



The Parish of St. Peter Quincy, IL

~Mass Intentions~ April 12-18, 2021

- 12. Monday 8:00 a.m.
John Franklin
- 13. Tuesday 8:00 a.m.
Dale Craven
- 14. Wednesday 8:30 a.m.
Larry Wavering
- 15. Thursday 8:30 a.m.
Pat Ellerbrock
- 16. Friday 8:00 a.m.
Karen Wiewel
- 17. Saturday 8:00 a.m.
John Heidbreder
- 17. Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Ken Meyer
- 18. Sunday 8:00 a.m.
Our Parish Family
- 18. Sunday 9:30 a.m.
All The Poor Souls
- 18. Sunday 11:00 a.m.
Orville Lubbe

— Mass Schedule —

- Monday-Saturday
8:00 a.m.
- Wednesday 8:30 a.m.
- Thursday 8:30 a.m. (during
Covid—2nd School Mass)
- 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.

Second Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11, 2021

Dear Parishioners,

“On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said, ‘PEACE BE WITH YOU.’” This is the first appearance by the risen Jesus to the apostles. As it is well described, these followers were locked away, paralyzed by the fear in their lives that what happened to Jesus could also happen to them. Instead of scolding them for their lack of faith, Jesus offers them a gift that was forever a reflection of God’s love, forgiveness, and mercy, namely, the gift of peace within themselves. Not only does He offer this gift to them, Jesus then states that this gift was to be a part of their ministry as they continued the ministry of Jesus. Our gospel states that *“He breathed on them and said, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.’”* Thus the Sacrament of Reconciliation is instituted by Christ and would give God’s divine forgiveness and mercy to all generations of God’s people until the end of time.

And so, the Second Sunday of Easter has been designated by the Church as “DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY.” As the Church states, “the Second Sunday of Easter will receive the name Divine Mercy Sunday, a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that humankind will experience in the years to come.”

One person who understood and lived this Divine Mercy of the Lord was a humble, Polish nun, Maria Faustyna Kowalska, also known as St. Maria Faustyna Kowalska. She was born in 1905 and died in 1938. In her brief life span, Our Lord appeared to her in a number of occasions, inspiring her to promote a devotion to the Divine Mercy, and that she did, earning her the title of “Secretary of Divine Mercy.” In these apparitions, St. Faustina heard Jesus say some of the following, words found in her diary to celebrate and live:

1. *“My heart overflows with great mercy for souls, especially for poor sinners. If only they could understand that I am the best of Fathers to them and that it is for them that the Blood and Water flowed from my Heart as from a fount overflowing with mercy.*
2. *I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, especially for the poor sinners. On that day the very depths of my tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of grace upon those souls who approach the fount of my Mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flowed are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet.”*

As we look ahead in our calendar, next Sunday, April 18th, our third grade students will be celebrating their reception of First Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Confirmation at two Masses, either at 1:00 p.m. or 4:00 p.m. I ask you to remember them in your prayers. Because of the pandemic, I have been given the privilege as pastor to celebrate these sacraments with them. May these two sacraments draw them ever closer to the Risen Christ and His Mercy.

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Next Meeting
FOUND
Sunday, April 11, 2021
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Drop Off & Pick Up at Cafeteria Doors
Wear a mask and social distance.
All 7th, 8th, & 9th graders & their friends welcome.



Saints Alive!
Let Me See Your Halo
To Be Announced
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 or pick one up that night!

Rest in Peace
May the soul of
John Heitland
sing praises with the Angels in Heaven forever.

Welcome!

Please welcome to our parish family **Daniel & Cheryl Sowell**, and their children **Collin and Dylan; Susan Beswick!**

Rice Bowls

Rice Bowls will be collected this weekend, **April 10 & 11**. You can return the money in an envelope, with your name on it, and mark it Rice Bowl. If you return the rice bowl itself, please add your name on it and tape it closed and take it in church in front of the ambo.

Social Concerns Meeting

Social Concerns will be meeting **Friday, April 16** at 8:30 a.m. in the Martha Jane Room. All are welcome!

Calling All Foster Parents

Calling all current and former foster parents: Our parish, in partnership with Chaddock, would love to connect with you to learn about your journey and needs while fostering to best serve you and others within the Catholic Church. We have a few questions we would email you which you could answer when convenient. Please call/text Cathy Gill at 217-740-7094 or email at cahasens@hotmail.com to participate. Thank you.

Marriage Enrichment Meetings

The Marriage Enrichment group will begin meeting once again. The pandemic has highlighted the importance of having a strong marriage, and perhaps revealed some areas that need strengthening in our relationships. Please make plans to join us Sunday evenings from 5:30-7:00 p.m. April 11 & April 25 in the cafeteria. We will follow the COVID guidelines in place at that time. If you are interested in joining us please call the Parish Office at 222-3155. If you have any questions, please contact one of the committee members: Marty & Laurie 217-617-9062, Lori & Joe 618-509-1140 or Betty & George 217-653-3003. We look forward to seeing you.

QND Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

The Annual QND Pancake and Sausage Breakfast will be Sunday, April 11th from 8:30am-12:30pm in the QND cafeteria. The cost is \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. (Children under 5 eat free). Drive through & dine in will be available. All proceeds benefit the Catholic Heart Workcamp trip this summer.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

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| ~Kristopher Schrecke | ~Elias Erd |  |
| ~Lilli Foster | ~Ian Mehaffy | |
| ~John Meyer | ~Isabella Benner | |
| ~Mary Talken | ~Sharon Zehnle | |
| ~Al Mitten | ~Alden Shipp | |
| ~Barb Duesterhaus | ~Steve Sinnock | |
| ~Penny Norton | ~Theresa Althoff | |
| ~Kathy Schuckman | ~Arlene Lansing | |
| ~Howard & Jo Buckley | ~Norma Johnson | |
| ~Dorothy Davis | ~Chris Bockius | |
| ~Michelle Houston | ~Valerie Ortbal | |
| ~Cal Noelke | ~Joe Sanders | |
| | ~Jack Terford | |
| | ~Lucy Miller | |
| | ~Steve Hull | |
| | ~Mike Creek | |
| | ~Ted Kemner | |
| | ~Amy Seibert | |
| | ~Julia Maas | |
| | ~Anonymous | |
| | ~Larry Phillips | |
| | ~Avery Cowick | |

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

Men's Group

This is the last week for the Men's Group spring program. The program material is titled "The Search". This is an exciting and impactful program. Doors open at 6:00AM, program starting around 6:30 and finishing before 7:30AM. Please join us in fellowship and faith. If you have questions you can contact Doug Greenwell or Mark Striker. It will run thru April 16.

Quincy Catholic Charities Job Opening

Quincy Catholic Charities has a full-time opening with excellent benefits for an Area Director. Duties include supervision of the Intact Family Services program, counseling and community services programs. Serves a liaison with local Advisory Board, United Way, local communities being served and with the administrative office of the Agency. Qualifications include a Master's Degree in a Social Service related field and five years of management or supervisory experience; LCPC or LCSW preferred. Please send your resume and a cover letter by email to bruns_qcc@cc.dio.org.

Protecting God's Children Class

The following Protecting God's Children sessions have been scheduled at Blessed Sacrament parish, Quincy:

Tuesday, April 12th, 6-9 pm

Monday, May 17th, 6-9 pm.

All sessions will be held in the Leo Amen Room (school cafeteria) of Blessed Sacrament School, 1117 S. 7th Street. Access to the school is via the alley (South) side entrance. Due to COVID 19 restrictions and safeguards it is absolutely necessary for anyone wishing to attend one of these sessions to call the parish office at 217-222-2759 to reserve a seat.

Assumptions Catholic Store coming to Quincy, April 17

Assumptions (Catholic Store) will be selling gifts for Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation, on Saturday, April 17 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at St. Rose of Lima Parish Hall in Quincy. General sacramental items, Bibles and books will also be available. This is a great opportunity to get beautiful Catholic gifts for your family and friends as well as devotional items for yourself. Call Assumptions for specific in-stock requests or for quantities of items at (309) 833-1979 until Thursday, April 15. Please plan to wear a mask and social distance.

QND Cheer Tryouts

Monday, April 26th - Mandatory parent and cheerleader meeting at 6pm at QND. Tryouts to follow until 9:30PM

Tuesday, April 27th - Review 5-6PM, final tryout/judging 6:15-??? For questions please contact Coach Allison Turner at aturner127@gmail.com or 618-410-2500.

QND Pom Tryouts

Wednesday, April 28 - Mandatory parent and pommer meeting at 6pm at QND. Tryouts to follow until 9:30PM

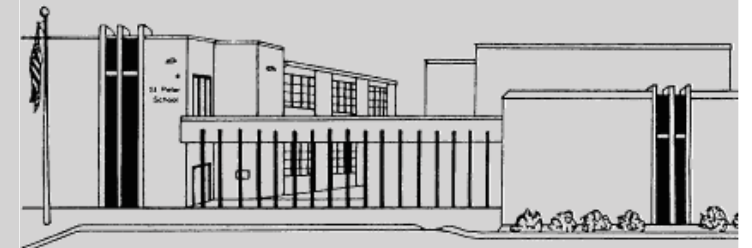
Thursday, April 29 - Review 5-6:15PM, final tryout/judging 6:30PM - ??? For questions please contact Coach Jennifer Duesterhaus at qndpomcoaches@gmail.com or 217-316-2046.

Usher Schedule Change

We have changed the online signup for Ushers to be each Mass instead of a month at a time. You can signup using the following link or call the parish office at 222-3155.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0c4da9a822a02-2021>

The School of St. Peter



Week of April 11, 2021

A Message from Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh

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

HY VEE FUEL YOUR SCHOOL SWEEPSTAKES



We were recently contacted and informed that St. Peter School was one of 55 schools across Hy-Vee's eight state region to receive a \$1000.00 grant as part of the company's pledge to support local education!

Fuel Your School, held in January, allowed customers to support schools simply by purchasing certain specific brands of products. Selected winners earned individual prizes in addition to choosing a school to win a cash donation.

We want to thank our winning parent, Mrs. Ingrid Fynn-Thompson, for participating and designating St. Peter School as her school of choice!

Mr. Steve Labs, from the Quincy on Broadway Hy-Vee presented St. Peter with a check for \$1000.00. Hy Vee recognizes the challenges schools are facing with the COVID 19 virus and wanted to join their customers in making a difference within their community. We will use our sweepstakes gift towards the creation of our new STEM Lab for students.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



The students and staff were blessed with the opportunity to view the Stations of the Cross. The seventh grade students reenacted the stations for the entire student body before leaving for Easter break. Once again they did a fabulous job. We wish to thank Mrs. Factor and the seventh grade students for this amazing opportunity.

Job Opening - St. Peter School

St. Peter School is accepting applications for a teaching position for the 2021-2022 school year. Qualified applicants should hold an Illinois Professional Educator License. Responsibilities will include teaching students in grades K-8 in science, technology, engineering and math. Qualified applicants should send a cover letter, resume, and references to Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh, 2500 Maine Street, Quincy, IL 62301.

MENU

Monday: Cheese pizza, spinach salad, mixed fruit, frosted brownie.

Tuesday: Pancakes/syrup, sausage patty, hard boiled egg, diced peaches, juice.

Wednesday: Walking taco, refried beans, Spanish rice, apple churros, lettuce/tomato/cheese.

Thursday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes/gravy, buttered corn, diced pears, dinner roll.

Friday: Italian dunkers w/ pepperoni, Italian veggies, cheese sticks, applesauce.

WHAT IS HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

Map Testing begins for grades 2-8.

Mon, April 12: **Scholastic Bowl Team Inter-Squad Match** 2:30-5:30 p.m.

Tues, April 13: **Spring Student Photos** for grades K-8.

Wednesday, April 14: **Children's School Mass: grades 7 & 8 attend.**

Thursday, April 15: **Children's School Mass: grades 3 & 6 attend.**

Friday, April 16: **4th quarter midterm: reports sent** April 22

Mark Your Calendars:
 Last day of school—May 26

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

Mon. April 12:
Tues. April 13: Novena 8:30 a.m., Church
 RCIA 7:00 p.m., Martha Jane Room
Wed. Feb. 14: PSR 6:15 p.m., School
 Ladies Cursillo 7:00 p.m., Fr. Bauer Prayer Room
Thurs. April 15:
Fri. April 16: Social Concerns Meeting 8:30 a.m., Martha Jane Room
Sat. April 17: Rosary 7:30 a.m., Church
Sun. April 18:

Fr. Leo's column continued....

Some of our parishioners have been using the rice bowls during their Lenten discipline. These rice bowls were to remind them that through their discipline of fasting and abstinence, that the monies saved could be given to the poor. The rice bowls would be helpful reminders of that sacrifice. Well, this weekend and next weekend we ask you to bring in these rice bowls and either place them in the Church before the ambo, or place the amount in an envelope and mark it as "rice bowl" with your name on it. Thank you for remembering the poor in your sacrifices for Lent.

Just a reminder that we have officially begun the **"EVERYBODY WINS MEGA RAFFLE"** last week, with our younger students taking home tickets, encouraging parents to sell them. This is our 10th anniversary for this mega raffle and our Catholic schools truly benefit from this raffle. Tickets are \$100 each and only 4000 will be sold. The grand prize is \$100,000 while second place is \$20,000 and third being \$10,000. Tickets for this raffle will be sold after all of our Masses next weekend. The drawing will be at the St. Francis parish picnic on June 12th, at 7:00 p.m. Please support this annual endeavor.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: Two children went into their parent's bathroom and noticed the scale in the corner.

"Whatever you do," cautioned one child to the younger one, "don't step on it!"

"Why not?" asked the sibling.

"Because every time mom does, she lets out an awful scream!"

Magy. Lisa J. Embor

—Masses—

Sign up Required for Weekend Masses Starts Wednesdays at Noon

No Sign up required for Daily Masses

—Mass Servers—

Not Assigned At This Time but can Signup Online for Weekends

—Daily Mass Ministry Schedule—

Not Assigned At This Time



WEEKLY COLLECTION		
	April 4	Total to Date
Loose Collections	\$60.00	\$16,860.14
Regular Collections	\$13,319.35	\$1,215,611.27
Annual School Fund	\$6,289.00	\$299,640.56
Holy Days	\$19,332.00	\$53,527.00
Totals	\$39,000.35	\$1,585,638.97
Total Budget Goal	\$32,000.00	\$1,280,000.00
Difference	\$7,000.35	\$305,638.97

Diocesan Collections

Catholic Times: \$15.00 First Offering: \$5.00
 Catholic Relief Services: \$10.00 Holy Land: \$1,475.82
 Catholic Charities: \$638.75 Seminarians: \$1,145.00
 Home Mission: \$13.00 Rice Bowls: \$160.00

Haiti Sister Parish Collections

Collected: \$2,130.00

Parish in Action



My dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

Last year on March 14, 2020, as we began dealing with the coronavirus pandemic, I issued a dispensation for all Catholics within the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass until further notice. For the next two months, Masses were celebrated without a congregation present, while many people participated in Sunday Mass by watching via livestream video broadcast and making a spiritual communion. As people began returning to attending Mass in person last May, I said that the dispensation would remain in place for an indefinite period of time, even after we began the re-opening, until there would be greater clarity and confidence that the overall risk associated with the virus is diminished. That time has now come, as the COVID vaccine has been more widely administered and the number of cases has substantially diminished in recent weeks.

The moral obligation to keep holy the Sabbath (the Lord's Day) is a matter of divine law (cf. Exodus 20:8-11). The Church specifies that one of the ways that Catholics are normally obliged to keep holy the Lord's Day is by participating in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. While a dispensation from ecclesiastical law may be given for the good of the faithful, a dispensation is a temporary measure that is to cease when the motivating cause ceases.

As the general dispensation is withdrawn, it will still be applicable for people in certain categories, such as those over 65 years of age or who have underlying medical conditions. Others, such as those who are sick, do not need a dispensation, but are automatically excused, and in fact are obliged not to come to church so as not to endanger others. Please read my decree modifying the dispensation for further details.

In those cases where a person may not have been dispensed or excused from the obligation to attend Mass in one of the categories described in my decree, but may have significant fear or anxiety of becoming ill by being at Mass, for example, those who for good reason have not received the COVID vaccine, such persons should speak to their parish priest, who may grant a dispensation in individual cases.

In lifting this general dispensation, I recognize that we should not expect people to come flocking back to church immediately in large numbers. We must remember that the majority of Catholics did not attend weekly Sunday Mass prior to the coronavirus pandemic. We must work diligently to invite people back to church, communicating to them why it is so important to be physically present celebrating with the community of faith and receiving the incomparable gift of the Real Presence of Our Lord into our hearts in the Eucharist. We should also assure them that our churches will continue to take proper precautions for their safety, such as safe-distancing, sanitizing of pews and other church furnishings, and mask-wearing as appropriate liturgically.

As I said last May when we began to welcome people back to church to attend Mass, we are one body (1 Cor 12:12), and when we gather together in prayer, we know that Christ is in our midst (Matthew 18:20). Also, our faith is not a "virtual" faith; our Lord Himself became incarnate and gave us the sacraments, with their physical signs and hidden but real effects. Our Lord said, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day" (John 6:53-54). Our faith is a tangible, physical, and communal reality. We simply cannot properly practice our faith apart from one another and separated from the physical realities of the sacraments (Hebrews 10:25). Therefore, as I said then and repeat again, the suspension of the Church's liturgical and sacramental life can only be temporary and cannot last indefinitely.

In consultation with the Diocesan Pastoral Council and the Presbyteral Council, I have chosen to lift the general dispensation on Sunday, April 11, 2021, celebrated liturgically in the Church as Divine Mercy Sunday on the Second Sunday of Easter, beginning with the Saturday anticipated Masses the evening before. The Easter season is a very fitting time to renew our commitment to worship Our Lord every weekend in commemoration of His Resurrection and to pray for God's Divine Mercy to heal the sick and bring an end to this pandemic.

Please be assured of my prayers for you as we continue our preparations to celebrate the Paschal Mysteries of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

† Thomas John Paprocki

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
 Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

PSR Teacher Sought

Our children are our greatest gift from God. Parents are the first and foremost teachers for our faith to their children. Our PSR teachers are a valuable part to help in the additional teaching of our young people.

I am personally asking for someone to step up to this wonderful opportunity to help as one of our PSR teachers. PSR meets on Wednesday nights from 6:15 pm to 7:30 pm. Please think and pray about helping or ask one of our teachers their rewards they have experienced on their own journey.

You need to have a desire to help teach our Catholic faith to our children. Materials are provided and compensation is paid.

Please reach out to me with any questions. Thank you for your consideration.

Gina Wolf, PSR Coordinator, 217-257-9966 or 217-224-3070.