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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.

First Sunday of Advent DECEMBER 1, 2024

Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:12–4:2; Luke 21:25-28,34-36

The First Sunday of Advent is often thought of as the beginning of the Church year. A good case can be made for thinking of Easter as the real beginning of newness. But at least, today, we begin a new series of Scripture readings.

During this new liturgical year, outside of Lent and Easter, our Gospel readings for the most part will be taken from the Gospel according to Luke. (This past liturgical year they were taken from Mark; next liturgical year they will be taken from Matthew.)

Advent means "Coming." We renew our hope in the three "Comings" of Christ: His Coming in history (at Bethlehem and in his public life); his Coming in mystery (in each Eucharist and moment of grace); and his Coming in majesty (the "Second Coming" or Parousia at the end of the world).

Advent is a time of preparation, of hope, and of joy. We prepare for Christmas by realizing its true meaning. We also prepare for the Coming of the Lord in Holy Communion and in each moment of grace. And we must prepare for his final Coming by living each day as if it may be our last.

We renew our hope. God has not abandoned us! He sent his Son to save us; he has sent his Spirit into our hearts; nothing can ever separate us from the love of God. Our attitude toward this world and toward life must always be different because Christ has come, will come, and does come!

Finally, if we become a people of hope, we can also be a people of joy even though there is still suffering in the world. We do our best to care for those in need, but when we are helpless we still proclaim hope and joy: For everlasting joy awaits all of us in heaven.

During the Advent season, part of our preparation is to deny ourselves certain "liturgical joys" as we prepare for the great festival of Christmas. The organ and other instruments are not played solo, and are used only if needed to sustain the singing. Flowers are not permitted in church during Advent, except on the Third Sunday. The "Glory to God" is omitted from Advent Masses. These are reminders of the glorious joy which will come on Christmas.

It is difficult to think of preparation and hope when the world is already celebrating Christmas. But somehow we must realize that preparation is necessary if we truly appreciate the Coming of the Lord.

Our first reading speaks of a "righteous shoot" which shall come from David. This surely contradicted the experience of God's people with centuries of worthless descendants of David! The second reading is Paul's hope that the Lord strengthen us so that we shall always be prepared for the glorious Coming of the Lord. The Gospel is taken from Jesus' Eschatological Sermon – the Sermon on the Last Things. If the world were to end today, would we be ready for Christ's Coming?

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The Parish of St. Peter Quincy, IL

~Mass Intentions~

December 2-8, 2024

- 2. Monday 8:00 a.m. Joseph Ley
- **3. Tuesday 8:00 a.m.** Dale Tangy
- 4. Wednesday 8:30 a.m. Sherrie Craven
- 5. Thursday 8:00 a.m. Isabelle Daly
- 6. Friday 8:00 a.m. Dan Frericks
- 7. Saturday 8:00 a.m. Mary Nell Meyer
- 7. Saturday 5:00 p.m. Fr. Mike Grawe OFM
- 8. Sunday 8:00 a.m. Bob & Eileene Anderson
- 8. Sunday 9:30 a.m. Robert Deters
- 8. Sunday 11:00 a.m. Our Parish Family
- 8. Sunday 6:00 p.m. Herb Steinkamp

- 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 1, 2024

Dear Parishioners,

As we begin this new month of December, the Church also begins a new liturgical season called Advent. According to the "ordo," which is the pastoral guide to the liturgy of the Church, "Advent has a two-fold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise 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. This Advent time then is a period of four weeks and the official color is violet.

During this Advent time, most Churches and homes make use of the Advent wreath. This wreath consists of four candles, three being violet, and the fourth being rose colored. The following blessing may be used in your homes as you bless your wreath:

"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. We ask this through Christ our Lord." Amen! (The first candle is then lighted)

Often times the Advent season is filled with much activity from parties to shopping. It is difficult to find time to pray, to use this season to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. Because of the busy-ness in life, St. Peter Church is providing a grace moment for the women of our parish and surrounding area. At 7:00 p.m. Sunday evening, December 1, there will be an opportunity for reflection, music, prayer, and fellowship as we prepare our hearts for Advent. Those in attendance will hear a speaker, Kristina Radley from Wentzville, Missouri, who will share her faith with all those in attendance. She is a dynamic speaker and will provide insights from a woman to women. Still time to RSVP to Lyn at l.strieker@cospq.org or call her at 217-316-4590.

Hopefully many of you will continue taking part in our 2024 Giving Wreath initiative. This project allows St. Peter parishioners to help out those in our community who are less fortunate. Local organizations send the needs of their people to us through a tag that will be on a table in the narthex. Parishioners choose one or two, wrap the gifts with the tags attached, and then will leave them in the narthex where these local organizations will pick them up on December 16. This is one way that we reflect our stewardship to the community and often bring a smile to the face of many people who are often neglected.

St. Peter School will be celebrating an Advent Service in Church this Monday, December 2, at 1:15 p.m. Parents and parishioners are invited to attend. Then on Tuesday morning, December 3, we will be celebrating Reconciliation Services for all of our students from about 8:45 –11:45 a.m. A number of priests will be present for individual confessions.

The School of St. Peter



Week of December 1, 2024 A Message from Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh

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

WELCOMING OUR NEW HOUSE MEMBERS DURING THE ALL SCHOOL HOUSE ASSEMBLY









We celebrated with our houses by welcoming the new students and staff who joined us for the school year. Students shared in activities to learn more about each other during the assembly in our newly renovated gym.





SCHOOL MENU

Monday: Sausage pizza, broccoli, yogurt, fruit.

Tuesday: Sausage/egg biscuit, hash brown, veggie juice, fruit. Wednesday: Meatballs, bosco stick, romaine salad, fruit. Thursday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, corn, fruit. Friday: Hot dog on bun, chips, carrots, fruit.

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

THE ADVENT SEASON IS UPON US

Monday, December 2: Advent Prayer Service at 1:15 in the church.

Tuesday, December 3: Kindergarten Christmas with Santa at QND 6:00-7:30.

Wednesday, December 4: 8:30 Children's Mass—7th grade in charge.

Thursday, December 5:

Friday, December 6: HOUSE lunch day—wear your House Shirts with dress code bottoms.

Saturday, December 7: Annual Kindergarten Gingerbread House making Day!

Mark your Calendars: December 20: Grandparent's Day 8:30-11:30.

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Mark Your Calendar	Project Rachel		
Monday, December 2:	Help for women and men to heal from the pain or abortion. For assistance call 1-877-RACHEL-5.		
Tuesday, December 3: -OCIA 7:00 p.m., <i>Martha Jane Room</i>	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		
Wednesday, December 4: -Ladies Cursillo 1:30 p.m., <i>Fr. Bauer Prayer Room</i> -PSR 6:30 p.m., <i>School</i>	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.		
Thursday, December 5:			
Friday, December 6:	Fourth Day Renewal Consider attending a Fourth Day Renewal to deepen your		
Saturday, December 7:	spiritual journey. If you have ever attended a Cursillo		
Sunday, December 8: -Vigil Mass at 6:00 p.m. -FOUND 6:30 p.m., <i>Martha Jane Room</i>	weekend, you are invited to attend. All are welcome - couples, singles, widowed, divorced, male and female. This 24 hours can be a real gift from God to you and a re-fueling of your Piety, Study, and Action. The December weekend is December 6-7 (7 p.m. Friday to 7 p.m. Saturday) and is held at the Franciscan Retreat Center, Quincy, II. Cost is \$55 per person. To learn more and to register online, go to <u>https://</u> www.quincycursillo.com/applications/fourth-day-renewal/, or contact Emily Goodapple, 217-242-8802.		
Monday, December 9: -Holy Day Masses at 8:30 a.m. (NO 8:00 a.m.), 12:10 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.			
	2025 Calendars		
Fr. Leo's column continued I want to remind everyone that the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is celebrated on December 8 each year. Since this Solemnity happens to fall on a Sunday this year, this Solemnity is then moved to Monday, December 9. It had been the custom that when this happens, the obligation to attend Mass was lifted on that day. However, this is no longer the case so that this Solemnity whenever it is celebrated will have the obligation to attend Mass on that day. We will publish our Mass schedules next bulletin.	We now have the new 2025 calendars in the Narthex. Please take one. If you know someone in a nursing home, or that is staying at home right now, please take one for them.		
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ON THE LIGHTER SIDE :	WEEKLY COLLECTION		
A man walked into a bar, sat down, and ordered a club soda. As he sipped the soda, he heard a soothing voice		November 24	Total to Date
say, "nice tie."	Loose Collections	\$1,098.20	\$24,116.21
Looking around, he noticed that the bar was empty except for himself and the bartender at the end of	Regular Collections	\$34,137.91	\$581,840.86
the bar. A few sips later, the voice said, "beautiful shirt."	Annual School Fund	\$7,001.00	\$175,432.48
At this, the man called the bartender over.	Holy Days	\$60.00	\$8,134.47
"Hey, I must be losing my mind," he told the bartender. I keep hearing these voices saying nice things, and	Totals	\$42,297.11	\$789,524.02
there's not a soul in here but us."	Total Budget Goal	\$32,000.00	\$672,000.00
"It's the peanuts," answered the bartender. "Say what?" replied the man in disbelief.	Difference	\$10,297.11	\$117,524.02
"You heard me," said the barkeep. "It's the			
peanutsthey're complimentary."	Diocesan Collections Justice & Hope: \$342.00		
2025 parish calendars are still available in the		Comoto-i Acc	
2025 parish calendars are still available in the narthex of the Church. Take as many as you want especially making sure that our shut-in's have one.	Catholic	cemeteries: \$69 ter Parish Colle	6.00

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Collected \$790.00

Parish in Action



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December, 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

In the coming weeks, our parishes will take up the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. This campaign is crucial, benefiting more than 24,000 elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have been faithful servants within the Church, devoting their lives to service.

As I reflect on their ministry, I am grateful for the impact these women and men religious have had on our faith journeys. Their devoted service has impacted our diocese, inspiring and guiding us as we grow in faith.

Most senior religious worked many years for little pay, leaving their religious communities with a shortage of retirement savings. Rising healthcare costs and decreased income compound the challenge to meet day-to-day needs for medications, nursing assistance, and other necessities.

Your contributions to the Retirement Fund for Religious play a vital role in providing necessary financial support. This support enables religious communities to care for their aging members while ensuring that the younger generation can carry forward the invaluable work of their elders.

Please consider contributing when asked and giving what you are able. Above all, I ask for your prayers for God's continued blessings on all our women and men religious, who keep you in their prayers as well.

Together, let us support the many religious women and men who have made enormous contributions to our Church and to the world.

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

2024 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 28 through December 8**. 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 14 and 15**. The local organizations will pick up their gifts on December 16, so NO gifts delivered after December 15. This will replace the Social Concerns 1st Sunday collection for December. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

St. Peter Social Concerns Christmas Cookie Sale - Bakers! December 14 & 15

We need your help! Bake a batch of Christmas cookies for this special fundraiser. Bring Cookies to the Cafeteria on that SATURDAY (12/14) after 2:00 p.m. or on SUNDAY (12/15) 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!

Christmas Decorations (Please print legibly)

To make a donation (\$10.00) for Christmas poinsettias & decorations in memory of a loved one, please put money in a plain envelope labeled "Christmas Decorations" by Sunday, December 15, or email church@cospg.org.

A Donation for Christmas Decorations

Given by:_____

In Memory of: _____

Holy Day Mass Schedule

Immaculate Conception Mass schedule is as follows: Sunday, 12/8, 6:00 p.m. Monday, 12/9, 8:30 a.m. (school), 12:10 p.m., 6:00 p.m. ** Note: We will not have 8:00 a.m. Mass on that Monday

EMHC & Usher Sign Up for the Holy Day Masses

We need Eucharistic ministers and ushers for the Holy Day on December 8 & 9. Please signup in the Narthex if you can help. Thank you!

Don't Forget to Turn in Your Commitment Card

We're still in the midst of our annual Stewardship Renewal. If you haven't returned your Commitment Card or completed one online at the parish website, www.cospq.org, it is NOT too late. Returning your card is an important part of being an active member of St. Peter Church. Please take this opportunity to discern how God is calling you to grow closer to Him this year.

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study Topic: "Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled" by Jeff Cavins and Dr. Jeffrey Morrow. <u>When:</u> Every Tuesday starting January 14 – March 11. <u>Time:</u> 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 December 15 so we can order materials. Cost will be \$28 (study guide). Please also contact Gina by December 15 if you need childcare with the number of children and their ages.

Women's Advent by Candlelight

All are invited to share in an evening of reflection, music, prayer and fellowship as we prepare our hearts for Advent. It will be held December 1 at 7:00 p.m. We will be joined by speaker Kristina Radley from Wentzville. She is a wife and mom with a passion for Jesus that she shares dynamically. RSVP to Lyn at I.strieker@cospq.org or 217-316-4590.

Quincy Notre Dame Pom Basketball Camp

Friday, December 6 - 5:30 p.m. to the End of Varsity Boys Halftime Who: Girls in Preschool - 8th Grade. (Ages 3 and up)

When: Friday, December 6 Check in @ 5:30-5:45 p.m. in the QND main Lobby

Where: QND Multipurpose Room, 10th and Jackson

Please keep the following in your prayers: **~Kristopher Schreacke ~Emmett Hertle**

~Isabella Benner

~Hunter Hildebrand

~Kathy Schuckman

~Alden & Joyce Shipp

Cost: \$30 - includes t shirt, pizza & snack, and admission into the game

TO GUARANTEE T-shirt size Register by Friday, November 29 extra t-shirts will be available the night of camp but cannot guarantee size and quantity. Questions: Contact Coach Jennifer Duesterhaus at <u>qndpomcoaches@gmail.com</u> Pre-registration not required but recommended.

~Amy Seibert

~Mary Lavery

~Ken Althoff

~Terri May

~Jo Buckley

~Julie Eftink

~Nancy Bohan

Baptisms Regan Elise Howard,

daughter of John Howard & Amanda (Bergman) Kuehl, was made a child of God through the reception of the sacrament of Baptism on Saturday, November 23.

Camden Edward Rabe,

son of Josh & Debra (Meyer) Rabe, was made a child of God through the reception of the sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, November 24, 2024.

Job Openings at St. Peter Church & School Full-time Director of Liturgy and Music

The Director of Liturgy and Music is responsible for overseeing all aspects of the parish's liturgical life. This person, a professional who holds specialized credentials in music and has a thorough understanding of Roman Catholic liturgy, serves the parish as principal musician, organist/ pianist, and choir director. This person of faith is responsible for the technology in the church and effective planning, coordination, and execution of both the rituals and music for the parish liturgies.

Part-time Cafeteria Manager

The Cafeteria Manager will be responsible for reporting and providing State approved meals for the school lunch program. Other duties included but are not limited to cooking, managing employee schedules, and maintaining a clean, safe, and welcoming environment for staff and students.

Part-time Parish Nurse

A Parish Nurse will work as a liaison for St. Peter parishioners who are home bound, nursing home residents, or hospital patients. Offering physical, emotional, and spiritual support to individuals and families.

For more information contact St Peter Parish office, 217-222-3155 or email <u>k.smith@cospq.org</u>.

Adoration Chapel Open Hours

"Adoration is a sign of devotion to and worship of Jesus Christ under the appearance of the consecrated host." Come spend time in prayer with Jesus.

We have had numerous people step up and take an hour and we are grateful!! Please pray about taking an hour at the Adoration Chapel.

OPEN Hours that are available are:

Wednesday: 2 a.m., 3 a.m.

Thursday: Midnight (week 2,4,5), 1 a.m. (weeks 2,4,5) Friday: 1 a.m., 1 p.m. (week 4), 6 p.m. every other week Saturday: 1 a.m., 2 a.m.

Ask a friend, spouse, sibling....to join you in taking an hour or share the time slot! Please call Mary Voorhis 217-653-3127 or call or text Jean Anne Cook at 217-430-6967.

St. Anthony Parish Mission

St. Anthony Church Advent Parish Mission will be held on the evenings of 12/12-12/14 with Sister Clementia Toalson, FSGM who was born and raised in Hannibal, Mo and now works for the Diocese of Springfield, IL in the Office for Catholic Education as the Parish Liason for the Restored Order will lead the mission. Through the lens of joy in suffering, Sister brings hope and humor to places which are vulnerable and tender. She enjoys meeting people within the "stuff" of life, most often with a coffee cup in hand.

Save The Date

Save the date for June 1, 2025 for a celebration of Fr. Leo's 50th anniversary of his Ordination. More details to follow in the future.







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