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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

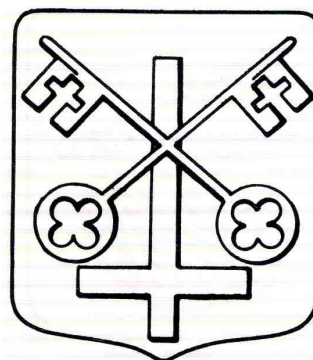
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Save the Date!

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|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Sunday, December 14th | Santa visits | After 10am Mass, Social Hall |
| Sunday, December 14th | Angel tree gift sorting | 1pm, St Peter's Church |
| Wednesday, December 24th | Christmas Eve Masses | 4 pm, 6 pm, St Peter's Church |
| Thursday, December 25th | Christmas Day Masses | 8 am, 10 am, St Peter's Church |

December 14, 2025
Third Sunday of Advent

From Father Jacob

We have had a lot going on here at St Peter's!

And it all can happen because of the dedication and generosity of so many here.

Historic homes

The Historic Homes tour was a great success. We hosted lots of people who toured the church and rectory and were introduced or reintroduced in some small way to the beauty of the Faith. Many thanks to all the volunteers who greeted everyone, directed traffic, and served drinks. Thanks to the choir for beautiful music, and a special thanks to the decorators who worked hard to prepare everything. Thanks especially to Maxine Marshall & Maureen Harvey who spent weeks getting everything ready.

Angel Tree

What a wonderful program we have here at St Peter's to brighten the Christmas of so many children and families in our town. I am always blown away by the generosity of our community here. Many thanks to the Social Concerns Committee which organizes and runs this great program. Thanks in advance to the volunteers who will help this Sunday afternoon.

Parish Directories

This week we are (finally) receiving our new parish directories! Pick up yours after Masses, and thank the Parish Life Committee and especially Glenn and Toni Hansen for putting together this great directory.

Knights before Christmas

This Saturday night we have a great dinner and dance hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Thanks to the Knights and in particular to Chris Maher and Natalie Veater for organizing this great event.

Advent family night

The first Wednesday of Advent we hosted a wonderful family night for our RE students and their families. Thanks to the catechists who helped run it, to the Religious Ed committee who organized it, and to Heather who led it!

Committees

Perhaps you've noticed a theme: our committees make so many good things happen in our parish! If you want to be a part of it, then I strongly encourage you to join one of our great committees.

Community Thanksgiving thanksgiving

From the community Thanksgiving coordinator
Linda Pfenning:

Let's start with the stats.

- 950+ meals delivered to those in need in our community.
- 150+ served in the Community of Christ gymnasium for "dine in" service.
- 350 cans of green beans, 240 boxes of stuffing mix, 50 turkeys, 500 lbs. of potatoes, and 500 oz. of dried onion rings donated by area Catholic churches and St Albert.
- 0 returned orders due to inability to deliver.
- 115+ volunteers from all over the Council Bluffs and surrounding area.

All those hands, all those feet, all those eyes, all that compassion helping the Lord bless those in need in our community...This community is so blessed to have all these hands and feet helping Jesus feed the hungry!

Thank you, thank you, thank you.



Parish Directories for Christmas!

Our new parish directories have been delivered! We will be distributing them after Masses this weekend, so be sure to pick yours up! If you didn't get your picture taken, you can still get a directory for \$10, call the office and ask for yours, or we will be selling them after Masses in the new year.

2026 Calendars

Thanks to Hoy Kilnoski funeral home, we have beautiful 2026 calendars to distribute! Feel free to take one home with you.

December 14, 2025

Third Sunday of Advent

| | Saturday 4:00pm Mass | Sunday 8:00am Mass | Sunday 10:00am Mass | Sunday 12:00pm Mass |
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| | Dec 20, 2025 | Dec 21, 2025 | Dec 21, 2025 | Dec 21, 2025 |
| Altar Servers | Nicolas Moses Parker Moses Cooper Moses | Connor McGrath Elle McGrath Adiie McGrath | Cole Noon Connor Noon Aiden Gaul | Mason Olson Emma Thompson |
| Lectors | Wayne Stangl Cathy Assman | Gennette Wirtz Jim Pidgeon | Jon Garrigan Maureen Garrigan | Natalie Veater Mary Ramsdell |
| EMHC | Toni Hansen Jacque Liston Lucile Gerjevic | Roger Harvey Patti Ford | Laura Cornelius Michelle Naughton Ed Fink | Susan Lorkovic |
| Ushers | Jack Gross Linda Bonham Fred Schaben Mark Assman | Mike Skipton George Garst Mike Rosloniec Oliver Juraneck | Dave Bristol Bryan Carolus Jill Clevenger Peter Clevenger | Chris Olson Trevor Yanovich Rob Peters Chris Maher |

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, 12/16

12:00 pm -

Wednesday, 12/17

8:00 am - Bill & Iona Spitznagle †

Thursday, 12/18

12:00 pm - Bernie Erickson

5:30 pm - Deceased Members
of the Altar Society

Friday, 12/19

8:00 am - Molly McGinn †

Saturday, 12/20

4:00 pm - Thomas & Murphy Family
Alyce Megel †

Sunday, 12/21

8:00 am - Frank & Ruth Holzer †

10:00 am - Richard Corrin †

12:00 pm - St Peter's Parish

Don't forget to visit Santa
today after the 10am Mass
in the Social Hall!

Visit with Santa and enjoy
rolls, cookies, juice, milk
and hot chocolate



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the Parish Life Committee



CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS®, COURT ST. ANTHONY #330

The next Catholic Daughter Meeting is on Thursday, December 18, 2025 at St. Peter's Catholic Church. Mass starts at 5:30pm, followed by a potluck meal at 6:00pm, and the meeting at 6:30pm. A Christmas gift exchange will follow the meeting (\$10 limit). Women, 18 years and older from all Council Bluffs parishes are always welcome to join us. Visit our website at www.cda330.org.

READINGS FOR: December 21, 2025

1ST READING: Isaiah 7:10-14
2ND READING: Romans 1:1-7
GOSPEL: Matthew 1:18-24



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Sales End December 15th

Selling in the Social Hall
December 14th
after the 8am & 10am Mass

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for people who would like to volunteer to host one of our Wine & Cheese Parties on one of the first weekends of the month after the 4:00pm and 12:00pm Mass. It is no cost to you and all you have to commit to is one (or more if you like). The Wine & Cheese Parties started in 2025. It has been a way for parishioners to get to know each other and visit. If interested please contact Dolores Kral at 402-639-6501.



The World According to Bob

- Jesus was the son of Mary and Jesus was known as the Lamb of God. Does that mean Mary had a little lamb?
- When women reach a certain age they start collecting dogs and cats. It's called many paws.
- If a child refuses to take a nap are they are resisting arrest?
- I can't believe Christmas is already only 4 days away. That is according to my chocolate Advent calendar.

Christmas Mass Times

Wednesday, Dec 24th
4:00pm & 6:00pm

Thursday, Dec 25th
8:00am & 10:00am

Father's Thought for the Week

"Go and tell John what you hear and see:
the blind regain their sight, the lame walk,
lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the
dead are raised, and the poor have the
good news proclaimed to them.
And blessed is the one who takes no
offense at me."

Jesus shows his presence by what he does.
What is Jesus doing in your life? How would



Calling ALL MOMS of young children!

YOU ARE INVITED TO A WEEKLY GATHERING!

DID YOU KNOW there is a group for mothers' with young children that started in September? This group of mom's from St Patrick and St Peter's meets every Tuesday from 9:30am-11:00am at the St Francis Worship Center (238th S 6th St.). Join us for fellowship, support, and connection during this season of motherhood. Come for the whole time or just drop in. Childcare is available and provided by the "seasoned" mothers of our parishes.

Questions?
Contact Brittany Seely at 520-373-9748



MEET LIKE-MINDED MOMS IN YOUR COMMUNITY!

WHY JOIN MOTHERS GROUP?

- Make new friends
- Become the best mom you can be
- Discover a spiritual program
- Experience community
- Get encouragement
- Learn about your faith
- Be refreshed by prayer

Childcare Volunteers Needed

Volunteers interested in helping with the supervision of young children during these gathering are needed. You do not have to commit to every week to volunteer!

If interested contact Mary Stuhr
at mtstuhr4vv@yahoo.com

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