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### **Diocese of Springfield in Illinois**

Rev. Msgr. Leo J. Enlow, Pastor Rev. Zachary Samples, Parochial Vicar Deacon Robert Lundberg Deacon Jeff Wolf

### **Parish Office Information:**

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### **Parish Staff**

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### **Mass Times:**

Weekday Mass: Monday through Saturday: 8:00 a.m. Except Wednesday 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.

# Solemnity of The Ascension MAY 21, 2023

Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Matthew 28:16-20

Heaven is not "up;" hell is not "down;" earth is not in the middle Often, however, we visualize a "three storeyed" universe. In many ways this is a problem: If we imagine Jesus going "up," we may think of him as far from us, as billions of light years away. It's hard to imagine him as close to us with such an idea.

The ascension of Jesus is not his being "taken away" from us. Rather, the ascension means that he enters the dimension of the Father's glory. His sacrifice is accepted by the Father, who takes him to "his right hand." At the "right hand" of the Father, Jesus is our Mediator, our Intercessor with the Father. We can have perfect confidence in the love of the Father, for Jesus is "at his right hand."

At the same time, Jesus has not departed from us. He has entered the Father's glory in order to be closer to us than he was in his visible, physical body. He is right here with us. We can, therefore, have confidence in our prayers which are heard by the Father "through Jesus Christ our Lord." We can have confidence that Jesus, who is with us, knows us, cares for us, loves us, and will see us through every crisis.

Our first reading describes the ascension. Jesus is taken into the cloud of the Father's glory. It is the same cloud we saw in the Exodus, in the dedication of the temple at Jerusalem, and in the Transfiguration. While the apostles gaze at the scene, angels tell them and us to get busy. We must not rest until we proclaim the "Good News" to every creature.

In the second reading, St. Paul tells us that Jesus is our one unique Mediator with the Father. He is superior to every angel and every other creature. We come to the Father through him.

The word "fullness" means "everything that makes one to be who he is." Jesus is the fullness of the Father; everything that is the Father resides bodily in Jesus. And we, the Church, are the "fullness" of Jesus! Everything that is Jesus Christ resides in us, the Church. Let us be aware of our dignity and live accordingly.

The Gospel is sometimes called "The Great Commission." As he ascends to the glory of the Father, Jesus commands us to go forth and teach all nations. Are we faithful to this command?

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# The Parish of St. Peter Quincy, IL

### ~Mass Intentions~

Мау 22-28, 2023

- 22. Monday 8:00 a.m. Richard Lauer
- Richard Lauer
- 23. Tuesday 8:00 a.m. Anita Wavering
- 24. Wednesday 8:30 a.m. Brett Miller
- 25. Thursday 8:30 a.m. Karl Holtmeyer
- 26. Friday 8:00 a.m. Orville Lubbe
- 27. Saturday 8:00 a.m. Dr. Donald Dowler
- 27. Saturday 5:00 p.m. Howard Buckley
- 28. Sunday 8:00 a.m. Our Parish Family
- 28. Sunday 9:30 a.m. Pat Ellerbrock
- 28. 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.

# The Ascension of the Lord, May 21, 2023

### **Dear Parishioners**,

This particular weekend might cause some confusion in the lives of some Catholics. When I was growing up, one of the Holydays of Obligation as we learned them was Ascension Thursday, which we always recited as 40 days after Easter. Because many Catholics did not attend Mass on that 40th day after Easter, various provinces in the United States moved the date to the weekend after that 40th day of Easter. But other provinces in the U.S. did not and remained celebrating Ascension as that Thursday, 40 days after Easter. And so there remains some confusion throughout the United States concerning this particular Holyday. Suffice to say that living in the state of Illinois, the Catholic Church has transferred the Ascension to this particular weekend.

In the Acts of the Apostles as our first reading from this weekend, we hear the following: "I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day He was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom He had chosen. He presented proofs after He suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom." Then the reading continues as it states: "When He had said this, as they were looking on, He was lifted up, and a cloud took Him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as He was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen Him going into heaven." Thus the words of the Nicene Creed are fulfilled as it states: *"He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father."* 

This week celebrates our last week of school before our summer vacation begins. I remind all of our students that even though we will be enjoying time away from our school, it is not time away from our faith. The Catholic Church still challenges us to be at the Eucharist each and every weekend. I expect our parents to be examples of faith and bring their young people to Mass each and every weekend. There really is no excuse for missing the Eucharist. In fact, our last day of school will be this Thursday, May 25. Our Mass that day will be at 8:30 a.m. instead of 8:00 a.m. so that we can accommodate our young students before summer break. After Mass, we will have our end of the year school picnic with dismissal at 11:30 a.m.

Next Friday, the Bishop will be ordaining several young men to the transitional diaconate at the Cathedral at 6:30 p.m. One of these young men is Jayke White who has been assigned here at St. Peter to help acquaint him to his new ministry as a deacon and soon to be priest. Please keep him in your prayers as he begins his lifelong ministry in service to the Church. We are very privileged to have him in our parish.

Monday, May 29 is Memorial Day. As is the custom we will be having a Mass at Calvary Cemetery at 9:00 a.m. Please bring your lawn chairs and/or blankets for seating. In case of inclement weather, we will have the Mass here at St. Peter Church. St. Peter Church is in charge of this Mass this year.



Kanon Cody Cook, Peter Nolan Damm, Rosalia Marie Durante, Charlie Anne Fischer, Brody Thomas Gilbert, Kate Elizabeth Gramke, Sophia Margaret Hart, Catherine Leslie Hesson, Cale Thomas Hilbing, Harper Walker Hough, Denver Lyn Huff-Phillips, Kaelynn Marie Klauser, Caroline Mae Knuffman, Elijah Joseph Larson, Grant Michael Lepper, Chase Dale Linenfelser, Ali Michelle Meyer, Lydia Madhavi Miller, Jovie Ann Monteyne, Lucas Michael Ohnemus,

Breckyn Elizabeth Peters, Samantha Judith Reeder, Olivia Ann Rodeghero, Gracie Elizabeth Schuster, Brooke Suzanne Stegeman, Alexander Lee Stegner, Sierra Elizabeth Thomas,

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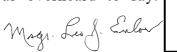
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Monday May 22:	Project Rachel Help for women and men to heal from the pain of	
Tuesday May 23: Fellowship Tuesday 8:30 a.m., Narthex Wednesday May 24: Ladies Cursillo 1:30 p.m., Fr. Bauer Prayer Rm Thursday May 25: Mass is at 8:30 a.m. instead of 8:00 a.m. for the last day of school. St. Veronica's Guild 1:00 p.m., Lower Level Conference Room	abortion. For assistance call 1-877-RACHEL-5. <b>Reporting Allegations of Child Sexual Abuse</b> To report allegations of sexual abuse of a minor by clerge or other church personnel – even if it is in the past – individuals are encouraged to call the Diocese's Child Abuse Reporting and Investigation number at (217) 321-1155. Individuals may also contact Illinois Department of Children and Family Services Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.25.ABUSE.	
Friday May 26:		
Saturday May 27:		
Sunday May 28:		
Monday May 29: Memorial Day—No 8:00 a.m. Mass Mass at Calvary Cemetery at 9:00 a.m.		
Fr. Leo's column continued		

For your information, Fr. Zach and I will be attending the annual Priest's Retreat located this year around Peoria, Illinois. We will be expected to be present from Sunday evening, June 4 to Friday, June 9. Because of our absence, we will not be having our daily Eucharist. Instead with the presence of our new deacon, we will be having a Liturgy of the Word and Communion Service each of those days that we are away.

In the narthex of the Church, there are a number of pamphlets entitled the "Treasures of the Catholic Church; Eucharistic Miracles." You are invited to take a copy, one per family, and read about the various Eucharistic miracles that have been documented by the Catholic Church. These pamphlets are a way to help us grow in our understanding of the Eucharist, the great Sacrament that our Lord left us to draw ever closer to Him. Hopefully by reading and reflecting, perhaps the Eucharist will be appreciated and celebrated more by all of us.

**ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:** The middle school band teacher would try to match students to instruments by testing them on various mouthpieces. While most children demonstrate aptitude on more than a single instrument, there was one boy who was having difficulty on every one he tried, and he was becoming disheartened.

Finally, he found success on a tuba mouthpiece. He was so happy that he asked to call his mother. "Mom, guess what!" he was overheard to say. "I tested positive for tuba!"





# WEEKLY COLLECTION

	<u>May 14</u>	Total to Date
Loose Collections	\$1,250.50	\$50,924.31
Regular Collections	\$37,104.40	\$1,282,727.53
Annual School Fund	\$9,841.00	\$421,153.74
Holy Days	\$0.00	\$59,892.80
Totals	\$48,195.90	\$1,814,698.38
Total Budget Goal	\$32,000.00	\$1,472,000.00
Difference	\$16,195.90	\$342,698.38

### **Diocesan Collections**

Catholic Cemetery: \$363.00 Home Mission: \$9.00 Catholic Times: \$15.00 Retired Diocesan Priests: \$45.00 Rice Bowls: \$27.16

### Haiti Sister Parish Collections

Collected \$932.00

# Parish in Action ST. PETE KICKO day, N 20 **FRESH FLOWERS MOBILE EXHIBITS** LIVE MUSIC Kick off summer with our 2nd annual BLOCK PARTY! Dust off Call 217.214.0187 your lawn chairs and pack your coolers for an epic evening of fun. After the 5 p.m. mass there will be activities for the whole family! for more info Purchase dinner, dessert and lotus or coffee drinks from one of our six food trucks. Enjoy live music and family activities. Sign up using the code below and by checking in at the event, you have a chance to win a bottle of wine and a \$25 gift card to 57 & Vine. SCAN CODE **BROUGHT TO YOU BY:**

THE ST. PETER RELATIONSHIP ENRICHMENT TEAM

**Parish Survey Results** 

Impressive feedback, thank you for taking the time to complete it!

<u>Liturgy</u> — over 90% of respondents rated each of the liturgical ministries as Excellent or Good <u>Adult Religious Education</u> — 96% of respondents who attended an Adult Religious Education program indicated it

was a good experience

TO RSVP

<u>PSR</u> – 91% of respondents rated the quality of instruction in our PSR program as Excellent or Good <u>Youth Group</u> – 97% of respondents whose children who attended Saints Alive or Found rated the program as Excellent or Good

<u>Outreach</u> — 86% of respondents felt St. Peter's did a good job on reaching out to active parishioners <u>Parish Life</u> — 87% of respondents indicated the parish office staff were "very responsive" or "somewhat responsive"

# An Invitation to College Graduates:

We would like to recognize parishioners who are graduating from college this spring. Information will be printed in the June 11 bulletin. To be included, please <u>legibly</u> print the info. below and return it to the Parish Office by Monday, June 5. Or email this information to **church@cospq.org**. **Thank you!** 

Name of Graduate: \_\_\_\_

Degree Received / Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of College: \_\_\_\_\_

### Thursday, 5/25 Mass moved to 8:30 a.m.

The Mass time for this Thursday morning, 5/25, has been moved to 8:30 a.m. because it is the last day of school.

### Memorial Day Mass at Calvary Cemetery

Memorial Day Mass will be held at the Chapel in Calvary Cemetery on Monday, May 29, at 9:00 a.m. St. Peter is hosting this year. In case of rain the service will be held at St. Peter. Please bring your own chair if possible. There will not be an 8:00 a.m. Mass or confessions that morning at St. Peter.

#### **Fellowship Tuesdays**

Join us for Fellowship Tuesdays after 8:00 a.m. Mass this week (5/23). Come for Mass, fellowship, coffee and treats!

#### St. Veronica Guild

The St. Veronica Guild will meet **Thursday, May 25** 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!

### Adoration Chapel Hours Openings

Hours that need an Adorer for the Adoration Chapel are as follows: **Tuesday**: 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> of the month, 11 a.m. to noon, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., 10 p.m. to 11 p.m., 11 p.m. to midnight **Wednesday**: Midnight to 1 a.m., 1 a.m. to 2 a.m., 2 a.m. to 3 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., 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> week of the month. **Friday**: 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. on the 1, 2, 3, 5 weeks of the month. **Saturday**: 1 a.m. to 2 a.m., 2 a.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.

### **Quincy Notre Dame Job Opening**

Quincy Notre Dame has the following job opening for the 2023-24 school year: Full-Time English/Language Arts Teacher Qualified candidates should send a cover letter, resume and

two letters of reference to Mark McDowell, QND Principal, at mmcdowell@quincynotredame.org.

### Leaving Your Catholic Legacy

The Diocese parishioner's guide to planned gifts information is available. There are hand outs on the table in the narthex.

~Isabella Benner

~Theresa Althoff

~Norma Johnson

~Donna Schutte

~Debra Sparrow

~JoAnn Schaefer

~John & Barb Meyer ~Ken Wolf

~Dan Dailing

~Julie Eftink

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~Steve Hull

~Matt Mast

~Jo Buckley

~Anonymous

~Diane Zoller

~Cindy Barner

~Ted Kemner

#### Please keep the following in your prayers: ~Kristopher Schreacke ~Elias Erd ~Lilli Foster ~Amy Seibert

~Lilli Foster	
~Hunter Hildebrand	

- ~Natalie Meyer
- ~Bonnie Haubrich
- ~Alden & Joyce Shipp
- ~Joan Wilson
- ~Priscilla & Bill Morrison ~Sue Hildebrand
- ~Kathy Schuckman
- ~Lorna Shade
- ~Michael Mason
- ~Valerie Fox Ortball
- ~Michelle & Dustin Houston





# DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD IN ILLINOIS

Dear Friends in Christ,

Each year on the feast of Pentecost we rejoice that the gifts of the Holy Spirit are given to the Church in every age. As we celebrate this feast, I ask you to consider a generous

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response in the Retired Diocesan Priests Collection to meet the immediate retirement and health care needs of our priests.

Please pray for our priests who serve so generously in various apostolates throughout our diocese. Please thank God for all that we have received from our priests who are now retired, many of whom continue to offer generous service in every way that they are able throughout our diocese.

If you are unable to make an in-church contribution, please make your donation online at  $% \left( {{\left( {{{\left( {{{\left( {{{}_{{\rm{c}}}} \right)}} \right)}_{\rm{c}}}}} \right)_{\rm{c}}} \right)$ 

### parishgiving.dio.org/secondcollections.

You can also mail your donation to your parish office.

Thank you in advance for your support this year. May the Holy Spirit give us every gift we need to build up the Body of Christ in our time and place.

With every best wish and prayers, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Tromos John Paprocki

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

### Totus Tuus Summer Camp!

You don't want to miss Totus Tuus Summer Camp! Watch silly skits, be with friends, and make some new ones, all while growing deeper in your faith! All students going into 1st-12th grade (23-24 school year) will have the opportunity to sign up for this great Catholic experience. The location this summer is at St. Francis, but St. Peter Parish is co-hosting, so sign up today! Camp this year is from June 11-June 16. For more information or to register online, please visit: https://forms.gle/PtZUHtCC4D79mYqS7

Can't register online? Paper forms can be found in the school and parish offices and in the narthex.

### Seasonal Grounds Help Needed

The Roman Catholic Cemetery Association is looking for seasonal grounds help. If interested please talk to the Superintendent at Calvary Cemetery.

#### Junefest is June 3

St. Dominic Junefest, June 3, 5:00 p.m.-Midnight. Food & drinks, games, entertainment "Heresay" playing 7:30 p.m.-11:30 p.m., youth talent performances, bingo, Game Town for kids, basket raffle, raffle (\$2000 in cash prizes!), silent auction, 50/50 and more.

### St. Francis Parish Picnic is June 10

St. Francis Solanus Parish will hold its annual Parish Picnic on Saturday, June 10, 5:00 p.m. to Midnight. The picnic will host a variety of food and beverages, live music, cash raffle, silent auction, basket raffle, dunk tank, kids' games, train ride, bounce houses and more. The Heidelberg Band will play from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. and The Gentlemen will take the stage from 7:30 p.m.-11:30p.m. We hope to see you there!







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