



# Patriot News



## Weekly Update

April 21<sup>st</sup> – April 25<sup>th</sup>

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 29 <sup>th</sup> | Chaddock Puppet Presentation K-2 <sup>nd</sup> grade 10am  |
| Apr 30 <sup>th</sup> | Children's Mass - 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Leading  |
| May 1 <sup>st</sup>  | House Scavenger Hunt<br>House Lunch  |
| May 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | May Crowning 8:45am<br>QCT on the Road - Grades 3 <sup>rd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm in the school gym<br>Wear Spirit Day shirt <u>WITH DRESS CODE BOTTOMS</u> - Fr. Leo 50 <sup>th</sup> Jubilee picture |

### SCHOOL BUSINESS:

- **QCES 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Spring Dance:** Tonight from 7pm - 9pm at QND. Walk-ins are welcomed.
- **Gene Grawe Fund:** due to a schedule conflict, the scholarship announcement will be NEXT Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in St. Dominic's school gym. The doors open at 6:00pm. If you are unable to attend the event, the GGF will send you an email one of the first days in May with the scholarship amount for 2025-2026.
- **2025-20256 Enrollment:** Early bird discount deadline is May 7<sup>th</sup>.
- **Mega Raffle:** Tickets must be turned in on Friday May 2<sup>nd</sup> to qualify for the Early Bird drawing. The Early Bird drawing will be on Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. 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 20<sup>th</sup>.  
K-8 Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, mass at 8:30am followed by picnic. Dismissal at 11:30am. **NO PM BUS.**
- **2025-2026 8<sup>th</sup> Grade DC Trip:** scheduled for October 5<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>. There will be a meeting for current 7<sup>th</sup> grade parents on May 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the cafeteria.
- **2025 Kids Heart Challenge:** St. Peter School had another outstanding Kid's Heart Challenge. Students in grades K-6<sup>th</sup> learned so many ways to be a heart hero. From getting more sleep, choosing water over sugary drinks, even learning what fruits and vegetables are best for our brain and heart. In total, our school raised \$17,708.91. Over the last two (2) Kid's Heart Challenges our school raised over \$35,000. Our school's rep notified Mr. Shinn that St. Peter School is her top donation school two (2) years in a row!! **Thank you to everyone for participating this year!**
- **Classroom Requests:** When planning for the 2025-2026 school year, we are not able to honor requests for classroom placements of students. Students are assigned to homerooms based on teacher/administration recommendation
- **New Staff:** We have filled the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade positions. Mrs. Meg Benner will be teaching 3rd grade next year and Mrs. Kathy Baum will be teaching 6th grade. Mrs. Brooke Stratton (current 6th grade) will teach 7th/8th grade Science. Mrs. Dawn VanCamp (current 7/8 science) will be leaving us at the close of the school year as well as Mrs. Denise Hufendick (current 4th grade). Also, Mrs. Donna Lamkin (current 1st grade aide) will be leaving us as her husband accepted a position in St. Louis.

## **EVENTS:**

- **Parent's Night Out:** April 25<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> from 4:30pm - 5:30pm present by Bella East. See the flyer below for more information.
- **FOUND:** next meeting Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm - 8:00pm.
- **Biscuit and Gravy Breakfast:** hosted by the Men's group April 27<sup>th</sup> 8:30am - 12:30pm in the cafeteria. See the flyer below for more information.
- **Uplift Your Priest:** The week of April 27<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:45pm. See the flyer below for more information.
- **Ladies Night Out-Surrender:** April 30<sup>th</sup> see flyer below for more information. To sign up click here: <https://www.mission-suite.com/forms/599e7d1b-f473-431c-b0fa-017acfa2a85d/submit>
- **Fr. Leo's 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Celebration:** June 8<sup>th</sup>
- **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 15<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup> this year from 6:30 pm - 8:15 pm at St. Francis School. Teens who are entering 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall of 2025 are welcome to attend. The Day Camp will take place Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup> - Friday, June 20<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 am until 2:30 pm. This camp is for students entering 1<sup>st</sup> grade through 6<sup>th</sup> 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:**

- **1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher Opening:** St. Peter School is accepting applications for full-time teaching positions in grade 1 for the 2025-2026 school year. Applicants must hold an active Illinois teaching license and demonstrate enthusiasm and dedication to student success. As a Catholic school, we seek educators who are committed to fostering both academic excellence and spiritual growth in a faith-filled environment that supports the values of our Catholic tradition. Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume, and three letters of reference via email to [c.venvertloh@cospq.org](mailto:c.venvertloh@cospq.org) or by mail to **Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh, Principal, St. Peter School, 2500 Maine Street, Quincy, IL 62301**. For inquiries, please contact the school office at 217-223-1120. St. Peter School wages are based on years of experience and education ranging from \$33,000 to \$70,000 depending upon education and experience. More specific information will be provided upon request." A summary of benefits can be found at <https://dio.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Benefits-Flyer-1.pdf>
- **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](mailto: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.

## **UPCOMING DATES:**

May 5 <sup>th</sup>	Read Day in the Park K-2 Last Day of Library Olympic Day Rain Date
May 5 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup>	Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week
May 6 <sup>th</sup>	Mobile Library 9:00am - 12:30pm
May 7 <sup>th</sup>	House Mass - wear HOUSE shirt WITH DRESS CODE BOTTOMS Early Bird registration deadline MAP testing celebration - Madison Park 1:00pm - 2:00pm
May 8 <sup>th</sup>	Adoration House Scavenger Hunt (rain date)
May 9 <sup>th</sup>	Spirit Day Last day of Library. PLEASE RETURN ALL BOOKS STEM Lab Celebration 9:30am (K-3) and 10:30am (4-8) PMO Tour 1:00pm - 1:20pm
May 12 <sup>th</sup>	Library Books Due Living Rosary 1:00pm
May 13 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup> grade pictures, award ceremony, luncheon, and Graduation
May 15 <sup>th</sup>	PS4 Summer Birthday Celebration Day
May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Madison Park Fun Day - PS4
May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Kick off to Summer Block Party
May 19 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup> grade field trip- Mark Twain Cave PS4 Graduation Dress Rehearsal
May 20 <sup>th</sup>	Last day for <u>3- and 4-year-old Preschool</u> Graduation for PK4 9:30am and 1:30pm
May 21 <sup>st</sup>	Last day for K-7 School picnic with dismissal at 11:30am - NO PM Bus Q4 Service hours due

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## SEE BELOW FOR FLYERS



# QCES 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

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Student Name

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Grade & Room Number

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Parent Signature

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Parent Contact Number

Dear 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents,

It is time to begin the planning for your student's 8<sup>th</sup> grade class trip to Washington DC scheduled for **October 5-10, 2025!** This will be my 22<sup>nd</sup> Washington DC trip and 21<sup>st</sup> year leading the trip for our eighth graders. I am thankful that Fr. Bauer had the inspiration and foresight to start this trip back in 1985 and thankful I was called to continue his legacy back in 2004. I would also like to thank the administration and our outstanding teachers for their continued support. Without their support, the trip would NOT be possible.

**A meeting for all 7<sup>th</sup> grade parents will be held Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM in the St. Peter's Cafeteria.**

**I will be discussing the following:** The schedule including all the sites we plan to visit, to chaperone or not to chaperone, expectations of the students and chaperones, disciplinary concerns, safety of our students, the estimated cost of the trip, and answer any questions you may have.

**CHAPERONES:** Now is the time to sign up for **consideration** as a chaperone. Chaperones will be chosen and contacted in June by me in order to give you time to arrange your schedule. Remember, this is not a trip for the chaperones. It is all about our students' education & safety. Personally, I would love to take everyone on this trip, but it just is not possible due to class size, the number of parents who want to go, and transportation limitations.

Please keep the following in mind before asking for **consideration** as a chaperone:

- Monday is physically exhausting, **38-40 hours** with little or no sleep along with **briskly walking 10-12 miles each day**, so **you must be in good physical condition**.
- You will be responsible for a group of 8-10 students and must be able to be firm but kind and deal with basic 8<sup>th</sup> grade issues such as a student getting sick or other 8<sup>th</sup> grade drama.
- We are on a very tight schedule; I depend on adults to help keep students on schedule.
- I, along with the teachers, are in charge. Chaperones **MUST** follow the teachers' instructions. If a teacher corrects a student, **chaperones must respectfully support the teacher**.
- Chaperones must also pay the cost of the trip plus meals.

If you have a heart for youth ministry, you will love the trip and it will be a week that you will never forget! If you just want to "babysit" your child, this may **NOT** be a trip for you.

For planning and reservation purposes, I need to know the approximate number of students who are planning on going on the trip. This trip is entirely optional. Those that choose not to go, however, will have to attend school the entire week. The decision to send your child is completely yours. Please weigh the risks and benefits carefully. The risks, as you already know, are the risk of travel, and the risk of city streets. The benefit, however, is the once in a lifetime opportunity for your child to experience the greatest six-day educational experience ever. I will make every effort to make this a positive weeklong experience they will never forget.

In addition to the number of students who plan on going, I will need **ALL information on the next page from each parent who would like to be considered as a chaperone**. No money is due at this time. Payment will be due in early September. A letter will follow in the fall at the start of the school year.

I am looking forward to meeting you. If for some reason you cannot attend the meeting, please return the 2<sup>nd</sup> page of this letter to school by May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025. If you should have any questions, please contact me directly at my office: **217-223-0046**.

Sincerely,

*David Cawthon*

David Cawthon  
Trip Coordinator

**All Students Should Return Forms To:**  
**their homeroom teacher by: May 7th or bring to meeting.**

**NEEDED FOR ALL STUDENTS:**

**Student's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

After carefully considering the risks and the costs involved in the Washington, DC Eighth Grade Trip, I have decided:

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I will send my child. \_\_\_\_\_ No, I will not send my child.

\_\_\_\_\_ NO! I do not want to be considered as a chaperon. (No other info needed)

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I would like to be considered as a chaperone on the trip. (If yes, fill in **ALL** information below)

**Would you like to be considered as a Chaperone?**

(You will be contacted early this summer if you are chosen.)

**CHAPERONE'S INFORMATION FOR BACKGROUND CHECK**

(Must have for each Chaperone (Pentagon, & US Capitol Building))

Chaperone's legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ US Citizen Y / N, if no passport: \_\_\_\_\_

Chaperone's Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ (must provide)

Chaperone's Driver's License Number: \_\_\_\_\_ (must provide)

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ (H), \_\_\_\_\_ (W), \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell)\*

\_\_\_\_\_ Y/N: You may publish my cell number on the schedule the students & parents receive for the trip\*

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of work: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Y/N: I have completed the "Safe Environment" training (formerly Protecting God's Children training. (You may not go if this hasn't been completed)

\_\_\_\_\_ Y/N: Is this your last student at St Peters?

\_\_\_\_\_ Y/N: Have you chaperoned the Washington, DC trip in the past? If **Yes**, what year? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Optional)

I would like to be considered a chaperone because: \_\_\_\_\_

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# PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

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

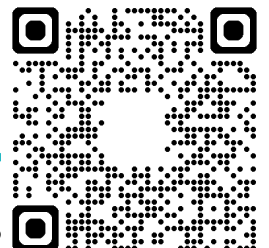
Check in/drop off kids at St. Peter Cafeteria / Sign up by April 23

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:



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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**

**SACRIFICE**

**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#/](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054DACAB22A0F5C34-56305917-reception#/)



Direct questions about this event to Grant Wilson, DRE, St. Francis Solanus Parish: [gwilson@stfrancissolanus.com](mailto: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



# TOTUS TUUS

## St. Francis Solanus – Quincy

\$25 per child / \$60 per family. Cash or check to St. Francis.

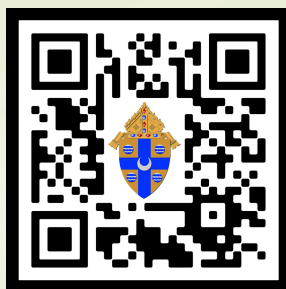
### 1-6 Graders

Monday - Friday  
9:00am - 2:30 pm  
Bring sack lunch

**JUNE 15 – 20, 2025**

**Co-sponsored by St. Peter's**

**Register Here**



### 7-12 Graders

Sunday - Thursday  
6:30 - 8:15 pm  
Snack provided

Questions? Text Grant at 217-602-9293