



# *St. Peter's Catholic Church*

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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

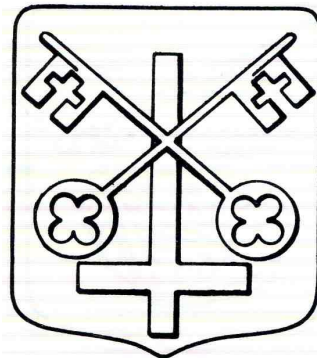
Sunday 7:00-7:45am

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## **Save the Date!**

Saturday, October 4th

City-wide Jubilee Pilgrimage

St Pat's to Corpus Christi

Sunday, October 12th

Oktoberfest!

St Albert Catholic

## From Father Jacob

**A rich man had a steward who was reported to him for squandering his property.**

The key to understanding this parable lies in understanding who the rich man is, and who the dishonest steward is. Who is it who is rich beyond all imaging, to whom everything belongs, ultimately, and to whom an account will have to be given? It is God of course. He has everything and needs nothing at all, all creation belongs to him, and all of us will have to “prepare an account” of our deeds for him. Then who is the dishonest steward? Who is it who has been entrusted with much, but won’t get to keep it, who often misuses the goods that have been entrusted to him in ways the master would not approve of, and who will have to give an account of what he has done with all these things? It is me, and you!

Yes you and I are stewards of our lives, not owners. This is obvious if you think about it. An owner gets to decide whether she buys something, and how long she keeps it. She can change it out for another when she wants to, and she gets to sell it at the end and keep the value. But didn’t choose your life, you don’t get to decide how long you keep it, and you can’t change it for a different one. You didn’t buy it, and you won’t get to keep the proceeds when you “cash out”. You are not the owner of your life, you are the steward.

God is the rich man, and I am the dishonest steward. I have a judgement coming soon (sometime in the next 60 years, almost certainly), but for now I have the management of a great many good things—my time, my attention, my possessions, etc. If I were wise, I would use all the good things that have been entrusted to me while I have them to buy myself advocates among God’s poor.

**I tell you, make friends for yourselves with dishonest wealth, so that when it fails, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.**

## From Heather

### Parish Mission

Thank you to the Marian Sisters for leading our Parish Mission. We are grateful for their presence and the wisdom they shared.

### Special Collection For The People Of Gaza

Our second collection taken up this weekend will be split this month. Half will go to provide food aid for Gaza. You can also donate by credit/debit card by visiting [dmdiocese.org/Gaza](http://dmdiocese.org/Gaza).

### Catechetical Sunday

Sunday, Sept 21st is Catechetical Sunday. The theme for this year's celebration is drawn from St. Peter's first letter: "Always be ready to give an explanation...for a reason for your hope" (1 Pt 3:15). This day is a wonderful opportunity to recognize and thank all those who serve as catechists in our church. Our catechists generously share their time and faith, teaching and guiding both children and adults in the Catholic faith. Please take a moment to express your gratitude to these dedicated individuals who play a vital role in passing on the traditions of our Church. We are so grateful for your commitment!



Make sure to read this weeks “Oktoberfest Kurier” to get all the up-to-date information.

The Oktoberfest committee will be in the social hall after all Masses today for ticket pickup, order form turn in, or if you need to pick up your order form.

**We are still 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?).

**We look forward to seeing everyone at the 55th Annual Oktoberfest!!**

September 21, 2025  
Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

	Saturday 4:00pm Mass	Sunday 8:00am Mass	Sunday 10:00am Mass	Sunday 12:00pm Mass
	Sept 27, 2025	Sept 28, 2025	Sept 28, 2025	Sept 28, 2025
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Bianca Cihacek Ellianna Cihacek	Audrey Garst Caroline Reineke Claire Reineke	Alyssa Brockelsby Ali Hamilton Sarah Lighthipe	Mason Olson Emma Thompson
<b>Lectors</b>	Jim Beck Eric King	Peter Finn Sean Dunphy	Jon Garrigan Maureen Garrigan	Casey Peters Natalie Veater
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<b>Ushers</b>	Jack Gross Linda Bonham Fred Schaben Brody Pellett	Sue Brownlee Mike Skipton Russ Goesser Andy Juranek	Dave Bristol Bryan Carolus Jill Clevenger Peter Clevenger	Chris Olson Trevor Yanovich Rob Peters

**DO YOU WANT TO BE AN ALTAR SERVER OR ARE YOU CURRENTLY AN ALTAR SERVER?**

If you are a current Altar Server or want to sign up please attend the training that coincides with your grade.



**Wednesday, Sept 24th**  
at 5pm for 5th-8th grade for Altar Servers at the Worship Center. (pizza will be provided)

**Wednesday, Sept 24th**  
at 6pm for 9th-12th grade for Altar Servers at the Worship Center. (pizza will be provided)



*Life Chain*

**Sunday, October 5, 2025  
2:00pm-3:30pm**

Please join over 1550 cities across America for Life Chain – a peaceful, prayerful witness to the sanctity of human life, calling for an end to abortion!

Participants will stand on Broadway with pro-life signs from 16th - 35th Streets. This is a national event in its 37th year! Signs will be provided on the north side of Broadway at 16th and 20th Streets. Please bring any signs taken last year and stand 20 feet apart. Elderly bring a chair.

Gabriel's Corner Pregnancy Center will host an Open House immediately following from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Located at the corner of 2nd Ave & 16th St. Please bring cookies or bars to share! Any questions, please call Council Bluffs Life Chain at (402) 598-1798

Readings for Sunday, September 28, 2025

1st reading - Amos 6:1a, 4-7  
2nd Reading - I Timothy 6:11-16  
Gospel - Luke 16:19-31

## The World According to Bob

- The best way to have quiche for dinner is to make it up and put it in the oven to bake at 325°. Meanwhile, get out a large t-bone, grill it, and when done, eat it. As for the quiche, continue to let it bake, but otherwise ignore it.
- There are two theories to arguing with a woman. Neither works.
- Always drink upstream from the herd.
- Letting a cat out of the bag is a whole lot easier than putting it back in.

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Tuesday, 9/23**

12:00 pm - Vanessa McIntosh †

**Wednesday, 9/24**

8:00 am - Leopold Mendoza †

**Thursday, 9/25**

12:00 pm - Vanessa McIntosh †

5:30 pm - Richard Corrin †

**Friday, 9/26**

8:00 am - Richard Corrin †

**Saturday, 9/27**

4:00 pm - Terry O'Rourke †

**Sunday, 9/28**

8:00 am - Catherine Epperson †

10:00 am - St Peter's Parish

12:00 pm - William E Roarty †

### Priest Appreciation Weekend September 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>



The Council Bluffs Serra Club asks that you please remember to thank our priests for all they do for us!

Father Jacob Epstein, Father Luis Mejia,  
Father Joel McNeil, Father Paul Monahan,  
Father Glen Wilwerding, Father Max Carson,  
Father Luisito Cabrera, Father Dean Nimerichter, Father Charles Kottas and  
Father Emmanuel Offiong

Pray for their sacred ministry and for an increase in religious vocations in the Des Moines Diocese

### Father's Thought for the Week

**I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone, for kings and for all in authority, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity.**

Many people are distressed by the news of the day, and I often hear people confess to great anger or even hatred toward politicians or other public figures. If we're going to consume the news (and I am not convinced that we should), let's make sure we do it in a spirit of prayer, offering our prayers for those we hear about and those who lead us.



Calling all high schoolers! We want YOU to come give YOUR input on what you would like to do this upcoming year in our new space!

Join Us Tonight!  
Sunday, September 21st, 7-9pm  
St Francis Worship Center 238 S 6<sup>th</sup> St

Invite a friend and come check it out!  
Come early to play ping pong, darts, or a game!



# Oktoberfest - Kurier

## Tickets

Get your tickets now and skip the line!

After Mass, starting this weekend (Sept 13<sup>th</sup>) we will be handing out envelopes which contain the following:

- 5 Tickets For \$2000 Raffle
- 5 Tickets For Quilt Raffle
- A Letter From Father Jacob
- Ticket Pre Order Form

### Pre-Order Form Instructions:

This form is for pre-ordering tickets, including dinner tickets. Fill out the form and return it at any Mass with your payment (Cash, Check, or Venmo). Your tickets will be ready for you at the next weekend Mass. Alternatively, you can pick them up at the "will call" window at Oktoberfest.



## Oktoberfest Volunteer Opportunities

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 starting the weekend of September 27th.

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



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0F49AFAD2CA0F94-58554279-2025>

## Sponsors Needed

Carnival Game: \$25 (sold out)  
Rootbeer Kegs: \$80 (sold out)  
Bounce Haus: \$100 (sold out)  
Raffle Prize: \$200 (4 available)  
Polka Band: \$350 (3 available)

General Sponsor: Any Amount Where Needed

If you are interesting in being a sponsor contact the parish office or email [officemanager@saintpeterscb.org](mailto:officemanager@saintpeterscb.org)

## BINGO PRIZES

We are in need of bingo prizes for adults and children. Some ideas are puzzles, coloring books, games, art supplies. Donated items should be new.

Needed for Carnival Ring Toss Game:

**2 Liter Bottles of Pop**

Please place in box at either church entrances

## CARNIVAL PRIZES NEEDED

We are in need of carnival prizes! Scan the QR code or go to the link to view our Amazon Wish List. Purchase from the list or use the ideas to purchase somewhere locally.



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**Do you have?**

A 4 Seat Golf Cart

If you do and would let us borrow for the day please contact the Parish office.



St Peter's Catholic Church  
55th Annual



**Sunday, October 12, 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**  
**Stein Holding Contest Country Store**

**For Tickets Or More Info Contact the Parish Office at 712-318-3030**





## Celebrating the Jubilee Year

### Council Bluffs Pilgrimage with Father Max and Father Jacob

*Saturday Oct 4th 8am*

*Park at St. Patrick's Church (4 Valley View Drive)*

Walk as pilgrims to Corpus Christi Parish (3304 4th Ave)

10am-3pm Adoration and Confessions at Corpus Christi

**A great family event focused on walking together as a community  
to meet Christ, as we are.**

Please bring water bottles and good walking shoes. Transportation will be provided back to St. Patrick's

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## Celebrand o el Ano Jubilar

### Peregrinación a Council Bluffs Con El Padre Maxy el padre Jacob

**Sábado 4 de octubre, 8:00 a. m.**

Estacionamiento en la Iglesia de San Patricio (4 Valley View Drive)

Caminen como peregrinos a la Parroquia de Corpus Christi (3304 4th Ave)

10:00 a. m. a 3:00 p. m. Adoración y Confesiones en Corpus Christi

**Un gran evento familiar enfocado en caminar juntos como  
comunidad hacia el encuentro con Cristo, tal como somos.**

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*Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the  
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