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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 Pre aration:

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 oin 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.

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary 7ime JULY 20, 2025

Genesis 18:1-10a; Colossians 1:24-28; Luke 10:38-42

In the nomadic culture of the ancient Middle East, hospitality was the principal virtue. Even an enemy had to be treated as a brother as long as he was under your tent. In the first reading, Abraham shows this kind of hospitality to three "strangers." He was rewarded by the promise that his free wife, Sarah, would have a son.

But, as important as hospitality was, Jesus says that there is something even more important: Listening to and reflecting on his word are more important than the details of hospitality.

Someone must do the cooking and cleaning up. We must never permit others to work while we play. But when a friend visits, we should pay attention to the friend, and not to minute details of hospitality. How much more should we pay attention to our friend, Jesus, who is always with us? Martha is the ideal church worker; Mary is the ideal disciple.

The second reading teaches the value of our crosses when offered in union with Christ. We are one with him in the Mystical Body, the Church. Our words, works, and prayers, take on a new and infinite dimension when offered through and with Christ.

We participate in the very redemptive act of his cross. In this reading, Paul also marvels at the great "mystery" of God's mercy. Jews hated non-Jews (Gentiles), and non-Jews (Gentiles) hated Jews. The "mystery" is that God has brought the two together in Jesus Christ.



The Parish of St. Peter Quincy, IL

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 20, 2025

Dear Parishioners,

As I reflect upon our gospel reading for today, I just think that this particular gospel humanizes Jesus. What it tells me is that Jesus needed fellow human beings in whom he could trust, find support, and draw strength. He wasn't so independent that he didn't need other humans to keep him in touch with human feelings like compassion, love, and even humor. And these human feelings I imagine were found in his friendship with Martha, Mary, and their brother, Lazarus. And so we find Jesus entering the village in which His friends lived, for an occasional visit. I can also imagine that Jesus smiled many times as He heard the sisters complain about each other as they talked with him on the shortcomings of their siblings. In this particular instance, we hear Martha, complaining to Jesus, "Lord do you not care that my sister has left me by myself, to do the serving? Tell her to help me." Apparently Mary was sitting beside Jesus at His feet listening to Him speak. Jesus in His wisdom and understanding of sibling rivalry responds, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." Martha has legitimate complaints against her sister. There might have been others that accompanied Jesus so there was a little stress trying to show hospitality to all the guests. But Martha missed a major point. Hospitality means that we show proper attention to those who are apart of our lives. We see them as individuals needing attention rather than just fulfilling physical needs. This is what Martha seemed to have been missing with making sure that Jesus' physical needs were being filled rather than focusing on listening to what He was sharing.

Speaking of hospitality, I want to welcome on behalf of our parish, Fr. Varghese Aratukulam, a priest of the diocese of Alleppey, India. He is in our parish this weekend to make an appeal for our assistance in the ministry of his diocese. Once again we are being asked to be stewards and to share our prayer and our treasures with others who are less fortunate. We are being asked to be the Martha's who listen to this appeal and then respond with generous hearts to what will be asked. Envelopes will be in the pews. After all, we are a missionary Church and we do have a mission to come to the assistance of brothers and sisters throughout the world who are in need. I ask that you welcome him as we normally do and respond generously to his appeal. May God bless him, his efforts, and each of you.

Also to let you know, we will be switching the time of Mass on Wednesdays from 8:30 a.m. to 8:20 a.m. to accommodate our grade school schedule. This will take effect on Wednesday, August 27. Please adjust. Thank you!

Also, I know that picnic tickets have been sent out to our parishioners. It is hard to believe that our annual parish picnic is just a month away, as it will be held on Saturday, August 23. Please make sure that you have sent in your raffle tickets with the money for the raffle. The picnic will be a little different with all the construction taking place but we will adapt to the circumstances. Please plan on joining us and enjoying our parish community. We are always looking for workers so if you haven't been assigned, let our chairpersons know.

~Mass Intentions~

July 21-27, 2025

21. Monday 8:00 a.m.
Luke Mayfield

22. Tuesday 8:00 a.m. Dan Barry

23. Wednesday 8:30 a.m. Michael Flynn

24. Thursday 8:00 a.m. Paul Poore

25. Friday 8:00 a.m. Dan Frericks

26. Saturday 8:00 a.m. Jeanette Noel

26. Saturday 5:00 p.m.Joan Whitney Whitcomb

27. Sunday 8:00 a.m.Bob & Eileene Anderson

27. Sunday 9:30 a.m.Pat Ellerbrock

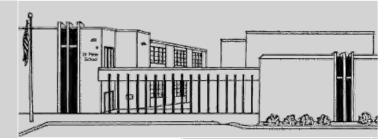
27. Sunday 11:00 a.m. Our Parish Family

— 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 July 20, 2025

A Message from Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh

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

PARENT SUMMER LETTER

Be on the lookout for the summer letter that is sent to all school families in the form of an email. Although it is lengthy, please be sure to take time to read it as well as to click on all of the attachments. This is an important letter that notifies our parents of the important details for the start of the school year.

Families will be informed of your child's homeroom placement soon. Be sure to check your emails. (If you do not receive an email please be sure to contact the school office at 217-223-1120 or email Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh at c.venvertloh@cospq.org.)

It is hard to believe that our first day of school is less than a month away!

WE WELCOME MS. LINDA HUMESTON TO THE ST. PETER SCHOOL STAFF

Ms. Linda Humeston is now part of our St. Peter School family. She will be one of our treasured teachers' aides.

Ms. Humeston has three sons, five grandchildren and one great granddaughter. She enjoys watching the Golden State Warriors basketball team!

Ms. Humeston previously worked at Quincy Junior High School as a special education para for eight years. She is looking forward to working as a teacher aide at St. Peter as she has always enjoyed working with children.



SEWING TEACHER NEEDED

Do you love sewing? Would you like to share your skills with students who want to learn how to sew? We are looking for a sewing teacher to teach 7th and 8th graders in an Elective class this school year.

4 days a week – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday from 1:45 – 2:35 p.m. \$25.00 per class. Contact Chris Reichert at 217-223-1120 or c.reichert@cospq.org.



Don't Forget to READ this summer!



Summer Hours

Closed July 23

We will be back in the office on Wednesday, July 30 from 9:00-2:00p.m.

(Please check the bulletin weekly for changes.)

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, July 21:

Tuesday, July 22:

Wednesday, July 23:

Thursday, July 24:

Friday, July 25:

Saturday, July 26:

Sunday, July 27:

Fr. Leo's column continued..

In the past several months, we have been doing our best to update our school gym. This update included a new gym floor, which was necessary as we discovered some potential hazards in the flooring. Of recent date, we also updated our sound system which has been great and will be quite an addition to any type of gatherings. Finally, this summer we painted the walls, giving our gym a new and fresh look. Come by any time and see the finishing touch. All of this has been possible because of the stewardship of this parish family.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:

This guy was walking along the beach one day and ran across a lamp. He picked it up and a genie popped out. The genie told him he would grant the man three wishes.

"First," the guy began, "I'd like a million dollars."

Poof! A million dollars was suddenly piled around his feet.

"Second," he continued, "I'd like a new Mercedes."

Poof! A Mercedes appeared in front of him, engine idling. The man threw the money in the car ready to drive off to the bank.

"Wait," the genie called, "You have one more wish!" The guy smirked, "I'd like to be irresistible to women." Poof! He turned into a box of chocolates.

Mags. Les J. Enlow

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.

Quincy Catholic Youth Bowling Night

Quincy Catholic Youth Bowling Night will be held on Monday, July 21, 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Tangerine Bowl. Two games & shoes free. Food & drink for purchase. Open for 6-12th grade. Sponsored by St. Francis, St. Peter, Blessed Sacrament, and St. Anthony. Call/text Grant at 217-602-9293 with questions.



Quincy Deanery Women's Summer Gathering

Quincy Deanery Council of Catholic Women's Summer Gathering will be held Wednesday, August 13 at Holy Family Parish in Mt. Sterling. Theme:" Woman as daughter, sister, bride, and Mother "Featured speaker: Sr. M. Clementia Toalson, FSGM, Springfield Diocese Catholic Education, Evangelization and Faith Formation. Registration 7:45-8:30 Cost \$10. Mass 8:30 with Adoration before and the rosary. 10:00 a.m. breakfast, meeting and Lunch. Ends approximately 2:00 p.m. Questions, contact Claudia: rccogg@adams.net, 217-653-6716.

Online Giving Now Available

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. https://pushpay.com/g/stpeterquincy



St Peter Church, Quincy IL. Church Fund - 6288 http://poe.com/r/Polections/

WEEKLY COLLECTION

	July 12	Total to Date
Loose Collections	\$1,121.01	\$2,428.01
Regular Collections	\$25,425.00	\$53,358.56
Annual School Fund	\$3,498.00	\$9,811.00
Holy Days	\$0.00	\$10.00
Totals	\$30,044.01	\$65,607.57
Total Budget Goal	\$32,000.00	\$64,000.00
Difference	(\$1,955.99)	\$1,607.57

Diocesan Collections

Retired Dio. Priests: \$75.00 Catholic Home Mission: \$20.00

Haiti Sister Parish Collections

Collected \$527.00

Parish in Action

Mission Appeal for the Diocese of Alleppey (India)

The Diocese of Alleppey, situated in southwest India, nurtures a Catholic population of 166,870 within a total of 1,260,970 residents. In this densely populated region, 75% of the people are poor fishermen, who continue to practice traditional fishing, making a humble living off their daily catch. Challenges such as sea erosion and seasonal storms frequently disrupt their lives, yet the diocese remains steadfast in its mission to uplift the poor. Through numerous welfare projects led by parishes and social service ministries, the Light of Christ reaches all, transcending caste and religion.

The lack of government health programs has left families facing terminal illnesses in increasingly dire situations, with cancer cases on the rise. Assisi Hospice and Palliative Care Center of the Diocese remains the only facility providing free support to terminal patients—but it is struggling to keep up with growing demand. Your generous donations through the Mission Coop Program will help expand our hospice center and extend critical services to those who need them most. Fr. Varghese Aratukulam from the Diocese of Alleppey will be present on July 19-20 to share more about these urgent needs. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.





Dear PSR Parents

We need to prepare for the PSR 2025-2026 school year. Please let us know if your students will attend so we can order supplies. Applications are available on the table in the Narthex. You can place them in the collection basket or take them to the Rectory.

If you have any questions, please contact Gina Wolf, PSR Coordinator at 217-257-9966 or email g.wolf@cospq.org.

We look forward to seeing you and your children at PSR in the fall. Your prompt response will help in planning a successful start to the school year. Thank you for your cooperation regarding your child's religious education. Blessings, Gina Wolf

EMHC for Homebound

We are looking for Eucharistic Ministers to take communion to the homebound on weekends either approximately monthly or as a substitute. Please email parishnurse@cospq.org if you are interested.

St. Anthony Adoration for Priests

There will be an hour of Adoration for Priests followed by Benediction at St. Anthony of Padua Church, 2223 St. Anthony Road, Quincy, Illinois on July 20 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. All are invited to come and pray for your Priests.

White House Men's and Women's Annual Retreat Seeking God

"Come away by yourselves to a deserted (quiet place) and I will give you rest." Mark 6:31. Join the men of our parish signing up for the 2025 Annual Silent Retreat at the White House Retreat Center in St. Louis: starting Monday, September 29, 12:00 p.m. ending Thursday, October 2 12:00 p.m.

Recharge your spiritual batteries: no one plans to push God aside, but sometimes in the craziness of life that is what happens. Deadline is August 15, 2025. Call or email your name and phone# for your reservation Now.

John Venegoni at 217-430-2234, jvenegoni6808@comcast.net

The Women's White House Annual Silent Retreat Starts Monday, October 6, 2025 ending Thursday, October 9. Deadline is August 21, 2025. Call or email your name and phone # for your reservation NOW.

Debra Schulte at 217-430-5144, dschulte2424@gmail.com

Meals on Wheels

Become a volunteer today. Whether you can give an hour a week, or more, every bit helps. If volunteering with Meals on Wheels fits into your schedule, contact me for more information. Contact: Briana Glas, brianaglas@wcian.org, office: 217-592-3653, cell: 217-242-4181.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

~Kristopher Schreacke ~Elias Erd

~Amy Seibert

~Isabella Benner ~Hunter Hildebrand ~Kathy Schuckman

~Terri May ~Mary Lavery ~Ken Althoff

~Jo Buckley ~Nancy Bohan ~Julie Eftink

~Joyce Shipp ~Donna Schutte ~John Douglas Holford

~Chervl Liesen

~John & Barb Meyer ~Bill Morrison ~Elizabeth Topf

~Sarah Sturhahn Stegeman ~Julia Maas ~Maria (Eberhardt) Sparrow ~Mike Schuttler ~Ellie Peters

~Lori Eaton ~Pat Arnold

~Linda Mettemeyer ~lan Mehaffy

~Don McCleary ~Anonymous

~Anonymous

~Bonnie Haubrich ~Dave & Bryce Shank ~Winnie Vogel

~Emmett Hertle ~Liem Thanh Mai

~Drake Willing

~Tom Friye ~Rinley Barry

To have a name added to this list, please call the Parish Office

Adoration Chapel Open Hours

Did you know that the Adoration Chapel has been a vital part of Quincy located at the St Peters Campus since October 1987. We are trying to get the chapel open again 24/7 but WE NEED YOU.

Are you looking for an uninterrupted quiet hour alone with the Lord once a month or every week? Doesn't everyone need an hour with the Lord? We need you and are asking for your assistance in getting the hours below filled!

Wednesday: 9 a.m. (weeks 1,3,5), 2 p.m.

Thursday: midnight (1,3), 1 a.m. (1,3) & (2,4,5), 6 a.m.,

5 p.m. (2,4), 9 p.m. (1,3)

Friday: 1 p.m. (3,5), 11 p.m.

Saturday: midnight-1:30 a.m. (week 1)

Please consider an hour in the Adoration Chapel. Contact Mary at 217-653-3127 or Jean Anne at 217-430-6967.

St. Peter Back to School Help Fair 2025

Socks and Underwear Donations: Return the items, with the coded label affixed to the front of the package(s), to St. Peter Church on either July 19-20 or July 26-27. Thank you for your generosity. Questions - please call Mary Christensen 217-257-1403.

Clothing donations: Please help out our ministry this summer with donations. When you are cleaning out closets this summer consider donating gently used school aged (Pre-K through high school) clothing and shoes. Bring the items to less Elementary located at 3111 North 12th Street. There is a tote at the front of the building for donations. This tote will be available for drop off items from June 1 - August 1. Questions about donations - please call Mary at 217-257-1403.

St. Peter Church Summer Choir

The St. Peter Church Summer Choir Opportunities will be offered on July 20 and August 3. Rehearsals will begin at 8:30 a.m. in the parish choir room, located to the side of the cafeteria, followed by 9:30 a.m. Mass. Any high school or adult parishioners are welcome! For more information and/or to RSVP, please contact Jesse Mose, Director of Music & Liturgy at J.mose@cospq.org.

OND Boys Soccer Camp

The QND Boys Soccer Team will be hosting their annual summer camp for incoming Kindergarten - 6th grade boys July 28 - 31. Come learn soccer skills and have some fun with your friends. Please go to the website below to complete the google form to register. Please register by July 15 to guarantee a t-shirt. Let's Go Raiders! https://www.quincynotredame.org/qnd-summer-camps-events/

9th Annual DJ Memorial Golf Tournament

The 9th Annual DJ Memorial Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, August 9 at Spring Lake Country Club in Quincy. Registration & lunch at Noon, shotgun start at 1:00 p.m. Register online today at 7memorialgolf.com or on Facebook at "7memorialgolf". \$100 per person, \$400 per team. Scramble format. All proceeds help fund the DJ Venvertloh Memorial Scholarship, honoring DJ and QND's commitment to hard work and dedication.

Mass Times While Traveling

On vacation and want to find the Mass times for the nearest church? The oldest and best place to find Mass Times is at MassTimes.org.

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Next Meeting

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Meet in the Martha Jane Room

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



Saints Alive! **TBD** 3:00-4:30 p.m.

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 the fun! Please check Facebook for updates.



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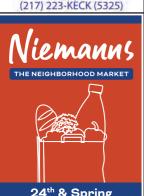
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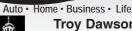
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