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### Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

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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 Preparation:* 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.

## First Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER 3, 2023

Isaiah 63:16b-17,19b;64:2-7;  
1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37

Advent means “Coming.” The Lord Jesus comes in three ways: in *history* (at Bethlehem and in his public life,) in *mystery* (by his grace and in every sacrament,) and in *majesty* (at the end of the world, in glory, as our Judge.)

Today we emphasize his coming in majesty. This world will end; the Lord will return to take us to glory; we must live in hope and expectation. The coming of the Lord gives us hope: He promises that all things will work for good if we love him. He will bring good and not evil. He will save us and give us joy. We may suffer in this world for a time, but nothing can ever overcome the power of Christ who comes.

Our first reading is a cry for help, of longing for the Lord to tear the heavens apart and come down. We are weak sinners; only he can forgive and save. Our second reading is Paul’s prayer that we will persevere in holiness until the “Day” when Christ returns.

The Gospel is part of Mark’s “eschatological sermon.” We don’t know when Christ will return. It may be today. How would we want to live if we knew he would come today? Let us keep alert!

Today we begin a new cycle of Scripture readings. Our Sunday readings follow a three year cycle; this year is called “Year B.” Except for Lent and Easter, most of our Gospel readings will be taken from the Gospel according to Mark.

Mark is often very blunt and harsh; but his Gospel is the most vivid of all. His Gospel is also the earliest Gospel to be written. It is customary to speak of the First Sunday of Advent as the beginning of our Church Year or Year of Grace. While this has much to say for it, the real “new year” probably should be at Easter time. Nevertheless, let us begin anew to celebrate the mysteries of Christ in our liturgy.

--Msgr. William Carr

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# The Parish of St. Peter Quincy, IL

## ~Mass Intentions~

December 4-10, 2023

- 4. Monday 8:00 a.m.  
Loren Tournear
- 5. Tuesday 8:00 a.m.  
Izzy Daly
- 6. Wednesday 8:30 a.m.  
Jeff Burgess
- 7. Thursday 8:00 a.m.  
Pat Ellerbrock
- 7. Thursday 6:00 p.m.  
John McCourt
- 8. Friday 8:30 a.m.  
Ronald Cudney
- 8. Friday 12:10 p.m.  
Howard Buckley
- 8. Friday 6:00 p.m.  
Joan Sturhahn
- 9. Saturday 8:00 a.m.  
Alice Wavering Kemner &  
T.B. Kemner
- 9. Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Bob & Eileene Anderson
- 10. Sunday 8:00 a.m.  
Our Parish Family
- 10. Sunday 9:30 a.m.  
Dr. Robert Murphy
- 10. Sunday 11:00 a.m.  
Dave & Pat Stegeman

## — 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.

*First Sunday of Advent, December 3, 2023*

**Dear Parishioners,**

According to our ordo, which is the official guide for our liturgical celebrations, it states the following about Advent: *“Advent has a two-fold character, for it is a time for preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas in which the First Coming of the Son of God is remembered, and likewise is a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ’s Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight.”*

The official color for the season of Advent is violet. Advent also begins a new liturgical cycle of readings based on a three year cycle. This year our cycle of readings will be taken from Year B with St. Mark being the dominant gospel writer. The weekday readings which are based on a two year cycle will be from Year II. This is for your knowledge and information.

There are many differing customs which celebrate Advent. One of those customs I am most familiar with is the Advent Calendar. In my family, this calendar started on the first day of December, and participants in this custom would open a door, which each day holding a surprise be it a picture, or a Scripture passage, or some surprise. This opening would continue until Christmas day when we would open the final door with the Bethlehem scene. The whole idea of this custom was to help us understand “to wait,” and “to anticipate.” Another custom which we use, even in Church, is our Advent wreath. There are four candles, three purple and one rose, with each candle representing a Sunday of Advent. If used in the home, the following prayer of Blessing is encouraged:

*Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ; He is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, He is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, He is the Savior of every nation.*

*Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ’s promise to bring us salvation. May He come quickly and not delay. Amen.*

This Friday, December 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a Holyday of Obligation in our Church. This solemnity of Mary, under the title of the Immaculate Conception is important to our country and our diocese as we are under her watchful protection as our patron. The Immaculate Conception is the special privilege given to Mary whereby she was conceived in her mother’s womb without original sin. This was supposed to be our privilege too if sin had not entered into the world and our lives. Our Mass will be as follows:

December 7, Vigil of the Immaculate Conception: 6:00 p.m.

December 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception: Masses will be at 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m. at QND, 12:10 p.m., and 6:00 p.m.

The Feast of St. Nicholas (270-343) is Wednesday, December 6. His legendary habit of gift-giving gave rise to the traditional model of Santa Claus.

# ADVENT PARISH MISSION

## DECEMBER 3-5

### JOIN US!

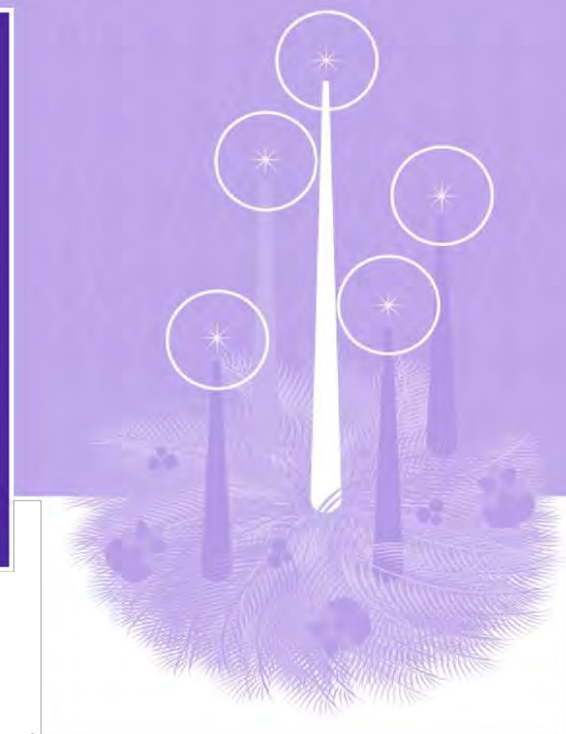
- Begins during all Sunday Masses on 12/3
- Continues with Parish Mission Conferences on 12/4 and 12/5 at 6:30 p.m. in the Church
- A reception will follow on 12/5 in the Cafeteria



Fr. Kolbe Woniakowski, OSB is excited to return to St. Peter for his second Advent Parish Mission. He will offer a series of presentations on the Eucharist and how this relates to the Advent season.

Fr. Kolbe is a Benedictine Monk and Priest of Saint Meinrad Archabbey in St. Meinrad, Indiana. He was Ordained this past summer and currently serves as a Spiritual Director at Saint Meinrad Seminary & School of Theology and Parochial Vicar of St. Paul Parish in Tell City, Indiana.

Fr. Kolbe and Fr. Zach went to Seminary together at Saint Meinrad Seminary & School of Theology.



\*childcare for age 1 and older available in the Martha Jane Room



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### *The School of St. Peter - Week of December 3, 2023*

#### MENU

**Monday:** Hamburger, curly fries, green beans, fruit. **Tuesday:** Chicken fries, hash brown, peas, fruit. **Wednesday:** Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, broccoli, fruit. **Thursday:** Corn dog, chips, mixed vegetables, fruit. **Friday:** Chicken quesadilla pizza, salsa, corn, fruit.

#### THIS WEEK

**Monday,** December 4: **Advent BINGO** begins; **Advent Prayer Service**—8:45 a.m. in Church; **Advent Parish Mission** at 6:30 p.m. in the Church.

**Tuesday,** December 5: **Reconciliation** for grades 3-8; QND Kindergarten night with Santa from 6 p.m.-7:30 at QND; **Advent Parish Mission** at 6:30 p.m. in the Church.

**Wednesday,** December 6: **8:30 Children's Mass**—2nd grade in charge; **St. Nick Day!**

**Thursday,** December 7: **PTA meeting** at 11:00 in conference room.

**Friday,** December 8: **St. Juan Diego Feast Day**—Students in House St. Juan Diego wear House shirts with dress code bottoms!!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** Grandparent/Special Person's Day—December 20, 2023; 8:30 Mass; 9:30 classroom visits; 10:30 Special Christmas Program; 11:30 dismissal.



**Mark Your Calendar**

**Monday, December 4:** -Parish Mission 6:30 p.m. *Church*  
**Tuesday, December 5:** -Parish Mission 6:30 p.m. *Church*  
**Wednesday, December 6:** -Ladies Cursillo 1:30 p.m.,  
*Fr. Bauer Prayer Room*  
 -PSR 6:30 p.m., *School*  
**Thursday, December 7:**  
**Friday, December 8:**  
**Saturday, December 9:** -Return Giving Wreath Gifts  
 in Narthex  
 -Social Concerns Cookie Sale after Mass, *Cafeteria*  
**Sunday, December 10:** -Return Giving Wreath Gifts  
 in Narthex  
 -Social Concerns Cookie Sale after All Masses, *Cafeteria*

**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.

**Fr. Leo's column continued..**

On behalf of our parish family, I want to welcome Fr. Kolbe Woniakowski, a Benedictine priest who will be with us and present a parish mission. The plan is for him to preach at all the Sunday Masses, and then have two conferences, Monday and Tuesday, December 4 and 5, at 6:30 p.m. Since this week closes out our Eucharistic year, we asked him to preach on the Eucharist and how it relates to our Advent season. After the Tuesday conference, we will have a reception in the basement of the Church. Please join us and make this Advent season not just a time for shopping but most important, a time to renew ourselves with a better understanding of the Eucharist.

**ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:** Helping me to sort clothes into “save” and “give away” piles, my six year old daughter came across a garter belt.

“What’s this?” she asked.  
 “It’s a garter belt,” I said.

Seeing that meant nothing to her, I added, “It’s for holding up stockings.”

“Ah,” she said, carefully placing it in the “save” pile, “we’ll use it next Christmas Eve.”

**ONE LINERS:**

People who are wrapped up in themselves are overdressed.

Life is like a doughnut. You’re either in the dough or in the hole.

Sermons and biscuits are improved by shortening.

If your parachute doesn’t open for you, you’ve obviously jumped to a conclusion.

*Mary. Leo J. Eulow*



**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

	<u>November 26</u>	<u>Total to Date</u>
Loose Collections	\$1,172.00	\$23,285.70
Regular Collections	\$26,777.59	\$584,211.33
Annual School Fund	\$6,561.00	\$161,731.00
Holy Days	\$20.00	\$7,403.00
Totals	\$34,530.59	\$776,631.03
Total Budget Goal	\$32,000.00	\$704,000.00
Difference	\$2,530.59	\$72,631.03

**Diocesan Collections**

Quincy Catholic Cemeteries: \$105.00  
 Justice & Hope: \$20.00

**Haiti Sister Parish Collections**

Collected \$145.00

# Parish in Action

As many are aware, St. Peter is in the planning stages of a major capital campaign to build a new school cafeteria, renovate the cafeteria to create a parish center, and add new classrooms. To conduct a successful effort, we must assemble a strong volunteer team to reach out to parish families.

We are thankful that several members of the St. Peter community have agreed to help provide campaign leadership. The following parishioners said "yes" to an invitation to serve on our Campaign Committee:

**Campaign General Chairpersons**

John and Kimberly Johannes  
 Lydia Miller  
 David and Theresa Oakley  
 Thomas and Kimberly Strieker

**Campaign Committee**

Matthew and Cassandra Bainbridge  
 James and Kathleen Citro  
 Jack and Lauren Cornell  
 Andrew and Nicole Genenbacher  
 Justin and Michelle Haubrich  
 Jason and Rebecca Knuffman  
 John and Carrie Lavery  
 William and Sharon Mays  
 Christopher and Monica Scholz  
 Charles and Jamie Scholz  
 Kyle and Kimberly Venvertloh  
 Stephen and Linda Wavering



In their role, the Committee will oversee the effort and assist Fr. Leo in implementing a successful campaign. One of their first responsibilities is to recruit additional volunteers.

**If you would like to help, please contact Sean McDonough, Steier Group campaign manager, at 312/771-2070 or [smdonough@steiergroup.com](mailto:smdonough@steiergroup.com) to join the team!**

You can help make a difference for St. Peter Catholic Church and School and its future. Please consider lending your talent to this important cause!



December, 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

I write to tell you about the upcoming 2023 collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. This annual appeal assists nearly 25,000 elderly sisters, brothers and religious order priests nationwide.

I am grateful for the significant influence that women and men religious, both past and present, have had on my own spiritual journey. I deeply appreciate their invaluable contributions to our diocese and the wider community. Perhaps you too have been touched by the kindness and guidance of an older woman or man religious who made a positive difference in your life.

We are called to recognize that many of our senior vowed religious have dedicated their lives to service, usually receiving little pay in return. Consequently, their religious communities face a shortage of retirement savings. Compounding this challenge are rising health-care costs and decreased income. Religious communities find it increasingly difficult to meet the day-to-day needs of aging members, including their medical expenses, nursing assistance and other necessities.

Your generous donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious provide vital financial support, enabling religious communities to care for their aging members.

I know you are frequently asked to support many worthy causes. I invite you to contribute whatever you can toward this year's collection. In addition to your financial contribution, please keep all our women and men religious in your prayers. May God's abundant blessings be upon you and your loved ones.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*† Thomas John Paprocki*

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki, Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

## Christmas Decorations (Please print legibly)

To make a donation (\$10) for Christmas poinsettias & decorations in memory of a loved one, please put money in an envelope labeled "Christmas Decorations" by Sunday, December 10, or email [church@cospq.org](mailto:church@cospq.org).

**A Donation for Christmas Decorations**

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### Holy Day Mass Schedule

Immaculate Conception Mass schedule is as follows:  
Thursday, 12/7, 6:00 p.m.  
Friday, 12/8, 8:30 a.m. (school), 12:10 p.m., 6:00 p.m.  
\*\* Note: We will not have 8:00 a.m. Mass on Friday

### EMHC & Usher Sign Up for the Holy Day Masses

We need Eucharistic ministers and ushers for the Holy Day this next week on December 7 & 8. Please sign up in the Narthex if you can help. Thank you!

### St. Peter Social Concerns Christmas Cookie Sale - Bakers! December 9 & 10

We need your help! Bake a batch of Christmas cookies for this special fundraiser. Bring Cookies to the Cafeteria on that SATURDAY or on SUNDAY before 9:30 a.m. Mass. If you are willing to volunteer to work the sale, call Sharon at (217) 257-1376. Coffee & Cinnamon Rolls Will Be Available!

### Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study Topic: "Jesus: the Way, the Truth, and the Life". **When:** Every Tuesday starting January 16 – March 19 **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 g.bergman@cospq.org by December 15 so we can order materials. Cost will be \$29.95 (book, study guide and online access). Please also contact Gina by December 15 if you need childcare with the number of children and their ages.

### The Social Concerns Committee

The St. Peter Giving Wreath began over 20 years ago, started by Carol and Jerry Jensen, as a small Christmas tree with a few tags. This Christmas season, our Giving Wreath, with Christy Holm as the Coordinator, will be approximately 850 tags.

Eight social organizations make up the Giving Wreath: Teen Reach, Chaddock, Quanada, Catholic Charities, Birthright, The Well House, Cornerstone, and this year, along with St. Peter Families in need, we are including tags for our St. Peter Shut-ins.

It is amazing and heartwarming to see the generosity of our parish each year! This is a huge undertaking which involves the help of each of you. Some of our students from St. Peter are also included to color the tags and help to load gifts into vehicles. May God continue to bless you for your sacrifices. YOU make this happen.

"For it is in giving that we receive" ... Saint Francis

Please keep the following in your prayers:

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| ~Valerie Fox Ortball       | ~Mary Lavery               |               |
| ~Bonnie Haubrich           | ~JoAnn Schaefer            |               |
| ~Donna Schutte             | ~Isabella Benner           | ~Steve Hull   |
| ~Charlotte Siebers         | ~Cindy Barner              | ~Ed Berry     |
| ~Kathy Schuckman           | ~Bill Morrison             | ~Anonymous    |
| ~John & Barb Meyer         | ~Michael Mason             | ~Elias Erd    |
| ~Hunter Hildebrand         | ~Debra Sparrow             | ~Dan Dailing  |
| ~Kristopher Schrecke       | ~Anonymous                 | ~Julie Eftink |
| ~Alden & Joyce Shipp       | ~Sue Hildebrand            | ~Jo Buckley   |
| ~Norma Johnson             | ~Weston Harvey             | ~Joan Wilson  |
| ~Natalie Meyer             | ~Lorna Shade               | ~Ted Kemner   |
| ~Nancy Bohan               | ~Liem Thanh Mai            | ~Amy Seibert  |
| ~Diane Zoller              | ~Mario Camacho             | ~Ian Mehaffy  |
| ~Michelle & Dustin Houston | ~Maria (Eberhardt) Sparrow |               |

To have a name added to this list, please call the Parish Office at 222-3155 or email church@cospq.org.



### Baptism

Noah Kenneth Wells, son of Derek & Hilary (Hoffman) Wells, was made a child of God through the reception of the sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, November 26, 2023.

### Welcome!

Please welcome to our parish family Stephen & Ann Priebe!

### 2023 Giving Wreaths

Can you believe we are fast approaching Christmas. Where does the time go? Again this year, St. Peters will sponsor the Giving Wreath. This is a program that allows us at St. Peters a way to help those in our community who are less fortunate. Several local organizations send the needs of their people. Each need is put on a tag and we put those tags out on tables in the Narthex.

This is happening **November 23 through December 3**. You can choose a tag(s) before or after church. The gifts are to be wrapped and returned to Church with the gift tag **securely taped** during the weekend of **December 9 and 10**. The local organizations will pick up their gifts on December 11, so NO gifts delivered after December 10. This will replace the Social Concerns 1st Sunday collection for December. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

### Holy Moments Group

We are looking into starting a weekly informal discussion group based on the book "Holy Moments" by Matthew Kelly. The group would read a few pages from the book and then discuss how God has helped us to recognize and utilize these moments for the good of others. We are looking at meeting on Thursday evenings, around 6:30 p.m. If you are interested, please call Denny Meyer at 217-926-4829.

### Breakfast for Women at St. Francis

A Breakfast for Women - SAVE the DATE of December 9 at 9 a.m. at St. Francis. Our Beloved Fr. James Wheeler OFM will be the inspirational speaker. More Details to come!

### St. Anthony Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

St. Anthony Church Pancake & Sausage Breakfast is on Sunday, December 10, 7:00 a.m.- Noon, dine in or carry out. For Advance Meat Orders call 217-257-2108: sausage, chops, or Ribs 5 lbs.-\$25; Cooked Links 5 lbs. (precooked weight)-\$30. Orders taken November 1-December 1. Any orders after December 1 depend on availability.

### St. Francis' Women's Saints Study

Women of all ages: Join us Tuesday, December 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the St Francis Parish Hall for our monthly Women's Saints Study. Featured this month is St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta presented by Anne Meyer. Bring a friend! Women's Saints Study is open to all parishes. For more information, contact Karen Weiman (217-242-5513) or Kelli Lunt (217-617-1566)

### Christmas Mass Times

The following are the Mass Times we will have for Christmas this year:

- Christmas Eve:** 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.
- Christmas Day:** 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.





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**Next Meeting**  
**Christmas Caroling & More!**  
**December 3**  
**6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

**Drop Off & Pick Up - Martha Jane Room**  
**We May Need Drivers**  
 All 7th, 8th, & 9th graders & their friends welcome!



**Saints Alive!**  
**December 3**  
**6:00-7:30 p.m. in the Gym**

A youth group for 4th, 5th, & 6th grade Parishioners and guests! Have fun with your friends while you learn more about the Saints and your Catholic Faith. Come enjoy these fun evenings in the St. Peter Gym 6:00-7:30 p.m. Wear your Saints Alive Shirt! Please check Facebook for updates.

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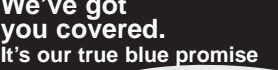
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