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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 8:20 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.

## Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

NOVEMBER 23, 2025

2 Samuel 5:1-3; Colossians 1:12-20;  
Luke 23:35-43

Who is Jesus? What does he mean in your life? We call him *Messiah* or *Christ*; do these words mean anything to you personally? We call him *Savior*, *Redeemer*, and *Lord*. What effect does this have in your life? In the Scriptures, he is called *Son of David*, *Son of God*, and *Son of Man*. Are these just words, or do they have a meaning for you?

The Church gropes for ways to express the mystery of Jesus, the Christ. Each *title* for Jesus should have some meaning for our lives. Today we use the title *king*. This title may have little relevance in our democratic world. But by this title, we seek to recognize that Jesus is the heart and center of our lives; we live for him; we find the meaning of all things in him; we accept his rule over our lives, and we live by his code of morality. It means that we strive to follow his will and to serve him in everything we think, say, and do.

Our first reading describes the anointing of David as King of Israel (c. 1000 B.C.) The words *Messiah* and *Christ* mean *Anointed One*. As David was anointed king, so Jesus is anointed to be King over all peoples. The Gospel does not show the glory of kingship. Jesus is dying on the cross. He does not choose to save himself, but to save another person, a thief! He forgives his sin and promises paradise to him. Our King Jesus shows his power most perfectly in his mercy. He died for you; will you live for him?

The second reading is one of the most profound passages in the entire Bible. The background is this: Mainstream Judaism at the time of Jesus believed that the Torah was the ultimate, eternal, unchanging, self-revelation of God. From all eternity, God spoke his saving word. When God created the universe, he used the Torah as the model. The whole purpose of creation was to fit in with the Torah.

The Torah was delivered to Moses in time, (c.1290 B.C.). But it was eternal and unchangeable. The view of Paul in the reading today is that Jesus, not the Torah, is the ultimate self-revelation of God. Jesus has replaced and superseded the Torah. Jesus is the image of the invisible God (i.e. the perfect expression of God). Everything was created through and for him (and not for or through the Torah). Everything that makes God to be God (*fullness*) is embodied in Jesus.

In the view of Paul, God the Word, the Second Person of the Trinity, would have become man, even if mankind had never sinned! The reason: Because Jesus (not the Torah) was the model and purpose of all creation, you can't have any creation without the model: the incarnate Son of God! We were created to reflect the incarnate Jesus Christ. We show that he is king over our lives by living as perfectly as possible the life of Christ.

--Msgr. William Carr  
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# St. Peter Parish Quincy, IL

## ~Mass Intentions~

November 24-30, 2025

- 24. Monday 8:00 a.m.  
Doug Frese
- 25. Tuesday 8:00 a.m.  
Jim Gibson
- 26. Wednesday 8:20 a.m.  
Dan Barry
- 27. Thursday 9:30 a.m.  
Jan Faler
- 28. Friday 8:00 a.m.  
George Klingele
- 29. Saturday 8:00 a.m.  
Fr. Roy Bauer
- 29. Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Don Vancil
- 30. Sunday 8:00 a.m.  
Penny Norton
- 30. Sunday 9:30 a.m.  
Don Christ
- 30. Sunday 11:00 a.m.  
Our Parish Family

*Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Solemnity, November 23, 2025*

**Dear Parishioners,**

As we gather this week on this last Sunday in our liturgical calendar, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. This Solemnity was established by Pope Pius IX in 1925 to counteract several bad trends. One trend was an overly sentimental view of Jesus Christ. Another trend was to view that Jesus was irrelevant to this world. Religion seemed to have its place in the world, but it should not be touching economics nor politics. By celebrating this Solemnity, the Church wanted to show that Jesus Christ must be the king and center of social, political, as well as personal life. And so we have as our second reading that beautiful proclamation of Paul in his letter to the Colossians. Paul writes, *“Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all Creation. For in Him were created all things in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, all things were created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He Himself might be preeminent.”* What a beautiful description of Jesus as the King of the Universe.

This next Thursday is Thanksgiving Day. As you know by now, our time for this celebration is at 9:30 a.m. since our neighbors to the east have what they call their “Turkey Run” which prevents us from celebrating our Mass any earlier. As a stewardship parish, this should be a day that we gather to give God thanks, recognizing and acknowledging all the gifts that God has given to us personally, as a parish and as a nation, and thanking Him with grateful hearts for these blessings. For the time given to us, the talents shared with us, and the treasures given to us, we gather to thank Him for these blessings.

FYI: Monday, December 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. Under this title of the Immaculate Conception both our country and our diocese have been dedicated to Mary. In other words, this is the Feast Day of our patroness. Usually, even though this date falls on a Monday, it still remains a Holyday of Obligation for all Catholics. However, we are not able to have a Vigil Mass on that Sunday night because of the Sunday of Advent takes precedence and so there will be NO Vigil Mass on Sunday, December 7. Our Mass schedule for the Holyday will be as follows:

**December 8: 8:20 Mass at St. Peter with Grade School Present; 10:00 Mass at QND; 12:10 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Masses at St. Peter Church.**

Next weekend we begin the Season of Advent, celebrating the beginning of grace of the year 2026. With this celebration, we begin a new liturgical year as follows: **Year A, Sunday cycle of readings; Cycle II, weekday cycle of readings.**

**If you have not returned your commitment cards for our annual stewardship renewal, please do so this weekend. We need your active participation.**

## — Mass Schedule —

- Monday-Saturday  
8:00 a.m.
- Wednesday 8:20 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.

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

I met with my oncologists at Siteman Cancer Center at Barnes Hospital, St. Louis last week. As they somewhat expected, the source of my cancer is in the pancreas. Over the past three months, I've been on a pancreatic chemo regimen and the doctor is pleased with the results. I'm going to continue to have chemo every other week until mid-January, and at that time, we'll reevaluate and discuss all options going forward. Please continue to keep me in your prayers. Thank you.

**ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:** After listening restlessly to a long and tedious sermon, a six year old boy asked his father what the preacher did the rest of the week.

"Oh, he's a very busy man," the father replied. "He takes care of the Church business, visits the sick, ministers to the poor...and then he has to have time to rest up. Talking in public isn't an easy job, you know."

The boy thought about that, then said, "Well, listening ain't that easy either."

Church signs: Sign outside a Church in Dover, MD. "If we are not hungry for Christ, we're probably too full of ourselves."

Outside and Episcopal Church, Kingsville, MD. "Life is a puzzle. Look to God for the missing piece."

Another sign: "Go to Church, instead of shopping. Parking is easier. And the Gift lasts."

*Magi. Leo J. Eulow*

**Mark Your Calendar**

**Monday, November 24:**

**Tuesday, November 25:**

-OCIA 7:00 p.m., *Martha Jane Room*

**Wednesday, November 26:**

**Thursday, November 27:**

-Mass at 9:30 a.m. instead of 8:00 a.m.

Please enter through the park road.

**Friday, November 28:**

**Saturday, November 29:**

**Sunday, November 30:**

-Advent Mission 6:00 p.m., *Church*

Please keep the following in your prayers:

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|----------------------------|------------------|---|
| ~John & Barb Meyer         | ~Elias Erd       |  |
| ~Isabella Benner           | ~Amy Seibert     |   |
| ~Hunter Hildebrand         | ~Terri May       |   |
| ~Kathy Schuckman           | ~Mary Lavery     |   |
| ~Darin & Cathy Green       | ~Joyce Shipp     |   |
| ~Donna Schutte             | ~Virginia Hunter |   |
| ~John Douglas Holford      | ~Norman Kemner   |   |
| ~Sarah Sturhahn Stegeman   | ~Pat Arnold      |   |
| ~Maria (Eberhardt) Sparrow | ~Ken Althoff     |   |
| ~Linda Mettemeyer          | ~Don McCleary    |   |
| ~Jordyn Holtmeyer          | ~Ian Mehaffy     |   |
| ~Bonnie Haubrich           | ~Emmett Hertle   |   |
| ~Dave & Bryce Shank        | ~Liem Thanh Mai  |   |
| ~Winnie Vogel              | ~Tom Friye       |   |

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

**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.

**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>



**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

	<u>November 16</u>	<u>Total to Date</u>
Loose Collections	\$1,129.00	\$23,944.63
Regular Collections	\$28,891.32	\$548,801.76
Annual School Fund	\$8,199.00	\$139,195.61
Holy Days	\$210.00	\$6,943.31
Totals	\$38,429.32	\$718,885.31
Total Budget Goal	\$32,000.00	\$640,000.00
Difference	\$6,429.32	\$78,885.31

**Diocesan Collections**

Quincy Catholic Cemeteries: \$351.00  
Triennial U.S. Military Archdiocese: \$50.00

**Haiti Sister Parish Collections**

Collected \$375.00

### Thanksgiving Day Mass

Our morning Mass on Thanksgiving Day will be at 9:30 a.m. instead of 8:00 a.m. because of the Turkey Run from the YMCA. Please enter through the Park Road.

### Parish Office Closed Thursday & Friday

The Parish Office will be closed Thursday and Friday (11/27 & 11/28) for the Thanksgiving holiday.

### Social Concerns 5th Sunday Collection

November 29 & 30 is the Fifth Sunday collection for the Social Concerns Committee. Please consider making a donation to help support our community. Thank you for your generosity!

### 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](http://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.

### St. Peter Job Opening - Director of Liturgy and Music

St. Peter's Church is looking for a Full Time or Part time Director of Liturgy and Music. This person will oversee all aspects of the parish's liturgical life. Qualifications requested are 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. Salary ranges from \$20,000 to \$40,000. Please send resume along with 2 references to St. Peter Parish Office, 2600 Maine Street, Quincy IL, 62301 or email [k.smith@cospq.org](mailto:k.smith@cospq.org).

### Diocese College Scholarship

In our Diocese, applications are now being solicited for college scholarship grants under the Father Yunker Lithuanian Student Assistance Fund. Qualifications: applicants must have Lithuanian ancestry and must be a practicing member of the Roman Catholic Church. Completed application must be received by the close of business on Monday, December 1, 2025. Details and application can be downloaded from [dio.org/schools](http://dio.org/schools).

### QCES Foundation - Faith in Our Future Campaign

QCES Foundation kicked off their *Faith in Our Future* campaign, supporting our Catholic grade schools in Quincy. Your gifts provide tuition assistance for families in need and classroom grants for our dedicated teachers. In the coming days, parish families will receive a letter in the mail with more details and ways to give. Please take a moment to read it, pray about your participation, and help ensure every child who desires a Catholic education can receive one.

### Knights of Columbus Calendar Raffle

The Knights of Columbus "2026 Calendar Raffle" is in progress which helps support many local charitable causes such as QND, Ladies of Charity, and Birthright. Please consider purchasing a raffle calendar for \$25. A winner everyday of the year with over \$24,000 in cash prizes. And they make Great Christmas Gifts.

The raffle calendars are available at the K of C east building during business hours or by calling Mike Schlipmann at 217-653-9318 or John Veith at 217-653-0258.

### Baptism

Lainey Joyce Dietrich,

daughter of Devin & Allison (Haynes) Dietrich, was made a child of God through the reception of the sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, November 16, 2025.

### Sunshine Crew Advent 2025 Signup!

St Peter Parish is asking for parishioners to sign up to be part of our Sunshine Crew. This ministry reaches out to our Homebound/Nursing Home parishioners through letters and cards during Advent. If you are interested in signing up, we are asking you to send a letter, card, note with children's artwork, etc., WEEKLY during Advent 2025 (4 weeks total). Once you sign up via the Signup Genius link below, you will be emailed the Name and Address of a Homebound/Nursing Home parishioner before Friday, November 28, 2025. Please help us bring some sunshine to our Homebound/Nursing Home parishioners! If you have any questions or need assistance signing up, please contact Jodi McDonald ([5mcdonaldsjc@gmail.com](mailto:5mcdonaldsjc@gmail.com)) or Lyn Strieker ([L.striker@cospq.org](mailto:L.striker@cospq.org)).

Signup Genius link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0B4CA5AE22A64-60165546-stpeter>

### Adoration Chapel Open Hours

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 hour below filled!

Tuesday: 1:00-2:00 p.m. (weeks 2 & 4)

Friday: 8:00 a.m.

We are still in need of substitutes to help when an Adorer cannot cover their hour due to sickness, work or other reasons, especially the middle of night hours.

Please consider an hour in the Adoration Chapel. Contact Mary at (217) 653-3127, Jean Anne at (217) 430-6967 or Gina at (217) 257-9966. Thank you!

### St. Anthony Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

The Pancake & Sausage Breakfast sponsored by the St. Anthony Men's Society will be Sunday, December 14, 7 a.m.-noon. Adults \$14, Children \$7 (under 5 free). Dine in or carry out.

Advance meat orders: Link & Bulk Sausage, Ribs and Chops 5lbs-\$25. Cooked links (Precooked weight) 5lbs-\$30. Call orders to 217-257-2108. Orders will be taken from November 1-December 1 or until 2000 lbs. are sold!

### QND Immediate Job Opening

Quincy Notre Dame High School is seeking qualified candidates for a Maintenance/Groundskeeper position. Qualified candidates should submit a cover letter, resume and two letters of reference by Friday, December 5, to QND Principal Mark McDowell at [mmcdowell@qndhs.org](mailto:mmcdowell@qndhs.org). Compensation is based on skill set and related experience and ranges from \$17-\$22 per hour. More specific information will be provided upon request.

QND Employee Benefits: Paid Time Off, Paid Paternal Leave, Health Insurance, Dental Insurance, Eye Insurance, Basic Life Insurance, Voluntary Life Insurance, 403B Plan.

### Moving?

If you are moving, please call the parish office at 222-3155 or email [church@cospq.org](mailto:church@cospq.org) to give us your new address. We get charged for any returned mailings.

# Parish in Action



DIocese of Springfield in Illinois  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

November 4, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In our Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, too many of our neighbors still live in poverty. On average, about 12 percent of people across our diocese live below the poverty line<sup>1</sup>. These families struggle daily with food, housing, and stability, reminding us of the Lord's words: "*Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me*" (Matthew 25:40).

The Diocesan Campaign for Justice and Hope (DCJH) exists to bring realistic hope and practical help to the poor. Every dollar you give to this second collection stays within diocesan boundaries, supporting only those organizations that uphold Catholic teaching and our consistent life ethic. Funded ministries provide food, education, family support, and other pathways out of poverty.

Your past generosity has already changed lives. I now ask you again to give generously, so that together we may bring Christ's love to those in greatest need.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

*† Thomas John Paprocki*

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki  
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

1.1 U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year Estimates, 2019– 2023, county-level poverty statistics for the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, via HDPulse Social Determinants of Health Data Portal, <https://hdpulse.nimhd.nih.gov/dataportal/social/poverty/table?demo=00008&statefips=17>.

## ST. PETER ADVENT MISSION



# THEY THAT HOPE

AN ADVENT MISSION FOR THE END OF THE JUBILEE YEAR



**JOIN US STARTING AT 6 P.M. ON NOVEMBER 30, DECEMBER 1 & 2**



Join us in the church each evening at 6:00 p.m. for the Advent Parish Mission hosted by Sister Clementia. Call 217.222.3155 for more information.

**Sister M. Clementia Toalson, FSGM**

**Parish Liaison for Restored Order & Coordinator for Diocesan Celebrations**

**Diocese of Springfield in Illinois**

***They that hope in the LORD will renew their strength, they will soar on eagles' wings;  
They will run and not grow weary, walk and not grow faint. ~Isaiah 40:31 NAB***

# St. Peter School



Week of November 23, 2025

## A Message from Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh

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

Happy Thanksgiving



As we give thanks, we want to express our gratitude to the parents, grandparents and parishioners who make our school community strong and vibrant. Your partnership in education is a treasure. Your continual prayers offer such a great deal of support as our children learn each day. Happy Thanksgiving to everyone who makes a significant impact on our school.

### HOUSE THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION & FEAST

On November 25 students in grades K-8 will celebrate Thanksgiving. Our day will begin with a Thanksgiving feast in which our students will be divided into their HOUSES. As the students eat with their HOUSE buddies they will also create a large HOUSE banner by writing or drawing things that they are thankful for.

We are sincerely grateful to our PTA for providing the snacks for our Thanksgiving Feast.

Later that day our students will perform their HOUSE raps for the student body. They have been working on a rap that informs others about their saint and the saint's virtue and symbol. We will even have judges to determine who has the best rap song!



### SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED

You will love working with our students and staff!

St. Peter is in need of substitute teachers. If you are interested in subbing for the 2024-2025 school year please contact Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh –Principal or Mrs. Chris Reichert–Assistant

Principal at 217-223-1120.

(Requirements to sub include having a bachelor's degree, completing fingerprinting, a background check and safe environment training.)

### SCHOOL MENU

**Monday:** Hamburger on bun, curly fries, baked beans, fruit.

**Tuesday:** Chicken chunks, hash brown, corn, fruit.

**Wednesday:** No School

**Thursday:** No School

**Friday:** No School

### THIS WEEK

Monday, November 24:

**Students bring in one non-perishable food item for food banks in our area.**

Tuesday, November 25:

**HOUSE Thanksgiving Feast—students wear House shirts with dress code bottoms.**

Wednesday, November 26:

**No School—Thanksgiving Break.**

Thursday, November 27:

**No School—Thanksgiving Break.**

Friday, November 28:

**No School—Thanksgiving Break.**

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**Next Meeting**  
**Sunday, November 16**  
**6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**  
**Meet in Martha Jane Room**

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



**Saints Alive!**  
**December 18**  
**6:00-7:30 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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 The Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus broadcasts Mass for the Shut-Ins every Sunday 10:30 a.m. on Channel ABC (Basic Cable 3)  
 If you know of someone who would benefit from a missal, CONTACT Terry Obert and we will send a Pray Together Missal free of charge.  
 Terry Obert, 217-257-3161

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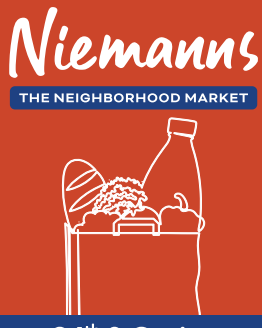
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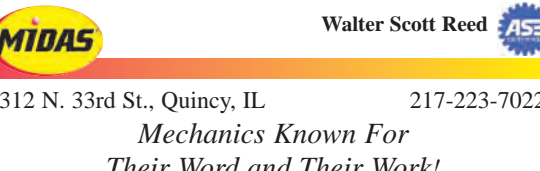
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