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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.

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

DECEMBER 31, 2023

Sirach 3:2-6,12-14; Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:22-40 or Luke 2:22, 39-40

[There are alternate Biblical texts that may be used for the first and second readings.]

We desperately need fathers who sacrifice themselves for their families. We need fathers and mothers who are firm in discipline with their children, but in whose hearts Christ's peace and love always reigns.

Children will grow to be like their models, their parents: If parents are undisciplined, children will likewise be undisciplined. If parents are indifferent in their faith, we can't expect children to be any different. Today we pray that our families will model themselves after the Holy Family of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus.

Our first reading is from *Sirach*. In older Bibles, this book is called *Ecclesiasticus*, a word which means "Church Book." It was called that because it was the most frequently used Old Testament book in the liturgy. The book is Hebrew poetry, in couplets.

Today's reading is plain common sense: Each member of the family needs to respect every other member. Each member of the family must realize his/her distinct role.

The second reading expands on this theme: Husbands are not wives, nor are wives husbands: each has a distinct role. Children are not parents; they must not usurp the parental role; nor can parents abdicate their responsibility to guide their children.

The Gospel scene is forty days after Jesus' birth. The Savior of the world, born in obscurity, is presented in the Temple. Two old people come and bear witness that he is the promised one. The Gospel was probably selected because of the last two sentences: The family returned to Nazareth, and Jesus grew, filled with wisdom and grace. And he was obedient to Mary and Joseph.

--Msgr. William Carr
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The Parish of St. Peter Quincy, IL

~Mass Intentions~

January 1-7, 2023

- **1. Monday 8:00 a.m.** Orville Lubbe
- **1. Monday 10:00 a.m.** Fr. Mike Grawe OFM
- 2. Tuesday 8:00 a.m. Special Intention
- 3. Wednesday 8:30 a.m. Joe & Anita Lavery
- **4. Thursday 8:00 a.m.** Mary Alice O'Hearn
- 5. Friday 8:00 a.m. Karen Wiewel
- 6. Saturday 8:00 a.m. Don Adolfs
- 6. Saturday 5:00 p.m. Dan Frericks
- 7. Sunday 8:00 a.m.
 Our Parish Family
- 7. Sunday 9:30 a.m. Jack Souders
- 7. Sunday 11:00 a.m. Patricia Johannessen

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Feast, December 31, 2023 Dear Parishioners,

We gather on this weekend after Christmas to celebrate the Solemnity of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. In our gospel for our celebration, we find Mary and Joseph taking Jesus, as was the custom, to the Temple for His purification rites. They were following the directives that stated: "Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord," and to offer the sacrifice of "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons," in accordance to the dictate in the law of the Lord. What a beautiful image of parents bringing their child to the Temple to present their child to the Lord. They were well aware that life was a gift from God to parents and this gift did not belong to them but was given back to God from whom the child came.

During their presentation, they met two elderly people, Simeon and Anna, who said some interesting things about this child, things that neither Joseph nor Mary would understand. And all the gospel states is that after hearing what they said, "the child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about Him." They knew that Jesus was special but hearing from such a prayerful, holy man with words of awe and reverence left them amazed and perhaps speechless. Jesus was still a mystery to them and they would continue to be amazed and astonished as to what lie ahead in His life. May the mystery of Christmas continue to unfold in all of our lives and may we, like Mary and Joseph, be amazed and astonished as to what the mystery of Christmas will unfold in all of our lives.

As we gather to continue to celebrate this mystery of Christmas, I willingly admit that I am so thankful to each of you for making this mystery alive and active in my life. When I think of God's Son becoming incarnate in human history, I recognize that mystery of the Incarnation in our parish, in the way we celebrate our Eucharist, the way we reach out to others, the way that we are so generous toward our Church and community. I am always amazed as to our "giving tree" and the way we respond to bring Christ's love to others in our community. Each Christmas you make me so proud to be your pastor and I just want to say once again, "thank you" to each of you.

On this Solemnity of the Holy Family, I extend the following blessings upon our parish families. "We bless your name, O Lord, for sending your own incarnate Son to become part of a family, so that, as He lived its life, He would experience its worries and its joys. We ask you, Lord, to protect and watch over our families, so that in the strength of your grace its members may enjoy prosperity, possess the priceless gift of your peace, and as the Church alive in the home, bear witness in this world to your glory. We ask this through Christ the Lord."

As we end another year, I ask you to make sure that you have filled out your stewardship cards and have returned them to the rectory. We need your assistance and help to bring this process to completion for this year.

— 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 School of St. Peter



Week of December 31, 2023

A Message from Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh

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

ADVENT BLESSINGS

The students have been busy during this Advent season. During this season of waiting our focus has been on serving others as well as learning about the reason for the Christmas season.

Each morning the students eagerly listened to hear what the BINGO symbol for the day was during the morning announcements and prayer. Each symbol represented a sign of Christmas. An explanation was given for why the symbol was chosen.

Preschool 3's collected personal hygiene items for Quincy Catholic Charities. The preschool 4 year old students had a birthday party for Jesus and they used an Advent calendar to count down. Each day they received a sweet surprise. Additionally, they recognized each week of advent by adding the light to their candle on a wreath that hung on their door.

Grades K-3 held a Baby Shower for Jesus. The baby items were delivered to Care Net. Mrs. Gallaher's car was packed full of all the donated items. (See picture below!) Our families were extremely generous!

Additionally, the 3rd grade had an Advent calendar that they opened each day encouraging them to do a random act of kindness for the day. They also created a Jesse Tree. Each student was responsible for a particular person in Jesus' family and students shared what they learned about the chosen person.

The fourth grade students purchased a gift from the Giving Wreath and sent Christmas letters to homebound parishioners.

The fifth grade chose an Advent Wreath gift tag from the church vestibule and purchased a Christmas present for a child that is 10-11 years old. They also sent

Christmas cards to homebound parishioners.

The sixth, seventh and eighth grade students took part in a service project that will benefit one of our school families who are in need. They collected monetary donations to purchase gift cards from the Gene Grawe Fund to help out the family with expenses.





MENU

Monday: No School Tuesday: No School Wednesday: No School

Thursday: Hamburger, hash

brown, corn, fruit.

Friday: French bread pizza, marinara, green beans, fruit.

No School— December 21-January 3, 2024



We hope you had a Merry Christmas!

The teachers and staff of St. Peter School wish to extend to everyone a very Blessed and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! May you and your family keep Jesus in your hearts throughout this joyful time of year!

School of St. Peter 2500 Maine Street Quincy, IL 62301 Phone: 217-223-1120

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, January 1: Mass at 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, January 2:

RCIA 7:00 p.m., Martha Jane Room

Wednesday, January 3:

Ladies Cursillo 1:30 p.m., Fr. Bauer Prayer Room

Thursday, January 4:

Friday, January 5:

Saturday, January 6:

Sunday, January 7: NO Coffee & Donuts

FOUND 6:30 p.m., Martha Jane Room

Fr. Leo's column continued..

This Monday, January 1 is the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. This day is usually a holyday of obligation but since it falls on a Monday the obligation is abrogated and is not an obligation. But we will still have Mass and encourage you to celebrate with us as we usher in another year of God's grace. So our Mass schedule for January 1 is as follows:

Sunday, December 31: Mass at 5:00 p.m. Monday, January 1: Masses will be at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.

As we bring in this new year, 2024, I pray that God will continue to bless all of you; will strengthen your faith through the hardships and struggles of life; will give you hope when darkness fills your life; and that each of you will find the incarnate love of Jesus especially in the Church in which we worship. Happy and a Grace filled New Year. My prayer for you is found in our first reading for this Mass of the New Year:

May the Lord bless and keep you! May the Lord let His face shine upon you and be gracious to you!

May the Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: It was the end of the day when I parked my police van in front of the station. As I gathered my equipment, my K9 partner, Jake, was barking, and I saw a little boy staring in at me. "Is that a dog you got back there?" he asked.

"It sure is," I replied.

Puzzled, the boy looked at me and then towards the back of the van. Finally he said, "What'd he do?"

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.

Deacon Dennis Holbrook to Give Talk About Dving

Living a Christ-centered life means we can face suffering and death without fear. I pray that this talk will enlighten our perspective on this topic and how our relationship with God can truly help us approach the end of our earthly life. This talk will take place on Tuesday, January 2 at 7 p.m. in the St. Francis Parish Center. All are welcome to attend! Ray Wheeler will accompany us that evening with music and songs.

Quincy Catholic Charities Fundraiser

Save the date of April 6. Additional details coming soon!

Going Someplace Warmer for the Winter?

If you are going someplace warmer for the winter, please call the parish office at 222-3155 or email us at church@cospq.org to give us the dates you will be gone. We get charged for any returned bulk mailings (newsletters, envelopes, etc.)

WEEKLY COLLECTION Loose Collections Because of the Holiday. **Regular Collections** December 23/24 **Annual School Fund** collection will Holy Days be in next weekend's bulletin. Totals Total Budget Goal Difference

Diocesan Collections

Haiti Sister Parish Collections

Parish in Action

As we continue to prepare to launch the *Upon this Rock, the* Campaign to Build in Faith at St. Peter Capital Campaign, we wanted to provide a calendar outline for the campaign.

- · Campaign Kick-off ---- January, 2024
- · Active Fundraising January to March
- Follow up and celebration ➤ April

If you are looking to support the campaign with a year-end gift for tax purposes, the campaign and the parish would be grateful for your support. Please note that to maximize the success of the campaign, we use the following strategies:

- · Everyone will be asked to support the campaign.
- It's our intention to have personal, face-to-face visits with as many of our parishioners as possible.
- · We will ask for specific gifts to the campaign.
- Our goal is to challenge everyone to consider a significant, proportional gift.



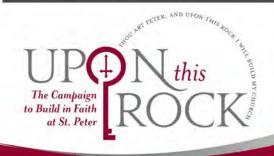
The campaign will be sending

Upon this Rock, the Campaign to Build in Faith

at St. Peter information and educational

communications, and an appeal letter, to

each household in January, 2024.



Questions about the campaign? Please call the Parish Office at 217/222-3155 and ask for the campaign office.





SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2024 2:30 - 4:30 P.M. 110 N. 6TH STREET IN QUINCY

Grab a date or a group of friends and join us for a fun afternoon of fellowship! Take advantage of this opportunity to spend some quality time together. Light snacks will be provided and the first FIVE couples to arrive will each receive a free drink on us!

Need More Info? Or to phone in RSVP, Call 217.214.0187 SCAN QR CODE TO RSVP







Rest in Peace

May the souls of



Catherine Darlene Doyle and Eleanor Hubble

sing praises with the Angels in Heaven forever.

Social Concerns Collection

Social Concerns will be collecting new or gently used: adult & kids gloves & hats, adult & kids socks, bedding (comforters, blankets, sheets, mattress covers) next weekend, January 6-7 for the 1st Sunday collection for the Ladies of Charity. Containers will be located in the Narthex. Thank you in advance!

No Coffee & Donuts in January

Because of the QND Breakfast, we will not have coffee & donuts in January.

Online Giving Starting January 1, 2024 STARTING January 1, 2024, St. Peter has partnered with Pushpay to create an easy way to make online contributions to the Church, School, or Haiti. Please use QRCode or Pushpay link below to start your yearly giving. Any questions please contact the parish office.



St Peter Church, Quincy IL Church Fund - 8288 https://ppay.co/FvPhlqbEhY0

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SAVE THE DATE ENTEN PARISH MISSION

FEBRUARY 24-26, 2024

- Begins during all Weekend Masses on 2/24 and 2/25
- **Continues with Parish Mission Conferences** on 2/25 and 2/26 at 6:30 p.m. in the Church
- A reception will follow on 2/26 in the Cafeteria
- · Childcare available for children age 1 and older



Call 217,222,3155 for more information ST. PETER CHURCH



Please keep the following in your prayers:

- ~Valerie Fox Ortball
- ~Bonnie Haubrich
- ~Donna Schutte ~Charlotte Siebers
- ~Kathy Schuckman
- ~John & Barb Meyer
- ~Hunter Hildebrand
- ~Kristopher Schreacke
- ~Alden & Joyce Shipp
- ~Norma Johnson
- ~Natalie Meyer
- ~Diane Zoller
- ~Nancy Bohan

- ~Mary Lavery
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- ~Weston Harvey
- ~Lorna Shade ~Liem Thanh Mai
- ~Mario Camacho
- ~Ted Kemner ~Amv Seibert

~Steve Hull

~Anonymous

~Dan Dailing

~Julie Eftink

~Jo Buckley

~Joan Wilson

~Ed Berry

~Elias Erd

~lan 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.

January 2024 Usher Schedule

Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Mass

Lead Usher: Sonny Laird Ushers: Rick Halter, Andrew Meyer,

Ted Siebers, Mark Wiewel Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Mass

Lead Usher: Dale Venvertloh Ushers: Jerry Holzgrafe.

Nathan Koetters, John Liesen, Lawrence Terwelp

Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Mass

Lead Usher: Harold Ellerbrock Ushers: Matt George,

John Johannes, Eric Kasparie, Trent Lepper

Sunday, 11:00 a.m. Mass

Lead Usher: Tom Strieker Ushers: Jerry Eberhardt,

Gary Frericks, Stephen Gramke, Tim Haubrich

January 2024 EMHC Schedule

Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Mass - Lou Anderson (1), Marilena Frier (2) Amy Johannessen (3), Ruth Koch (4), Mary Oakley (5), Tim Oitker (6)

Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Mass - Dave & Sue Kuhl (1 & 2), George McDonnell (3), Nick Moran (4), Jeff Norton (5), Gary Zanger (6)

Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Mass - Anne Gibleon Rose Ann Huber (2), Ray Koenig (3), Mike Schwartz (4), Ronda Wand (5), Kari Weisenberger (6)

Sunday, 11:00 a.m. Mass - Jessica Beaston (1), J. Michael Haubrich (2), Jennifer Kewney (3), Sonya Krause (4), Julie Radel (5), Kim Strieker (6)

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.

QND Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

The Annual OND Pancake and Sausage Breakfast will be Sunday, January 7 from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the QND cafeteria. The cost is \$9.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. (Children under 5 eat free). All proceeds benefit the Catholic Heart Workcamp trip this summer.

Men's Cursillo #365

Men's Cursillo #365 will be held January 18-21 at the Franciscan Retreat Center in Quincy. Cost of the weekend is \$185.00 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 www.quincycursillo.com and "applications" and print one.

Catholics Returning Home

St. Francis Solanus Parish will offer a six-week series entitled "Catholics Returning Home" beginning Wednesday, January 3, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall, located on the north side of the church at 17th and College Avenue. It will run for six consecutive Wednesday evenings and will conclude on February 7. The sessions are for non-practicing Catholics who are seeking answers to questions about returning to the Church. If you know someone who has left the Church, please invite them to join us.

For more information, call Deacon Wayne Zimmerman, 217-430-7792.

F O U N D

Next Meeting
Dodgeball
January 7
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Drop Off & Pick Up - Martha Jane Room

All 7th, 8th, & 9th graders & their friends welcome!



Saints Alive! January 21 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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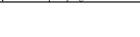
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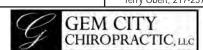


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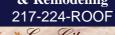
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