

March 10th-March 16th

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

What's ahead this coming week:

- Mar 10th FOUND-7th-9th Grade 6:30-8:00
- Mar 13th Children's Mass 8:30 8th Grade Leading
- Mar 14th Celebrate St. Maximillian Feast Day-Only these "HOUSE" members wear their
PINK colored shirt WITH dress code bottoms
7th/8th QU Career Day
Kindergarten Round Up 5:30
- Mar 15th Quarter 3 Ends



SCHOOL BUSINESS



PTA asking for volunteers to join a committee **SEE ATTACHMENTS**

Teacher Appreciation Week and End of Year Picnic

Kindergarten Round Up-March 14th 5:30

Preschool-8 Enrollment

Although the early bird discount due date is May 1st, we are asking all families to begin packets to show their intention on attending for the 2024-2025 school year by March 31st. Please note that when completing your child's packet, FACTS charges a \$11.00 fee per child for re-enrolling students. This is a set fee from FACTS in addition to the resource fee from St. Peter.

Open Parachute- SAYING NO SEE ATTACHMENT

A Parent Information Pack has been created to help you the parent receive resources that will help you when talking with your child. Please copy the link below and copy into your browser to begin the process.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1iyoiCGsxOwjPYaGItrf4eqeyRGO524es/view>

KOHL Wholesale TRY DAY SEE ATTACHMENT

March 19th from 1:00-2:30 Kohl Wholesale will be here at St. Peter to have students try new food choices. Foods include cheese pizza bagel bites, onion rings, chicken dippen biscuit sandwich, and poppin chicken bites.

St. Peter Birthday Book Club 2023-24

Thanks for all the support everyone has given to the BBC this year. I am trying to get all the rest of the kids through the system so that we can have all the new books available ASAP in the library. If your child's name is missing below and they haven't received their book, it is most likely that I haven't been able to come to their library time yet (or they were absent when I was there). If you have concerns, please text me at the number below.

Thanks to the following students for participating in the BBC: Mohammad Almasharawi, Kaeden Althoff, Hailey Awerkamp, Katelyn Bainbridge, Thomas Bainbridge, Elizabeth Boudreau, George Boudreau, Caylee Bradfield, Logan Christ, Carson Cirrincione, Evelyn Costigan, Teddy Costigan, Greyson Doellman, Bryden Doyle, Alexandria Felsman, Rocco Fimmen, Reese Foster, Madelyn Hackmann, Leighton Harris, Elijah Haubrich, August Kendrick, Jack Khoury, Andie Kvitle, Gunnar Lair, Chandler Lowenberg, Matt Many, Addison Markey, Logan Mays, Nicholas Mays, Brantley Miller, Adaline Moore, Hadley Moore, Rory O'Donnell, Scarlett O'Donnell, Olivia Ohnemus, Katie Oitker, August Ott, Ashley Pabisiak, Dylan Peters, Nora Robertson, Isabel Russell, Mila Schneider, Charlotte Scholz, Josephine Stanford, Linkin Stephens, Kathlynn Sturhahn, Landon Sturhahn, Connor Tait, Hazel Venvertloh, Ryan Watson, Henry Weber, Ryker Weerts, Samantha White, Addison Wollbrink and Andy Zanger.

We would like to especially thank Nancy Scholz and Ellie Lavery for participating in the BBC for 11 years! Good luck next year!!

Again, a reminder for next year that BBC will only pertain to Preschool through 6th grade. We are no longer having the 7th and 8th grade participate.

Please contact Carol Pagliara 217/653-3440 or carolpag@comcast.net if you have any questions.



Stewardship



UPON this ROCK-Capital Campaign message from Fr. Leo **SEE ATTACHMENT**

Nominate a teacher for the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Award by March 10th
SEE ATTACHMENT

Do you know a Catholic school teacher who strives for academic excellence with a focus on the Catholic mission? Know a teacher who left a lasting impression on you or your child? Know a teacher who goes above and beyond for his or her students and who lives authentically Catholic? Nominate that teacher for the diocesan wide St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Award! Nominations are due by March 10. Go to <https://dio.org/schools/eas/>



Family Adoration Night Sunday March 17th SEE ATTACHMENT

Pray as a family this Lent and join us at Family Adoration Night

Weekend Mass Opportunities SEE ATTACHMENT

Saturday Mass - 5:00pm Sunday Masses - 8:00am, 9:30am, & 11:00am

Traveling? Go to www.masstimes.org to find a Mass time near you.

Quincy Catholic Charities Annual Fundraiser April 6th SEE ATTACHMENT

SAVE THE DATE:

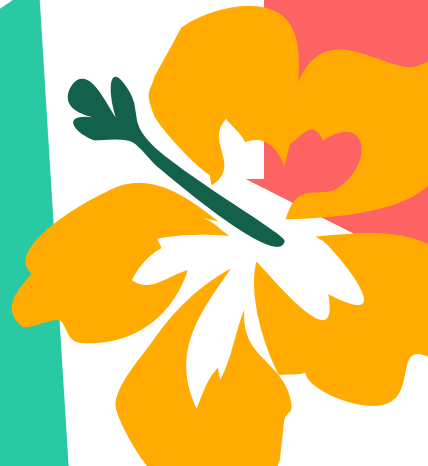
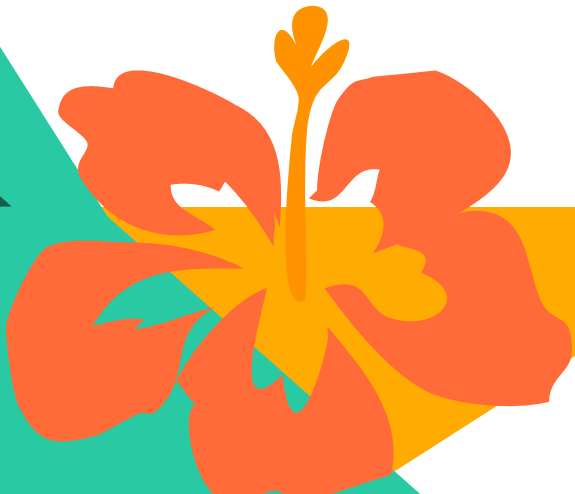
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| Mar 17 th | Family Adoration Night SEE ATTACHMENT |
| Mar 18 th | 6 th Grade QND Foreign Language Day |
| Mar 19 th | Kohl Wholesale Try Day- SEE ATTACHMENT |
| Mar 20 th | Children's Mass 8:30 5 th Grade Leading
PTA Meeting 11:00 Conference Room-ALL are welcome |
| Mar 21 st | Adoration |
| Mar 22 nd | 4 th /5 th Young People's Concert
Spring Pictures K-8 THESE HAVE BEEN CANCELLED
Stations of the Cross 1:15 |
| Mar 25 th -Apr 1 st | NO SCHOOL Easter/Spring Break |
| Apr 3 rd | Children's Mass 8:30 4 th Grade Leading |
| Apr 4 th | Adoration
PTA Scottie's Family Fun Night |
| Apr 6 th | 3 rd Grade-First Communion & Confirmation at Springfield |
| Apr 7 th | 3 rd Grade Recognized at 11:00 Mass
FOUND 7 th -9 th 6:30-8:00 |
| Apr 8 th | 4 th Grade QND Fine Arts Day |
| Apr 10 th | Children's Mass 8:30 3 rd Grade Leading |
| Apr 12 th | Spirit Day |
| Apr 13 th | 7 th /8 th Spring Dance at QND 7:00-9:00 |
| Apr 16 th | 8 th Grade Retreat |
| Apr 17 th | Children's Mass 8:30 2 nd Grade Leading |
| Apr 18 th | Adoration |
| Apr 19 th | NO SCHOOL -Midterm Q4 |
| Apr 22 nd | Olympic Day Grades 5-8 at QND |
| Apr 23 rd | "HOUSE" assembly-wear "HOUSE" colored shirt with out of dress code bottoms |
| Apr 24 th | Children's Mass 8:30 1 st Grade Leading |
| Apr 25 th | Kindergarten Screening NO LIBRARY |
| Apr 26 th | Kindergarten Screening NO LIBRARY |
| Apr 28 th | FOUND 7 th -9 th 6:30-8:00 |
| Apr 29 th -May 5 th | Spring Book Fair |
| Apr 29 th | Olympic Day Rain Date |
| May 1 st | Children's Mass 8:30 Kindergarten Leading |
| May 8 th | Children's Mass 8:30 8 th Grade Leading |
| May 15 th | Children's Mass 8:30 7 th Grade Leading |
| May 22 nd | Children's Mass 8:30 Kindergarten Leading |
| May 24 th | Last Day with 8:30 Mass and Picnic 11:30 dismissal |



Join the Committee!



Call or email text: Kristen Walker
walkerkr1202@gmail.com or call (708) 227-5721



Join Committee END OF YEAR PICNIC



Call or text: **Mindee Miller** (217)257-0233



$$5 + 4 = 9$$



February 13, 2024

Dear Parents or Guardians:

The greatest mission of the Church is to evangelize and share the Word of God. Each day, we strive to fulfill that calling within our Catholic schools. We appreciate the trust you put in us to share God's teachings alongside a high-quality education. It's an honor to partner with you on your child's journey of faith and education.

We appreciate the sacrifices made by those who choose Catholic education and are thankful to our families, faculty, staff, and generous donors for their unwavering support in maintaining the strength of our schools. Annually, the four pastors, in collaboration with their finance councils, assess the financial needs of the schools. We extend our thanks to our parishioners whose generosity allows us to subsidize tuition costs, keeping them as affordable as possible.

Following a thorough review, adjustments to the tuition rates have been made for the 2024-2025 school year. Please refer to the attached Tuition Rates document for specific details. Recognizing that an increase may pose challenges for some families, we have also included information about available tuition assistance opportunities.

As we look and plan ahead, our schools continue our commitment to create an environment where students are supported, loved, encouraged, and valued. We hope you will share your family's great experiences with families in our community as we strive to continue to grow our schools, our offerings, and our future leaders both in the Church and in the community.

If, after reading this letter, you have any questions or concerns, we encourage you to contact either your parish priest or your school principal, both of whom are partners with parents and guardians in providing a Catholic education to every family that wishes to enroll their child(ren). Thank you, again, for choosing a Catholic elementary school.

May God bless you and your family,

Fr. Tom Meyer
Mrs. Lisa Berhorst
Blessed Sacrament
(217) 228-1477

Fr. Tom Donovan
Mrs. Carol Frericks
St. Anthony/St. Dominic
(217) 224-0041

Fr. Steven Arisman
Mrs. Julie Radel
St. Francis
(217) 222-4077

Msgr. Leo Enlow
Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh
St. Peter
(217) 223-1120

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you sincerely for choosing a Catholic education for the spiritual and academic development of your child(ren). Our schools are the primary ministry of the parish. The generosity of our parishioners ensures our schools are a vibrant center of catechesis, faith formation, discipleship, and stewardship. This can only be achieved if our parishes are thriving and healthy.

In our ongoing effort to strengthen our parish communities and encourage active participation, we will introduce an updated Family School Agreement for the 2024-25 school year. This agreement builds upon what has been used in the past with two notable changes.

First, service hour requirements will be updated with emphasis placed on parish participation through ministries at Mass, participation on councils and committees, volunteering at the parish picnic, etc. We want to continue to strengthen the engagement of our school families with our parish.

Second, for our Catholic families, weekly and Holy Day Mass attendance is expected. The Eucharist is the cornerstone of our faith, and we know our families, parishes, schools, and community are strengthened when we spend time in worship together. With that in mind, we will now have a measurable expectation of weekly Mass participation. While we acknowledge that circumstances such as travel, illness, and the complexities of modern schedules may occasionally necessitate attending Mass at different parishes, remember that your parish community is an extension of your own family. Like any family, we feel a sense of absence when members are apart. Therefore, your family's attendance at your registered parish should be maintained at a minimum of 51% of the time.

More information will be shared at a later date on how this attendance will be monitored, as well as information on the required service hours. In the meantime, if you are Catholic and are not currently registered at a parish, any of the four of our parishes would welcome you. If you are a non-Catholic and would like to learn more about becoming Catholic, please reach out to the priest at your parish of choice.

We are excited to share these changes with you and look forward to how this will enliven our parish and school families to further live out their faith and support this mission of the Church. As with any change, we anticipate there will be questions. We plan to offer additional information/Q&A sessions this Spring and will communicate through principals with details once they are available. As a reminder, all families are expected to fulfill the obligations of the Family School Agreement.

We appreciate your continued prayers for our schools and parishes, and we pray for God's blessings upon you and our parish families in the year ahead.

Warm regards,

Rev. Steven Arisman
Pastor, St. Francis Solanus

Rev. Tom Meyer
Pastor, Blessed Sacrament

Rev. Thomas Donovan
Pastor, St. Anthony of Padua

Msgr. Leo Enlow
Pastor, St. Peter





2024-2025 Tuition & Fees Schedule

Kindergarten - 8th Grade

Tuition

Families **registered** and **actively participating** in one of the four Quincy Catholic Parishes that sponsor a school (Blessed Sacrament, St. Anthony, St. Francis, or St. Peter):

	Cost to Educate	Parish Subsidy	Cost to Family
One Child	\$6,800	\$3,400	\$3,400
Two Children	\$13,600	\$8,625	\$4,975
Three or more Children	\$20,400 (or more)	\$14,900 (or more)	\$5,500

Catholic families **not actively participating** in their parish or **not registered** in one of the four Quincy Catholic Parishes listed above OR families of another faith:

	Cost to Educate	Parish Subsidy	Cost to Family
One Child	\$6,800	\$1,950	\$4,850
Two Children	\$13,600	\$5,450	\$8,150
Three or more Children	\$20,400 (or more)	\$11,150 (or more)	\$9,250

Resource Fee:

New Families	\$265 per student (Early Bird Discount) \$415 per student (if paid after May 1, 2024)
Returning Families	\$250 per student (Early Bird Discount) \$400 (if paid after May 1, 2024)

In order to guarantee a space for your child(ren) - based on enrollment capacity - at any one of the four Catholic elementary schools, the **non-refundable** Resource Fee must be paid by Wednesday, May 1, 2024. Please note current QCES families who still owe tuition and/or fees for the current school year must pay their past due amount by Friday, May 31, 2024, in order to enroll their child(ren).



2024-2025 Important Dates

February 13, 2024	Online Application/Enrollment Begins FACTS Application Opens Scholarship Applications Open Newcomer's Scholarship St. Thomas Aquinas Scholarship Fr. Augustus Tolton Scholarship
April 5, 2024	FACTS application due. Required documentation must be submitted (W-2 forms, tax returns, 1040, etc.) Scholarship Applications Due
May 1, 2024	Non-refundable Resource Fee Due (to receive Early Bird Discount)
May 31, 2024	Outstanding balance(s) from the current school year must be paid in full to school (tuition, fees, lunch, etc.)
June 30, 2024	Tuition must be paid in full or a payment plan must be established with the school through the FACTS Tuition-Management Program. (For returning families: a 10% late fee will be charged if a family's tuition is not paid in full or verification is not provided that you will make payments through Tuition-Management.)



2024-2025 Tuition Assistance Opportunities

Kindergarten - 8th Grade

Quincy Catholic Elementary Schools Foundation

The QCES Foundation offers tuition assistance based on financial need. Applications, including required supporting documents, must be submitted through the FACTS Grant & Aid Program by April 5, 2024 for priority consideration. Applications will be accepted after that date, but there is no guarantee that tuition assistance funds will still be available. While funding is not guaranteed, families who fall within 200% of Federal Poverty Guidelines are encouraged to apply.

Household Members	100% FPL	150% FPL	200% FPL
1	\$15,060	\$22,590	\$30,120
2	\$20,440	\$30,660	\$40,880
3	\$25,820	\$38,730	\$51,640
4	\$31,200	\$46,800	\$62,400
5	\$36,580	\$54,870	\$73,160
6	\$41,960	\$62,940	\$83,920
7	\$47,340	\$71,010	\$94,680
8	\$52,720	\$79,080	\$105,440
9	\$58,100	\$87,150	\$116,200
10	\$63,480	\$95,220	\$126,960

The QCES Foundation also facilitates multiple scholarships.

- Fr. Augustus Tolton Scholarship - Full-tuition scholarship (K-8) awarded to one family at each of the four Quincy Catholic Elementary Schools.
- Newcomer's Scholarship - Partially need based, full-tuition scholarship (K-8), either Catholic or non-Catholic, whose family does not currently have any children enrolled in one of Quincy's four Catholic Elementary Schools.
- St. Thomas Aquinas Scholarship - Full-tuition and fees scholarship (K-8) for four students registered at one of the four Quincy Catholic Elementary Schools whose family does not currently have a student enrolled. The scholarship is intended for students of color, non-Catholic students, students below poverty level, or students with disabilities.

All scholarship applications must be submitted to director@quincycatholicschools.org April 5, 2024. Applicants must also complete the FACTS application by this date. More information and links to the applications are available at www.quincycatholicschools.org/tuitionassistance.

Gene Grawe Fund

Participation in the Gene Grawe Fund can offset tuition by the purchase of gift cards offered through many retailers. These businesses donate a percentage of the profits which is then distributed to the tuition accounts of the families participating. To learn more, visit www.genegrawefund.org or stop by the office located in the lobby at St. Peter Church, 2600 Maine Street.



*Shaping their future
to be the best they can be*

2024-2025 Tuition & Fees Schedule

St. Peter Pre-School

4-Year-Old Program

Five days/week (Monday-Friday, 8:05-11:00 OR 12:00-2:45)

- Resource Fee \$210
(due by February 15, non-refundable)
 - School Enrollment Fee & Supplies - \$185
 - FACTS Online Forms Fee - \$25
- Tuition Packet and Fee \$1,260
(full amount due June OR \$642.50 due in June and \$617.50 due in November)
 - School Tuition - \$1,235
 - FACTS Payment Fee - \$25

3-Year-Old Program

Three half- days/week (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 8:05-11:00 OR 12:00-2:45)

- Resource Fee \$165
(due by February 15, non-refundable)
 - School Enrollment Fee & Supplies - \$140
 - FACTS Online Forms Fee - \$25
- Tuition Packet & Fee \$970
(Full amount due June OR \$497.50 due in June and \$472.50 due in November)
 - School Tuition - \$845
 - FACTS Payment Fee - \$25

**Program fees are based per child and are not part of the school K-8 tuition pricing/package or family break.*

SAYING NO: OVERVIEW FOR PARENTS & CAREGIVERS

HOW CAN I PROTECT MY CHILD FROM HARM?

Sometimes kids face situations that are unsafe or are hurting them emotionally or physically. This can be scary for parents because we never want to see our children get hurt. While we can't protect them from everything in life, we can help them build skills to set boundaries and keep themselves safe.

TIPS FOR HELPING YOUR CHILD SET BOUNDARIES

1. IT IS OK TO SAY NO

Show your child that setting boundaries and asking for help are signs of strength, not weakness. You can tell them: "When we are struggling and we ask for help or tell someone 'no', we are growing strength and it gets easier every time we do it." If you share examples from your own life it really helps, because it gives them a social script and a model that they internalize in their minds and can draw on later. So you can say: "A friend asked me to go to a dinner that I really didn't want to go to. I felt nervous and scared about their reaction if I said no, so I went and I hated every minute of it and felt exhausted after! So the next time they asked me to go to a dinner I was brave and said no. It was still scary but I felt so much better afterwards! And I realised that it was ok to say no."

2. LIMITS IN THE HOME

When you set boundaries, if you do so calmly and firmly, without getting angry, this helps your child learn that 'no' is a normal and calm thing to say. It's easy for 'no' to become emotionally charged, which turns it into a scary word for kids. If we can give them examples where 'no' is not a big deal, this will help them stay calm and see the bigger picture when it comes to saying 'no' to someone else. You can use empathy to help keep the mood calm. You can say things like: "I'm sorry, I know it's hard, but it's not going to happen." And then lightly change the subject to something else.

3. RESPONSIBILITY

Give them increasing amounts of responsibility to make choices and decide what they want. You can tell them: "I would like to spend some time with you tomorrow, why don't you choose a fun activity for us?" Or: "Why don't you choose a meal that you like and we can cook it together?" It's surprisingly hard for us especially when we are young to actually listen IN to what we want – it is a skill that needs to be practiced. So the more opportunities you give your child to make an empowered choice based purely on how they FEEL, the more chance they have to build the muscle of paying attention to what is happening inside of them and setting boundaries based on that.

4. NON-REACTIVITY

If they accuse you of something or blame you for something, you can turn this unpleasant situation into one of the most helpful conversations you can have with your child. Validate and support their experience by saying: "I'm sorry you feel that way, that's definitely not my intention! What can we both do to change the dynamic?" This is role-modeling healthy respectful voicing and listening to boundaries. By not taking it personally or getting hooked into defending yourself, but simply listening, respecting their opinion (knowing it doesn't mean anything bad about you) and then working constructively with them to repair it, you are showing them how to disagree and set boundaries in a kind and compassionate way.



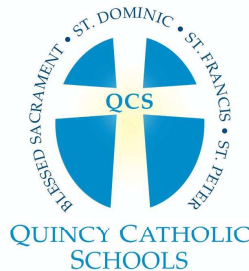
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TRY DAY

JOIN US IN A NUTRITION
ADVENTURE!



**MARCH, 19
2024**



**MARCH, 20
2024**

SAMPLE NEW FOODS, LEARN ABOUT HEALTHY CHOICES &
VOTE FOR THE FOOD YOU WOULD LIKE OFFERED
ON YOUR SCHOOL MENU.

**BROUGHT TO YOU IN CELEBRATION OF
NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH!**



THOU ART PETER, AND UPON THIS ROCK I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH

UPON *this* ROCK

*The Campaign
to Build in Faith
at St. Peter*

DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD IN ILLINOIS ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON AWARD

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SCHOOLS IN AMERICA

NOMINATE A TEACHER WHO
STRIVES FOR
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE,
WITH A FOCUS AND COMMITMENT
TO THE
CATHOLIC MISSION

PRINCIPALS, TEACHERS, PARENTS,
STUDENTS, AND PASTORS:
SUBMIT A NARRATIVE OF THE
TEACHER YOU WISH TO NOMINATE
FOR THE
ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON AWARD

ENTRIES CAN BE SUBMITTED TO
THE DIOCESE AT

dio.org/schools/eas



Pictured is 2023 winner, Lisa Evans, from
St. Francis Holy Ghost School in Jerseyville
with Bishop Thomas John Paprocki.

SUBMISSIONS ARE DUE TO THE DIOCESE BY MARCH 10TH
WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER IN THE SPRING

FAMILY ADORATION NIGHT

Sunday, March 17

6:00 p.m.



- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church from 6:00-7:00pm
- Praise and Worship Music will be sung during Adoration
- The opportunity to go to Confession will be available
- Refreshments will be served in the Cafeteria following Adoration

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN!



Pray as a family this Lent
and join us at Family Adoration Night!





JOIN US FOR MASS
EVERY WEEKEND AT

ST. PETER
CHURCH

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SATURDAY

5:00pm



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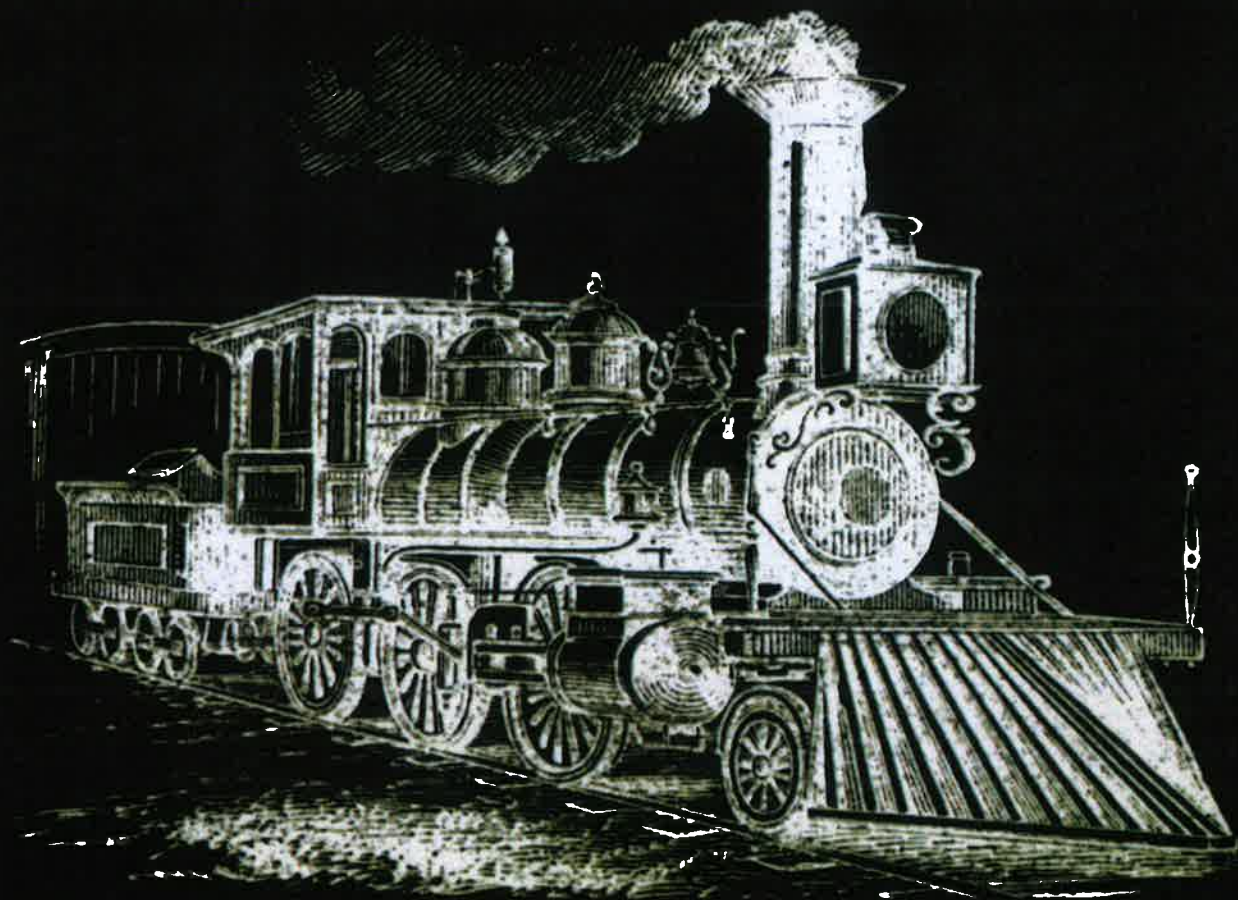
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9:30am

11:00am

Traveling?
Check out masstimes.org

Quincy Catholic Charities 2024 Annual Fundraiser



MURDER MYSTERY ON A TRAIN

April 6 5 - 10 P.M.



The Holiday Inn
4821 Oak St, Quincy
Tickets: \$50 or \$350 for
a table of eight, including
Dinner and Entertainment
Silent Auction | Cash Bar