

ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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June 28, 2026 Thirteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, June 28th

Church Picnic at The Landing
11am-3pm (11am Mass),
The Landing

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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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

Ss Peter and Paul

This weekend we are celebrating the feast of Saints Peter and Paul, our parish's patronal feast day!

You won't see this day marked in your missalette for today, we are able to celebrate our patron St Peter a day early in place of the 13th Sunday in ordinary time.

Saints Peter and Paul are the two great pillars of the church, and are the reason why our Holy Father the Pope is the bishop of Rome. Both Peter and Paul witnessed to Christ by spreading the gospel, by their sufferings, and by the way they loved the people they met. They both gave their last and greatest witness to Christ by dying for him in Rome, either at the same time or perhaps a few years apart.

Ss Peter and Paul both witness that the love and message of Christ are for everybody throughout the world. They dedicated their lives after the resurrection to spreading that love and message wherever they went. May our parish, dedicated to St Peter, continue his work on earth by inviting everybody in our corner of the world to that same love and message of Christ.

A Local "saint" Peter

This weekend is a good time to talk about our local "saint" Peter, who is probably the inspiration for the name of our parish!

When the Pottawattamie Indians moved to what is now Council Bluffs in 1837, one of the first things they did is send messengers down the river to St Louis, asking for a priest. The bishop sent two Jesuits, Fr Pierre de Smet and Brother Mazzelli, who arrived by riverboat on May 31st, 1838, 188 years ago. Fr Pierre (Peter) and the Pottawattamie are the founders of the Catholic Church in our city, and our forefathers in faith.

When permanent parishes were established here in Council Bluffs, the first was named after the famous Jesuit missionary St Francis Xavier in honor of the Jesuit missionaries who founded our church. The second was likely named at least in part in honor of Fr Pierre (Peter) de Smet.

St Peter's faith and devotion to confess Christ and spread his gospel makes him the rock on which the Church of Christ is founded. Fr Pierre's same faith and devotion to confess the same Christ and spread the same gospel made him the "rock" on which our local church is founded. He showed great courage and perseverance in a lifetime of work to spread the gospel both here in Council Bluffs and then further north and west. May he help this parish spread the gospel too!

Parish Picnic June 28th

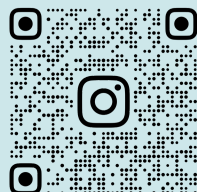
This weekend is our parish picnic!

Join us for delicious fried chicken, games for kids and adults, and a good time at **the Landing. Mass is at 11am, and the picnic starts about noon.**

Because of the picnic we will **not have 10am or Noon Mass** at the church on June 28th.

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

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Mass Intentions

Tuesday, June 30, 2026

12pm Jerry Hansen +

Wednesday, July 1, 2026

8am Our prayer intention board

Thursday July 2, 2026

12pm Catherine Epperson +

5:30pm Dorothy & Roger Snook +

Friday July 3, 2026

8am Darlene Holeton +

Saturday July 4, 2026

4pm Justin Hinkle +

Sunday July 5, 2026

8am Kenneth Finnegan +

10am St Peter's Parish

12pm For the United States of

American on her 250th anniversary

Ministry Schedule

	Saturday 4:00PM	Sunday 8:00AM	Sunday 10:00AM	Sunday 12:00PM
	July 4, 2026	July 5, 2026	July 5, 2026	July 5, 2026
Altar Servers	Nicholas Moses Cooper Moses Parker Moses	Connor McGrath Elle McGrath Addie McGrath	Abby Lighthipe Sarah Lighthipe	Mason Olson
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Ushers	Linda Bonham Fred Schaben Jack Gross William Stosahl	Russ Goesser Jim Havermann Andy Juranek Oliver Juranek	Dave Bristol Margine Henry Dan Lighthipe Mike Nielsen	Chris Olson Rob Peters Chris Maher

Next Sunday's Readings: July 5, 2026

1st - Zechariah 9:9-10

2nd - Romans 8:9, 11-13

Gospel - Matthew 11:25-30

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.

• 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. We had great conversation, wonderful food and a competitive game of cornhole! Our next meeting date is TBD

• 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.

SEEKERS & SAINTS

Faith Formation News



FULLY ALIVE YOUTH GROUP

All high schoolers 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**

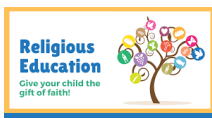
Join us for a movie and popcorn on the patio! Bring a friend!



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.

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.





PRIVATE SCHOOL EDUCATION

IS NOW AFFORDABLE!



In 2023, Governor Reynolds passed the Student First Act allowing Iowa parents to send their children to private schools by eliminating the cost barrier.

With the Students First Act, incoming Kindergartners will be awarded Educational Savings Accounts that can be applied toward tuition.

The amount awarded for incoming Kindergartners will cover the cost of Tuition at Saint Albert Catholic for the entire academic year.



WHO WILL BE AWARDED AN ESA IN 2026?

- All Families who are Iowa Residents with children entering K - 12.

Application Dates:

- April 16th - June 30th



WANT TO LEARN MORE?

Contact Sara Dew with any questions at
dews@saintalbertschools.org

APPLY FOR ESA

- Applications open 4/16/26
- Takes 10 minutes to apply
- Application closes on 6/30/26

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

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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ALL ARE WELCOME!

Questions:

Ward Kinney (402-630-3640) or Kathy Kinney (402-740-2746)

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REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip code: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Parish: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Contact Phone: _____

Emergency Contact Relationship: _____

Do you use a wheelchair? _____ Walker? _____

Are there mobility limitations we need to know about?

If you have dietary restrictions, please explain:

The World According To Bob

- Gossip is the devil's telephone. Best if you just hang up!
- I told my wife I'm building a model of Mount Everest. She said, "Is it to scale?" I said, "No, it's to look at."
- No one remembers the icebergs you didn't hit, signed Captain Smith.
- Did you hear about the kidnapping at school yesterday? It's okay, he woke up.
- God promised that good obedient wives would be found in all corners of the world. Then He made the world round.
- My girlfriend complains I don't smile enough. She's the one who wanted a serious relationship.

PARKING LOT CLOSURE

After 12pm on Friday, July 3rd, our parking lot will be closed. The Knights of Columbus will be using our parking lot to sell parking spots for the **CB Celebrates 250** from 3 PM to 11 PM on the 100 Block.

The Social Concerns Committee for the month of June will be collecting games and creative activities for the children of the Child Saving Institute (formerly Children's Square) to use for the summer.



They are in need of the following items:

- Art Supplies
- Legos
- Sit Down Games (no balls)

Boxes for donations will be in the back and side entrance of the church.

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