

# Saint Peter's Catholic Church

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## NOTES FROM FATHER CHUCK

### ON A JOURNEY TOGETHER

We will continue our sign up for the "On A Journey Together" program. If you did not have the opportunity to sign up last weekend please do so this weekend. I wish to encourage you to make this Lent very special by participating in this program. It is an absolute joy to get together in these groups. You will grow spiritually if you participate.

### SNOW REMOVAL UGH!!!!

We have had to have the snow hauled away from the church parking lot twice and from the Worship Center once. The cost for this service was over \$5,000.00. This will not be a great financial burden to the parish because of your tremendous generosity to this parish.

### THE WORLD IS COMING TO AN END!!!!

I don't know if you have ever been to a mass where there were five times more priests at the mass than there were people in the congregation but this happened last Thursday at the Worship Center. There were five priests and one parishioner at the mass. I think this might be a sign that the end times are near. It is so enjoyable to be with the retired priests everyday. They have such a great appreciation for life and are an inspiration to all of us because of their dedication to the church and our diocese.

### WINTER ICE

Please be careful when you are going in and coming out of church. The weather is finally warming up, hooray!!!!, and so with all the snow it will be constantly melting and freezing. Please be extra careful on the north side of the church since the sun doesn't shine there like on the south side of the church.

### VISA CARDS AND ELECTRONIC TITHING

I continue to be so pleased with the number of people who have signed up for electronic tithing. If you would like more information on electronic tithing please contact the parish office. The visa gift card program has been a great success. We have made over a thousand dollars in the first six weeks of the program. I encourage you to use these Visa cards for all of your purchases. Please keep up the great support.

### PROJECT HOPE

Next Sunday we will be taking up the Project Hope collection. The money raised from this collection will be used to fund tuition to Catholic schools. Please be generous to this collection.

### GREAT BOWL SEASON

I don't think that I have ever enjoyed a football bowl season more than this year. All of my teams fared very well in the bowl games. Iowa, Iowa State and Nebraska won their bowl games. I did notice the rankings for next year are out already. It should be a very enjoyable season next year.

### PRIEST & DRE MEETING

Every month the priests and the directors of religious education meet to discuss the religious education programs in the Council Bluffs region. These meetings are extremely productive. We have been planning the program for the beginning of the confirmation programs that will start up next year. It is very exciting to see all of the activities that will be a part of the confirmation programs. I will keep you informed with the progress of the programs.

### EMPTY CHURCH

One of the saddest times is when the Christmas decorations have been taken down in the church. This year is no exception. There is a certain emptiness to the church but one beautiful way to keep the spirit of Christmas alive is to listen to our choir singing the Christmas songs on CD. I listen to this at least two times a week. What a spiritual blessing the Christmas season is for all of us.

### BAPTISM

I wish to congratulate David and Lori Shields on the baptism of their son Mason Mackinley. I married David and Lori at St. Peter's three years ago.

### HUSKER BLANKET

One of the neatest gifts that I received for Christmas was a Nebraska Husker blanket that four little angels made for me. What a joy our children are for me.

**MASS SCHEDULE**

Mon. Jan 25	8 am Communion Service	St. Francis
Tue. Jan 26	8 am Mass: Pat Hudek	St. Francis
Wed. Jan 27	8 am Mass: Marcia Evans	St. Francis
Thu. Jan 28	8 am Mass: Rose Chico	St. Francis
Fri. Jan 29	8 am Mass: Frank Barak	St. Francis

**Saturday, January 30 4 pm Rodney Messbarger**

Lectors: Jim Svajgl, Jackie Mulvihill  
 Euch. Min: Karen Batten  
 Servers: Emily Bardon, Kayla Whitesel, Jamie Wredt  
 Gifts: Pat Shadden Family  
 Ushers: Tina McConnell, Steve Whitesel, Joni Thomas, Chuck Bardon  
 Scrip Sales: Sue Thomas

**Sunday, January 31 8 am Gene Waldmann**

Lectors: Jon Garrigan, Susan O'Neill  
 Euch. Min: Katie Coughlin  
 Servers: Roslyn Gray, Matthew Weihs, Adam Beck  
 Gifts: Don Goeser Family  
 Ushers: Ryan Goeser, Dennis Coughlin, Leopold Mendoza, Isaac Finn  
 Scrip Sales: Kim Gorman

**Sunday, January 31 10 am Frank Diblasi**

Lectors: Ed Bremmer, Bill Fritzsche  
 Euch. Min: Cindy Connolly  
 Servers: Mikayla Olson, Ethan Evers, Zack Rouse  
 Gifts: Mark Otto Family  
 Ushers: Mary Brockelsby, Keith Wirtz, Brittany Kulesa, Joe McGinn  
 Scrip Sales: Genette Wirtz  
 Child. Lit. Jennifer Hensley & Kellie Parker

**Sunday, January 31 Noon Ben Moffatt**

Lectors: Mark Beckman, Mike Noon  
 Euch. Min: Michelle Mescher  
 Servers: Ellen Campbell, Brody Brandenburg, Andy Donaldson  
 Gifts: Mike Thomas Family  
 Ushers: Sharon Finerty, Gene Moffatt, Pam Kathol, Cliff Kathol  
 Scrip Sales: Dorie Stone

*Liturgy Corner*

This Thursday, January 28, is the feast of St. Thomas Aquinas. St. Thomas was one of the greatest theological minds in the history of our church. All of the theological teaching in the seminaries was based on St. Thomas Aquinas great work, Summa Theolgoica, which means a summary of theology. St. Thomas was the pupil of St. Albert the Great and he was inspired to become a teacher by St Albert. On this feast day please remember all of the religion teachers at St. Albert Catholic and in our Wednesday evening religious education program. There is no greater gift than to teach our children their Catholic faith.

Last Monday, January 18, was Martin Luther King Day. He was a great pioneer in the civil rights movement in our country. His efforts have helped to shape equality in our society.

**READINGS FOR SUNDAY, January 31**

**First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19**  
**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13**  
**Gospel: Luke 4:21-30**

**5TH GRADE MASS**

The 5th grade students of St. Peter's will do the mass ministries on Sunday, February 7 at the 10 a.m. mass. Please sign up on the form located in the back of the church.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

St. Peter's Knights will meet on Monday, January 25 at 6:00 p.m. in the social hall.

**SECOND GRADE STUDENTS**

All 2nd grade students of St. Peter's, and their parents MUST attend the First Reconciliation meeting on Saturday, February 6 at 9:00 a.m. in the social hall.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**

The beginning of Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated at all masses the weekend of January 30 & 31. St. Peter's students who attend a catholic school in Council Bluffs or Omaha are asked to participate. Signup sheets are in the back of church.

**CHRISTIAN HUMOR**

A farmer didn't have a chance to unload his truck before church on Sunday. After the service, a little boy saw the big load and asked, "What've you got in your truck?" "Fertilizer" the famer replied. "What are you going to do with it?" the boy asked. "Put in on strawberries," the famer answered. "You ought to come home with us," the boy said. "We put sugar and whipped cream on ours."

The greatest male financier in the Bible was Noah: He was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.

The great female financier in the Bible was Pharaoh's daughter: She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.

You're a senior citizen if:

- You're the life of the party, even when it lasts until 8pm.
- You're very good at opening childproof caps with a hammer.
- You're the first one to find the bathroom wherever you go.
- You're wrinkled, saggy and lumpy, and that's just your left leg.
- You're awake many hours before your body allows you to get up.