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August 2, 2026 Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, August 1st &

Sunday, August 2nd

Hospitality Sunday

After all the Masses, Social Hall

Tuesday, August 4th

Parish Life, Religious Education,
Social Concerns, and Buildings &
Grounds Meetings

6:30pm, Social Hall

Parish Council Meeting

7:15pm, Social Hall

Wednesday, August 5th

Confirmation Q&A

6pm, Social Hall

Thursday, August 6th

Altar & Rosary Society Meeting

6pm, Social Hall

Tuesday, August 11th

Women's Prayer Group

6:30pm, Social Hall

Saturday, August 22nd

Bingo Night

5:30pm, Social Hall

Thursday, August 27th

Homeschool Mass & Gathering

12pm, Church/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.

*To see all events or flyers go to our
website www.saintpeterscb.org*



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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New To Our Parish?

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below or going to our website.



Is your information current we have
on file? If you need changes made
please contact the parish office.

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712-318-3030

Office Hours:

Mon- Closed

Tues-Thurs 9:00AM-5:00PM

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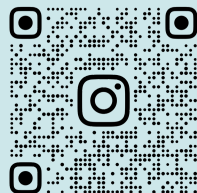
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Submissions for the bulletin must be submitted by Tuesday at 4pm. All submissions are subject to edits and approval.

Send to redirector@saintpeterscb.org

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From Seminarian Shawn

Goodbye and Thanks for a Great Summer

Hello everyone! The time has come for me to say goodbye again. I've really enjoyed being at St. Peter's the last two summers for the time that I have, the parish and the community are really special. Thanks to all of you for your well wishes on my Candidacy and encouraging words for my further studies at seminary. After Saint Peter's I will be attending the all Iowa seminarian convocation which will be held in Fort Dodge this year. It's an opportunity for all the Iowa seminarians to get together for a time of fraternity and discussion about topics relating to the spiritual life or the life of a priest. Last year the Diocese of Des Moines hosted and the topic was finances, personnel and running a parish. I learned a lot and I am looking forward to this year's convocation hosted by the Diocese of Sioux City. The Knights of Columbus sponsor the convocation every year so I'm grateful to the Knights for helping us all get together every year. After that I am going to visit my family and my new nephew before I head back to Saint Paul for the fall semester.

I am looking forward to starting theology studies at seminary. Theology is the study of God put broadly and I will be taking classes in the fall with differing subjects. The focus will no longer be on philosophy and language, although a handle on philosophy is necessary to understand theology well. I will be taking classes in Christology, Trinity, and Sacraments as a few examples in the coursework we undergo in the path to priesthood. Again thank you all, I will keep you in my prayers and I hope you'll keep me in yours!

Mass Minister Meetings

We're so grateful to our Mass ministers who serve the parish by proclaiming the word, giving the Eucharist, and organizing our worship. We will have brief Mass minister meetings this month. If you are already a lector, Eucharistic minister, usher, or altar server, please plan to stay after Mass that weekend for a 5-10 minute meeting. If you would like to serve the parish in this way, please stay after as well and we will train you!

August 8-9	Lectors
August 15-16	Eucharistic Ministers
August 22-23	Ushers
August 29-30	Altar Servers

Prayer Intention Board

We have a beautiful prayer intention board at the front of church near the Sacred Heart statue. Take a look after Mass and say a prayer for the intentions written there, and add your own!

We offer Mass for all of the prayer intentions written on the board once a month, then remove them.

Parish Council

Our parish council and committees usually meet the first Tuesday of every month.

If you'd like to help plan our parish's good works, social events, or religious education, please consider joining a parish committee.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday August 4, 2026

12pm Dorothy Snook +

Wednesday, August 5, 2026

8am Alyce Megel +

Thursday, August 6, 2026

12pm Doris Barton +

5:30pm Our Prayer Intention Board

Friday August 7, 2026

8am Craig Suden +

Saturday, August 8, 2026

4pm Fred Maher +

Sunday, August 9, 2026

8am St Peter's Parish

10am Josephine Collins +

12pm Dcn. Elpidas Stephen Rallis +

	Saturday 4:00PM	Sunday 8:00AM	Sunday 10:00AM	Sunday 12:00PM
	August 8, 2026	August 9, 2026	August 9, 2026	August 9, 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: August 9, 2026

1st - I Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

2nd - Romans 9:1-5

Gospel - Matthew 14:22-33

CONNECTED

Organizations & Groups

• ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

The St Anne's Altar and Rosary Society next meeting is **Thursday, August 6th** 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 **Thursday, August 20th** 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, August 31st** 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

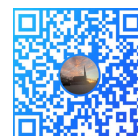
Women's Prayer Group meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm. Our next meeting is **Tuesday, August 11th** at 6:30pm in the social hall. All women of the parish 18+ are invited to join us. Bring a friend and if you want a snack to share.

• 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.

• 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. Our next meeting is a movie night on 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, August 27th**. 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

All teens in 7th-12th grade are invited to join us!

Upcoming Dates:

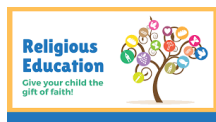
- Sunday, August 16th, 7-9pm at the St Francis Worship Center. Bring a Friend!



EXPLORING CATHOLICISM

For adults interested in joining the Catholic Church!

All are welcome to join us for any of the classes! Classes will start again in the Fall.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Confirmation Changes Meeting:

Join us Wednesday, August 5th at 6pm in the social hall for an informational meeting along with question and answer.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Catechists, Assistant Catechist, Confirmation Teacher, Discussion Group Leaders, and Helpers. For more details and job descriptions see the flyer in the bulletin. If interested or need more information contact Heather Olson at 712-318-3030/rediector@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!

• **PILGRIMAGE TO GROTTA OF THE REDEMPTION**

The three parishes in Council Bluffs are working together to offer a day-long pilgrimage to The Shrine of the Grotto of Redemption in West Bend, IA, on August 12th. The cost is \$110 per person, with payment due at the time of registration, and includes a light breakfast, lunch at the Wagon Wheel in West Bend, and a light dinner. . We have filled all spots but do have a waitlist. **If you would like to join the waitlist please call Ward at 402-630-3640 or Kathy at 402-740-2746.**

• **TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST RENUNION**

The TEC, Teens Encounter Christ, reunion is coming and we'd love to see you there! It is on Saturday, Aug 8, 2026, 2:00-6:30 pm at Lake Anita State Park, Shelter #5 (55111 750th St; Anita, IA. Come and hear what's new with TEC, meet old friends, make new friends and share in a potluck dinner and music.

Any questions? Email Amy Peterson, youthministry@stpatrickcb.org



Join us this weekend August 1st & 2nd
for fellowship after all the Masses!

The World According To Bob

- In entertainment news, a beloved children's TV host is reportedly recovering after years of addiction to the hokey pokey. Sources confirm he has since turned himself around and that's what it's all about!
- I got hit in the head with a can of soda. I'm okay; it was a soft drink.
- It's August and people are still setting off fireworks. That's ridiculous! One almost caught my Christmas decorations on fire!
- Right now chocolate is good for you and lettuce can kill you. I have been training my whole life for this moment!
- Sometimes I hit my golf ball so hard that when I find it, it has changed brands.



St Peter's BINGO NIGHT

*Looking for an exciting way
to spend your evening?*

*Join us for Bingo Night at St Peter's and experience the thrill
of winning big while having a blast with friends and family!*

Saturday, August 22nd

Doors Open at 5:30pm and
BINGO begin at 6:30pm

Food & Drink available for purchase (no outside food allowed).
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St Anne's Altar Society

Meets the 1st Thursday of the month March - December at 6pm in the social hall. All women of the parish over the age of 18 are automatically members.

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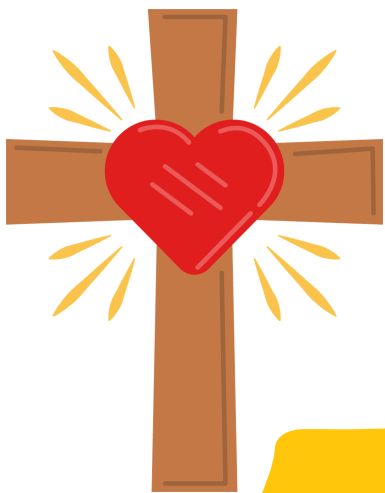
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We look forward to partnering with you in your child's faith journey!



All families within the parish should be aware of the obligation to enroll their children, from grades 1 through 10, in either the parish Religious Education program or a parochial school each year. This is essential for their ongoing spiritual growth and religious education. If your child is attending public school and is in 1st, 6th, 7th, or 8th grade this year, it is imperative that they enroll this year in order to receive the sacraments next year.

Questions? Contact Heather Olson at 712-318-3030/redirector@saintpeterscb.org



We Need YOU!

**Our Religious Education program
is looking to fill a few openings**

- **Catechist (K-8)** – Prepare and teach weekly lessons during Wednesday night faith formation. This is a weekly commitment every Wednesday from 6:00–7:00pm. No prior teaching experience required. We provide the training.
- **Catechist Assistant (K-8)** – Assistants are responsible for helping catechist manage classroom, helping with activities, etc. This is a weekly commitment every Wednesday from 6:00–7:00pm.
- **Confirmation Teacher** – Prepare and teach weekly sessions on Wednesday nights for Confirmation. This is a weekly commitment every Wednesday from 7:15pm–8:15pm.
- **Confirmation Discussion Group Leader** – Assist with leading small group discussion on Wednesday nights for Confirmation students. This is a weekly commitment every Wednesday from 7:15pm–8:15pm.
- **Wednesday Night Support/Help** – Hall Monitor, Front Door Monitor, and check in. Does not have to be every Wednesday.
- **Substitute Catechist (All Grades)** – Teach prepared lesson when the teacher is not available on a Wednesday night Faith Formation.

Make a difference
in a child's faith
journey!

If interested or for more information contact:

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