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# **Diocese of Springfield in Illinois**

Rev. Msgr. Leo J. Enlow, Pastor

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## **Parish Office Information:**

Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m. Office: 217-222-3155 Email: church@cospq.org

# **Parish Staff**

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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.

# Fourth Sunday of Lent

# MARCH 19, 2023

1 Samuel 16:1b,6-7,10-13a; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is often called "Laetare Sunday." (It's pronounced "lay-TAHray".) Laetare is the first word of the Latin Entrance Antiphon for today. It means, "Rejoice!" In the ancient Church, today was kind of a "Mardi Gras," since fasting did not begin until Monday after the Fourth Sunday of Lent. So they rejoiced. Perhaps, later on in the history of the Church, they rejoiced because Lent was half over.

But we should really rejoice because our Elect are almost at their goal of the Easter sacraments of baptism, confirmation, and eucharist! During the rest of Lent, flowers are forbidden in church; today they are permitted. During the rest of Lent, the use of the organ and other instruments is forbidden (except if necessary to sustain the singing); today they are permitted. Let us rejoice!

Through baptism, we receive the gift of faith which enables us to see as God sees. This is the theme of today's Scripture readings. The <u>first</u> <u>reading</u> is the story of the anointing of David as King of Israel. Samuel had been told that one of the sons of Jesse was to be king. He assumed that it would be the oldest, strongest, and biggest. It wasn't. He went through all the sons of Jesse and did not find the Lord's choice. Finally, they called in the last son of Jesse from tending the flocks. Thereupon Samuel anointed David as king. God does not see as humans see; he reads the heart! He chooses whom he will!

The <u>second reading</u> tells us that we were once darkness, but now we are light. Once we wandered aimlessly. Life had no meaning. Now everything fits together in the context of faith. Now we are light in the Lord.

The long <u>Gospel</u> story is of the man born blind. Jews, like Catholics, believed that God would often send or permit afflictions in order to purify a person's faith. But they believed that God could not send blindness. The reason was that a blind person could not read the Torah, and reading the Torah was the only way to salvation! Therefore blindness had to be caused by sin!

Jesus says this is not so; the man's blindness is to show forth God's glory. When Jesus smeared mud on the man's eyes, the word translated "smeared" is actually "anointed." It has sacramental overtones. The man washes in the pool of Siloam and can see. The symbolic meaning is that we shall see as God sees through baptism.

At the end of the story Jesus remarks that many blind people of this world think that they see. These are the sophisticated, self-satisfied, arrogant people of this world. They are blind. But he came to make the blind see: to give the real meaning of life to all.

Today, we celebrate the second of the Scrutinies with our Elect. As we pray that the eyes of faith will be opened in our Elect, let us also pray that we shall always see with eyes of faith, and that Christ will always be the light of our lives.

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# The Parish of St. Peter Quincy, IL

~Mass Intentions~

March 13-19, 2023

20. Monday 8:00 a.m. Mary Brahler

20. Monday 6:30 p.m. Beverly Fruend

- 21. Tuesday 8:00 a.m. Karen Holtschlag
- 21. Tuesday 6:30 p.m. Ann Derrick
- 22. Wednesday 8:30 a.m. Loren Tournear
- 22. Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Jeff Steinkamp
- 23. Thursday 8:00 a.m. Jim Musolino
- 23. Thursday 6:30 p.m. Dale Tangy
- 24. Friday 8:00 a.m. Steve Sinnock
- 24. Friday 6:30 p.m. Thomas Lawless
- **25. Saturday 8:00 a.m.** Bradley Havermale
- 25. Saturday 5:00 p.m. Fr. Roy Bauer
- 26. Sunday 8:00 a.m. Dee Burnham

26. Sunday 9:30 a.m. Rosalie Sis Obert

**26. 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.

# Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 19, 2023

# Dear Parishioners,

It's hard to believe but we are already celebrating the Fourth Sunday in our Season of Lent. Not sure where the time of Lent has gone, but it sure is going by fast. Easter will be here as far as I am concerned, not soon enough. With all that is happening in our parish these past several weeks, I know that I need to hear of the Good News of new life that awaits all of us. May God bless and heal all those who need these gifts from God as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Since it is the Fourth Sunday of Lent, the Church celebrates the second of three scrutinies. As you know from previous columns, a scrutiny in the early Church was a series of tests, questioning whether the Elect (catechumens) were able to celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter. Nowadays, these former tests are intercessory prayers for the Elect. Furthermore since this is the Fourth Sunday of Lent, it is the midpoint in our period of preparation. And this midpoint is called "Laetare" Sunday, a Latin word which means to rejoice. It is taken from the first words of the Entrance Antiphon for this Mass which states: "Rejoice Jerusalem." Today, we truly do rejoice as Easter is but three weeks away. We also rejoice because our Elect will be baptized soon and will join us at the Table of the Lord in the Eucharist.

Furthermore, there is cause for our rejoicing and it is found in our Scripture readings for our Masses today. Our first reading is from the Book of Samuel and it is the call of David as the new successor to Saul as King. What we find in this call is that God chooses the insignificant to accomplish His works. Of all the sons of Jesse, David was chosen by God, not because of any merit or human quality but because God does the choosing for whatever reason that He has. Thankfully, each of us have been chosen to be loved and to love our God and He has given us a specific purpose to continue His kingdom through His working within all of us. Our gospel also gives us cause for rejoicing for in this gospel, we experience a man who was born blind, undertaking within himself a conversion of heart to Christ. Because of his being born blind, people thought of him as a sinner. Into his life of brokenness and aloneness, Jesus steps in and begins to heal him of his blindness, both physical and spiritual. We pray today that God removes the blinders from our own eyes so that we can see who Jesus is for all of us and declare with this man born blind, "I do believe."

We want to welcome Fr. Delix Michel who has returned to Quincy from our sister parishes in Haiti to be with us and to give us a report on how our brothers and sisters are doing in our sister parishes. I hope and pray that each of you continues to remember our sister parishes in Haiti not only with financial support but also with spiritual support through your prayers. Welcome Delix, my friend.

We will be having a city wide penance service on Palm Sunday, April 2nd, at 2:00 p.m. Hopefully we will have a number of priests available for Confessions that day. Then afterward, we will be celebrating what I think is the most moving of the Stations of the Cross called "Mary's Way of the Cross." Please join us around 3:30 p.m. that day for this special celebration.

# The School of St. Peter



# Week of March 19, 2023 A Message from Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh

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



# MENU

Monday: Hamburger on bun, baked beans, chips, fruit. Tuesday: Chicken nuggets, tri-taters, corn, fruit. Wednesday: Sausage pizza, romaine salad, yogurt, fruit. Thursday: Corn dog, fries, mixed vegetables, fruit. Friday: Toasted ravioli, marinara, green beans, fruit.

# THIS WEEK

Monday, March 20: 6th grade visit QND for Culture Day; School Advisory Board Meeting - 7 p.m.

Tuesday, March 21:

Wednesday, March 22: **Children's Mass** - 4th grade leading.

Thursday, March 23:

Friday, March 24: **3rd quarter; Report Cards** sent home; **House Assembly**—students wear their House colors with out of dress code bottoms; **Young Peoples Concert**.

## 2023-2024 OPENINGS

2 TEACHERS - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade & 7/8 Grade Science: If you are interested in becoming part of our amazing teaching staff, please send a cover letter, a resume and 2 letters of recommendation to c.venvertloh@cospq.org or mail attention to Cindy Venvertloh 2500 Maine Street, Quincy, IL. Applicants must have an Illinois teaching license.

School of St. Peter 2500 Maine Street Quincy, IL 62301 Phone: 217-223-1120 Website: www.stpeterschool.com Email: c.venvertloh@cospq.org

# Mark Your Calendar

Monday March 20: Mass 6:30 p.m., Church

Tuesday March 21: Ladies Bible Study 8:30 a.m., Martha

Jane Room

Mass 6:30 p.m., Church RCIA 7:00 p.m., Martha Jane Room

Wednesday March 22: Ladies Cursillo 1:30 p.m., Fr. Bauer Pr. Rm. Mass 6:30 p.m., Church

PSR 6:30 p.m., School

Thursday March 23: St. Veronica's Guild 1:00 p.m., Lower Level Conf. Room

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

Friday March 24: Mass 6:30 p.m., Church

Saturday March 25:

Sunday March 26: Marriage Course 6:00 p.m., Martha

# Fr. Leo's column continued..

As a reminder, we are celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday during Lent, as a way to encourage people to make use of this Sacrament. Confessions will be heard on these days from 5:45-6:15 p.m. Then on Saturdays, we celebrate this same Sacrament from 7:30 –7:50 a.m. and then again from 3:30-4:30 p.m. We will also be having special hours for Confessions during the Triduum, namely Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday.

We are still having our Liturgy for Children that hopefully will be taking place during our 9:30 a.m. Mass. But we can only call them forward to proceed downstairs if we have some adults to lead the classes. If we have no adults there will be no class on that Sunday. Please consider volunteering for this very important tool to help our children understand the Scriptures.

Once again we are asking donation for Easter flowers. Our Church is always so well decorated and very much filled with Easter joy, all because of your donations. Please consider contributing in honor of a loved one.

<u>ON THE LIGHTER SIDE</u>: The pastor had come to realize that, during the congregational Scripture reading, one woman read the verses much faster than the other church members.

So one morning the pastor made an announcement: "As we read Psalm 23 in unison, will the woman who is 'by still waters' while the rest of us are 'in green pastures' please wait while we catch up."

Marga. Les J. Enlow



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 12	Total to Date
Loose Collections	\$1,242.33	\$39,080.38
Regular Collections	\$21,748.40	\$1,028,341.39
Annual School Fund	\$5,105.00	\$352,728.21
Holy Days	\$0.00	\$40,400.40
Totals	\$28,095.73	\$1,460,550.38
Total Budget Goal	\$32,000.00	\$1,184,000.00
Difference	(\$3,904.27)	\$276,550.38

# **Diocesan Collections**

Catholic Relief Services: \$50.00 Catholic Charities: \$100.00 Catholic Times: \$15.00

# Haiti Sister Parish Collections

Collected \$745.00

# Parish in Action MARCH MADNESS THURSDAY, MARCH 23



# The Mega Raffle is Back!

This could be YOUR year to win MEGA MONEY! The "Everybody Wins" Mega Raffle is back, and tickets are on sale now. Only 4,000 tickets will be sold for your chance to win \$100,000, \$25,000, \$15,000, or 37 more cash prizes. Proceeds benefit the QCES Foundation, QND Foundation, and Quincy's five Catholic Schools. More information, including how to get your tickets, can be found at QuincyMegaRaffle.org.

# 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 19th** 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:\_\_\_\_\_

## Baptism

Navy Elyze Cory, daughter of Tucker & Nicole (Silver) Cory was made a child of God through the reception of the sacrament of Baptism on Saturday, March 11, 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, Wed., & 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.

### St. Veronica Guild

The St. Veronica Guild will meet **Thursday, March 23** in the Lower Level of the rectory at 1:00 p.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!

# City Wide Penance Service & Stations of the Cross

We are having a city wide penance service on Sunday, April 2, at 2:00 p.m., then Stations of the Cross at around 3:30 p.m.

#### Adoration Chapel Hours Openings

Hours that need an Adorer for the Adoration Chapel are as follows:

Tues: 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. the  $2^{nd}$ ,  $4^{th}$  of the month, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on the  $1^{st}$ ,  $3^{rd}$ ,  $5^{th}$  of the month, 11 a.m. to noon, noon to 1 p.m., 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., 11 p.m. to midnight

Wed: 1 a.m. to 2 a.m., 3 a.m. to 4 a.m., 4 a.m. to 5 a.m., 7 a.m. to 8 a.m., 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on the  $1^{st}$ ,  $3^{rd}$  weeks of the month. Fri: 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Sat: 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> week of the month, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. on the 4<sup>th</sup> week of the month

Ask a friend to join you in taking an hour! Please call Mary Voorhis at 217-653-3127 or call or text Gina Wolf at 217-257-9966 with questions or to fill an hour. We absolutely would love to have you be an Adorer with our group! We always have room on our sub list also if that fits your schedule better.

#### Men's Cursillo #359

Men's Cursillo #359 will be held March 23-26 at the Franciscan Retreat Center located 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 info. to receive an application please call Dwight/Barb Seeley at 217-224-5615 or go to www.guincycursillo.com.

Please keep the followin ~Kristopher Schreacke ~Lilli Foster ~Hunter Hildebrand	g in your prayers: ~Elias Erd ~Amy Seibert ~Isabella Benner	Prayer Requests	C tl p b C
~Natalie Meyer	~Theresa Althoff	~Steve Hull	tl
~Bonnie Haubrich	~Dan Dailing	~Matt Mast	с
~Alden & Joyce Shipp	~Norma Johnson	~Ted Kemner	W
~Joan Wilson	~Jack Terford	~Julie Eftink	С
~Priscilla & Bill Morrison	~Jo Buckley		
~Kathy Schuckman	~John & Barb Meyer	~Judy Domme	D
~Lorna Shade	~Donna Schutte	~Anonymous	S
~Mark & Diane Zoller	~Cindy Barner	~Ken Wolf	Т
~Valerie Fox Ortball	~JoAnn Schaefer	~Michael Mason	l '
~Michelle & Dustin Hous	ston ~Debra Sparrow	~Jack Bunte	G
To have a name added t	o this list, please call t	he Parish Office	

#### Welcome!

Please welcome to our parish family **Todd & Keila Stapleton,** and their sons **Luke & Alessandro!** 

#### Fellowship Tuesdays

Join us for Fellowship Tuesdays after 8:00 a.m. Mass this week (3/21). Come for Mass, fellowship, coffee and treats!

#### 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 faith-in-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.

St. Dominic: March 24 St. Anthony: March 31

Catfish Plate \$14, Walleye Plate includes \$14, Child's Plate \$8, Fish Sandwich, Fries & Drink \$8. <u>Carry outs</u> <u>available</u>: St. Dominic enter through EAST drive, St. Anthony enter SOUTH basement entrance.

#### Fathers, Sons, and Young Men Prayer Breakfast

Quincy Knights of Columbus 583 is sponsoring a breakfast Saturday, April 29. Mass and breakfast to be held at St. Anthony Church and Hall 8:00 a.m. Following the Mass, complete buffet breakfast \$15 per person. Keynote speaker, Father Mark Schulte: <u>Men of Faith</u>. Send reservations & registration fee by April 22 to Roch Schulte, 3802 N 12th, Quincy, IL 62305. Checks payable to K of C, please mark envelope Prayer Breakfast.

#### 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!

## Illinois March for Life - In Springfield

Date: Tuesday, March 21, 2023. Location: The Illinois State Capitol Building, 401 S. 2nd, Springfield IL. Time: 12:00 noon--Rally at the Capitol

1:00 p.m.-- March around the Capitol Go to https://illinoismarchforlife.org/ for more information,

(including registration for Catholic Mass).





