



Weekly Update



January 7th - January 11th

Mission Statement: St. Peter School provides a quality education built on Catholic values and teachings.

Christmas Eve Masses 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm, 9:00 pm
Handbell and Jubilation Choirs will perform at 6:00 pm Family Christmas Mass
Christmas Day Masses 8:00 am, 10:00 am

Solemnity of Mary (Holy Day)
Dec. 31st Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
Jan. 1st Masses 8:00 am, 10:00 am

WEDNESDAY, January 2nd:

- ❄️ **QCES 7th/8th Gr Girls Crusaders Volleyball AWAY games vs Macomb 6:00 pm**

SUNDAY, January 6th:

- ❄️ **CYO Pre-Season Basketball Camps**

MONDAY, January 7th:

- ❄️ **School Resumes w/full bus service and daycare in session**
- ❄️ **Jubilation Choir Rehearsal 3:00-3:45 pm Parish Music Room**
- ❄️ **Chess Club Meeting 6:30 pm Maria Goretti Room**

TUESDAY, January 8th:

- ❄️ **Kelsey Celek w/QCT here with 5th, 7th, 8th grades**
- ❄️ **PMO Bands Rehearsals at QND: 3:30-4:30 pm Beginners Band; 4:30-5:30 pm Concert Band; 5:30-6:00 pm Jazz Band; 6:00-7:00 pm Cadet Band**

WEDNESDAY, January 9th:

- ❄️ **Children's School Mass 8:30 am - 6th grade in charge of preparation**
- ❄️ **PMO Band Rehearsals: 5th gr 1:15-1:45 pm; 6th gr 1:45-2:15 pm Music Room**
- ❄️ **PMO Choir Rehearsals - QND: 7th/8th Concert Choir 3:00-4:00 pm; 4th-6th Cadet Choir 4:10-5:00 pm**
- ❄️ **Teachers Meetings 2:30-4:00 pm**
- ❄️ **Early Dismissal at 2:25 for students in gr PK-8th. (This will occur throughout the school year.)**
- ❄️ **2nd Grade Parent/Student Reconciliation Meeting 6:30 pm in Church**
- ❄️ **Papa John's Night**

THURSDAY, January 10th:

- ❄️ **Moms Are Praying 8:10-9:00 am Martha Jane Room**
- ❄️ **Kelsey Celek w/QCT here w/ 1st, 2nd grades and Rooms 4W, 6W**
- ❄️ **Handbell Choir Rehearsal 3:00-4:15 pm**
- ❄️ **QCES 7th/8th Gr Boys Crusaders Basketball AWAY games vs Pittsfield 6:00 pm**

FRIDAY, January 11th:

- ❄️ **Spirit Day!!** Catholic Charities Donations Recipient
- ❄️ **Patriots Assembly** - 1st grade presenting "R" Respect 8:10 am in the gym
- ❄️ **QCES 7th Gr Boys Crusaders Basketball AWAY** games-Peoria 7th gradeTourney

SATURDAY, January 12th:

- ❄️ Elks Hoop Shoot Contest 11:30 am St. Peter School Gym
- ❄️ **QCES 7th Gr Boys Crusaders Basketball AWAY** games-Peoria 7th gradeTourney

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**GINGERBREAD HOUSES**

Did you know that we have a tradition at St. Peter School? For the last 32 years our Kindergarten students have constructed a gingerbread house with their parents or chosen loved one. Many of our St. Peter School alumni still talk about the time that they made their own gingerbread houses when they were in Kindergarten. In fact, some have reported that they still have their creation and they bring it out every year as they decorate for Christmas!

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**CLASSROOM ADVENT ACTIVITIES**

Within this season of Advent, our students have been busy sharing their concern and generosity with others in our community. During this special time of year our focus has been on serving others as well as learning about the true reason for the Christmas season.

Our preschool students had a birthday party for Jesus and they used an Advent calendar to count down the days. 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. We were able to deliver many items to Quincy Care Net. We also presented Care Net with our Spirit Day donations from September and October. This school year's first quarter donations were designated for Care Net.

The third grade students also wrote Christmas cards to the shut-ins. They opened an Advent calendar each day and completed random acts of kindness from the messages they received. Additionally, they learned about the Jesse Tree. Each student was responsible for a particular person in Jesus' family and shared information about that person. An ornament was also created that symbolized the family member.

Our fourth grade students purchased a high chair and toys from the Giving Wreath and sent Christmas cards to the shut-ins from our Parish.

The fifth grade students completed 3 service projects for Advent: taking a field trip to Horizon's Soup Kitchen to help paint bowls for their annual fundraiser, collecting money to purchase a gift from the Advent wreath from the Church and they wrote Christmas letters to our parishioner shut-ins.

Sixth grade classes completed an Advent calendar of kind deeds for people in our school, in their class, and in our community.

Seventh and eighth grade students took part in a service project for Chaddock Foster Services. Chaddock has set up a community room where parents can do crafts and play games with their children. This is where families would spend supervised time together. We supported our local community (our neighbor) through craft supplies and small games such as decks of cards, or card games. They also requested any holiday decorations including outside lights. Our goal was to make their holiday a little brighter. We will deliver these items before Christmas.

Hopefully, through your children's efforts, generosity, and prayers, others in the community will feel the outpouring of God's love this Christmas season.

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**A VERY HEARTFELT THANK YOU!!**

Thank you, again, to everyone that volunteered to help with our office and classrooms so that we could all gather together for our Christmas Brunch. We had a wonderful time and loved being all together! Thank you so very much for helping create this time for us. We truly appreciate your kindness and generosity with you time.

## CAFETERIA/LUNCHROOM SUPERVISION – SERVICE HOURS OPPORTUNITY

We are so very grateful to our parents that volunteer in our cafeteria to help with lunch shifts. At this time, we find that we are in need for several more volunteers to help during our 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> lunch shifts. This would be from 11:00 am-12:00 pm for grades Kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup> grade and 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> grade. We just need extra help with opening milk cartons, packages that are with their lunch, help with condiments-ketchup, salad dressing, etc. Parents are also asked to help supervise the students and then clean off the tables in between the two lunch shifts. We have teachers in the lunchroom to supervise and help the students but we just need another hand or two to help us out. This is a great way to see your child during their school day and these hours will count toward service hours. You may volunteer however often you would like. We appreciate any time that you can give to us. Please contact our Cafeteria Volunteer Coordinator, Mrs. April O'Brien, at [aprilobrien2002@gmail.com](mailto:aprilobrien2002@gmail.com) with any questions that you may have or to schedule days that you can help. Thank you so much for helping!

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## PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

Blessed Sacrament Parish/School will have a Protecting God's Children session on Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup>. This session will be from 6:00-9:00 pm at Blessed Sacrament Parish/School. If you are interested in helping in your child/ren's classroom, driving for field trips, etc. our Parish and the Springfield Diocese require you to attend this training. Please call 222-2759 to register for this session. *This is a one-time only training.* If you have already participated in a class, you do not have to take it again.

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## JOB OPENING IN MORNING DAYCARE

St. Peter School is hiring for the Morning Daycare program from 6:30 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. Monday-Friday. Interested applicants should contact Mrs. Judy Domme at 217-242-1910. Resumes can be mailed to St. Peter School, 2500 Maine, Quincy, IL 62301 or emailed to [c.venvertloh@cospq.org](mailto:c.venvertloh@cospq.org).

## UPCOMING DATES:

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| Jan 14 | School Advisory Board Meeting 6:30 pm in School Conference Room                                             |
| Jan 15 | Kelsey Celek w/QCT here with Kindergarten, 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade, and Rooms 4E, 6E                          |
| Jan 16 | 8:30 am School Mass: 5 <sup>th</sup> grade assisting                                                        |
| Jan 17 | 6 <sup>th</sup> gr field trip to QND - We're Wild About QND"<br>GSA Meeting 10:00 am School Conference Room |
| Jan 18 | Second Quarter ends; Report Cards sent home Jan. 25 <sup>th</sup>                                           |
| Jan 19 | QND Music Trivia 7:00 pm St. Peter Gym                                                                      |



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

