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July 5, 2026 Fourteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, July 12th

Hospitality Sunday -Donuts & Coffee
after 8am & 10am Mass
Wine & Cheese after 4pm & 12pm
Mass, Social Hall

Wednesday, July 15th

Catholic Daughters Salad Luncheon
11am-1pm Social Hall

Sunday, July 19th

Fully Alive Youth Group
Movie & Popcorn Night
7-9pm, St Francis Worship Center

Monday, July 20th

Knights of Columbus Meeting
6pm, Social Hall

Tuesday, July 21st

Women's Group
6:30pm, Social Hall

Thursday, July 23rd

Homeschool Mass, Lunch & Activities
12pm, Church/Social Hall

To see all events or flyers go to our
website www.saintpeterscb.org



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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**Would you like to be part of the prayer
team?** If you feel called to serve in this
ministry, please contact Debbie Foote at
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New To Our Parish?

Register by scanning the QR code
below or going to our website.



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

Parish Office

712-318-3030

Office Hours:

Mon- Closed

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

Fri 9:00AM-12:00PM

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From Father Jacob

“Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart, and you will find rest for yourselves.”

The Lord offers us rest today in His heart. What does this rest look like? If I just trust in the Lord enough will he make my life easy and my 401(k) full?

The Saint this week shows us the meaning of that beautiful rest that the Lord invites us into. In the earthly sense, Mother Cabrini had very little rest. During her life as a Religious Sister and Mother Superior of her order, she established 67 hospitals, schools, orphanages, and settlement houses around the globe. She oversaw them all and travelled ceaselessly to serve the poor and forgotten, especially immigrants from Italy who at that time faced great prejudice and discrimination.

During her many travels Mother Cabrini wrote often to her religious sisters to maintain connections, update them, and give spiritual advice. In one of her letters she writes about where she found the rest that Jesus promises:

“Prayer and interior silence are great necessities for the person who is occupied with a thousand concerns: speaking, listening, hearing, giving of herself even to many good things...Prayer and silence bring her to that mystical rest.”

Every one of us probably has fewer demands on our time than Mother Cabrini did. She made time for silence and prayer in the midst of her enormous work, her travels, and the pressing requests for her time and attention. Above all, she loved to be in prayer and silence in front of the Lord in the Tabernacle. Let's take this busy woman's advice and make time for prayer and silence ourselves.

The New Fiscal Year

St Peter starts this week our new fiscal year. You can expect a financial report on the last year and the budget for the new year in a couple weeks, the third Sunday of July. We'll hand it out at Masses and speak briefly about it after Communion.

Parish Picnic

We had a wonderful parish picnic last weekend, celebrating our parish patron, St Peter!

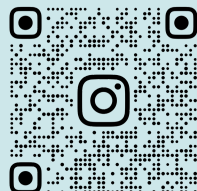
We owe a big **Thank You** to:

- Hoy-Kilnoski Funeral Home, for letting the parish use The Landing event space
- The Parish Life Committee, for planning the event and arranging the food and drinks
- The Social Concerns Committee, for planning and running our adult games
- The Religious Ed Committee, for planning and running our youth games

Our game winners got a variety of great prizes, including a few gift cards to Barley's, St Peter medals, candy, and a few books on the saints. Congratulations to our champions!

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

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Mass Intentions

Tuesday July 7, 2026

12pm Linda Schmitt +

Wednesday July 8, 2026

8am Bill & Ione Spitznagel +

Thursday July 9, 2026

12pm Dennis Kirlin

5:30pm Fred Maher +

Friday, July 10, 2026

8am Msg G. Stessman +

Saturday July 11, 2026

4pm Darlene Holeten +

Sunday July 12, 2026

8am St Peter's Parish

10am Craig & Tom Suden +

Noon Richard Corrin +

	Saturday 4:00PM	Sunday 8:00AM	Sunday 10:00AM	Sunday 12:00PM
	July 11, 2026	July 12, 2026	July 12, 2026	July 12, 2026
Altar Servers	Bianca Cihacek Ellianna Cihacek	Dawson Smith Michael Rosloniec Owen Juranek	Thomas Biederman Aiden Gaul	Ben Johnsen John Duitsman
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Next Sunday's Readings: July 12, 2026

1st - Isaiah 55:10-11

2nd - Romans 8:18-23

Gospel - Matthew 13:1-23

CONNECTED

Organizations & Groups

• ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

The St Anne's Altar and Rosary Society will NOT meet in July. Our next meeting is **Thursday, August 6th** 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.

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

The next Catholic Daughters Meeting is on **Thursday, July 16th** 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.

Catholic Daughters Donation Request: To assist us in purchasing much needed supplies for our Summer Salad Luncheon, our local citywide CDA Court is seeking your help through monetary donations. Donations of any amount will be appreciated and can be handed directly to any Catholic Daughter after Mass next weekend (7/11-7/12), or you can put it in the collection basket in an envelope marked "CDA Salad Luncheon Donation". you may also drop off donations to the parish office. Thank you for your support!

• KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Our next meeting is **Monday, July 20th** 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.

• WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Women's Prayer Group meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm. Due to a conflict for July, we will meet instead on **Tuesday, July 21st** 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.

• 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 the groupme to find out when we are meeting.



• HOMESCHOOL MASS & LUNCH

Attention all homeschool families – Join us for our next Homeschool Gathering on **Thursday, July 23rd**. We will have Mass at 12pm followed by lunch and activities. Stay tune for more details on lunch. To be added to our list email redirector@saintpetrscb.org

SEEKERS & SAINTS

Faith Formation News



FULLY ALIVE YOUTH GROUP

All teens in 7th-12th grade are invited to join us! [Check out all of our Summer Events on Facebook or the church website!!](#)

Upcoming Dates:

Sunday, July 19th from 7-9pm - St Francis Worship Center 238 S 6th St. - **Movie Night**

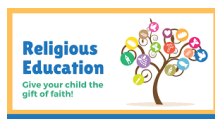
Join us for a movie and popcorn on the patio! Bring a friend!



EXPLORING CATHOLICISM

For adults interested in joining the Catholic Church!

All are welcome to join us for any of the classes! Classes will start again in the Fall.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - CONFIRMATION NEWS

Beginning in 2027-2028, the Diocese of Des Moines is moving the celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation from 10th grade to 6th grade. We're making the shift because young people are more receptive to a personal, life-changing encounter with Jesus that seals their identity as disciples and members of the Body of Christ. Families will learn more about changes in their parishes later this summer. Hear directly from Bishop William Joensen about the change and why it's being made at https://youtu.be/fg_tkgUEDcE or for more info go to dmdiocese.org/ministries-and-faith-formation/youth-ministry/confirmation.

Join us at St Peter's Wednesday, August 5th at 6pm for an informational meeting along with question and answer.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Our 10Am Children's Liturgy program is on break for July and will resume the first Sunday in August. We look forward to seeing all of our children in August and hope to see some new faces! If you are interested in volunteering to help with this program please contact Heather Olson at redirector@saintpterscb.org.



BEYOND THE PARISH

News From Across the Diocese

• CHRIST OUR LIFE - SAVE THE DATE

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!

• ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY - HOLY FAMILY BELL PLAZA FUNDRAISER

With the help of the Holy Family Preservation Society and of several generous donors the old Holy Family Church bell was installed on the cemetery grounds. We are pleased to host this beautiful piece of Council Bluffs history, and to use it to honor our beloved dead into the future. This year we want to beautify the area around the bell and raise funds to continue to care for our beloved dead by installing a memorial plaza around our lovely bell. You can purchase a brick to honor a loved one, mentor, good cause, or institution close to your heart on the fundraiser website: www.bricksrus.com/donorsite/stjoseph or if you would like a form you can pick up one at your Parish.

• ST. ALBERT SCHOOLS GOLF SCRAMBLE

The annual St. Albert Golf Scramble will be held Saturday, July 11th at Dodge Riverside Golf Course. This event is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, and all proceeds will be directed towards scholarships at St. Albert Catholic Schools. The cost is \$400 for a foursome. Registration deadline is Sunday, July 5th. Register at <https://giverbutter.com/KofCgolf25> or use this QR code. If you have questions, contact Kate Gaul at gaulk@saintalbertschools.org.



The World According To Bob

- Don't give up, Moses was once a basket case.
- Stephen King has a son named Joe. I'm not joking, but he is.
- Being a dad is like being a backup quarterback in the NFL. You're on the team, but you're not the star, and on the rare occasions you are brought into the game, people are nervous.
- I don't always go the extra mile, but when I do, it's because I missed my exit.
- Over the weekend, I put a high voltage electric fence around my property. My neighbor is dead against it.
- An apple a day keeps anyone away if you throw it hard enough.

2026 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL



Scan the QR code
or visit DMDiocese.org/giving

PILGRIMAGE TO THE GROTTO OF THE REDEMPTION

West Bend, Iowa

Wednesday, August 12, 2026



Join us for a day at the world's largest shrine, considered the Eighth Wonder of the World!

Motorcoach Departure: St. Patrick Church, 4 Valley View Drive, Council Bluffs, IA

Depart: 7:00 AM Return: Approximately 8:30 PM

Cost: \$110 Per Person, payment required with registration

Includes:

- Arrow Stage Lines motorcoach transportation
- Mass at the Grotto with Fr. Jacob Epstein, Pastor at St. Peter Church, Council Bluffs
- Guided tour of the Grotto of the Redemption
- Light breakfast (bottled water will also be available on the bus)
- Lunch at the Wagon Wheel Restaurant in West Bend

(A light dinner will be provided on the return trip for a cash donation.)

Registration Deadline: July 31, 2026 **See back page of bulletin for registration form**

Submit registration form and payment to your Council Bluffs parish office OR mail to:

St. Peter Catholic Church, 1 Bluff Street, Council Bluffs, IA 51503

Make checks payable to: St. Peter Catholic Church.

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Wednesday, August 12, 2026

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Emergency Contact Phone: _____

Emergency Contact Relationship: _____

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