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May the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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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

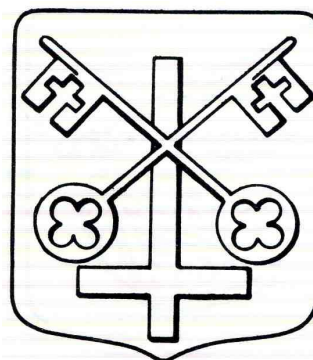
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Save the Date!

Sunday, November 2nd	Mass for parish deceased	12noon, St Peter's
Sunday, November 2nd	Youth Group cemetery tour	3-5 pm, St Joseph's Cemetery
Saturday, November 8th	Cemetery Mass for deceased	12 noon, St Joseph's Cemetery
Fri-Sun, Nov 14th-16th	Seminary visit	Conception, MO

November 2, 2025
All Soul's' Day

From Father Jacob

**The souls of the just are in the hand of
God...chastised a little,
they shall be greatly blessed.**

Today is All Souls' Day, a special day set aside every year to pray for our loved ones who have died and for all of the faithful departed.

Why do we pray for those who have died? Because they can benefit from our prayers and because we miss them and continue to love them.

The souls who have died can benefit from our prayers. Just as I pray for my loved ones who are alive on Earth, I can continue to pray for those who have died. Since they live in Christ, and I live in Christ, we continue to be connected with those who have died. Just as we ask our friends and family on Earth to pray for us, so we ask the Saints in heaven to pray for us, and just so the holy souls still *on their way to heaven* (ie: in Purgatory) ask us to pray for them!

And many of those who have died do need our prayers. Purgatory is the state of those who have died and are still *on their way to Heaven*. We should strive to lead lives of holiness here on Earth, but if we should die still in need of purification and detachment from lower things before we are ready to stand in the presence of God, God does not just abandon us because we are not yet ready for Him; He continues to prepare us! It is likely that very many of us will be in need of at least some such purification. Purgatory is never the goal: Heaven is the goal! Nevertheless, purgatory is good news of God's saving love, which does not abandon us at the point of death.

Just as we have cared for our loved ones when they were alive, we continue to care for them after death by praying for them! Perhaps a given loved one is already in Heaven, then he or she doesn't need our prayers. But perhaps he or she is still on the way, and will benefit from our prayers! Either way, God never lets anything we do for love go to waste! This week in particular make sure to pray for your loved ones who have died.

Local elections this Tuesday

This Tuesday we have Council Bluffs and Pottawattamie County elections. Participating in our government by voting is a chance to build up society and love your neighbors, and so it can be a genuinely Christian act, especially when we research and learn the issues beforehand.

You can find your sample ballot and precinct using the QR code below:



SNAP benefits

If you are one of many people who rely on SNAP benefits, you might be worried about affording food this November. Remember that St Peter's does have a fund for just this purpose! We probably won't be able to replace everything you receive through SNAP, but we will try our best to help you out! Parishioners can make an appointment at the office or email Fr Jacob to talk about your needs.

Exploring Catholicism class

There is no Exploring Catholicism (OCIA) class this weekend. Our next class is Sunday, November 9th at 2pm at St Patrick's. Remember to practice praying the Rosary, or at least a decade, this week!

Lifesaver Sunday

This weekend volunteers from Birthright will be telling us about the good work they do in our community for mothers and families in need of support. Our parish has been strongly supporting Birthright's work since its beginning in Council Bluffs decades ago. Let's continue that beautiful streak this year!

November 2, 2025 All Souls' Day

	Saturday 4:00pm Mass	Sunday 8:00AM Mass	Sunday 10:00am Mass	Sunday 12:00pm Mass	MASS INTENTIONS
	Nov 8, 2025	Nov 9, 2025	Nov 9, 2025	Nov 9, 2025	Tuesday, 11/4 12:00pm - Posted Prayer Intentions Wednesday, 11/5 8:00 am - Frank Paluka † Thursday, 11/6 12:00 pm - Christine Fink † 5:30 pm - Deceased Members of the Altar Society Friday, 11/7 8:00 am - Leopold Mendoza † Saturday, 11/8 4:00 pm - Patricia Menges † Sunday, 11/9 8:00 am - Souls in Purgatory 10:00 am - Joe Franks Family 12:00 pm - St Peter's Parish
Altar Servers	Emma Rodenburg Nicolas Rodenburg	Owen Juranek Dawson Smith Morgan Garst	Abby Lighthipe Leighton Finnegan Thomas Biederman	Evelyn Duitsman John Duitsman	
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READINGS FOR: November 9, 2025

1ST READING: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12
2ND READING: ICorinthians 3:9c-11, 1-17
GOSPEL: John 2:13-22

Thank you so much for those who donated to and purchased items at our Country Store at Oktoberfest. We had a very successful sale! -The Altar Society.

The World According to Bob

- What weighs more a gallon of water or a gallon of butane? Water because butanes a lighter fluid.
- Pun walked into a crowd and ten people immediately died on the spot. Pun in ten dead.
- I wanted to marry my English teacher when she got out of jail but apparently you can't end a sentence with a proposition.
- Two thousand pounds of human hair fell off a truck and blocked the highway. Police are still combing the area.

Father's Thought for the Week

**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.
And let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace.**

The month of November and this next week in particular is dedicated to prayer for the souls of our loved ones who have died.

If you can, visit a loved one's grave this week and pray for them, or visit the cemetery and pray for all the faithful departed. The Church attaches special graces to prayer at a cemetery this week!

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

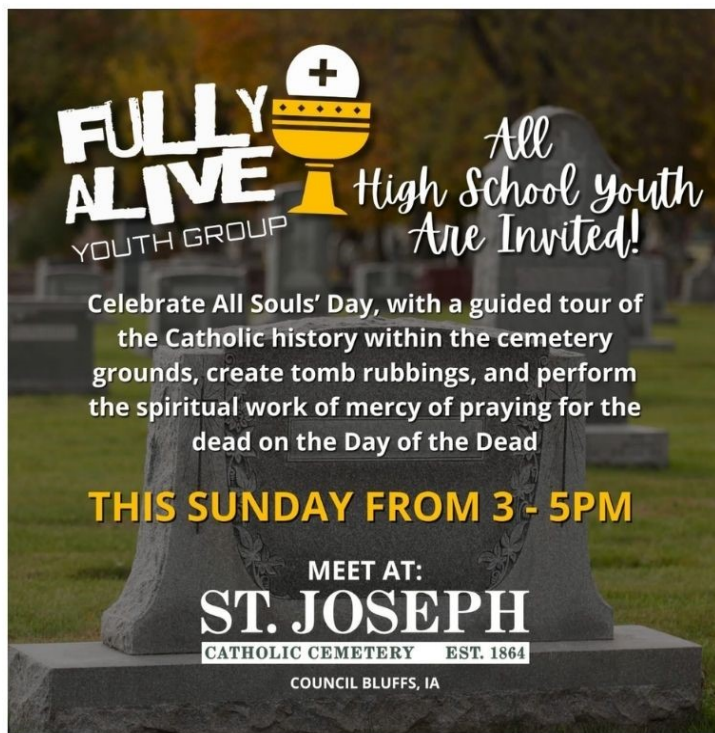
Please leave your donations in the bins and Thank you for helping others.

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





FULLY ALIVE YOUTH GROUP  *All High School youth Are Invited!*

Celebrate All Souls' Day, with a guided tour of the Catholic history within the cemetery grounds, create tomb rubbings, and perform the spiritual work of mercy of praying for the dead on the Day of the Dead

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Preparing for End of Life
Thursday, November 6
7:00 PM to 8:45 PM

ABOUT THIS FREE SEMINAR

Preparing Spiritually Fr. Joel McNeil will offer reflections on embracing faith, peace, and hope as we prepare to meet the Lord.	Preparing A Funeral Cutler-O'Neill Funeral Home will provide insight into funeral planning and how to ease the burden for loved ones.	Preparing Financially The Knights of Columbus will share helpful strategies for financial readiness and stewardship in today's world.	Preparing Legally An Attorney will explain important legal steps such as wills, power of attorney, and estate planning.
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Ask the Experts during the Question & Answer Session

- Why is a will so important?
- When to call a priest for Last Rites?
- What are the steps to take after someone dies?
- What is the Church's teaching on cremation?
- How do I ensure my family is financially secure?
- How do I make sure my assets go where I want?

All Are Welcome Please RSVP by November 4th:
St. Patrick Parish Office
712-323-1484
secretary@stpatrickcb.org
www.stpatrickcb.org

LOCATION
St. Patrick Catholic Church
4 Valley View Drive
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DINNER INCLUDED
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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



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