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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 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.

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 3, 2023

Jeremiah 20:7-9; Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27

When the disciples first began to follow Jesus, they probably thought of him as a spell-binding teacher, a very holy man, and a wonder-worker. Last Sunday, we saw that (by divine revelation) Peter proclaimed Jesus as the Messiah.

The disciples thought that the Messiah would be God's instrument in bringing about a perfect world. He would vanquish all their enemies; he would establish perfect peace and justice; he would put an end to all disease and suffering; there would be no more death, and the dead would rise to share in his glorious kingdom of joy.

But Jesus said that he was going to suffer and die. The disciples simply could not understand how the Messiah (or Christ) could possibly suffer defeat. Peter argues with Jesus. Jesus calls him a "satan." "Satan" means "tempter." It certainly *would* be a temptation, even for Jesus, to be the kind of Messiah everyone wanted – a Christ without the cross!

The first reading parallels the Gospel. Jeremiah says that God "duped" him. To follow God, he thought, should be joy. To be the Lord's prophet should mean happiness. But Jeremiah suffered rejection by his own people.

Why do we follow Jesus Christ? Is it for "what we get out of it?" When things don't go our way, do we quit or cop out? When we suffer, do we think that God doesn't care or that religion is worthless?

The Lord calls us to share the cross before the crown. To follow Jesus means that we must deny our very selves. We are not masochists; we do not enjoy suffering. But we joyfully accept our share in the cross of Christ in order that we may "offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God."

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The Parish of St. Peter Quincy, IL

~Mass Intentions~

September 4-10, 2023

- 4. Monday 8:00 a.m. Pat Ellerbrock
- 5. Tuesday 8:00 a.m. Luke Mayfield
- 6. Wednesday 8:30 a.m. Gary Myers
- 7. Thursday 8:00 a.m. Loren Tournear
- 8. Friday 8:00 a.m. Dick Olps
- 9. Saturday 8:00 a.m. Bradley Havermale
- 9. Saturday 5:00 p.m. Jack Souders
- **10. Sunday 8:00 a.m.** Robert & Joanne Schlepphorst
- **10. Sunday 9:30 a.m.** Our Parish Family
- 10. Sunday 11:00 a.m. Sis Obert

— 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.

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 3, 2023

Dear Parishioners,

Well, the month of August has come to an end as we usher in this new month of September. Even though school has been in session for almost two weeks, the reality of summer coming to an end now hits home especially for all of us who grew up in the time that school never started until after Labor Day. Whatever the cases, summer is over and the school year is off to another year of learning.

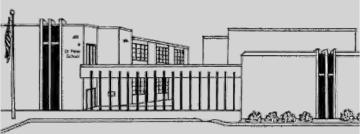
When I met with the co-chairs of our annual picnic, the one thing I remember the people saying to me is that I was in charge of the weather. After our experience at the picnic with two/three inches of rain in a short span of time, I might suggest that you never ask me to pray for good weather. In spite of the rain right after our Mass on Saturday evening, one impressive sight was the fact that our people still came to the picnic. We didn't have the crowds of previous years, but our workers showed up, food was being prepared, and people were being served. Then after a brief shower, other people arrived bringing our numbers up a little. Then we had a heavy downpour of rain which dampened our attendance, but people and parishioners still showed up to support our efforts. I was truly amazed at the support of our parishioners and community for our picnic. The weather affected our overall financial support, but for those who attended a great time was had by all. I want to thank all those who supported our efforts. I only hope and pray that this picnic continues but right now it's looking for new leaders to make this happen next year. If interested please see one of the past co-chairs and they would be happy to assist you.

Speaking of co-chairs, I want to personally thank the following for being the co-chairs for our picnic, 2023: Teresa and Brian Baker, Randy and Amanda Martin, Jeremy and Sarah Stegeman, and James Weisenberger. Anytime that you see them around, please extend a thank you to all of them for their hard work in making our picnic a success. And the reason I say it was a success is because our picnic reflects a parish working together, as we pray together, and having much "fun" in the process. This year our weather reminded us that we are not in charge and we need always to learn to adjust and adapt to the realities of life that are given to us. And we did and still had fun.

I remind you that this Monday is "Labor Day" and a national holiday. We are blessed with the gift of labor, to build up our world, to take pride in what we do, and to make a difference in our lives and the lives of others. Labor Day recognizes the honor and dignity of work and thanks God for the freedoms that we have to do that. Our Mass offering thanks to God will be at 8:00 a.m.

Our first RCIA class will be on Tuesday, September 12, from 7:00-8:30 in the Martha Jane Room off of the cafeteria (below the Church). If you are interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith, or if you know of someone who has shown this same interest, please contact the parish office with his/her name. Again there is no commitment to be made, nor is there any type of force exhibited, but we are interested in people who have questions, seek answers, and are open to God's grace working in their lives.

The School of St. Peter



Week of September 3, 2023 A Message from Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh

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



During the first weeks of the school year we were happy to welcome **483** preschool through eighth grade students as a part of our St. Peter School & Parish family. It was awesome to see all of your smiling faces again and we welcome all of our new students and their families to St. Peter School! We are all very blessed to be together again and we look forward to an exciting school year. Thank you for choosing Catholic education for your child(ren). Thank you to all of you who are so generous to support St. Peter Church and School.



CURRICULUM NIGHT

Our curriculum night included a special session led by Fr. Zach. This was a great opportunity to remind our families as to why we exist as a Catholic School and the importance of fulfilling the obligation to attend Mass every single weekend. Catholic schools exist to help parents fulfill the promise they made at their children's Baptism to raise their children according to the law of Christ and His Church.

MENU

Monday: No School Tuesday: Chicken rings, curly fries, mixed vegetables, fruit. Wednesday: Beef nachos, salsa, corn with black beans, fruit. Thursday: Hot dog, emoji fries, peas, fruit. Friday: Ravioli, marinara, green beans, fruit.

THIS WEEK

Monday, September 4: No School–Labor Day .

Tuesday, September 5:

Wednesday, September 6: Children's Mass 8:30– 6th grade leading.

Thursday, September 7:

Friday, September 8: **Spirit Day & Spirit Day assembly.** Wear your Spirit Day shirts with \$0.25 donation to our sister parish in Haiti!; **Quarter 1 midterm**—midterms sent home next week.

This year our Spirit Day proceeds will go towards our sister parish in Haiti. On Spirit Day, students wear their Spirit Day shirts with out-of-dresscode bottoms. Each student is asked to bring in \$0.25 or more to go towards our recipient—Haiti. We will have an assembly once a quarter. Our Spirit Days will be take place on September 8, October 13, November 10, December 8, January 12, February 9, March 8, April 12 and May 10.

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, September 4: Parish office closed	⊢ abo
Tuesday, September 5:	
Wednesday, September 6: -Ladies Cursillo 1:30 p.m., Fr. Bauer Prayer Rm -PSR Opening Mass 6:30 p.m., Church	To or c indiv Rep
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Sunday, September 10: -Coffee & Donuts and Blood Pressures after All Masses, Cafeteria -FOUND 6:30 p.m., Martha Jane Room	Year of t Con Cen national and

Fr. Leo's column continued..

I want to remind our parents who send their young people to the public schools, that they still have the responsibility of being the teachers of their children in matters of faith and morals. To assist you in this responsibility, we have what is called PSR on Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:30 in St. Peter Grade School. Our opening Mass for this instruction will be this Wednesday, September 6, at 6:30 p.m. in the Church.

As we look ahead, I remind you that the Springfield diocese will be sponsoring what is called a "Eucharistic Congress" on Saturday, October 28. That particular Saturday we have been mandated to eliminate all Saturday evening Masses as we encourage parishioners to attend this day of the Eucharist. During this day, they will have nationally known speakers, as well as adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and concluding with a Eucharistic celebration. We hope to fill the BOS center in Springfield with parishioners throughout the diocese. But tickets are needed. If interested, please call the parish office. Every parish is allotted a certain amount of tickets to be distributed.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:

Advice from an old Farmer:

- 1. Words that soak into our ears are whispered, not yelled.
- 2. Do not corner something that you know is meaner than you.
- 3. It don't take a very big person to carry a grudge.
- 4. Every path has a few puddles.
- 5. When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty.
- 6. You can't unsay a cruel word. Mag. Lus J. Eulor

Project Rachel

Help for women and men to heal from the pain of abortion. For assistance call 1-877-RACHEL-5.

Reporting Allegations of Child Sexual Abuse

To report allegations of sexual abuse of a minor by clergy 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.

Eucharistic Congress October 28 - BOS Center In Springfield You are invited to a historical diocesan-wide celebration at the BOS Center in Springfield – To celebrate the Diocesan Year of the Eucharist and the 100th anniversary of the transfer of the See city from Alton to Springfield, the Eucharistic Congress is taking place Saturday, October 28 at the BOS Center in Springfield. This dynamic experience will include nationally recognized Catholic speakers, adoration, confession, and Mass. The arena will be packed with thousands of Catholics from across the diocese. Our deadline has changed and we still have tickets left. To attend, contact our parish office by September 13, at church@cospq.org or 217-222-3155, as we are given a specific number of available seats. For more information, volunteering, or financially supporting/sponsoring the event, visit dio.org.



WEEKLY COLLECTION

	<u>August 27</u>	Total to Date
Loose Collections	\$1,131.76	\$9,320.78
Regular Collections	\$18,788.40	\$237,006.60
Annual School Fund	\$2,795.00	\$60,865.00
Holy Days	\$135.00	\$2,568.00
Totals	\$22,850.16	\$309,760.38
Total Budget Goal	\$32,000.00	\$288,000.00
Difference	(\$9,149.84)	\$21,760.38

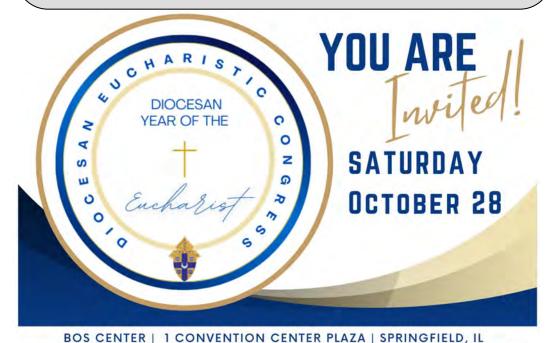
Diocesan Collections

Catholic Charities: \$50.00 Peters Pence: \$20.00

Haiti Sister Parish Collections

Collected \$235.00

Parish in Action



The Diocesan Eucharistic Congress will include nationally recognized Catholic speakers, adoration, confession, and Mass. The arena will be packed with thousands of Catholics from across the diocese. To attend, contact our parish office.

For more details, speakers and schedule - visit dio.org/revival-bos



Many care about the sanctity of life, but don't know how to turn concern into action. There is an exciting new grassroots effort to end abortion on a local level. A city ordinance enforcing the federal Comstock Act will establish Quincy as a safe haven for the unborn. To learn more about how you can help go to the Right to Life website https://rtlac.org/, or stop by the Pro Life tables in the narthex or cafeteria after Masses on September 9-10. You can also scan the QR code.





Baptism Lilah Diane Giesing,

daughter of **Travis & Alysha (Hagarty) Giesing**, was made a child of God through the reception of the sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, August 27, 2023.

Parish Office Closed Monday The parish office will be closed Monday for Labor Day.

Men's Cursillo #363

Men's Cursillo #363 will be held September 14-17 at the Franciscan Retreat Center 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 \$185 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 <u>www.quincycursillo.com</u> and "applications" and print one.

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.

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. 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. Current committee members: -Teresa and Brian Baker: 217-440-3998, thbbakers@gmail.com -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

Septemberfest

Septemberfest will be held on Saturday, September 9 5:30-11:00 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament. Great food, beer, games, bounce houses, bags tournament, silent auction & live band. You don't want to miss it! Public welcome!

Travel to Italy with Fr. John Doctor

Quincy Discount Travel Experience Italy! Florence, Assisi, Rome with Fr. John Doctor and Dr. Padraic Rohan, June 9 - 20, 2024 Join us for more details, wine, & cheese! Wednesday, September 13 @ 5:30 p.m. Contact Jennifer to RSVP. Call 217-228-1122 or email jennifer@4discounttravel.com

St. Anthony Craft/Vendor Show

St. Anthony Ladies Society Fall Craft/Vendor Show will be held on Saturday, October 7, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. in the parish hall. If you are interested in being a vendor at our craft/ vendor show please contact Janet Bick (rjbick@comcast.net or 217-430-7256) or Tawny Benz (rtbenz77@gmail.com or 217-257-0847). Booth space (10'x10') is \$25. You may furnish your own tables or rent 8' tables for \$5 each.

Social Concerns Collection

Social Concerns is collecting peanut butter & jelly, canned chicken, tuna, mac & cheese, canned fruit this weekend, September 2-3 for the 1st Sunday collection for the Ladies of Charity. Containers will be located in the Narthex. Thank you!

Rest in Peace

May the soul of

Sherríe Craven

sing praises with the Angels in Heaven forever.

Coffee & Donuts and Blood Pressures on Sunday 9/10

Please join us in next Sunday, on September 10, after all Masses in the cafeteria for Coffee & Donuts and blood pressure screenings. We will skip this Sunday because of Labor Day.

Parents Of New PSR Students and Returning Students

Our PSR classes will begin on Wednesday, September 6 at 6:30 p.m. with an opening Mass for the students, parents, families, and friends. ALL ARE WELCOME. Students will meet their teachers (so come a bit early as the teachers will be in the Narthex at 6:00 p.m.) The children will have a short visit in their classrooms after mass and I will have a short talk with the parents in church.

The first regular class will be September 13 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the school.

Gina Wolf, PSR Coordinator , 217-257-9966, g.wolf@cospq.org

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study

Topic: Follow Me—Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John **When:** Every Tuesday starting September 19 – November 14 **Time:** 8:30 a.m.–9:00 a.m. - social study will start at 9:00 a.m. and end by 10:30 a.m.

If interested in joining this study, please contact Gina Bergman at 217-430-6080 or <u>g.bergman@cospq.org</u> by September 1 so we can order materials. Study guide is \$22.95. Please also contact Gina by September 1 if you need childcare.

St. Anthony Chicken Dinner

The St. Anthony Men's Society Dine In or Carry Out Chicken Dinner on Sunday, September 17, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. 1/4 chicken meal (white) \$12, 1/4 chicken meal (dark) \$12, 1/2 chicken meal \$16, chicken strips \$8, children's meal (wing or drumstick) \$8. All meals include 3 sides, homemade dinner rolls, dessert, and drink. We will be taking credit cards this year but there will be a 3% convenience fee.

Please keep the followin ~Kristopher Schreacke ~Sue Hildebrand	• • • •	Prayer Requests	
~Hunter Hildebrand	~lsabella Benner	~Steve Hull	
~Lorna Shade	~Natalie Meyer	~Ed Berry	
~Bonnie Haubrich	~Dan Dailing	~Mary Lavery	
~Alden & Joyce Shipp	~Norma Johnson	~Ted Kemner	
~Joan Wilson	~Donna Schutte	~Jo Buckley	
~Bill Morrison	~JoAnn Schaefer	~Ken Wolf	
~Kathy Schuckman	~John & Barb Meyer	~Anonymous	
~lan Mehaffy	~Charlotte Siebers	~Diane Zoller	
~Valerie Fox Ortball	~Weston Harvey	~Cindy Barner	
~Phil Anthony Sanchez	~Michael Mason	~Julie Eftink	
~Debra Sparrow	~Maria (Eberhardt) S	parrow	
~Michelle & Dustin Houston			
To have a name added to this list, please call the Parish Office			
at 222-3155 or email church@cospq.org.			







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