



St. Peter's Catholic Church

a country church in the city

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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

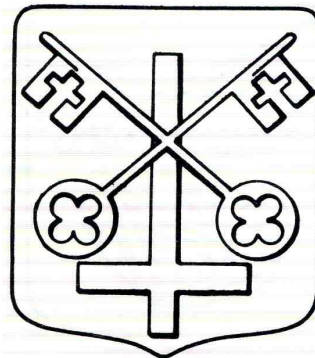
Saturday 3:00—3:45pm
Sunday 7:00-7:45am

Baptisms, Weddings, etc

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Save the Date!

Wednesday, September 3rd	Religious Ed opening Mass	St Peter's Church, 6pm
Fri Sept 19th & Sat, Sept 20th	Parish Misson w/the Marion Sisters	St Peter's Social Hall
Sunday, October 12th	Oktoberfest!	St Albert Catholic School, 11-3

July 27, 2025
Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

From Seminarian Shawn



"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. What father among you would hand his son a snake when he asks for a fish? Or hand him a scorpion when he asks for an egg? If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"

As the summer starts coming to a close, so does my time in my assignment here at St. Peter's. In my prayer for this assignment, I wanted the Lord to show me what life in the parish is like as it's easy to get lost in books studying at seminary. The Lord responded graciously and in a way that's left a lasting impact on me. From serving at liturgies to baptisms to being in the hospital room as a faithful person is receiving their last rites, I've seen what a call it is to be a priest. Father Jacob has been a great mentor to me, I've learned a lot from him that I am truly grateful for and will take forward with me into the future. Father Jacob's love for the Lord and his people is evident in how he lives his life and serves as a priest.

It has been a great pleasure getting to know you all at Saint Peter's and you've all been very welcoming. You are blessed to have such a great community here at Saint Peter's, and I pray that you continue to be a blessing to the city of Council Bluffs.

Thank you for a having me this summer.

From Father Jacob

Annual financial report

Next weekend we will have our 24-25 Financial Report to distribute and will briefly review it after Communion. Don't worry, it won't take too long.

Weekday Masses

As the summer comes to a close, many of us are making our plans for the school year. Take a look at the Mass schedule on the front page of the bulletin and consider making daily Mass a part of your schedule once or twice a week if possible. It's a beautiful way to spend time with the Lord!

Those who work here in Council Bluffs are especially invited to consider if you can join us at our new noon Masses on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Annual Diocesan Appeal

As we discussed last weekend, we are rather behind on our Annual Diocesan Appeal, which is our parish's share of funding for the many things the Diocese of Des Moines does, including retreats, education, charity, parish support, and oversight.

If you have not given, please do so using the slips at all of the exits or simply write a check with Annual Diocesan Appeal clearly written in the memo.

Mass ministers

You may have noticed that we are in need of Mass ministers: ushers, Eucharistic ministers, lectors, and altar servers.

We will have training for all of these ministries coming up in August, and we need new people to consider helping out. Check out the calendar on the next page of the bulletin and save the date!

July 27, 2025
Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

	Saturday 4:00pm Mass	Sunday 8:00am Mass	Sunday 10:00am Mass	Sunday 12:00pm Mass
	July 26, 2025	July 27, 2025	July 27, 2025	July 27, 2025
Altar Servers	Ellianna Cihacek Jack Limpin Nicolas Moses	Audrey Garst Caroline Reineke Claire Reineke	Charlotte Noon Savannah Murray Ali Hamilton	Ben Johnsen Payton Thompson Grace Burroughs
Lectors	Jim Beck, Christine Beck	Peter Finn Sean Dunphy	Tony Peterson John Ross Biederman	Chris Maher Cindy Bussey
EMHC	Lucile Gerjevic Toni Hansen Jaquie Liston	Jim Havermann Sheryl Garst	Laura Cornelius Leslie Fronc Ed Fink	Andrea Barnes
Ushers	Jack Gross Linda Bonham Fred Schaben Josie Limpin	Sue Brownlee Dennis Coughlin Russ Goeser Velda Ring	Margine Henry Dan Lighthipe Mike Nielsen Nate Noon	Chris Olson Trevor Yanovich Rob Peters Mason Olson

MASS INTENTIONS	
Tuesday, 7/29	
12:00 pm— Ivan & Susie Duff RIP	
Wednesday, 7/30	
8:00 am— Kirlin Family	
Thursday, 7/31	
12:00 pm— Bill & Mary Ryan RIP	
5:30 pm— Philip W Kirlin RIP	
Friday, 8/1	
8:00 am— Posted Prayer Intentions	
Saturday, 8/2	
4:00 pm— Tom Schnepel	
Sunday 8/3	
8:00 am— Kenneth Finnegan	
10:00 am— St Peter's Parish	
12:00 pm— Frank Paluka RIP	

READINGS FOR: Sunday, August 3, 2025	
1ST READING:	Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23
2ND READING:	Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11
GOSPEL:	Luke 12:13-21

The World According to Bob

- I accidentally drank a bottle of invisible ink last night....I am in the hospital waiting to be seen.
- I think it's funny that they are putting jokes on the back of bacon packages now....listen to this one— serving size 2 slices
- An English professor wrote the words "A woman without her man is nothing" on the chalkboard and asked students to punctuate it correctly. All the males wrote "A woman, without her man, is nothing". All the females wrote "A woman: without her, man is nothing"
- I call my horse Mayo and sometimes Mayo neighs.

Father's Thought for the Week


If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"

This week let's persevere in prayer. Ask the Lord every day for what He offers us: the Holy Spirit's gifts of wisdom, counsel, understanding, knowledge, piety, fortitude, and fear of the Lord. He will answer!



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

The next Catholic Daughter Meeting is on Tuesday, August 5, 2025 in the St. Patrick Social Hall. Mass starts at 6:00pm, followed by refreshments and the meeting. Chance to win a door prize! 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, ST PETER'S COUNCIL 1045

The Knights of Columbus will meet tomorrow night, Monday July 28th at 6:00pm in the social hall. Dinner will be at 6:00pm followed by a meeting at 6:30pm. **All men of the parish 18 years and older are welcome to join!**

ARE YOU WILLING TO SERVE?

We need your help at Mass with the following ministries:

- Lectors
- Eucharistic Ministers
- Ushers
- Altar Servers

If interested, we will have signups and trainings on the following dates:

- August 9/10 after Mass for Eucharistic Ministers
- August 16/17 after Mass for Lectors
- August 23/24 After Mass for Ushers
- Wednesday, September 24 at 5pm for 5th-8th grade for Altar Servers at the Worship Center (pizza will be provided)
- Wednesday, September 24 at 6pm for 9th-12th grade for Altar Servers at the Worship Center (pizza will be provided)

NOTE: If you are a current Mass Minister please stay after the Mass that is your ministry. Plan for only about 15 minutes as it will not be for the entire training. If you are a current Altar Server please plan to stay after Mass on September 6/7.



Join us Monday, August 4th for a fun and inspiring night as we take a comfortable motorcoach to watch Fr. Max and an All-Priest Band in Des Moines.

Concert proceeds will go to Pro-Life programs in Iowa including Gabriel's Corner in Council Bluffs.

- **Departure** 3 PM, from the St. Patrick parking lot
- **Dinner Stop** at The Machine Shed in Urbandale
- **Concert** at 7:30 PM at the historic Val Air Ballroom in Des Moines
- **Return** at 11:15 PM at St. Patricks
- **Cost:** \$60, which includes bus and concert ticket
Plus dinner (approx. \$20)
- **Ages:** 12+ (children must be accompanied by parent/guardian)
- **Limited Seating!**

Register and pay online by August 3rd by visiting STPATRICKCB.ORG
*if you already have a concert ticket, cost for the bus ticket is only \$50

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Presentation on the Canonization Process of Fr. Flanagan, Founder of Boys Town



Thursday, August 7 at 7:00 PM
at St. Patrick Parish, Council Bluffs



by Edward Morse, JD

Professor of Law at Creighton University,
Board Member of the Thomas More Society,
President of the Father Flanagan League
Society of Devotion

This presentation is sponsored by the St. Patrick Council of the Knights of Columbus and *is open to everyone!*



Do you.....

- Love your Catholic faith and want to share that love with others?
- Want to make a difference in the life of our parish?
- Enjoy working with children/youth?

No prior teaching experience is necessary. We provide the training and materials. All you need is a heart willing to serve and spend time with our children. A willingness to share the love of God with them and to share our common faith together.

WE NEED:

- Catechist K-8
- Confirmation Team 9 & 10
- Group Discussion Leader 9 & 10
- Wednesday Night Support/Helpers

Scan the QR code for the list and descriptions of opportunities available in our program!



If you would like to volunteer or have questions contact Heather Olson, Director of Religious Education at 712-328-3030 or religiouseducationdirector@saintpeterscb.org

FULLY ALIVE
YOUTH GROUP

BIG NEWS

We have a Home!

St. Francis Worship Center, 238 S 6th St

We are inviting ALL high school students, incoming Freshman to upcoming Seniors, to come and be a part of this exciting, historical moment in Council Bluffs Catholic youth history. Make your mark by helping us decorate and paint the space with YOUR choices!

Sunday, August 3rd from 4-9pm

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If interested in membership contact the Parish Office at 712-318-3030 or Sean Dunphy at 402-960-6215

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