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March 8, 2026 Third Sunday Of Lent

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, March 8th

First Communion Retreat
12-3pm - Church/Social Hall

Tuesday, March 10th

Mass/Station/Soup Supper
5:30/6:00/6:30PM - Church and Hall

Thursday, March 12th

Adoration
3-9PM - Church

Friday, March 13th

Stations Of the Cross followed by
Adoration and Benediction
5:30PM - Church

Sunday, March 15th

Fully Alive Youth Group
6-8pm - See Details in Bulletin

Tuesday, March 17th

Mass/Station/Soup Supper
5:30/6:00/6:30PM - Church and Hall

Thursday, March 19th

Adoration
3-9PM - Church

Thursday, March 19th

Catholic Daughters Meeting
6pm - Social Hall

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:

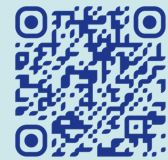
Saturday 3-3:35PM
Sunday 7-7:45AM
Anytime by Appointment

Baptism or Wedding:

To schedule a baptism or
wedding, please call the
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ministry, please contact Debbie Foote at
402-669-5258.

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Is your information current we have
on file? If you need changes made
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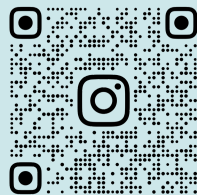
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Submissions for the bulletin must be submitted by Tuesday at 4pm. All submissions are subject to edits and approval. Send to religionseducationdirector@saintpeterscb.org

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From Father Jacob

Elect and Candidates

During Lent we have been praying for our elect and our candidates at all of our Masses. **Elect** are those who are preparing to be baptized. They will newly receive the life of Christ and be joined to God's holy people! We have eight elect this year.

Candidates are those who have already been baptized in a Christian community and are being received into Communion with the Church. They already share in important ways in our life and are being brought into its fullness. We also are very blessed to have eight candidates this year.

Prayer and Fasting for Peace

As the war in the Middle East continues this week, our Bishop Joensen has echoed the invitation of Pope Leo and of the head of the US bishops conference Archbishop Coakley to pray for peace:

“At this critical moment, I invite Catholics and all people of goodwill to continue our ardent prayers for peace in the Middle East, for the safety of our troops and the innocent, that leaders may seek dialogue over destruction, and pursue the common good over the tragedy of war. We implore the intercession of our Blessed Mother, Mary, Queen of Peace, to pray for our troubled world and for a lasting peace.”

Bishop Joensen has also asked us to **add an additional day of fasting during this Lent** offered for peace. Bishop Joensen's full statement is well worth the short time it takes to read it. You can find it here:



Annual Diocesan Appeal

We are continuing our Annual Diocesan Appeal. The ADA supports our seminarians, it provides health insurance for the priests of the Diocese, including me, it supports evangelization efforts that any individual parish couldn't sustain, it supports the work of Catholic Charities, including here in Council Bluffs, and a lot more! It is well worth our support. If you have given to the ADA before, **thank you!** If you haven't given to the ADA, please consider supporting it this year in any amount.

Watch a short video
from Bishop Joensen



Give to the Appeal
online!



Soup Supper

We had a wonderful second soup supper this past Tuesday! Many thanks to all who brought food to share, and especially to the Parish Life Committee who hosted this past week. The free will donation brought in **\$342**, which this week will be given to our **Parish Needy Fund** supporting those in need in our parish and community.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, March 10
Noon Dorothy Snook +
Wednesday, March 11
8am Bill & Ione Spitznagle +
Thursday, March 12
Noon Steve Rosman +
5:30pm Vanessa McIntosh +
Friday, March 13
8am Joyce Gorman
Saturday, March 14
4pm Terry O'Rourke +
Sunday, March 15
8am Frank & Ruth Holzer +
10am Dick & Mary English +
Noon St Peter's Parish

Ministry Schedule

	Saturday 4:00pm Mass	Sunday 8:00am Mass	Sunday 10:00am Mass	Sunday 12:00pm Mass
	Mar 14, 2026	Mar 15, 2026	Mar 15, 2026	Mar 15, 2026
Altar Servers	Rowan Jackson Nicolas Moses	Connor McGrath Elle McGrath Addie McGrath	Thomas Biederman Cole Noon Connor Noon	Ben Johnsen Keegan McCaffrey
Lectors	Wayne Stangl Cathy Assman	Gennette Wirtz Jim Pidgeon	Jon Garrigan Maureen Garrigan	Natalie Veater Mary Ramsdell
EMHC	Toni Hansen Jacque Liston Lucile Gerjevic	Patti Ford Roger Harvey	Jill Clevenger Dan Lighthipe Laura Cornelius	Trevor Yanovich
Ushers	Jack Gross Linda Bonham Fred Schaben Mark Assman	Mike Skipton George Garst Mike Rosloniec Oliver Juranek	Dave Bristol Jill Clevenger Peter Clevenger Margine Henry	Chris Olson Trevor Yanovich Rob Peters Mason Olson

Next Sunday's Readings: March 15, 2026

1st - I Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
2nd - Ephesians 5:8-14
Gospel - John 9:1-41

The World According To Bob

- Officials tonight are advising the public about what to do if you are attacked by a local gang of clowns. You should go for the juggler.
- God, please give me patience because if you give me strength I'm going to need bail money.
- I don't know why we have to give money to countries that hate us. They should be able to hate us for free.

CONNECTED

Organizations & Groups

• ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

The St Anne's Altar and Rosary Society will meet on **Thursday, April 2nd** at 5:00pm in the Social Hall. There will be no dinner served so the ladies can attend Holy Thursday Mass afterwards. 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, March 19th** 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. Questions? Contact Brenda Dresen, Regent at 402-238-5951.

• KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The St. Peter's Knights of Columbus will meet **Monday, March 23rd**. Dinner will be served at 6pm followed by a meeting at 6:30pm. All interested men of the parish over 18 years old are invited. We have a need and a strong desire to grow our council to better serve the parish and our community. Please reach out to Sean Dunphy at 402-960-6215 with questions and for further details. Being a Knight is a tremendous opportunity to live your faith as a catholic gentleman.

• WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Women's Prayer Group will NOT meet in March. Join us on **Tuesday, April 14th** at 6:30pm in the social hall as we continue to learn and discuss the Fruits of the Holy Spirit. You can bring a snack to share if you like. Bring a friend!

• 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, professionals, singles, married couples, or young families. Our next meeting is **Sunday, March 8th** at 6pm in the social hall. All are welcome! Bring friends!

SEEKERS & SAINTS

Faith Formation News



FULLY ALIVE YOUTH GROUP

Do you like to play putt-putt mini golf? High school students are invited to join Fully Alive Youth Group on **Sunday, March 15th, from 6-8 PM (note the time change)** at Pirate Putt on Madison Ave. We will provide dinner too! If you can make it, please contact Heather Olson at 402-250-7073

Upcoming Dates:

March 15 - Pirate Putt/Dinner *Time Change 6-8pm

April 5 - No Meeting (Easter Sunday)

Got questions? Contact Heather Olson at religioueducationdirector@saintpeterscb.org



EXPLORING CATHOLICISM

For adults interested in joining the Catholic Church!

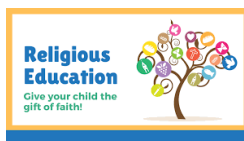
All are welcome to join us for any of the classes! at 2pm on Sundays.

March 8 - Commandments 5, 4, 6, 9: our duties to Life & Family—St Patrick

March 15 - "Breaking Open the Word" exploring the readings from Mass—St Peter

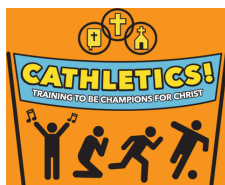
March 22 - Commandments 7, 10, 8: our duties to Things & Speech—St Patrick

March 29 - Getting Ready for Easter--St Patrick



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday, March 8th is our First Communion Retreat. Students and their family will attend 12:00 Mass and then students will come to the social hall for their retreat until 3pm. Lunch will be served.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Save The Date! VBS is scheduled for June 8-12 from 5:30-8:30pm. Children from 4 years of age to 5th grade are invited to join us for a Cathletics VBS where they will train to be Champions of Christ! More info coming soon.

BEYOND THE PARISH

News From Across the Diocese

• MISSION CARE

Mission Care, a 501(C) (3), nonprofit based in Council Bluffs, Iowa, is seeking a **volunteer CPA (or experienced tax professional)** to assist with our taxes-ensuring accurate preparation and filing of our organizational tax returns, maintaining compliance, and supporting financial transparency for our mission-driven work. Your expertise would directly empower our efforts to transform lives through education, health, and sustainable development for marginalized communities, especially rural children abroad. This flexible, remote friendly volunteer role requires only a few hours seasonally (e.g., during tax season) and offers the reward of impactful stewardship. If you are a licensed CPA, enrolled agent, or skilled accountant passionate about charitable service for God's children in need, please contact us! Reach Father Emmanuel or the team at missioncareusa@yahoo.com. Or 1-515-985-8331.

• SHROUD OF TURIN PRESENTATION & EXHIBIT

Join us for an amazing presentation, The Man of the Shroud, by Shroud expert Jim Bertrand, M.Ed., on **Thursday, March 19th, at 6:30 PM at St Patrick Church, Council Bluffs.** This free event features a full-size replica of the Shroud of Turin and offers deeper insight into its significance and the latest scientific research. We will also host a walk-through exhibit of the Shroud of Turin from Monday, March 16th to Thursday, March 19th, in the parish social hall (for specific times go to stpatrickcb.org). This exhibit includes 42 beautifully designed informational panels.

• 1st ANNUAL BIRTHRIGHT ARTS & CRAFT FAIR

The First Annual Birthright of Council Bluffs Arts & Craft Fair is **Saturday, March 28th from 10am-3pm at St Patrick's Church in Council Bluffs.** There is no admission charge to the public. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. Are you interested in being a vendor? The cost is \$20 per table. Call Barb at 402-452-7365

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RUN!

Explore Religious Life!

March 27 - 28, 2026 in Kansas and Missouri



**HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS AND YOUNG WOMEN
CURIOUS ABOUT RELIGIOUS LIFE ARE INVITED**

This two-day trip is an opportunity to:

- Visit several religious communities
- Attend Mass and tour convents
- Meet the Sisters and ask questions
- Learn more about discerning a vocation

Fr. Max Carson and the chaperoned group will travel together to meet the Benedictines of Mary, Queen of Apostles, the Servant Sisters of Mary, and the Sisters Poor of Jesus in both Kansas and Missouri. A modest dress code is required.



For travel itinerary and more information, scan the QR code or visit stpattickcb.org.

*Come and see what the Lord
may have in store for you.*

**Limited spots available
No cost to attend
Register by March 15**

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St Anne's Altar Society

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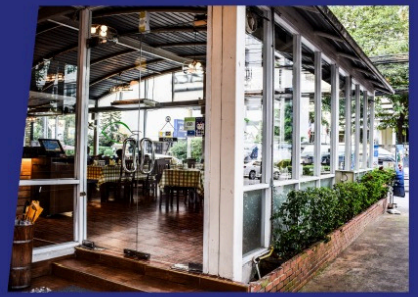
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