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September 20, 2026 Twenty Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, September 24th

Homeschool Mass & Gathering
12pm, Church/Social Hall

Saturday, September 26th

Bingo
5:30pm Doors open/Starts at
6:30pm,
Social Hall

Saturday, September 26th - Sunday September 27th

Christ Our Life Conference
Casey's Center, Des Moines or
by livestream
Visit christourlifeiowa.com for more
details and for tickets.

Monday, September 28th

Knights of Columbus Meeting
6pm, Social Hall

Thursday, October 1st

Altar & Rosary Society Meeting
6pm, Social Hall

Monday, October 5th

Catholic Daughters Meeting
6pm, Social Hall

Tuesday, October 6th

Parish Committee Meetings
6pm, Social Hall
Parish Council Meeting
7:15pm Social Hall

Sunday, October 11th

Oktoberfest
11am-3pm, St Albert Catholic School

To see all events check on our
website.



Mass Schedule:

Weekend Masses

Saturday - 4PM

Sunday - 8AM, 10AM, & 12PM

Weekday Masses

Tuesday - 12PM

Wednesday - 8AM

Thursday - 12PM & 5:30PM

Friday - 8AM

Reconciliation:

Saturday 3-3:35PM

Sunday 7-7:45AM

Anytime by Appointment

Baptism or Wedding:

To schedule a baptism or
wedding, please call the
parish office.

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Is your information current we have
on file? If you need changes made
please contact the parish office.

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712-318-3030

Office Hours:

Mon- Closed

Tues-Thurs 9:00AM-5:00PM

Fri 9:00AM-12:00PM

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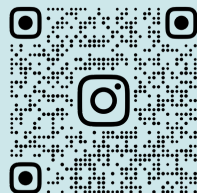
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Rob Beck

Submissions for the bulletin must be submitted by Tuesday at 4pm. All submissions are subject to edits and approval.

Send to redirector@saintpeterscb.org

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From Father Jacob

“Are you envious because I am generous?”

Envy is one of the “silliest” sins we can commit. To be saddened by a good thing happening to another person doesn’t get you anything, rather it makes you worse off than you were before. Nevertheless it’s a common temptation. May we turn in thanksgiving to God instead!

Celebrating Milestone Wedding Anniversaries

On Sunday, October 4th St Peter is happy to host a milestone anniversary celebration with Bishop Joensen at our Noon Mass. If you and your spouse are celebrating a milestone anniversary this year you can sign up to join us! There is a registration on the Diocesan website: google “milestone anniversary Des Moines” and it comes right up! The noon Mass remains open to everyone but we will have guests joining us.

St Peter’s Aid Fund

Every year, after supporting our own parishioners and neighbors, we give the remaining money from our monthly second collection to organizations supporting those in need in our community. This year we are giving to support:

Catholic Charities Domestic Violence Shelter: \$1,500

Caring Ministries Food Pantry: \$1,000

Philip’s Cupboard Pantry: \$1,000

Our Savior’s Lutheran Food Pantry: \$2,000

Birthright: \$2,000

Interfaith Response: \$2,500

Thank you to our parishioners and visitors for your generosity in our second collection which allows our parish to be generous all through the year and to support those in need.

Exploring Catholicism continues this weekend

“Exploring Catholicism” class began this past Sunday, but it’s not too late to join! This class is for anyone interested in learning what the Church believes. Class this week is at St Peter’s at 2pm. Join us!



I’m looking forward to Oktoberfest on **Sunday, October 11th!**

Check out the Oktoberfest page at the back of the bulletin for info about auction items, sponsorships, and bingo and carnival prizes.

This weekend we are sending home presale ticket forms at all Masses. You can order everything you’ll need for a great Oktoberfest party beforehand and **skip the line on the day of the festival!**

Return your order form at Mass, by mail, or to the office and pick up your tickets before the big day!

Mass Intentions

Tuesday Sept 22, 2026

Noon Molly MulQueen- Hittinger +

Wednesday Sept 23, 2026

8am Dick & Mary English +

Thursday Sept 24, 2026

Noon Carol Batten +

5:30pm Roger Wood +

Friday Sept 25, 2026

8am Robi Suden +

Saturday Sept 26, 2026

4pm Shirley O'Rourke +

Sunday Sept 27, 2026

8am Frank & Ruth Holzer +

10 am Claire Ann Carlson +

Noon St Peter's Parish

	Saturday 4:00PM	Sunday 8:00AM	Sunday 10:00AM	Sunday 12:00PM
	September 26, 2026	September 27, 2026	September 27, 2026	September 27, 2026
Altar Servers	Emma Rodenburg Nicolas Rodenburg Elizabeth Branson	Audrey Garst Morgan Garst Connor McGrath	Sarah Lighthipe Ali Hamilton	John Duitsman Evelyn Duitsman
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Next Sunday's Readings: September 27, 2026

1st - Ezekiel 18:25-28

2nd - Philippians 2:1-11

Gospel - Matthew 21:28-32

CONNECTED

Organizations & Groups

• ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

The St Anne's Altar and Rosary Society next meeting is **Thursday, October 1st** at 6:00pm in the Social Hall. The meeting begins with the reciting of the Rosary followed by a meal and a meeting. Dinner will be taco soup and guacamole dip with chips. Please bring a side dish, if possible. All women of the parish 18 and older are invited.

• CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS, COURT ST ANTHONY #330

The next Catholic Daughters Meeting is on **Monday, October 5th** at St. Peter's Church. Mass starts at 5:30pm, followed by a potluck meal and the meeting. Women, 18 years and older from all Council Bluffs parishes are always welcome to join us. Visit our website at www.cda330.org.

• KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Our next meeting is **Monday, September 28th** at 6:00 PM in the Social Hall. Any interested men of the parish 18 years or older are welcome to join, and are invited to simply attend any of our monthly meetings. Please reach out to Sean Dunphy at 402-960-6215 for information or with any questions.

NOTICE: If you have unused Gorilla Carwash cards purchased last November from the Knights, the codes are no longer valid. The cards had expiration dates of 10/27/2026 and 11/10/2026. You can contact Gorilla at [402-680-2751](tel:402-680-2751) for instructions on how to receive replacement codes. Sorry for the inconvenience.

• WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Women's Prayer Group meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm. Our next meeting is **Tuesday, October 13th** at 6:30pm in the social hall. All women of the parish 18+ are invited to join us. Bring a friend and if you want a snack to share.

• MOM'S OF YOUNG CHILDREN GROUP

Our Young Mom's Group invites mothers of young children to their faith sharing and social group at St. Francis Worship Center 238 S 6th St. on **Tuesdays from 9:30-11 AM**. Childcare is provided. For more details, please call/text Brittany at 520-373-9748. *Volunteers to help supervise the children during these gatherings are needed. You do not need to commit to every week. If interested in providing childcare, please contact Mary Stuhr at mtstuhr4vv@yahoo.com or 402-740-3423. We have been on break for the summer so mark our calendars for the return of our group on **Tuesday, September 22nd**.

• YOUNG ADULT GROUP

The Young Adult Group welcomes all adults ages 20-35, in all stages of life: college students or professionals, singles, married couples, or young families. Scan the QR code to join our Groupme and stay up to date.



• HOMESCHOOL MASS & LUNCH

Attention all homeschool families – Join us for our next Homeschool Gathering on **Thursday, September 24th**. We will have Mass at 12pm followed by lunch and activities. To be added to our list email redirector@saintpeterscb.org

SEEKERS & SAINTS

Faith Formation News



UPCOMING DATES

AND TOPICS

DATE	TOPIC
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4	UNDUSTY BIBLES (+ADORATION)
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18	WHAT DISCIPLESHIP IS
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1	ALL SAINTS DAY PARTY!!
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15	ADVENT-LIGHT INTHE DARKNESS
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6	UNDUSTY BIBLES PART 2
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20	MOVIE NIGHT

MEETINGS OUR FROM 7-9PM AT THE ST FRANCIS WORSHIP CENTER



EXPLORING CATHOLICISM

Have you been coming to Mass but have not received the sacraments? Do you want to join the Church? Do you or someone you know want to learn what Catholic Christians believe and why?

Come to "Exploring Catholicism" class on **Sunday, September 20th at 2pm.** at St Peter's. This would be a great opportunity to invite a friend or family member who might be interested!

BEYOND THE PARISH

News From Across the Diocese

• CHRIST OUR LIFE

The Christ Our Life Conference will be held September 26-27 at Casey's Center in Des Moines. Go to ChristOurLifeIowa.com to purchase tickets and for the list of speakers. In person or Livestream. The cost is \$30 for the entire weekend and 23 and under are FREE. To hear world class speakers, learn more about your faith, be inspired, worship and praise God in community and experience the joy of His presence! Come for all or stay for some. Let's Believe...Live...and Celebrate Our Faith!

• HOLY FAMILY REUNION

Former members of the Holy Family Catholic Church are holding a reunion on Wednesday, October 7th at 5pm at Sunset Park in Council Bluffs. They will have a potluck dinner. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Everyone is welcome!

The World According To Bob

- Today's the anniversary of my granddad's passing. He died because no one knew what his blood type was. Right before he died, he screamed, "Be positive!" I have to admit it's tough to do that without him.
- The Nebraska Cornhuskers are +2200 to make it to a bowl game. If you don't know how sports betting works, it means if you put \$100 on them, you'd be losing \$100.
- Once I got an F on a test that asked for my opinion. I got my opinion wrong, apparently.
- The first step of math is admitting you have a problem.
- Behind every successful man is an amazed mother-in-law.
- Don't pick up around the house. Chances are when you need it again, it will be right there where you left it. Follow me for more tips on life.
- I'm a history buff. Did you know George Armstrong Custer's last words at Little Bighorn were "Uh-oh!"

Milestone Anniversary Mass

The Diocese is honoring married couples who are celebrating anniversaries of **5 years, 10 years, 20 years, 30 years, 40 years, and 50+ years!** **Bishop Joensen** will celebrate the Masses.

Sunday, October 4 at 12 pm

- St. Peter's, Council Bluffs



Scan the QR codes for information & milestone registration

Saturday, October 10 at 4 pm

- St. Ambrose, Des Moines



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St Anne's Altar Society

Meets the 1st Thursday of the month March - December at 6pm in the social hall. All women of the parish over the age of 18 are automatically members.

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Oktoberfest Kurier

St Peter's Catholic Church 56th Annual Oktoberfest

Sunday, October 11th from 11am-3pm
St Albert Catholic School - 400 Gleason Ave

Get your tickets now and skip the line!

After Masses this weekend presale forms will be handed out. Presale will take place through Oct 7th. Tickets ORDERED BY PRESALE will be available for pick up after Mass on Oct 3rd & 4th, in the office on Weds or Thurs from 8am-5pm, or at will call window at Oktoberfest.

Do you want to order tickets from the comfort of your home?

Scan the QR Code to order tickets and pay!



Volunteers Needed!



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 the weekend of September 27th.

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

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4FAAAA2CA3F5C52-65360135-oktoberfest>

Scan to sign up!

Silent Auction

We are in need of silent auction items. The best items are things you couldn't just get at a store. Some examples are homemade or specialty items (any woodworkers out there?), tickets to a game (hint hint season ticket holders), or a weekend at a cabin (own a lake house?), theme basket (ask your family & friends to help!) See website for ideas!!

Sponsors Needed

We are looking for sponsors of any amount for our carnival games, rootbeer kegs, cotton candy, bounce haus, raffle prizes, a polka band, and much more!

If you're interested in sponsoring a specific item, please give us a call, and we can provide you with a sponsorship amount.

BINGO Prizes

We are looking for prizes suitable for both adults and children. Here are a few suggestions: puzzles, coloring books, games and art supplies. Please ensure that all donated items are brand new.

Carnival Prizes

Carnival Prizes are needed! Go to our Amazon Wish List by scanning QR or using the link below.



www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2IG0Q37XYUUG3ref_=wl_share

Oktoberfest Page

Check out the Oktoberfest page on our website!
www.saintpeterscb.org





St Peter's Catholic Church
56th Annual

Oktoberfest

Sunday, October 11, 2025 • 11AM-3PM

St Albert's Catholic School - 400 Gleason Ave

Adult Meal \$15.00

Meal includes: Brat, Sauerkraut, German Potato Salad, Classic Butter Noodles, Red Cabbage Salad, Apple Salad, and Desert

Child Meal (4-10) \$10.00

Meal Includes: Hotdog, Chips, 1 Side, and Desert



**Bingo • Kids Carnival • Raffles • Polka Band
RootBier Garden • Silent Auction • Bounce Haus
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For Tickets Or More Info Contact the Parish Office at 712-318-3030
Presale of tickets will begin on September 19th

**"The Spirit of the Lord
is upon me... to bring good
news to the poor" Lk 4:18**



CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

Today, our parish celebrates Catechetical Sunday, a time to recognize and commission those who have answered the call to teach and witness the Gospel to our young people. As Christians, we're all called to live in service of God and others. Catechists live out this mission in a unique way, educating, mentoring, and assisting their parishes with generosity and selflessness.

I want to express my deepest personal gratitude to all of our dedicated catechists and volunteers. Thank you for opening your hearts, giving so generously of your time, and walking alongside our children as they grow in their relationship with Christ. Please keep our catechists and students in your prayers as we begin this new ministry year together!

Heather Olson, DRE

Meet the Teachers: RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

KINDERGARTEN & 1ST

MEGAN OLSON :

- Megan has taught Religious Education for 4 years.

FIRST RECONCILIATION/COMMUNION

MICHAELA RING:

- Michaela has taught Religious Education for 15+ years.

3RD & 4TH GRADE

WILLIAM GOODWIN:

- This is William's first year teaching at St Peter's. He has previously taught for 3 years at another parish.

5TH & 6TH

TERRI WINSLOW

- Terri has taught Religious Education for 15+ years.

7TH & 8TH

TRACY CARLSON:

- Tracy has taught Religious Education for 4 years.

9TH GRADE CONFIRMATION

DEACON PAT SNOOK

- This is Deacon Pat's first year teaching Confirmation.

KINDERGARTEN & 1ST

KEREN BIMANSHA:

- This is Keren's first year helping teach Religious Education.

FIRST RECONCILIATION/COMMUNION

RYLIE LINDGREN:

- Riley has taught Religious Education for 2 years.

3RD & 4TH GRADE

LAURA GOODWIN:

- This is Laura's first year teaching at St Peter's. She has taught 2 years at another parish.

5TH & 6TH

JAIME NARCA

- This is Jaime's first year helping teach Religious Education.

10TH GRADE CONFIRMATION

MIKAYLA YANOVICH

- Mikayla has taught Religious Education for 6 years.

9TH GRADE CONFIRMATION

JON GARRIGAN

- This is John's first year teaching Confirmation

Meet the Teachers: **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

JOAN VONTERSCH WEGE

- Joan has taught 25+ years.

MAKENZIE OLSON

- Makenzie has taught in Religious Education and Children's Liturgy for 5 years. She has also been on the religious Education Committee for 3 years.

TAMMY STEPHENS

- Tammy has taught Children's Liturgy for 5+ years.

CINDY BIEDERMAN

- Cindy has taught 12 years between Religious Education and Children's Liturgy.

SARAH LIGHTHIPE

- Sarah has taught Children's Liturgy for 2 years

PATTY GANTT

- Patty has taught for 10+ years

MARIANN HILDERBRAND

- Mariann has taught Children's Liturgy for 3 years.

AMANDA STEPHENS

- Amnada has taught Children's Liturgy for 5 years.

ANDREA NELSON

EVELYN DUTSMAN

- Evelyn has taught Children's Liturgy for 2 years

Meet the Teachers: **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

MAUREEN GARRIGAN

- Maureen has been on the Religious Education Committee for 2 years.

MARY RAMSDELL

- Mary has been on the Religious Education Committee for 9 years, but has also taught Religious Education on and off for several year.

BECKY DISALVO

- Becky has been on the Religious Education Committee for 20 years and taught for 2 years.



Join us for an unforgettable evening of bingo where every round brings you closer to winning big!



St Peter's Catholic Church
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Door Open 5:30PM
Bingo Starts 6:30PM

**Fourth Saturdays of the
Following Months:**

September 26, 2026
No Bingo in October
November 28, 2026
No Bingo in December

January 23, 2027
February 27, 2027
No March Bingo
April 24, 2027
May 22, 2027

- Food & Drink available for purchase (no outside food allowed).
- Card Packages starting at \$4.
- Children ages 12 and above may attend but must be accompanied by an adult and play BINGO.