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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

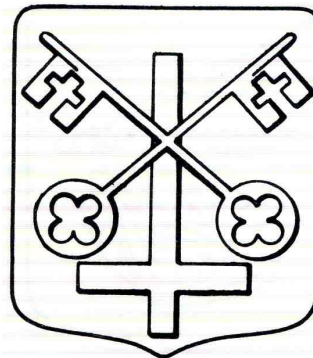
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Save the Date!

Fri-Sun, Nov 14th-16th

Seminary visit

Conception, MO

Sunday, November 16th

Seminarian support breakfast

9-11:30 am, Fr Kottas Social Hall

Thursday, November 27th

Thanksgiving Mass

8am, church

No noon or 5:30 Mass on Thanksgiving

From Father Jacob

Why are we celebrating a church building this Sunday?

This weekend we are celebrating the Feast of the dedication of the Basilica of St John Lateran. This church is the cathedral church of Rome, dedicated on November 9th, 324AD by Pope Sylvester I.

Isn't it strange to have a feast day here in Council Bluffs for a church in Rome, and have it trump the Sunday Mass? Well, yes, it is strange. But we celebrate this great feast for two main reasons.

First, the Lateran Basilica is not just any church building. It is the Cathedral church of the Pope (not St Peter's, as people often think), and thus is "Mother and head of all the churches in the city and the world." We celebrate this church because it is *our* church, even if you have never been there!

For the same reason we also celebrate the dedication of St Ambrose Cathedral in Des Moines on October 11th as a feast day in our whole Diocese, and we will celebrate the dedication of St Peter's on March 18th.

Second, any given church building may or may not be special and historic, but the Church certainly is very special-it is the Body of Christ and the Bride of Christ! Once God's glory dwelled in a special way in the Temple in Jerusalem. Where does it dwell now? In His Body, alive and at work on Earth: in the Church!

Since the church building is the place where the Church-the Body of Christ-gathers together, it becomes for us a symbol of Christ Himself and of our place within His life, His body, His bride. I come to the church and take my place with the whole Body in worshipping God where God Himself dwells: in the Eucharist first and foremost, but also in His word proclaimed from the ambo, and in His body the Church gathered together.

Since you are a parishioner of St Peter's, a part of the Church in Southwest Iowa, and a member of Christ's Body, the Universal Church, these churches *belong to us* because *we belong to them*-we belong as members of the Body joined together by Christ's blood.

Yes today we are celebrating the dedication of a building, but so much more than just a building!



Another big THANK YOU to so many of our parishioners who made our 55th annual Oktoberfest a success this year. **We made about \$13,000** from Oktoberfest this year. That is our net income after we have paid our expenses, and is about \$5,000 more than last year.

How did we do so well? We fed 100 more people than last year, but that is only a small part of the story; we also sold more raffle tickets, more rootbier and more bingo, more carnival wristbands, and received more donations than last year.

One final piece of business: **please return your yard signs**. The signs have the date of Oktoberfest on them, so they need to be updated with a sticker every year. Please bring them back to church with you!

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!

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**.

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

November 9, 2025
Feast Of The Dedication Of the Lateran Basilica

	Saturday 4:00pm Mass	Sunday 8:00am Mass	Sunday 10:00am Mass	Sunday 12:00pm Mass
	Nov 15, 2025	Nov 16, 2025	Nov 16, 2025	Nov 16, 2025
Altar Servers	Nicolas Moses Parker Moses Cooper Moses	Connor McGrath Elle McGrath Adie McGrath	Grade Level Mass for Kindergarten, 1st, 3rd & 4th	Mason Olson Emma Thompson
Lectors	Amy Rallis Jenny Van Soelen	Gennette Wirtz Jim Pidgeon		Natalie Veater Andrea Barnes
EMHC	Lucile Gerjevic Debbie Ryan Mary Hazen	Norma Finn Patti Ford	Laura Cornelius Sandy Fritzche Ed Fink	Michelle Naughton
Ushers	Jack Gross Linda Bonham Fred Schaben Mark Assman	Sue Brownlee George Garst Mike Rosloniec Oliver Juranek		Chris Olson Trevor Yanovich Rob Peters

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, 11/11

12:00 pm - Lynn Ford †

Wednesday, 11/12

8:00 am - Bill & Ione Spitznagle †

Thursday, 11/13

12:00 pm - Linda Schmitt †

5:30 pm - Christine Fink †

Friday, 11/14

8:00 am - Molly Ann McGinn †

Saturday, 11/15

4:00 pm - Terry O'Rourke †

Sunday, 11/16

8:00 am - Frank & Ruth Holzer †

10:00 am - St Peter's Parish

12:00 pm - Joshua Stange †

READINGS FOR: November 16, 2025

1ST READING: Malachi 3:19-20a

2ND READING: II Thessalonians 3:7-12

GOSPEL: Luke 21:5-19

The World According to Bob

- I may not be that good looking or athletic, or funny, or smart...I forgot where I was going with this, but I do know that I love bacon.
- The International Association of Biologist released a statement insisting micro biologist are in fact the same size as all other biologist.
- We all know about Albert Einstein but I've heard his brother Frank is a real monster.
- Moses told the children at the Red Sea "Take your galoshes. I've never done this trick before."

Father's Thought for the Week

**Brothers and sisters:
You are God's building.**

We sometimes are tempted to treat "The Church" the way we treat Walmart or Target. A place I go to to get a thing (even if it's a very important thing) and then leave when I've got it.

But the Church is not like a store, it is much more like a family: *You are a part of it!*



**Knight of Columbus
St. Peter's Council 1045
Annual Seminarian Breakfast**

Sunday, Nov 16th

9:00AM-11:30AM

All are invited!

We will be serving Biscuits & Gravy,
Sausage, Bacon, Scrambled Eggs, Fruit
Parfait, and Coffee/Juice/Milk.

The cost is Free Will Donation.
ALL proceeds collected will go directly
to the seminarians from our diocese.

Thank you for helping the Knights in
supporting the vocations!

NCYC 2025

Big News!

Pope Leo XIV will be engaging directly with U.S. Catholic young people this November at the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC), and you can be part of it from anywhere.

Sign up now for the free NCYC Digital Experience and get:

- Access to the livestream of the Papal Dialogue on Nov. 21
- Access to the exclusive pre-event gathering on Nov. 11
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Encounter With God's Call at Conception Seminary College is an opportunity to discern the call to priesthood and learn about college seminary life. Throughout the weekend, we pray, meet, and relax with seminarians and other young men discerning the priesthood. Together we all seek to listen for God's voice and our call.

Fall 2025 | Nov. 14-16 Spring 2026 | Apr. 17-19

(660) 944-2886 | ewgc@conception.edu

Young Men 16-25 are invited to visit Conception Seminary. We will depart from Council Bluffs Friday Evening, Nov 14th after school hours and return Sunday evening, Nov 16th. We will pray together, learn about seminary life, and meet college seminarians.

To register, see Father Jacob or call the St Patrick parish office at 712-323-1484

Nathan Gentry

Fidel Ruvalcaba de la Cruz

Damian Criddle



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Community Wide Thanksgiving Dinner

The Community Wide Thanksgiving Dinner is collectively provided by local churches and organizations for many in the community who, for one reason or another, need our assistance to celebrate the holiday. On Thanksgiving Day, volunteers will be making and delivering over 800 meals in the Council Bluffs community. To allow us to take advantage of sales, have started donation collection.

The following items are needed:

Cream of Mushroom Soup
Bouillon
Canned Green Beans
Fried Onions
Stove Top Stuffing
Large Roasting Bags
Ziploc Sandwich bags
Coffee

Please leave your donations in the bins and Thank you for helping others.

Help is also needing with volunteering with the following preparations:

Delivery Coordination (Wed, Nov 26-Thurs Nov 27)

Phone Reservations (Weekdays: Nov 10-21)

Set up (Wed, Nov 26)

Filling & Delivering Orders (Thurs, Nov 27)

Contact us by email to volunteer: cbthanksgivingdinner@gmail.com



St Peter's Knights of Columbus Fundraiser

We've partnered with Gorilla Car Wash to sell codes for their Touchless Automatic "Deluxe" Car Wash & "The Works" Car wash.

Funds raised will be used for the charitable programs we support.



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\$20 for "The Works" and \$15 for the "Deluxe."

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