

St. Peter's Catholic Church

a country church in the city

Advent

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4pm

Sunday: 8am, 10am, 12 noon

Tues: Noon

Wed and Fri: 8am

Thurs: Noon and 5:30pm

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00—3:45pm

Sunday 7:00-7:45am

Baptisms, Weddings, etc

Call or email the office!

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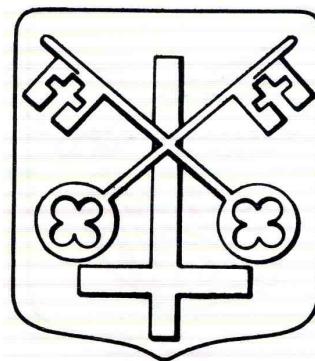
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Save the Date!

Sunday, December 7th

Historic Homes tours St Peter's

1-4 pm, Church, Hall, and Rectory

Monday, December 8th

Immaculate Conception

7am, noon, and 6pm Masses

Saturday, December 13th

Knights before Christmas gala

Fr Kottas Hall, 6:30pm

Sunday, December 14th

Coffee and donuts and St Nick!

Fr Kottas Hall, after 8 and 10

Sunday, December 14th

Angel tree gift return deadline

noon Mass

November 30, 2025
First Sunday of Advent

From Father Jacob

Advent

During this first week of Advent we hear about the coming of the Lord at the end of time. Perhaps this seems strange for the season before Christmas, but of course it shouldn't!

The same Jesus who came in humility in the manger is the same Jesus who will come in glory! May we be prepared to welcome him when he comes!

NCYC

Last weekend I went with Heather Olson and 12 of our St Peter's high school youth to the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis. We joined the Council Bluffs Youth group which together sent 38 people to the conference.

What a great opportunity for prayer, learning, music, and worship with over 16,000 other young people!

During our time in Indy we heard from Pope Leo in a live address to the conference. The Pope encouraged young people to be physically present to their Parishes, communities, friends, and families. He addressed mental health concerns, the good use of technology - especially AI- , and highlighted the central place of the sacraments in the Christian life.



Historic Homes tour

Next Sunday St Peter's church and rectory will be part of the Council Bluffs "Historic Homes for the Holidays" tour. Our Masses will proceed as scheduled.

We are in need of volunteers to be part of this great opportunity for community outreach! Consider signing up in the back of church this weekend to greet people and help show off our beautiful church to the community!



Advent materials

Our parish has wonderful advent materials for the whole family! Please take a daily devotional and walk with the whole parish these next few weeks!



Parking

We have a wonderful problem here at St Peter's: we don't have enough parking for everyone who wants to come worship with us at some of our Masses!

In addition to **American National Bank**, remember that **street parking** on Pierce/Bluff Street is allowed on Saturday evening and Sunday morning. In addition, we are allowed to park at our neighbors **Darrah and Co** (but not during Lent/tax season) and at **Athletico** down the hill off Glen Ave.

Thanks to our good neighbors for being so accommodating, and to all of you for your patience with a good problem!



Angel Tree

We have a few more Angel Tree tags available this weekend. What a wonderful opportunity to love our neighbors! **Remember to return your gifts wrapped and with the ticket firmly attached to the outside by Sunday, December 14th.** Please also pray for those who will receive these gifts.

November 30, 2025
First Sunday of Advent

| | Saturday 4:00pm Mass | Sunday 8:00am Mass | Sunday 10:00am Mass | Sunday 12:00pm Mass |
|----------------------|--|---|--|---|
| | Dec 6, 2025 | Dec 7, 2025 | Dec 7, 2025 | Dec 7, 2025 |
| Altar Servers | Bianca Cihacek Ellianna Cihacek | Jack Veit Evan Veit Joseph Schmedding | Abby Lighthipe Charlotte Noon Ali Hamilton | Ben Johnsen Keegan McCaffrey |
| Lectors | Jim Beck Rod Nuss | Joan Goeser Nicole Juranek | Ed Fink Kyla Brockelsby | Cindy Bussey Susan Lorkovic |
| EMHC | Toni Hansen Jacque Liston Lucile Gerjevic | Mary Novotne Debbie Foote | Jill Clevenger Sandy Fritzche Eric Ely | Janet Hogsed |
| Ushers | Jack Gross Linda Bonham Fred Schaben Brody Pellet | Sue Brownlee Russ Goeser Gary Juranek Andy Juranek | Dave Bristol Bryan Carolus Jill Clevenger Peter Clevenger | Chris Olson Trevor Yanovich Rob Peters Mason Olson |

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, 12/2

12:00 pm -

Wednesday, 12/3

8:00 am - Posted Prayer Intentions

Thursday, 12/4

12:00 pm - Leopold Mendoza †
5:30 pm - Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus

Friday, 12/5

8:00 am - William Epperson †

Saturday, 12/6

4:00 pm - Richard Corrin †

Sunday, 12/7

8:00 am - St Peter's Parish

10:00 am - Frank Paluka †

12:00 pm - William Roarty †

READINGS FOR: December 7, 2025

1ST READING: Isaiah 11:1-10

2ND READING: Romans 15:4-9

GOSPEL: Matthew 3:1-12

The World According to Bob

- Replacing all your candy bars with grapefruit can reduce 90 percent of what little joy you had left.
- Three golf clubs walk into a bar. The putter ordered a beer, the wedge orders a whiskey. The bar tender asks the third one if he wants anything. He replies "No thanks, I'm the driver."
- Ninety percent of bald people still own a comb. They just can't part with it.
- Airport police say that the number of helium balloons in luggage is under control but cases continue to rise.

Father's Thought for the Week

During this Advent season we prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ! At Christmas we will celebrate with joy that **Christ came** 2026 years ago to set us free and share His life. In this life **Christ comes** in His Sacraments, and also in prayer, our neighbor, and the daily graces He sends. At the end of time **Christ will come** again in glory to judge the living and the dead. May we always be prepared to receive Him!



Fully Alive Youth Group is going ice skating!

Join us at the Skate Ribbon at the Heartland of America Park in Omaha on

Sunday, December 7th, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. *NOTE the time change.*

Even if you've never skated, you can learn by using skate helpers. Please RSVP by Wednesday, 12/3, for us to get a count of how many skates we'll need to rent by contacting Heather Olson at 402-250-7073. If you need a

ride, let me know as well.

We can't wait to see you there!

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for people who would like to volunteer to host one of our Wine & Cheese Parties on one of the first weekends of the month after the 4:00pm and 12:00pm Mass. It is no cost to you and all you have to commit to is one (or more if you like).

The Wine & Cheese Parties started in 2025. It has been a way for parishioners to get to know each other and visit.

If interested please contact Dolores Kral at 402-639-6501



St Peter's Knights of Columbus Fundraiser
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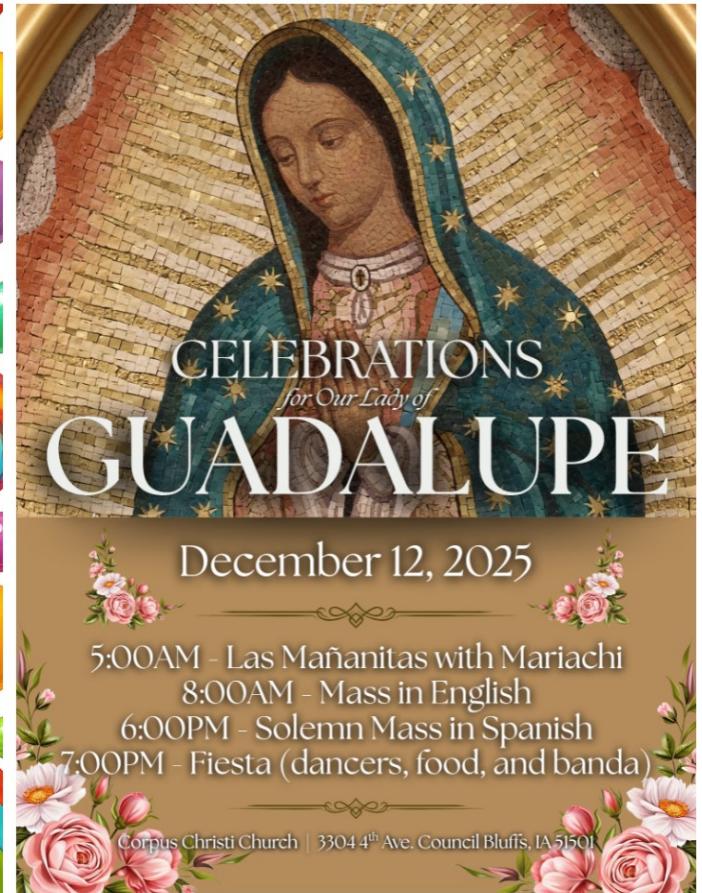
Tuesday, December 9th
5:00pm - 7:00pm

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CELEBRATIONS
for Our Lady of
GUADALUPE

December 12, 2025

5:00AM - Las Mañanitas with Mariachi
8:00AM - Mass in English
6:00PM - Solemn Mass in Spanish
7:00PM - Fiesta (dancers, food, and banda)

Corpus Christi Church | 3304 4th Ave. Council Bluffs, IA 51501

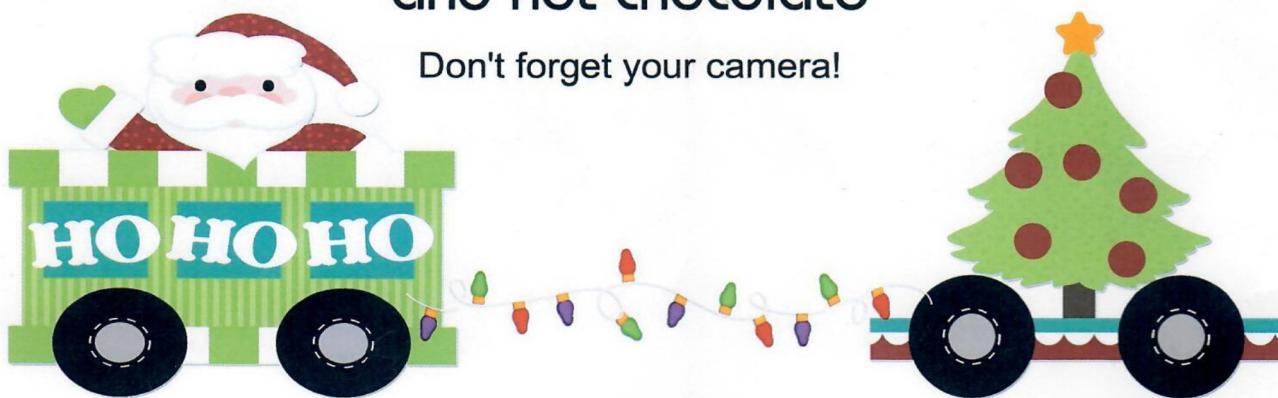


Santa Claus is Coming to St. Peter's Church

Sunday, December 14, 2025
following the 10:00 a.m. mass
Fr. Kottas Social Hall

Visit with Santa and enjoy
rolls, cookies, juice, milk
and hot chocolate

Don't forget your camera!



Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the Parish Life Committee

Dessert Donations Needed

St Peter's is helping to provide deserts for Everett's fundraiser. If you can provide a dessert please drop it off on December 7th after 1:30pm at Corpus Christi.

PASTA DINNER

FREE WILL DONATION. ALL PROCEEDS GO TO EVERETT LORKOVIC'S FAMILY.



YOU'LL NEVER WALK ALONE

Everett has been fighting AML, a blood cancer, for almost two years. He has received two bone marrow transplants and is still praying, hoping, and waiting for a miracle. Come support him and his family!



December 7
3:30-6:30
Corpus Christi Great Hall

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The image contains the Knights of Columbus logo on the left, which is a gold five-pointed star with a blue center containing a golden cross and a golden shield. To the right of the logo, the text "Knights of Columbus" is written in a blue serif font, with "Knights" in a larger size and "of Columbus" in a smaller size. Below this, the contact information is listed: "Donnie Kenkel, CLTC, FIC" on the first line, "Field Agent" on the second line, and "712-579-9066" on the third line. At the bottom of the card, there is a photo of a man with a beard and short hair, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and a red patterned tie. The background of the card is white.

St. Joseph Cemetery

For peace of mind make
your arrangements early.

Contact Adam Thomas
712-318-1024

*A Sacred Place In Harmony
With Our Catholic Faith*

The image features the Birthright of Council Bluffs logo on the left, which includes a stylized 'B' icon and the text 'Birthright of Council Bluffs'. To the right, a woman with long dark hair is shown from the chest up, resting her chin on her hand and looking thoughtfully to the side. She is wearing a white long-sleeved top. In her right hand, she holds a digital pregnancy test with a blue and white digital display showing a result. The background is a soft-focus indoor setting. To the right of the woman, the word 'Pregnant?' is written in a large, bold, black font. Below it, the text 'We can help.' is written in a smaller, black font. At the bottom right, there is a globe icon followed by the website address 'birthright.org/councilbluffs' in black text. The overall layout is clean and professional, designed to convey a sense of support and information.

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The logo for The Heritage at Fox Run. It features the word "The" in a small, black, serif font above the word "Heritage" in a large, black, serif font. "Heritage" is stylized with a large, sweeping "H" that includes a smaller "e" inside its loop. Below "Heritage" is the phrase "at Fox Run" in a smaller, black, serif font.

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