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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.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

AUGUST 20, 2023

Isaiah 56:1,6-7; Romans 11:13-15,29-32; Matthew 15:21-28

The readings of today's Mass should stir us to concern for the salvation of our neighborhood, our community, and our world. God chose a people through whom he would reveal himself to the world. The Hebrew people are his first choice. He gave them his Holy Torah or Law; he sent them prophets; he called them to be a priestly nation, a royal people. Unfortunately, they often became smug and self-satisfied; they thought that the rest of the world was damned, and that they were the only righteous people in the world.

The last part of the book of Isaiah (chapters 56-66) give a different outlook. God reminds the Hebrews that he calls all people to salvation. He intends all peoples to come and worship him, the one true God. Today's first reading is taken from this section.

In the second reading (from Romans) Paul laments the fact that his people, the Jews, have not recognized Jesus as Messiah. But he says that this is for a purpose: in order that God may show mercy to the Gentiles (the pagans, the non-Jews, that is to us!)

The Gospel tells the story of a pagan woman who asks Jesus to cure her daughter. Jesus ignores her. He says that his mission is only to save Israel. He tells her that it is not right to take children's food and give it to dogs. (Jews called Gentiles "dogs.") She matches wits with Jesus and says, "Yes, but even the dogs get the scraps which the children sneak to them under the table."

Jesus has not really been as brutal as our translation makes it seem. The Greek word used for "dog" here really means something like "puppy" or "house pets." It is an affectionate term. In doing this, the woman is given an opportunity for faith; and she expresses it!

Putting all the readings together, we see that we must have a concern for our neighbor's salvation. We would surely take food to our neighbor if he is hungry. We must provide the bread of truth for our neighbor who is starving for the Lord. The Responsorial Psalm sums up the message: "O God, let all the nations praise you!" But the nations cannot praise God unless you and I reach out to bring them to faith!

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The Parish of St. Peter Quincy, IL

~Mass Intentions~

August 21-27, 2023

- 21. Monday 8:00 a.m. Orville Lubbe
- 22. Tuesday 8:00 a.m. Pat Ellerbrock
- 23. Wednesday 8:30 a.m. Carlene O'Brien
- 24. Thursday 8:00 a.m. Joan Sturhahn
- 25. Friday 8:00 a.m. Howard Buckley
- 26. Saturday 8:00 a.m. Wayne & Dorothy Schlipman
- 26. Saturday 4:00 p.m. Sis Obert
- 27. Sunday 8:00 a.m. Lee Fenton
- **27. Sunday 9:30 a.m.** Our Parish Family
- 27. Sunday 11:00 a.m. Mary Brahler

— 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.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 20, 2023

Dear Parishioners,

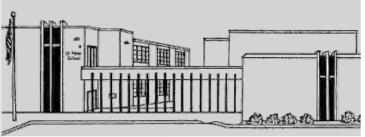
This past week the realization hit me that summer is over. With the start of the school year this past week this only furthered this realization. The things I wanted to accomplish in this slower time of the year, I didn't. I guess I can put it on hold until next summer—yeah, if that will happen.

The end of July, we received the planning study executive summary prepared by Steier group based upon personal interviews and mail, online, and in-pew summaries. We had a 32% participation rate of parishioners, which this fund-raising group was pleased with. Some of their comments that I would like to share with you are the following: They are a summary of this report. "St. Peter is a vibrant parish and school filled with engaging parishioners who deeply care for one another and take their faith seriously. Church and school leadership is fabulous. It is true that parishioners are requesting more details regarding proposed projects. But there is a general consensus that the projects should be addressed somehow. Catholic education is the 'best ministry' that church offers. Limited information about the Quincy Catholic Elementary School system's plans for school consolidation is causing some parishioners to question the timing of the campaign and whether all the proposed projects, namely, the gym, should be included in the campaign. Project estimates seem to be higher than some parishioners expected, and there is some concern that the sheer expense of these projects will dampen enthusiasm for a campaign." After this summary, which is nothing that I had not thought in my own head, the Steier group concluded:

88% of respondents personally favor a capital campaign, including 93% of those interviewed. 90% of respondents will make a personal gift to the campaign, including 93% of those interviewed. 72 respondents indicated that they would serve in a leadership position for any campaign.

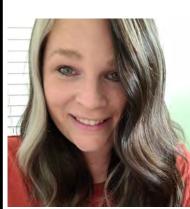
The Steier Group projects that St. Peter Church will raise \$5.5 million to \$6.5 million over a three year campaign. Based upon the positive results of this planning study, the Steier Group recommends that St. Peter Catholic Church and School immediately moves forward into the preparation phase of the 39 week campaign. From this feasibility study it looks like we are able to build a new school cafeteria but the other projects are beyond our means. It took me several years when I first got here to get us out of debt and I will not put us in debt again. We are a stewardship parish and I can't thank you enough for being good stewards. But as pastor, I also have to be a good steward and I don't think debt is a good idea. But my desire is to have that new parish center, and our basement of the Church is very appealing space for that to happen. That means the new cafeteria needs to be our dominate focus. Classrooms above it, although expensive, are also needs that we have now and in the future. The reason for building on top of the cafeteria is to save some green space for students and parish. This is my dilemma. I need to make a decision soon. I've been turning to God in prayer but I just don't know what to do at this point. I ask for your prayers because this campaign and this construction will belong to us for the next three years. Please pray for me. The other tiered projects in priority 2 will be only dreams.

The School of St. Peter



Week of August 20, 2023 A Message from Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh

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



WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

We welcome Paige Houston as the new para educator that will be working with Mrs. Gallaher and the students in room Kindergarten South!

We are so excited that she is joining our school family. Outside of work, her favorite things to do include spending time with her almost 3-year-old son, reading, and doing anything art related.

She comes to us with experience after working at the Blessing Early Learning Center and teaching in a 3 year-old classroom, She feels that children are her passion and she is excited to get to know everyone and to be able to help children learn and grow!

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL CELEBRATION

On August 13 we celebrated the start of the school year by inviting families to meet the teacher, drop off school supplies, celebrate the Eucharist and enjoy refreshments and special activities. The activities that took place for the evening were inspired by Becky Bliefnick based on plans she had previously made for a Mother/Son Night that was to take place in the Spring of 2023. We are so appreciative to a generous and supportive community that supported the Back to School Bash. We wish to thank Niemann Foods, DOT Foods, Made New Creative Designs, Pumped Up Balloons, Infiniti, and numerous volunteers. I especially want to thank Megan Lovelace and her team of amazing people for all of their planning for this event. They did an amazing job and I am so proud of their time and efforts.



THIS WEEK

Monday, August 21: All 4 year old preschool attend; Kindergarten's first full day; School Advisory Board Meeting 7 p.m.

Tuesday, August 22: **3 year old** - **second half attend; Curriculum Night** for grade **1-8.** Parents attend only.

Wednesday, August 23: All 3 year old attend; 8:30 a.m. Children's Mass 8th grade leads.

Thursday, August 24:

Friday, August 25:

Saturday, August 26: Parish Picnic

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MENU Monday: Hamburger on bun,

emoji fries, green beans, fruit. **Tuesday:** Zoo nuggets, veggie boat, curly fries, fruit. **Wednesday:** Beef nachos, corn with black beans, fruit. **Thursday:** Corn dog, tri-tator, mixed veggies, fruit. **Friday:** Ham/cheese wrap,

veggie boat, chips, fruit.

Mark Your Calendar	Project Rachel	
Monday, August 21:	Help for women and men to heal from tabortion. For assistance call 1-877-RACHEL-5.	
Tuesday, August 22:	Reporting Allegations of Child Sexual At To report allegations of sexual abuse of a min	
Wednesday, August 23: Ladies Cursillo 1:30 p.m., Fr. Bauer Prayer Rm	or other church personnel – even if it is in individuals are encouraged to call the Diocese's Reporting and Investigation number at (217) Individuals may also contact Illinois Department	
Thursday, August 24:	and Family Services Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800	
Friday, August 25:	Eucharistic Congress October 28 - BOS Center In You are invited to a historical diocesan-wide ce	
Saturday, August 26: Mass at 4:00 p.m. (instead of 5:00 p.m.) Picnic 5:00 p.m Midnight behind church	the BOS Center in Springfield – To celebrate th Year of the Eucharist and the 100 th anniversary of of the See city from Alton to Springfield, the Congress is taking place Saturday, October 28 Center in Springfield. This dynamic experience nationally recognized Catholic speakers, adoration	
Sunday, August 27:		
	and Mass. The arena will be packed with the Catholics from across the diocese. Our de	
	changed and we still have tickets left. To attend, parish office by September 13, at church@c 217-222-3155, as we are given a specific	
	available seats For more information volu	

Fr. Leo's column continued..

I want to remind you once again that our annual parish picnic will be next Saturday, August 26 beginning at 5:00 p.m. and going until Midnight. There will be a lot of great food, if I do say so myself, including brats, along with a variety of other foods and drinks. We will also have games for all ages, rides for little ones, a variety of raffles, and a silent auction. There will be music provided, Brushville, from 8:00-11:30 p.m. Please come and join us for the evening. We are still looking for workers. We do need our parishioners to sign up to assist. Consult the bulletin on how to do that. Finally, many of the leaders on the picnic committee have been serving on that capacity for several years. We are looking for new faces to learn this year so that next year they could be a part of the leadership team. We don't want anyone getting burnt out but in order for us not to do that, we need others to step forward and assist this year. Please consider this request. Also for those unable to attend the picnic, I ask for your prayers for a safe and enjoyable picnic for everyone. And for those working, put a smile on your face.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: A man pulls up to a Mexican restaurant as it looked like a good place to eat. Only one problem—it wasn't open. So the man jotted down the name on the door for another day. Just then, a man came out of the restaurant and took a peek at what the man had written and with a smile on his face he said, "That's not the name of the restaurant" pointing to the sign over the door. "That's Spanish for 'Closed on Mondays'."

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WEEKLY COLLECTION

	<u>August 13</u>	Total to Date
Loose Collections	\$1,323.00	\$7,140.97
Regular Collections	\$21,970.40	\$181,727.80
Annual School Fund	\$3,096.00	\$50,279.00
Holy Days	\$155.00	\$375.00
Totals	\$26,544.40	\$239,522.77
Total Budget Goal	\$32,000.00	\$224,000.00
Difference	(\$5,455.60)	\$15,522.77

Diocesan Collections

Haiti Sister Parish Collections Collected \$606.00



Calling all Volunteers!

Sign up to work at our annual picnic taking place on August 26. Please access the signup genius link on the church website. <u>https://www.cospq.org/</u> Click the St. Peter's Picnic Logo to see all the opportunities to work in various areas. All this is made possible with the parishioners support. If you need assistance with signup, please contact Brian Baker @ 217-440-3998.



Welcome!

Please welcome to our parish family Tyler & Cassandra Patterson, and their son Baker!

Mass at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 26

Because of the Picnic, our Mass time on Saturday, August 26, will be at **4:00 p.m.** instead of 5:00 p.m. There will not be confessions before Mass.

Picnic Silent Auction & Raffle Baskets Needed

We are in need of new silent auction items and baskets of items for the Annual Picnic August 26, 2023. Please consider a donation that will help with these two events. Please drop donated items off at the parish office Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.. If you have any questions, please contact Randy Martin at 217-653-3538 or Amanda Martin at 217-779-8256.

To All Catholic Women

Please find the flyer and signup sheet in your church lobby for the Quincy Deanery CCW summer gathering on August 30. We encourage all women to join us as we further the work of Christ on earth. We learn, pray, gather new info and ideas to take to our parishes and families, and have fun-making new connections in the faith. Grab a friend and come - all ages welcome! This is Holy Family's first hosting and we want to have a great turnout for their efforts. The signup sheet is to give us an idea for food amounts, but if you find you can come at the last minute, please do so - we look forward to having you with us! This is the month of the Immaculate Heart and we have some great ideas to pass along for family spirituality and for kids! We will also have information on the upcoming Convention in Springfield. Our Lady is the Spiritual Director of this group and she always leads us in what she wants accomplished at each of our gatherings. We hope you will come and answer her calling! Please call 217-285-5483 with any questions -Angela Lipcamon-President of Quincy DCCW you might have.

Blessing Hospital Communion Ministry

Lay Eucharistic Ministers are asked to consider expanding their ministry by providing Holy Eucharist to Catholic patients at Blessing Hospital. Eucharistic Ministers usually volunteer monthly for at least two shifts (about 2 hours each). They visit patients, pray with them, distribute communion and make priest referrals for those in need. Our requirements have recently changed and a Covid vaccination is no longer required for volunteers at Blessing Hospital. If you are interested in learning more, please call Prudence Bickhaus Martin at Blessing Volunteer Services, 223-8400, ext. 6825.

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Please keep the followin		Prayer //
~Kristopher Schreacke	~Elias Erd	Requests
~Sue Hildebrand	~Amy Seibert	Sec.
~Hunter Hildebrand	~lsabella Benner	
~Lorna Shade	~Natalie Meyer	~Ed Berry
~Bonnie Haubrich	~Dan Dailing	~Mary Lavery
~Alden & Joyce Shipp	~Norma Johnson	~Ted Kemner
~Joan Wilson	~Julie Eftink	~Jo Buckley
~Bill Morrison	~Steve Hull	~lan Mehaffy
~Kathy Schuckman	~John & Barb Meyer	~Anonymous
~Diane Zoller	~Valerie Fox Ortball	~Cindy Barner
~Michael Mason	~Debra Sparrow	~Ken Wolf
~Phil Anthony Sanchez	~JoAnn Schaefer	~Diane Zoller
~Donna Schutte	~Weston Harvey	
~Maria (Eberhardt) Sparrow ~Michelle & Dustin Houston		
To have a name added to this list, please call the Parish Office		

at 222-3155 or email church@cospg.org.

Picnic Committee Member Replacement Volunteers

Our picnic has been a huge success for many years, some of the current committee members have been leading since the beginning. They are looking for new volunteers to help carry on this tradition. There are several members on the team to make it easier for everyone. If you would like to be a part of this team and take our picnic to the next level, please contact a current committee member. We are also still in need of volunteers for multiple spaces for this year's picnic. Please follow the instructions on page 4 of the bulletin to sign up. Current committee members:

Teresa and Brian Baker:

217-440-3998, <u>tnbbakers@gmail.com</u> Jeremy and Sarah Stegeman:

217-316-1456, steggy@adams.net

Randy and Amanda Martin:

217-653-3538, randymartin1213@gmail.com

James Weisenberger:

217-242-1608, jweisenberger@birkeys.com

RCIA Program

If you or a family member is considering the Catholic Faith, please join us in our RCIA program. The program started in September. Wonder no longer, come find out what the Catholic faith is all about. Classes are on Tuesday evenings 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., in the Martha Jane room, beneath the church. Contact the parish office at 222-3155. You will be glad you did.

Adorers needed for the Adoration Chapel

The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet Him in Adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease (Catechism Catholic Church; 1380).

Please consider taking an hour in the Adoration Chapel. <u>OPEN Hours:</u>

Tuesday: 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Wednesday: 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.

Thursday: Midnight to 1 a.m. on the 2^{nd} , 4^{th} , 5^{th} weeks of the month, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. on the 2^{nd} , 4^{th} weeks of the month.

Friday: 1 a.m. to 2 a.m., 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., 11 p.m. to midnight. **Saturday:** 1 a.m. to 2 a.m., 2 a.m. to 3 a.m., 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. on the 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th week of the month, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. on the 2nd 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.

St. Anthony Surviving Divorce Classes

St. Anthony of Padua is hosting a "Surviving Divorce" class of finding one's peace, power and passion. Some topics include: getting to know your bearings, finding strength, getting through the anger, learning to forgive, handling money wisely, learning to let go, seeing God in romance, deciding about dating, and finding love that lasts. The first session begins on Tuesday, August 29 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Anthony's parish center. Sessions will run on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:00 p.m. for 12 weeks. There is no cost for the class and is for men and women. For info. & registration call St. Anthony's 222-5996.







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