



# *St. Peter's Catholic Church*

## *a country church in the city*

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### **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

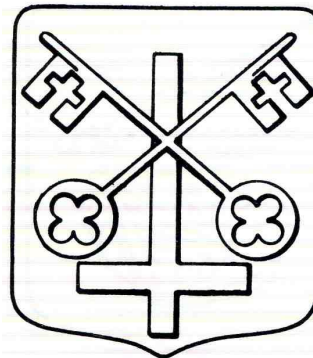
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## **Save the Date!**

Saturday, October 4th

City-wide Jubilee Pilgrimage

St Pat's to Corpus Christi

Sunday, October 12th

Oktoberfest!

St Albert Catholic

Sunday, October 26th

Trunk or Treat Event

Corpus Christi

## From Father Jacob

**There was a rich man who dressed in purple garments and fine linen and dined sumptuously each day. And lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man's table.**

Our Gospel story today is a very famous one of the rich man and Lazarus. I think it is sufficiently clear on its own, so I won't belabor it with a long explanation. Cardinal George, the past Archbishop of Chicago, once put a fine point on it when he addressed a visiting group of wealthy donors: "The poor need you to draw them out of poverty, and you need the poor to keep you out of Hell."

People today sometimes console themselves that while the rich man in the parable ignored the poor man who was at his door, they don't have any poor people at their door—they don't see them in their neighborhood or at their work. I don't think we should be comforted by this. Ever since the Second World War we have built in this country a very efficient system to shield the rich from the poor and keep them from having to have uncomfortable interactions with poor people. Rich people generally get very uncomfortable when this system breaks down, and people will go to great lengths to preserve this system: just observe any city council meeting or planning meeting where people talk about "property values" or "the character of the neighborhood". Keeping the poor at arm's length might be more comfortable in this life, but I don't think it will make much difference at the judgement when we will see the poor and their needs very clearly none-the-less. May we not avoid seeing them here and now.

### Our Parish's Generosity

I have been amazed by our parish's generosity in supporting good causes in our community and around the world. Just this week our parish contributed about \$970 to the Knights of Columbus to support their work with those with intellectual disabilities and gave \$1,107 to support food aid in Gaza. Thank you for your generosity!

### Parish Mission

What a wonderful parish mission we had with the Marian Sisters! About 90 people from all three parishes gathered last weekend to pray together, learn from the sisters, and enjoy good food and fellowship. It was beautiful to hear the sisters' testimonies on prayer and the Christian life, and to put their witness into practical use through beautiful prayer time both Friday night and Saturday morning. A special thank you to the Knights of Columbus who helped with both meals, and to Heather and the religious education committee, who helped plan and coordinate the retreat!

### Retaining wall work

In the next few weeks you will see extensive construction work on the retaining wall in front of the rectory. We are going to demolish and rebuild this wall at a higher level. We are doing this work for a few reasons:

The current wall is crumbling in several places and tilting (just a bit so far, but more each year) in other places. It needs to be rebuilt.

The wall is low, and the steep slope means we can't use much of our parish's "front yard". By rebuilding it higher we will gain a small amount of useable space.

Our new retaining wall will fix both the more urgent (crumbling wall) and less urgent (useable space) issues. It should be finished yet this fall.

As you can imagine, a project like this is expensive. It will cost us about \$40,000 to demolish the old wall and build the new one. We are able to undertake this project without doing a capital campaign because of the generosity of past generations of St Peter's Parishioners, who have left us an endowment for our parish that continue to help us keep up our buildings and grounds. Please consider remembering St Peter's in your will and continuing this great legacy.

### Oktoberfest

Sign up to volunteer! If you are unable to sign up I sign up genius please signup on the sheet on the back table of the church.

Turn in your order form in the social hall after Mass or come pick up an order form if you haven't yet done so!

See the Oktoberfest Kurier for more detailed information!

September 28, 2025  
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	<b>Saturday 4:00pm Mass</b>	<b>Sunday 8:00am Mass</b>	<b>Sunday 10:00am Mass</b>	<b>Sunday 12:00pm Mass</b>
	<b>Oct 4, 2025</b>	<b>Oct 5, 2025</b>	<b>Oct 5, 2025</b>	<b>Oct 5, 2025</b>
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Nicolas Moses Parker Moses Cooper Moses	Noah Smith Jack Veit Joseph Schmedding	Sarah Lighthipe Charlotte Noon Ali Hamilton	Mason Olson Emma Thompson John Duitsman
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**READINGS FOR: October 5, 2025**

1ST READING: Habakkuk 1:2-4

2ND READING: II Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

GOSPEL: Luke 17:5-10

**The World According to Bob**

- Took my 8 year old to work the other day. She started crying and all the co-workers came around and asked "What's wrong?" She said "I was excited because you said you work with a bunch of clowns"
- I named my 3 dogs Shirely, Goodness and Mercy because the bible says surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.
- What do you call a bear with no teeth? A gummy bear.
- Why did the bicycle fall over? Because it was two-tired.

Father's Thought for the Week

'If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.'

Note the pointed foreshadowing at the end of our parable today. Indeed someone did rise from the dead as the ultimate vindication of self-sacrificing love, the Lord! May we listen to him and imitate him.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Tuesday, 8/26**

12:00 pm Communion Service

**Wednesday, 8/27**

8:00 am Communion Service

**Thursday, 8/28**

12:00 pm Communion Service

5:30 pm Posted Intentions

**Friday, 8/29**

8:00 am Deceased Members of the Altar Society

**Saturday, 8/30**

4:00 pm Margaret & Jerome Kasperbaur †

**Sunday, 8/31**

8:00 am - Kenneth Finnegan †

10:00 am - Deceased members of the Knights Of Columbus

12:00 pm - St Peter's Parish

**Priest Appreciation Weekend  
September 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>**



The Council Bluffs Serra Club asks that you please remember to thank our priests for all they do for us!

Father Jacob Epstein, Father Luis Mejia, Father Joel McNeil, Father Paul Monahan, Father Glen Wilwerding, Father Max Carson, Father Luisito Cabrera, Father Dean Nimerichter, Father Charles Kottas and Father Emmanuel Offiong

Pray for their sacred ministry and for an increase in religious vocations in the Des Moines Diocese

**St Anne's Altar Society**

The St Anne's Altar Society will meet this Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00pm in the Social Hall. The meeting begins with the reciting of the Rosary followed by a meal and a meeting. Please bring a side dish, if possible. All women of the parish 18 and older are invited to attend.

Next Sunday, October 4/5



Sunday, 8am & 10am  
Donuts & Coffee  
Saturday, 4pm/Sunday  
12:00pm Wine & Cheese



  
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**St. Peter's Council 1045**



**Life Chain**  
in Council Bluffs

**Sunday, October 5, 2025**  
**2:00 - 3:30 p.m.**

Please join over 1550 cities across America for **Life Chain** – a peaceful, prayerful witness to the sanctity of human life, calling for an end to abortion! Participants will stand on Broadway with prolife signs from 16th - 35th Streets.

**This is a national event in its 37th year!**

**Signs will be provided on the north side of Broadway at 16th and 20th Streets. Please bring any signs taken last year and stand 20 feet apart. Elderly bring a chair.**

Gabriel's Corner Pregnancy Center will host an Open House immediately following Life Chain from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. located at the corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and 16<sup>th</sup> Street.  
*Please bring cookies or bars to share! Thanks!*

Any questions, please call Council Bluffs Life Chain at (402) 598-1798.



CELEBRATING THE JUBILEE YEAR

**Council Bluffs Pilgrimage**




with Fr. Max & Fr. Jacob

**Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**Walk Begins at 8am**

**A great family event  
 focused on walking  
 together as a community  
 to meet Christ, as we are.**

**10am - 3pm Adoration and  
 Confessions at Corpus Christi**

Park at St. Patrick's Church (4 Valley View Drive) and walk as pilgrims to Corpus Christi Parish (3304 4<sup>th</sup> Ave)  
 Please bring water bottles and good walking shoes.  
 Transportation will be provided back to St. Patrick Church.

# Oktoberfest · Kurier

## Tickets

Get your tickets now and skip the line!

After Mass, starting this weekend (Sept 13<sup>th</sup>) we will be handing out envelopes which contain the following:

- 5 Tickets For \$2000 Raffle
- 5 Tickets For Quilt Raffle
- A Letter From Father Jacob
- Ticket Pre Order Form

### Pre-Order Form Instructions:

This form is for pre-ordering tickets, including dinner tickets. Fill out the form and return it at any Mass with your payment (Cash, Check, or Venmo). Your tickets will be ready for you at the next weekend Mass. Alternatively, you can pick them up at the "will call" window at Oktoberfest.



## Oktoberfest Volunteer Opportunities

We need many volunteers to make this year's Oktoberfest a success! To sign up, simply scan the QR code or visit the link provided. If you need help, our committee members will be available at all Masses starting the weekend of September 27th.

Be sure to sign up early to get your preferred position!



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0F49AFAD2CA0F94-58554279-2025>

## Sponsors Needed

Carnival Game: \$25 (sold out)  
Rootbeer Kegs: \$80 (sold out)  
Bounce Haus: \$100 (sold out)  
Raffle Prize: \$200 (4 available)  
Polka Band: \$350 (3 available)  
General Sponsor: Any Amount Where Needed

If you are interesting in being a sponsor contact the parish office or email [officemanager@saintpeterscb.org](mailto:officemanager@saintpeterscb.org)

## BINGO PRIZES

We are in need of bingo prizes for adults and children. Some ideas are puzzles, coloring books, games, art supplies. Donated items should be new.

Needed for Carnival Ring Toss Game:

**2 Liter Bottles of Pop**

Please place in box at either church entrances

## CARNIVAL PRIZES NEEDED

We are in need of carnival prizes! Scan the QR code or go to the link to view our Amazon Wish List. Purchase from the list or use the ideas to purchase somewhere locally.



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**Child Meal (4-10) \$10.00**

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*St Anne's Altar Society*

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