

Thurs. March 16: Mass 6:30 p.m., Church Educational Evenings 7:00 p.m., Church

Fri. March 17: Social Concerns Meeting 8:30 a.m.,

Martha Jane Room

Mass 6:30 p.m., Church

Sat. March 18:

Sun. March 19: Marriage Course 6:00 p.m., Martha Jane

Fr. Leo's column continued..

One of the ministries that we provide is the Liturgy of the Word for children (kindergarten through third grade) at the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays. However without more adults volunteering, this ministry cannot take place each Sunday. So if we have some people who are interested in helping us continue this ministry, please call the rectory and let us know.

We are also looking to re-establish our young people serving Mass on the weekends. Our servers are asked to sign up online. However, as you know, this does not always happen and we are always looking around for servers. Parents, I ask your help in this matter. If our young people can come up and check if we need servers, it would be a great help to us. Thank you for helping us with this very valuable ministry.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: "What's your father's occupation?" asked the school secretary on the first day of the new academic year.

"He's a magician, Ma'am," said the boy.

"How interesting. What's his favorite trick?"

"He saws people in half."

"Gosh! Now, next question. Any brothers or sisters?"

"One half brother and two half sisters."

An English teacher asked her class to write an essay on what they'd do if they had a million dollars. Alec handed in a blank sheet of paper. "Alec?" yelled the teacher, "you've done nothing. Why?"

"Because if I had a million dollars, that's exactly what I would do!" May. Les J. Eulor –Mass Servers—

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

—Daily Mass Ministry Schedule—

Not Assigned At This Time



WEEKLY COLLECTION

	March 5	Total to Date
Loose Collections	\$1,137.50	\$37,838.05
Regular Collections	\$25,733.40	\$1,006,592.99
Annual School Fund	\$5,527.00	\$347,623.21
Holy Days	\$10.00	\$40,400.40
Totals	\$32,407.90	\$1,432,454.65
Total Budget Goal	\$32,000.00	\$1,152,000.00
Difference	\$407.90	\$280,454.65

Diocesan Collections

Catholic Relief Services: \$35.00 Catholic Charities: \$200.00 Eastern Europe: \$20.00 Others: \$45.00

Haiti Sister Parish Collections

Collected \$1,598.00

Parish in Action MARCH MADNESS THURSDAY, MARCH 23



Roman Catholic Cemetery of Quincy—Calvary, St. Boniface & St. Peter's Cemeteries—The 2023 Clean-Up 2023 Clean-up will be held March 20 – March 25.

You must have everything off the graves by **Sunday March 19** as the clean-up will start early on March 20.

You may leave the shepherds hooks, but clean-up is a good time to take them home and repaint them. Also if they are rusting you don't want the stone damaged due to the rust to dripping on the stone! Everything else please remove!

<u>Please!</u> Mark your flowers with the Name on the stone and your contact number so if they come off there is a better chance of having them returned to the right spot. (Markings should be weather proof if possible.)

Easter Flowers

To make a donation for Easter flowers in memory of a loved one, please fill out the envelope in your packet or, for those who do not receive envelopes, please put your donation in a plain envelope labeled "Easter Flowers" along with this form and place it in the collection by Sunday, April 2.

Given by:__

In Memory of:___

No Masses This Tuesday Evening and Wednesday Morning

There will be No Masses on Tuesday evening, 3/14, at 6:30 p.m. and Wednesday morning, 3/15, at 8:30 a.m. The priests will be in Springfield for their Spring Gathering.

Baptism

Lincoln Michael Ley, son of **Brandon & Leah (Waterkotte) Ley** was made a child of God through the reception of the sacrament of Baptism on Saturday, March 4, 2023.

Lenten Evening Masses

We are having the 6:30 p.m. evening Masses Monday through Friday during Lent. There will also be confessions at 5:45 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. Monday, Wednesday & Friday before Mass.

Educational Evenings During Lent

On Thursdays during Lent, we will be having videos on the Presence series after the 6:30 p.m. evening Masses.

Men's Cursillo #359

Men's Cursillo #359 will be held March 23-26 at the Franciscan Retreat Center located in Quincy. During this three-day experience, those attending pray together, celebrate the Eucharist, listen to talks given by priests, religious and laypersons, and share the fellowship of Jesus Christ and each other. It provides a casual and relaxed experience in a Christian community.

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 Quincy Deanery Council of Catholic Women Meeting

Ladies of the Deanery, you will find an informational flyer and signup sheet for our next deanery meeting in your church gathering area. You are welcome to come even if not signed up-the signup helps us estimate setup and food. We have geared this to the Lenten season and planned it as a type of small retreat with much needed information for all and adoration available in the church. Please plan to attend and feel free to bring a guest. You don't have to be catholic to come! This is a welcoming group of ladies and you will come away with great spiritual tools. We have silent auction items available each time to support our ministry, and a free share table. The informational part of this meeting will be in the morning in case you are juggling schedules. -Angela Lipcamon, Quincy Deanery Pres.

Juggining Schedules. Angela Elpoanton, Quincy Deanery 1163.			
Please keep the followin ~Kristopher Schreacke ~Lilli Foster ~Hunter Hildebrand	g in your prayers: ~Elias Erd ~Amy Seibert ~Isabella Benner	Prayer Requests	
~Natalie Meyer	~Theresa Althoff	~Steve Hull	
~Bonnie Haubrich	~Dan Dailing	~Matt Mast	
~Alden & Joyce Shipp	~Norma Johnson	~Ted Kemner	
~Joan Wilson	~Jack Terford	~Julie Eftink	
~Priscilla & Bill Morrison	~Jo Buckley		
~Kathy Schuckman	~John & Barb Meyer	~Judy Domme	
~Lorna Shade	~Donna Schutte	~Anonymous	
~Mark & Diane Zoller	~Cindy Barner	~Ken Wolf	
~Valerie Fox Ortball	~JoAnn Schaefer	~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.			

Social Concerns Meeting

Social Concerns will be meeting **Friday, March 17** at 8:30 a.m. in the Martha Jane Room. All are welcome!

Chaddock Collection: Hygiene Products

The Chaddock Outreach Ministry will be collecting hygiene products. Items needed are body wash, shampoo, conditioner, African-American hair care products, lotion, combs/brushes, stick deodorant, toothbrush/paste, shaving cream, razor, and chapstick. Please take a tag from the table in the Narthex. Items can be placed in the box in the Narthex March 25-26. Thank you for being a good neighbor to the residents at Chaddock.

What is CRS Rice Bowl?

CRS Rice Bowl is a Catholic Relief Services' Lenten faithin-action program for families and faith communities. Through CRS Rice Bowl, we deepen our personal experience of Lent. We can devote our Lenten prayers, fasting and gifts to transform our relationship with God and neighbor. Please pick up your families Rice Bowl and join thousands of other Catholic communities across the United States, in this lifechanging Lenten journey. Bowls are in the Narthex and will be collected **April 15 & 16** – the weekend **after** Easter.

St. Dominic/St. Anthony Fish Fries During Lent

Mark your calendar for the upcoming St. Anthony/ St. Dominic Lenten Fish Fries. 4:30–7:00 p.m.

<u>St. Anthony</u>: March 17, March 31 <u>St. Dominic</u>: March 24 Catfish Plate (Whole or Fillet) includes 3 sides, drink & dessert \$14, Walleye Plate includes 3 sides, drink & dessert \$14, Child's Plate includes 1 pc of walleye, 2 sides, drink & dessert \$8, Fish Sandwich, Fries & Drink \$8. Homemade Dessert. <u>Carry outs available</u>: St. Dominic enter through EAST drive, St. Anthony enter SOUTH basement entrance.

K of C Fish Fries During Lent

Quincy Knights of Columbus Fish Fries on Every Friday during Lent including Good Friday, April 7. They will be serving Catfish and Pollock Filets, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Macaroni and Cheese for \$13. This will be held in McGivney Hall from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Drive Thru Dinners Available on West Side of the building, Eat in or Carry Out.

Another opportunity to show your commitment to QND!

The students of QND thank you for your support on Commitment Weekend! For those parishioners who missed the opportunity to make their pledge or gift to QND, You can place you contribution in the collection basket or they can be mailed to QND, PO Box 1014, Quincy, IL 62306. Contributions benefit the 46th Fund Drive, which bridges the gap between the cost to educate and the tuition charged to families. To learn more about QND, visit www.quincy notredame.org. Thank you for your consideration!

St. Rose Annual St. Patrick's Dinner

The St. Rose Annual St. Patrick's Dinner will be held on <u>Saturday March 18</u>, 11:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m. Drive Thru Only. Note that this year's dinner is a day after since St. Patrick's Day falls on a Friday in Lent. This will also avoid competition with area fish fries. Serving Corned Beef & Cabbage OR German Sausage & Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes, and Apple or Cherry Pie. Can also have ½ beef & ½ pork. Price remains the same as last year at \$12 per Meal. St. Rose of Lima Parish Hall, 715 Chestnut, Quincy IL. Enter through alley off of 8th Street. Order from your car.





