



Patriot News



Weekly Update

April 14th - April 18th

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

WHAT'S AHEAD THIS WEEK COMING:

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| Apr 21 st | Easter Break - No School |
| Apr 22 nd | School Resumes |
| Apr 23 rd | 1 st Grade Field Trip - Quincy Community Theatre
Children's Mass - 2 nd Grade Leading |
| Apr 24 th | Olympic Day (5 th - 8 th at QND)
Kindergarten Screening/Assessment |
| Apr 25 th | Spirit Day
Kindergarten Screening/Assessment
7 th /8 th Grade Spring Dance at QND 7pm - 9pm |

SCHOOL BUSINESS:

- **Olympic Day:** Thursday, April 24th for grades 5th- 8th at QND. Buses will leave St. Peter School at 8:30am. Students **MUST** wear their **OLYMPIC DAY SHIRT** with out of dress code bottoms. Shorts should be no more than three (3) inches above the knee. Leggings and biker shorts **are not allowed**. **HOODED SWEATSHIRTS ARE NOT ALLOWED**. Students should bring their own lunch and drinks. **NO SODA** and **NO GLASS CONTAINERS**. Students should **NOT** bring any electronic devices such as cell phones, headsets, iPad etc.
- **Spirit Day:** Friday, April 25th students may wear their **SPirit DAY** shirt with **NON-DRESS CODE BOTTOMS**, including jeans that are appropriate for school (no rips, etc.) with proper length and fit as designated in the regular dress code attire. Shorts and skirts should be no more than three (3) inches above the knee. Leggings **are not allowed** unless worn under a skirt or dress.
- **QCES 7th/8th Grade Spring Dance:** Friday, April 25th from 7pm - 9pm at QND. Walk-ins are welcomed.

- **2025-20256 Enrollment:** Early bird discount deadline is May 7th.
- **Mega Raffle:** Tickets must be turned in on Friday May 2nd to qualify for the Early Bird drawing. The Early Bird drawing will be on Wednesday, May 14th. For every five (5) tickets you sell, your name is entered into a drawing for \$4,000 in tuition credit or \$3,000 in cash.
- **Last Day of School:** Preschool 3 and 4 - Tuesday, May 20th.
K-8 Wednesday, May 21st, mass at 8:30am followed by picnic. Dismissal at 11:30am. **NO PM BUS.**
- **2025-2026 8th Grade DC Trip:** scheduled for October 5th - 10th.

EVENTS:

- **Holy Thursday, April 17th:** Confession 11am - 12pm, 3pm - 5pm. Adoration 8pm - 11pm. mass at 7pm.
- **Good Friday, April 18th:** Confession 11am - 12pm and 4pm - 6pm. Stations of the Cross 3pm. mass at 7pm.
- **Holy Saturday, April 19th:** Confession 11am - 12pm and 3pm - 5pm. Easter Vigil Mass at 8pm.
- **Easter Sunday, April 20th:** Mass at 8am, 9:30am and 11am
- **Parent's Night Out:** April 25th see the flyer below for more information. To sign up click: <https://www.mission-suite.com/forms/c89473b3-dc14-4bc3-a8f5-cb52da35dddb/submit>
- **Community Give Back Event:** April 25th from 4:30pm - 5:30pm present by Bella East. See the flyer below for more information.
- **FOUND:** next meeting Sunday, April 27th from 6:30pm - 8:00pm.
- **Biscuit and Gravy Breakfast:** hosted by the Men's group April 27th 8:30am - 12:30pm in the cafeteria. See the flyer below for more information.
- **Uplift Your Priest:** The week of April 27th commit to praying for our priests. See the flyer below for more information.

- **Family Eucharistic Adoration:** St. Francis Parish invites everyone in the Quincy Catholic community to a Family Eucharistic Adoration on Monday, April 28th at 5:45pm. See the flyer below for more information.
- **Ladies Night Out-Surrender:** April 30th see flyer below for more information. To sign up click here: <https://www.mission-suite.com/forms/599e7d1b-f473-431c-b0fa-017acfa2a85d/submit>
- **St. Peter Block Party:** Save the date May 17th 6pm - 9pm more information to come.
- **Fr. Leo's 50th Jubilee Celebration:** June 8th
- **Totus Tuus:** St. Peter and St. Francis are working together to bring another Totus Tuus Camp to our area this summer!! Totus Tuus is a week filled with fun and faith! The Evening Camp runs from Sunday, June 15th through Thursday, June 19th this year from 6:30 pm - 8:15 pm at St. Francis School. Teens who are entering 7th - 12th grade in the fall of 2025 are welcome to attend. The Day Camp will take place Monday, June 16th - Friday, June 20st from 9:00 am until 2:30 pm. This camp is for students entering 1st grade through 6th grades this fall. The cost of the camp is \$25 a child or \$60 for 3 or more siblings. All area youth are welcome! To sign up please, use this link: <https://dio.org/totus-tuus-camper-registration/>. Text Grant at 217-602-9293 for more information. Thank you!

JOB OPPORTUNITIES:

- **Teacher Aide Openings:** St. Peter School is accepting applications for a teacher aide positions for the 2025-2026 school year. Applicants should have experience working with young children, completing a background check, and fingerprinting. Interested applicants send a resume and references to Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh 2500 Maine St, Quincy, IL 62301 or c.venvertloh@cospq.org
- **Substitute Teachers:** We need substitute teachers. Full day pay is \$115.00. If you are interested in being a substitute teacher please contact Cindy Venvertloh, Principal, or Chris Reichert, Assistant Principal at 217-223-1120.
- **St. Peter School Part-time Cafeteria Manager:** The Cafeteria Manager will be responsible for reporting and providing State approved meals for the school lunch program. Other duties included but are not limited to cooking, managing employee schedules, and maintaining a clean, safe, and welcoming environment for staff and students. Starting wage is \$16 per hour with state required paid time off.

UPCOMING DATES:

Apr 29 th	Chaddock Puppet Presentation K-2 nd grade
May 1 st	House Scavenger Hunt House Lunch
May 2 nd	May Crowning 8:45am QCT Play 3 rd - 5 th Grade
May 5 th	Read Day in the Park K-2 Last Day of Library Olympic Day Rain Date
May 5 th -9 th	Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week
May 6 th	Mobile Library 9:00am - 12:30pm
May 7 th	House Mass - wear HOUSE shirt WITH DRESS CODE BOTTOMS Early Bird registration deadline MAP testing celebration - Madison Park 1:00pm - 2:00pm
May 8 th	Adoration House Scavenger Hunt (rain date)
May 9 th	Spirit Day Last day of Library. PLEASE RETURN ALL BOOKS STEM Lab Celebration 9:30am and 10:30am PMO Tour 1:00pm - 1:25pm
May 12 th	Library Books Due Living Rosary 1pm
May 13 th	8 th grade pictures, award ceremony, luncheon, and Graduation
May 16 th	Madison Park Fun Day -PS4
May 17 th	Kick off to Summer Block Party
May 19 th	7 th grade field trip- Mark Twain Cave
May 20 th	Last day for <u>3- and 4-year-old Preschool</u> Graduation for PK4 more info to come for each class
May 21 st	Last day for K-7 School picnic with dismissal at 11:30am - NO PM Bus Q4 Service hours due

SEE BELOW FOR FLYERS

OLYMPIC DAY 2025

March 7, 2025

Dear Parents of Grades 5-8:

On Thursday, April 24th (rain date is Monday, May 5th) grades 5th-8th will be attending Olympic Day 2025 from 9:00am - 2:00pm at QND. We will be leaving St. Peter School around 8:30 a.m. The Olympic Day will be attended by 5th-8th grades from all Quincy Parochial Schools, St. Mary School in Mt. Sterling, and Holy Family in Hannibal. This event is an extension of our physical education programs and gives them the experience of a real track meet situation. Olympic Day has been coordinated by a group of teacher representatives from each of the schools.

Dress for the day: Students **MUST** wear the official lime green Olympic Day T-shirt. The shirt must be in the original state (no extra writing or altered in any way). Shorts or sweats are allowed. Shorts must be modest in length. **Biker shorts are not allowed** unless they are worn under another pair of appropriate shorts. Clothing should not have offensive writing or be contrary to health or Catholic principals. Athletic shoes and socks should be worn. **NO** cleats or spikes! There is no need for bandanas or other distracting accessories including hair coloring or capes, etc. With this dress code in place students will be dressed appropriately for the day. **PLEASE NOTE: Anyone dressed inappropriately will need to call their parents before leaving for QND for the appropriate attire and the parents will need to transport them to QND if we have already left. If any dress or appearance is altered after they arrive at QND, parents will be called to pick up their child.**

Students may want to bring sunscreen and wear a hat. If the day appears to be cool, a jacket and a blanket or large towel to sit on is suggested. Students should bring their own lunch and drinks. **NO SODA. NO GLASS** containers. Students are responsible for throwing away their trash and cleaning up after themselves. If a student has an inhaler for asthma, he/she should bring it along on this day. **ABSOLUETLY NO GUM IS ALLOWED!**

STUDENTS SHOULD NOT BRING ANY ELECTRONIC DEVICES. Cell phones, headsets, Ipods, etc. are to be left at home.

Please sign the permission slip (parent side and student side) and return to school by **Monday, March 31st.**

Parents are invited to stop by at any time during the day to enjoy the events and to cheer for our students and our school! We look forward to an exciting day!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Venvertloh/Mrs. Reichert

QCES 7th/8th Grade Spring Dance

Friday, April 25 – Quincy Notre Dame – 7pm-9:00pm

Admission \$5.00

(Please turn into your Homeroom teacher by Friday, April 11th)

Drinks & snacks provided

Music provided by: Aaron Covert

Parents, we need your help! Please go to the following link to sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0949ADAA2CA1F49-56020669-7thand>



We are excited to offer this event for our 7/8 grade students! We realize that for some this may be their first school dance. Please encourage your child to come, they will have a blast! If for some reason your plans change at the last minute such as a sports schedule change due to weather, please come and pay at the door. We want as many students as possible to come! This is not a dance in which students are asked to bring a "date." This is a social event for the students to get to know one another from the four Catholic Elementary Schools.

Rules and Guidelines: The 7th/8th Grade Spring Dance is open to all QCES seventh and eighth grade students. (No outside guests are permitted.) **Doors will open at 6:45 p.m.** Music will start at 7:00 p.m. All students must arrive by 7:15 p.m. and be picked up no later than 9:00 p.m. **Parents must come inside** the QND gym to pick up their child. **Children will not be allowed to wait in the parking lot or walk home or elsewhere.** Students must remain at the dance until picked up and signed out by a parent.

Dress Code for the Event: dress attire for all students will be considered as "Sunday Best," similar to a wedding, Easter Sunday, or Confirmation attire. **No** jeans, shorts or t-shirts. This is **NOT** a formal attire event. Please do not go out and spend a lot of money on new clothes.

Girls who wear dresses: Dresses must be no shorter than two inches above the knee. If the dress is sleeveless or strapless, a light sweater or wrap must be worn at all times to cover the shoulders. No high heels are permitted.

Boys: dress pants and a dress shirt with or without a tie.

Please return this portion with \$5 admission to your child's school by **Friday, April 11th**

Student Name

Grade & Room Number

Parent Signature

Parent Contact Number



February 7, 2025

Dear Parents or Guardians:

The Church's greatest mission is to evangelize and share the Word of God, a calling we fulfill daily in our Catholic schools. We are honored to partner with you in your child's journey of faith and learning and deeply appreciate the sacrifices made by families who choose Catholic education. Thanks to the unwavering support of our faculty, staff, donors, and parishioners, we are able to provide a high-quality education while keeping tuition as affordable as possible.

Annually, the four pastors, with their finance councils, assess the financial needs of our schools. After a thorough review, tuition for the 2025-2026 school year will increase by 8.5%. This adjustment ensures we can provide deserved salary and benefit increases for our dedicated staff, who are essential to maintaining the quality of our schools.

It's important to note that this increase does not cover additional operating expenses like utilities, service contracts, and supplies. These costs will be generously subsidized by our parishes through the support of parishioners.

We recognize that a tuition increase may be challenging for some families. To support those in need, we encourage you to explore the tuition assistance opportunities outlined in the attached document.

We remain committed to creating a supportive and encouraging environment for every student as we grow our schools and nurture future leaders in the Church and beyond. We invite you to share your family's experiences with others in our community and encourage you to reach out to your parish priest or school principal with any questions or concerns. They are here to partner with you in providing the gift of Catholic education.

Thank you again for choosing a Catholic elementary school for your child's education and faith journey.

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 for choosing a Catholic education for your child(ren) and entrusting us with their spiritual and academic development. Our schools are a vital ministry of the Church, made possible by the generosity of parishioners. Together, we ensure that our schools remain vibrant centers of catechesis, faith formation, and stewardship. This work thrives only when our parishes are healthy and active.

As we look to the 2025-2026 school year, we are excited to continue to build on the **Family School Agreement** that has already made a significant impact. Through this agreement, families have deepened their connection to their faith, and it has brought each of us great joy to see pews fuller, hear stories of families returning to the Church, and witness how these efforts are revitalizing faith within our community.

The Family School Agreement includes two key components. First, service hour requirements emphasize active parish and school participation. Families are encouraged to engage through ministries at Mass, parish councils, committees, and events, fostering a stronger sense of belonging and shared mission.

Second, for Catholic families, Mass attendance remains the cornerstone of our faith. The Eucharist unites us as the Body of Christ and strengthens our entire community. As Catholics, you should attend Mass every Sunday and Holy Day. We realize that travel, sickness, and scheduling may lead you to attend Mass at various parishes; however, you must attend Mass at a participating parish at least 51% of the time. Eighth grade families should still participate in the program as many scholarships to QND take into account Mass attendance.

For Catholic families not currently registered at a parish, we warmly invite you to join one of our four parishes. If you are non-Catholic and interested in learning more about the faith, please reach out to your parish priest.

The Family School Agreement is designed to strengthen our schools, parishes, and families, bringing us closer to Christ and one another. Thank you for your prayers, participation, and support in helping us carry out this mission. May God bless your family and our community in the year ahead.

Warm regards,

Rev. Steven Arisman
Pastor, St. Francis Solanus

Rev. Thomas Donovan
Pastor, St. Anthony of Padua

Rev. Tom Meyer
Pastor, Blessed Sacrament

Msgr. Leo Enlow
Pastor, St. Peter



2025-2026 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	\$6,950	\$3,260	\$3,690
Two Children	\$13,900	\$8,500	\$5,400
Three or more Children	\$20,850 (or more)	\$14,880 (or more)	\$5,970

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	\$6,950	\$1,690	\$5,260
Two Children	\$13,900	\$5,060	\$8,840
Three or more Children	\$20,850 (or more)	\$10,810 (or more)	\$10,040

Resource Fee:

New Families \$265 per student (Early Bird Discount)
 \$415 per student (if paid after May 7, 2025)

Returning Families \$250 per student (Early Bird Discount)
 \$400 (if paid after May 7, 2025)

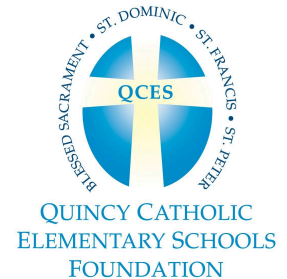
In order to guarantee a space for your child(ren) - based on enrollment capacity - at any one of the four Catholic elementary schools, the **non-refundable** Resource Fee must be paid by May 7, 2025. Please note current QCES families who still owe tuition and/or fees for the current school year must pay their past due amount by Friday, May 21, 2025, in order to enroll their child(ren).



2025-2026 Tuition Assistance Opportunities Kindergarten - 8th Grade

Quincy Catholic Elementary Schools Foundation

The QCES Foundation provides about \$130,000 in tuition assistance to families each school year. Awards for assistance are based on financial need. Applications, including required supporting documents such as W-2s and tax returns, must be submitted online through the FACTS Grant & Aid Program. While funding is not guaranteed, families who fall within 200% of Federal Poverty Guidelines are encouraged to apply.



The QCES Foundation also facilitates multiple scholarships. To be considered for a scholarship, families must complete the scholarship form AND the FACTS Grant & Aid application.

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

Household Size	200% FPL
1	\$31,300
2	\$42,300
3	\$53,300
4	\$64,300
5	\$75,300
6	\$86,300
7	\$97,300
8	\$108,300
9	\$119,300
10	\$130,300

All scholarship applications must be submitted to director@quincycatholicschools.org. FACTS applications and scholarship applications must be completed and submitted by April 4, 2025. **Tuition assistance and scholarship applications for returning families will not be accepted past this date without approval from the foundation director.** 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. Every year, during Spring school registration, all students and their parents are extended the opportunity to participate in the Gene Grawe Fund. To learn more, visit www.genegrawefund.org or stop by the office located in the lobby at St. Peter Church, 2600 Maine Street.



2025-2026 Important Dates

February 7, 2025	Online Application/Enrollment Begins FACTS Application Opens Scholarship Applications Open Newcomer's Scholarship St. Thomas Aquinas Scholarship Fr. Augustus Tolton Scholarship
April 4, 2025	FACTS application due. Required documentation must be submitted (W-2 forms, tax returns, 1040, etc.) Scholarship Applications Due *Tuition assistance and scholarship applications will not be accepted for returning families past this date without approval from the foundation director.
May 7, 2025	Non-refundable Resource Fee Due (to receive Early Bird Discount)
May 21, 2025	Outstanding balance(s) from the current school year must be paid in full to school (tuition, fees, lunch, etc.)
June 30, 2025	Tuition must be paid in full or a payment plan must be established with the school through the FACTS Tuition-Management Program.



2025-2026 Tuition & Fees Schedule

St. Peter Pre-School

3-Year-Old Program

- Half-day, Three Days/Week (Tuesday-Thursday, 8:05-11:00 am OR 12:00-2:45 pm)
 - Resource Fee (non-refundable) - \$165
 - Tuition - \$1,025/year

4-Year-Old Program

- Half-day, Five Days/Week (Monday-Friday, 8:05-11:00 OR 12:00-2:45 pm)
 - Resource Fee (non-refundable) - \$210
 - Tuition - \$1,340/yr

FACTS Tuition Payment Options

- \$25 for 1-2 tuition payments
- \$55 for 10 tuition payments



“Everybody Wins” Mega Raffle

Dates for 2025

Pre-Mailer Sent Out:

*Mailing list due by March 3rd, 2025

April 1

Tickets Go Home:

April 3

Radio Plug for Tickets:

April 2 @ 9:40am – Mary G.

April 1 @ 8:35am – KICK-FM

April 25 @ 8:35am – KICK-FM

EB Ticket Sales Period:

April 3 – May 2

EB Deadline:

May 2, by 4:00 pm

EB Drawing:

May 14 @ 8:35am KICK-FM

Raffle Closing:

May 22 at Noon

Mega Drawing:

On Friday, May 23rd, 2025 at 8am on Facebook live we draw the first three names out of the bin and seal them away. We will inform watchers that those names will be announced at 8:35am live on Kick-FM. We proceed to draw out the rest of the winners. Shortly after 9am we post photos of the board with all the winners.

UPDATED: 2/5/25

Spring Break:

March 13-17

Easter:

April 20

Easter Break:

April 18-21



PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

FRIDAY, APRIL 25
6:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

Check in/drop off kids at St. Peter Cafeteria / Sign up by April 23

Grab your date and head out for a night on the town. Free babysitting available in the lower level of St. Peter Church (space is limited, sign up early to guarantee your spot). Do something you love together!!

NEW for this Parents' Night Out - we will be showing a pilot video from the Messy Parenting Project from 6:05-6:30 p.m. on campus for parents to watch before their date night. We are asking for feedback on the program that we may bring to our parish on a regular basis. We encourage you to attend.

****parents who watch the video will be entered for a chance to win a date night basket!**

**Need More Info? or to phone in RSVP...
Call 217.214.0187**



SCAN QR CODE TO SIGN UP



Bella Ease

IS HOSTING A

**COMMUNITY
GIVE BACK
EVENT**

FRIDAY, APRIL 25TH

4:30 PM- 5:30 PM

AT

707 BROADWAY QUINCY

*MUST BE PRESENT TO RECEIVE ITEMS

*PLEASE BRING A BOX OR BAG TO CARRY
ITEMS

THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS:



#belikegrace



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**BISCUITS &
GRAVY**

Sunday, April 27

Serving 8:30am-12:30pm
in the cafeteria

Free will donation--
\$5 suggested
ages 12 and up

Sponsored by the
St. Peter
Men's Group

**WAYS TO
UPLIFT YOUR PRIEST**

PRAY

FAST

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AFFIRM



Uplift Your Priest

**Fill out a commitment card and
pray for our priests the week of
April 27th.**

Experience the Peace of Adoration as a Family!

St. Francis Solanus Parish invites everyone in the Quincy Catholic community to a Family Eucharistic Adoration on **Monday, April 28th at 5:45 PM.**

Join us for a brief witness talk by Jillian Gerasimek, who will share insights on how to pray during Adoration and her personal experiences. Following the talk, we will spend 30 minutes in prayer accompanied by music.

Stay afterwards for a reception! Sign up to bring something using the link or the QR code below: www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054DACAB22A0F5C34-56305917-reception/



Direct questions about this event to Grant Wilson, DRE, St. Francis Solanus Parish: gwilson@stfrancissolanus.com or 217-222-4077.

Invite your friends and join us for

Ladies Night

Surrender

and trust in Him



Kristina Radley
returns to share her
faith, humor and love
for Jesus!

Wednesday, April 30th

St. Peter Church
7pm



Sign
up
here!

All are welcome!

Speaker
Music
Adoration
Desserts &
Fellowship