

ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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September 6, 2026 Twenty Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, September 6th

Hospitality Sunday
After all Masses, Social Hall

Monday, September 7th

Catholic Daughters Meeting
6pm,, Social Hall

Wednesday, September 9th

Welcome Back Mass & Reception for
Religious Education K-10
6pm, Church/Social Hall

Saturday, September 19th

Knights Of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner
5-7pm, Social Hall

Thursday, September 24th

Homeschool Mass & Gathering
12pm, Church/Social Hall

Saturday, September 26th

Bingo
5:30pm Doors open/Starts at 6:30pm,
Social Hall

Saturday, September 26th -

Sunday September 27th

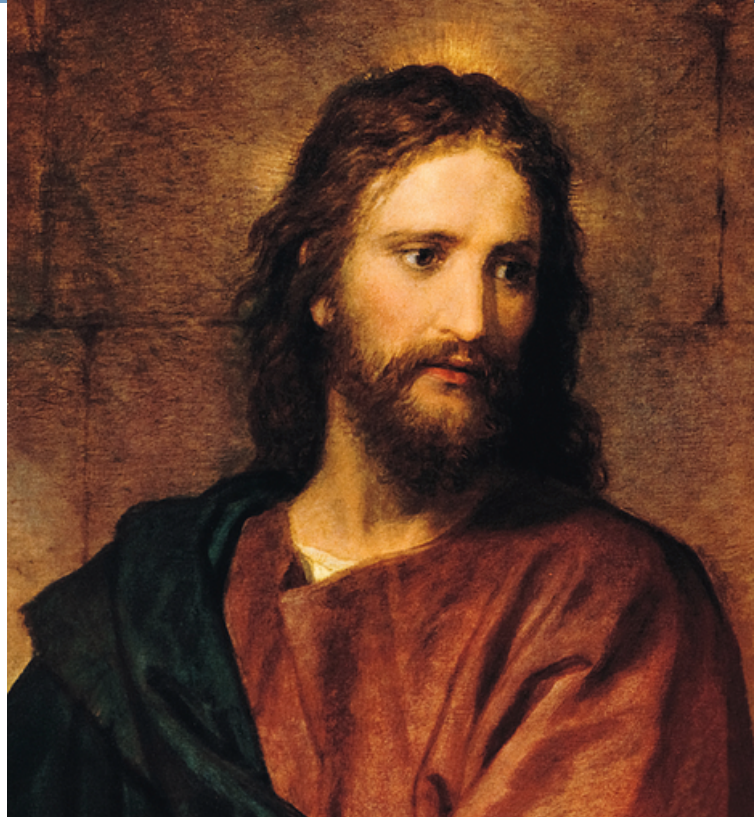
Christ Our Life Conference
Casey's Center, Des Moines or
by livestream
Visit christourlifeiowa.com for more
details and for tickets.

Monday, September 28th

Knights of Columbus Meeting
6pm, Social Hall

Sunday, October 11th

Oktoberfest
11am-3pm, St Albert Catholic School



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
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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

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Mon- Closed

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Fri 9:00AM-12:00PM

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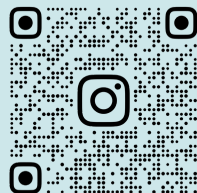
Maintenance

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

Send to redirector@saintpeterscb.org

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From Father Jacob

“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone.”

What to do when someone has hurt us? Of course it depends on the nature of the hurt: it is one thing to have been insulted or snubbed, another to have been robbed or abused. Jesus teaches us clearly today that, when we can do so, step one is to *go to the one who has hurt us* and offer a correction.

How can we do this well? It takes humility, prudence, and courage! A few questions will help us discern when and how to offer correction:

1. Is this a mere annoyance or a real fault?
2. Can the person actually do anything about this thing? Is there any reason to think they will?
3. Am I the right person to say this? If not, who is?
4. Have you prayed about this? Present the problem to the Lord in detail and ask for guidance.
5. How and when will I offer a correction? Usually in private, with humility, and without personal accusation is the best approach.

Exploring Catholicism starts September 13th

Have you been coming to Mass but have not received the sacraments? Do you want to join the Church? Do you or someone you know want to learn what Catholic Christians believe and why?

Come to “Exploring Catholicism” class on **Sunday, September 13th at 2pm**. The first class will be at St Patrick Church at 4 Valley View Dr. This would be a great opportunity to invite a friend or family member who might be interested!

Confirmation Catechists needed

Every year we form our young men and women to be disciples of Christ in our Confirmation program. The parish seeking a few volunteers to help form our 9th and 10th graders. You can contact Heather (email to the left) or Fr Jacob to volunteer.



I'm looking forward to Oktoberfest on Sunday, October 11th!

We are seeking your help with a few things as we prepare for this great event:

Silent Auction Items

The best silent auction items are things you couldn't just get at the store. Things like:

- Homemade or specialty items
- Tickets to a game from a season ticket set
- A weekend at a cabin
- A basket of items put together with care

Bingo and Carnival Prizes

Small items for adults and kids. See a wishlist with ideas at the back of the bulletin!

Mass Intentions

Tuesday Sept 8, 2026

Noon Robi Suden +

Wednesday Sept 9, 2026

8am Bill & Iona Spitznagel +

Thursday Sept 10, 2026

Noon Linda Schmitt+

5:30pm Fred Hansen+

Friday Sept 11, 2026

8am Darlene Holeyton +

Saturday Sept 12, 2026

4pm Terry O'Rourke +

Sunday Sept 13, 2026

8am St Peter's Parish

10am Harvey Family

Noon Rosemary Winner

	Saturday 4:00PM	Sunday 8:00AM	Sunday 10:00AM	Sunday 12:00PM
	September 12, 2026	September 13, 2026	September 13, 2026	September 13, 2026
Altar Servers	Bianca Cihacek Ellianna Cihacek	Dawson Smith Michael Rosloniec Owen Juranek	Aiden Gaul Charlotte Noon	Ben Johnsen John Duitsman
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Next Sunday's Readings: September 13, 2026

1st - Sirach 27:30-28:7

2nd - Romans 14:7-9

Gospel - Matthew 18:21-35

CONNECTED

Organizations & Groups

• ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

The St Anne's Altar and Rosary Society next meeting is **Thursday, October 1st** 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 **Monday, September 7th** 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, September 28th** 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. Our next meeting is **Tuesday, September 8th** 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. We have been on break for the summer so mark our calendars for the return of our group on **Tuesday, September 22nd**.

• 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. Scan the QR code to join our Groupme and stay up to date.



• HOMESCHOOL MASS & LUNCH

Attention all homeschool families – Join us for our next Homeschool Gathering on **Thursday, September 24th**. We will have Mass at 12pm followed by lunch and activities. Stay tuned for more details on lunch. To be added to our list email redirector@saintpeterscb.org

SEEKERS & SAINTS

Faith Formation News



FULLY ALIVE YOUTH GROUP

Sunday, September 13th from 7-9 pm at the St Francis Worship Center, 238 S 6th St.

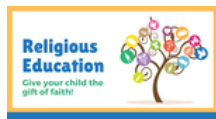
Faith isn't a one-time event, it's an ongoing journey. Join us on September 13th for YDisciple A Brief Theology of Conversion. We will explore how conversion works in our daily lives and how God calls us deeper. Don't miss it! As always we will have games, food and adoration! Bring a friend!



EXPLORING CATHOLICISM

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



K-10th Grade Religious Education Registration

Registration is now open for the 2026-2027 year. Classes begin on Wednesday, September 9th. All registration information and forms can be found on the parish website. Questions? Contact Heather Olson, Director of Religious Education at redirector@saintpeterscb.org.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Catechists, Assistant Catechist, Confirmation Teacher, Discussion Group Leaders, and Helpers. If interested or need more information contact Heather Olson at 712-318-3030/redirector@saintpeterscb.org



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy is offered during the 10 am Mass for children in PK-2nd (generally those who have not received Holy Communion). This provides an environment for young children to hear and learn about God's Word in the Sunday readings. The purpose is for children to engage and become active participants in the Mass celebration and to help them grow in their faith. Children are dismissed from Mass before the First Reading and rejoin after the Homily. There is no need to register.

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!

Hospitality Weekend



Join us this weekend Sept 5th & 6th
for fellowship after all the Masses!

The World According To Bob

- Diaries from the bible:
Ran out of money. Ate with pigs.
Worst vacation ever. Signed, The Youngest Son.
Went to the Philistine barbershop today. Asked for a trim. Lost everything. Signed, Samson
Stayed at the worst AirBNB ever. Dark, damp, no amenities and he whole place stunk. Signed, Jonah
Tried the Ark Family Cruise Line. Smelled like wet animals and was 40 days too long. Signed, Noah
- No, I'm pretty sure it's do unto others as you would have others do unto you.
- Walking by faith, tripping constantly.

Social Concerns Committee

Book Drive

for the Pottawattamie County Jail



August 16th - September 13th

Drop off in the boxes located in the entry ways of the church.

- Books needed are youth chapter through adult.
- ALL books MUST be soft cover
- At this time they are not in need of puzzle books or cards.

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Knights of Columbus Council 1045

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St Anne's Altar Society

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Oktoberfest Kurier

Save the Date

St Peter's Catholic Church 56th Annual Oktoberfest
Sunday, October 11th from 11am-3pm
St Albert Catholic School - 400 Gleason Ave

Oktoberfest Page

Check out the Oktoberfest page on our website!
www.saintpeterscb.org

Silent Auction

We are 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?), theme basket (ask your family & friends to help!)

Sponsors Needed

We are looking for sponsors of any amount for our carnival games, rootbeer kegs, cotton candy, bounce haus, raffle prizes, a polka band, and much more!

If you're interested in sponsoring a specific item, please give us a call, and we can provide you with a sponsorship amount.

BINGO Prizes

Bingo Prizes needed for all ages
We are looking for prizes suitable for both adults and children. Here are a few suggestion: puzzles, coloring books, games and art supplies. Please ensure that all donated items are brand new.

Carnival Prizes

Carnival Prizes are needed! Go to our Amazon Wish List by scanning QR or using the link below.



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coming soon

Ticket Presale begins September 19th
Volunteer Signup begins September 12th





St Peter's Catholic Church
56th Annual

Oktoberfest

Sunday, October 11, 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
Presale of tickets will begin on September 19th



KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS
ST PETER' S COUNCIL 1045

SPAGHETTI DINNER

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH
5:00-7:00PM



ADULTS \$10
KIDS <12 YRS \$5

Menu:
Spaghetti & Meatballs, Garlic
Bread, Cookie & Drink



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