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October 25, 2026 Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, October 25th
St Peter's & Corpus Christi
Trunk or Treat
4-6pm, Corpus Christi Parking Lot

Monday, October 26th
Knights of Columbus Meeting
6pm, Social Hall

Sunday, November 1st
Fully Alive Youth Group
7-9pm, Worship Center

Monday, November 2nd
All Soul's Day Mass
6pm, Church

Tuesday, November 3rd
Parish Committee Meetings
6:30pm , Social Hall
Parish Council Meeting
7:15pm, Social Hall

Thursday, November 5th
Altar Society Meeting
6pm, Social Hall

Saturday, November 7th & Sunday, November 8th
Hospitality Sunday After All Masses

Sunday, November 15th
Knights of Columbus
Seminarian Breakfast
After 8am & 10am Mass, Social Hall

To see all events check on our website.



Mass Schedule:

Weekend Masses
Saturday - 4PM
Sunday - 8AM, 10AM, & 12PM

Weekday Masses
Tuesday - 12PM
Wednesday - 8AM
Thursday - 12PM & 5:30PM
Friday - 8AM

Reconcilation:
Saturday 3-3:35PM
Sunday 7-7:45AM
Anytime by Appointment

Baptism or Wedding:
To schedule a baptism or wedding, please call the parish office.

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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.

Prayer Request?

Scan the QR code to fill out the prayer request form or call Debbie Foote at 402-669-5258.

Would you like to be part of the prayer team? If you feel called to serve in this ministry, please contact Debbie Foote at 402-669-5258.

Parish Office

712-318-3030

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Mon- Closed
Tues-Thurs 9:00AM-5:00PM
Fri 9:00AM-12:00PM

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From Father Jacob

If he cries out to me, I will hear him; for I am compassionate.

We are all familiar with the ten commandments. We might be familiar with mortal and venial sins and the "seven deadly sins", or maybe even other categories. We hear today two examples of another category of especially serious sins, the **"sins that cry out to heaven for vengeance"**. This category is based strictly on the biblical witness that these sins cry out to God, and so bring his judgement not only on those who would commit them, but also on those who would tolerate them.

Two of these sins likely fit neatly in our pre-conceived notions of Biblical sin: murder, especially of family (see Cain and Abel, Gen 4), and the sin of sodomy (see the story of Sodom, Genesis 18:20-21). But today we hear about another category of sin that calls down God's judgement not only on those who commit it, but on the whole society set up to tolerate it: *lack of compassion to the poor and vulnerable.*

In our readings today God specifically mentions the alien, the widow and orphan, and the poor, especially requiring not just fairness but *special treatment* of the poor. Elsewhere in the law God also mentions defrauding laborers of their fair wages as another sin that cries out to him for vengeance (Deuteronomy 24:14-15).

We need to remember and keep in front of us that the Christian life is not only, or even primarily, about *not* doing bad things. The Christian life is about loving God and our neighbor! If we have successfully refrained from a laundry list of bad things, but have not loved, then we are just shriveled-up husks, empty of bad things, but also empty of good! That list of neighbors certainly includes family, friends, coworkers, etc. It also includes those neighbors who are more distant: war victims, refugees, people on other continents. And it includes neighbors who are often harder to love: the homeless, the addicted, the incarcerated, the poor.

God tells us that he will hear the cry of these people. Sharing God's life means sharing his ears and that means that we must hear these people's cries too. May we heed God's call to love Him, and so love our neighbors, including those who might be difficult to love.

Trunk-or-Treat this weekend

Join the St Peter and Corpus Christi Altar and Rosary Societies for a fun Trunk-or-Treat this Sunday, 10/25 from 4-6pm at Corpus Christi! Invite your kids, grandkids, nieces and nephews, and neighbors for a fun time.

Fr Jacob will see you there! You will get extra candy if you can tell him your favorite Saint and give at least one reason why!

Christians and Halloween

This is a brief annual reminder that Christians invented Halloween. It belongs to us and we can celebrate it well! Just as we pray for the holy souls on All Souls' Day and celebrate the Saints on All Saints' Day, so we can even make fun of death and evil on Halloween, because Christ has defeated it and so will we with his help!

Mass Intentions

Tuesday Oct 27, 2026
Noon James Paul Gerjevic +
Wednesday Oct 28, 2026
8am Kate & Josh Lynn & Family
Thursday Oct 29, 2026
Noon Prayer Intention Board
5:30pm Harvey Family
Friday Oct 30, 2026
8am Linda Schmitt +
Saturday Oct 31, 2026
4pm Dorothy Snook +
Sunday Nov 1, 2026
8am Kenneth Finnegan +
10am St Peter's Parish
Noon Fr. Charles O'Rourke +

	Saturday 4:00PM	Sunday 8:00AM	Sunday 10:00AM	Sunday 12:00PM
	October 31, 2026	November 1, 2026	November 1, 2026	November 1, 2026
Altar Servers	Nicholas Moses Cooper Moses Parker Moses	Caroline Reineke Claire Reineke Joseph Schmedding	Aiden Gaul Ali Hamiliton	Mason Olson Emma Thompson
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Next Sunday's Readings: November 1, 2026
1st - Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14
2nd - I John 3:1-3
Gospel - Matthew 5:1-12a

CONNECTED

Organizations & Groups

- **ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY**
  The St Anne's Altar and Rosary Society next meeting is **Thursday, November 5th** at 6:00pm in the Social Hall.The meeting begins with the reciting of the Rosary followed by a meal and a meeting. We will be serving pulled pork. 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, November 2nd** at St. Peter's Church at 5:30pm. Dinner followed by 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, October 26th** 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, November 10th** 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. 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,** . We will have Mass at 12pm followed by . To be added to our list email redirector@saintpeterscb.org.

SEEKERS & SAINTS

Faith Formation News

FULLY ALIVE YOUTH GROUP

Add these dates to your calendar and join us! We meet at the St Francis Worship Center from 7-9pm. Bring a friend!

- November 1 – All Saints Day Party
- November 15 – Advent: Light in the Darkness + Adoration
- December 6 – "Undusty" Bibles, Part 2
- December 20 – Movie Night

OCIA
Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

EXPLORING CATHOLICISM

Our topic for **Sunday, October 25th** is: Jesus & The Incarnation
If you could not make last week's session but are interested you can still come join us! If you are already Catholic and find the topic interested you can join us!
We will meet at **2pm at St Peter's Church**.
You can find the schedule for the year under the OCIA tab on our website www.saintpetrscb.org.

BEYOND THE PARISH

News From Across the Diocese

- **CITY WIDE THANKSGIVING DINNER**

DONATIONS AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Volunteers are needed to deliver meals, help prepare the meal, and create the environment. To volunteer to help, email: cbthanksgivingdinner@gmail.com ITEMS NEEDED: Cream of Mushroom Soup, Stove-Top Stuffing, French Fried Onions, Canned Green Beans, Chicken Broth, Turkey Roasting Bags, and Coffee All donated items and monetary gifts will be picked up every weekend from October 17 through November 15. Gift checks should be made to St. Patrick's Church with the notation "City-wide Thanksgiving Dinner." Thank you for your generosity!

- **STALEY'S CHICKEN DINNER**

Come to the Corpus Christi Parish's Annual Staley's Broasted Chicken Dinner on Sunday, November 1, from 11am to 3pm. The dinner will be held at St. Albert Catholic School, 400 Gleason Avenue, Council Bluffs. The cost is $15 per dinner for ages 9 and up, ages 4 to 8 - $10, and ages 3 and under are free. Dinner includes Staley's Broasted Chicken, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Stuffing, Green Beans, Corn, Coleslaw, Bread and Dessert. Dine in and take out available. Over a hundred theme baskets/crafts are available for purchase too. Large Raffle Prize $4,000. Small Raffle, Silent Auction, Market Stand and more! Tickets can be purchased at the parish office (712) 323-2916 or at the door on the day of the event.



3rd Annual Trunk or Treat Event
Jointly-Hosted by
St. Peter's Catholic Church &
Corpus Christi Catholic Church

Sunday, October 25
4:00pm to 6:00pm
Corpus Christi Parking Lot

Come to the event dressed in a costume (perhaps your favorite Saint)!
Visit the decorated vehicles and collect treats and other giveaways. Afterward, join your friends & parish families in the Corpus Christi Social Hall for cookies and drinks!



SEASON 6, EPISODE 1

SEE IT FIRST!

Fear and confusion reign as the disciples struggle to make sense of Jesus' arrest— and Judas' betrayal. While they fight to stay together, Nicodemus stands alone against the High Priest in a heated showdown that throws the council into disorder.

Join us for a special early access event to watch *The Chosen* Season 6 Episode 1.

All men of the parish are invited by the Knights of Columbus!

When; Monday, October 26th.
Time: 6pm for dinner and meeting.
The Chosen will be shown after the meeting at 7:30pm
Where: St Peter's Social Hall

All women of the parish are invited by the Women's Group and Altar & Rosary Society!

When: Thursday, Nov 5th
Time: 6pm for dinner and meeting.
The Chosen will be shown after the meeting at 7:30pm.
Where: St Peter's Social Hall

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ANNUAL SAINT ALBERT

NOVEMBER 12 – 15

QUESTIONS:
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WHERE ARE WE GOING?

NOVEMBER 13
MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY

NOVEMBER 14
CARMELITES

NOVEMBER 15
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REGISTER HERE:

For: ALL High School, College-Aged, & Young Adult Women

Have you ever wondered what religious life is really like—or simply wanted to grow deeper in your relationship with God?
During this unique weekend in Minnesota, we'll visit several religious communities and experience different expressions of consecrated life. You'll have the opportunity to meet sisters, hear their vocation stories, ask questions, pray together, and see firsthand how they live out their love for Christ. **You don't have to be discerning religious life to come**. Whether you're curious about convent life, exploring God's call, or simply looking for a weekend to grow in faith, you are welcome.

Led by: Father Max & Katie Hopping, Director of Campus Ministry, St Albert Schools

The World According To Bob

- If you come across a bear, never push a slower friend down. Even if you feel the friendship has run its course.
- At my age, I don't care how I look in photos anymore. As long as I look good in ultrasounds, CT scans, and MRIs.
- I want you to know that someone cares. Not me, but someone.
- I went to the doctor and told him I am hearing voices in my leg. The doctor said, "Let me check." He put his stethoscope to my thigh and heard, "Lend me $20." The doctor was shocked. He then put it to my knee and heard, "Lend me $20." He put it to my ankle and heard, "Lend me $20." The doctor looked up shocked and said, "I've never heard such a thing. Your leg appears to be broken in three places."
- What do the Nebraska Cornhuskers and the post office have in common? Neither deliver on Sundays.
- There was a big sale at the LEGO store. People were lined up for blocks.



Join us for an unforgettable evening of bingo where every round brings you closer to winning big!

St Peter's Catholic Church
1 Bluff St, Council Bluffs, IA

Door Open 5:00PM
Bingo Starts 6:00PM

Fourth Saturdays of the Following Months:

September 26, 2026	**January 23, 2027**
No Bingo in October	**February 27, 2027**
November 28, 2026	**No March Bingo**
No Bingo in December	**April 24, 2027**
	May 22, 2027

- Food & Drink available for purchase (no outside food allowed).
- Card Packages starting at $4.
- Children ages 12 and above may attend but must be accompanied by an adult and play BINGO.

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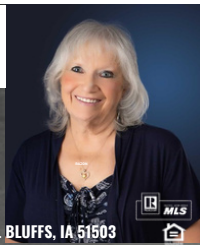
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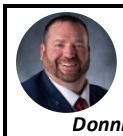
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St. Peter - Heather Olson - redirector@saintpeterscb.org

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Come see what makes Saint Albert Catholic such a special place to learn and grow! Join us for a SWEET PEEK at Kindergarten – a fun and friendly event where prospective families can explore classrooms, meet our amazing teachers, and get a taste of what kindergarten life is all about on the Hill.

Thursday, November 19th
5:00pm - 7:00pm

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Learn more about Saint Albert



Knights Of Columbus

SEMINARIAN BREAKFAST

Sunday, November 15th
After the 8AM & 10AM Masses
Free Will Donation

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Council 1045

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