

ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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April 26, 2026 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, May 2nd

Confirmation
6pm Church

Sunday, May 3rd

First Communion
2pm Church

Sunday, May 3rd

Mother's Day Breakfast
After 8am & 10am Mass Social Hall

Tuesday, May 5th

Committee Meetings - Parish Life,
Social Concerns, Religious Education,
Buildings & Grounds
6:30pm Social Hall
Parish Council Meeting
7:15pm Social Hall

Thursday, May 7th

Altar & Rosary Society Meeting
6pm Social Hall

Saturday, May 9th

Finance Committee Meeting
8am Conference Room

Tuesday May 12th

Women's Group
6:30pm Social Hall

Sunday, June 28th

Church Picnic at The Landing
11am Mass

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
parish office.

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Prayer Request?

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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
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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

Office Hours:

Mon- Closed

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

Fri 9:00AM-12:00PM

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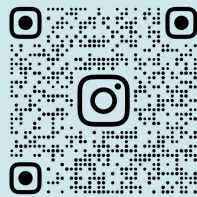
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From Father Jacob

“The sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice”

How do we come to recognize the voice of the Shepherd?

The sheep know his voice because they **hear it consistently**. By quiet prayer and reading the Scriptures we can hear the voice of God consistently and come to recognize His direction in more challenging times when there might be many voices speaking to me.

The sheep also know **where the shepherd is leading them**. We know that Jesus will not direct us against the commandments, the works of mercy, or Church teaching. We also look for the **green pastures** He has promised. This doesn't mean Jesus only leads us to easy things or even to success, but it does mean that He gives encouragement, peace, and conviction, even in difficulties.

The sheep also hear the shepherd because they **stay near him**. We belong to Jesus through His Sacraments, and we stay close to Him through the Eucharist and Confession whenever we need it. The one stray sheep is sometimes romanticized, but even better to run back to Him in confession before we get lost!

Our New Roof

You probably noticed our great new roof on the church, which was largely installed two weeks ago and finished up this past week. I blessed it on Wednesday, asking God to bless the workers and to give it its full 50-year life. Our last shingles lasted their full thirty-year life but we had a few leaks over the last few years. We invested in architectural shingles for the new roof which are supposed to last 50 years and are more hail-resistant than standard asphalt.

Our insurance paid us about \$13,000 towards the new roof because of hail damage last year. We also received a generous \$10,000 donation from a parishioner and another \$4,000 in increased giving in the maintenance envelopes every month. The remaining \$60,000 in the cost of the roof came from bequests that our deceased parishioners have left the parish in their wills. Without those bequests we would have had to have a capital campaign to be able to put the new roof on.

You might consider remembering St Peter's in your will. It is the easiest way to support the parish and other causes that are important to you and will allow you to help secure the future of this beautiful place long into the future.

Parish Confession Times Survey

This summer we will be making a few changes to our confession times, and we want your input! Please take the survey below and help Fr Jacob and the pastoral council make good decisions about our parish confession times.



Take a brief survey!

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, April 28, 2026

12pm Dorothy & Roger Snook +

Wednesday, April 29, 2026

8am Calvin Crowder

Thursday, April 30, 2026

12pm Newly Baptized and Confirmed

5:30pm Lynn Ford +

Friday, May 1, 2026

8am Oliver Moser +

Saturday, May 2, 2026

4pm Kenneth Assman +

Sunday, May 3, 2026

8am Kenneth Finnegan +

10am Deceased Members of Knights
of Columbus

12pm St Peter's Parish

Ministry Schedule

	Saturday 4:00PM	Sunday 8:00AM	Sunday 10:00AM	Sunday 12:00PM
	May 2, 2026	May 3, 2026	May 3, 2026	May 3, 2026
Altar Servers	Nicholas Moses Parker Moses Cooper Moses	Connor McGrath Elle McGrath Addie McGrath	Aiden Gaul Sarah Lighthipe	Evelyn Duitsman John Duitsman
Lectors	Jim Beck Cathy Assman	Jean Coughlin Joseph Snook	Mike Noon Tony Peterson	Aubree Brandau Chris Maher
EMHC	Toni Hansen Jacque Liston Debbie Ryan	Patti Ford Roger Harvey	Mary Brockelsby Jill Clevenger Laura Cornelius	Cindy Bussey
Ushers	Linda Bonham Fred Schaben Jack Gross Mark Assman	Oliver Juranek Eric Ledger Velda Ring Mike Ring	Dave Bristol Margine Henry Dan Lighthipe Mike Nielsen	Chris Olson Trevor Yanovich Rob Peters Mason Olson

Next Sunday's Readings: May 3, 2026

1st - Acts 6:1-7

2nd - I Peter 2:4-9

Gospel - John 14:1-12

CONNECTED

Organizations & Groups

• ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

The St Anne's Altar and Rosary Society will meet on **Thursday, May 7th** 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.

Thank you to the members of the Altar Society, Knights of Columbus and the Parishioners and Non-Parishioners that helped set up and pack up to make our Rummage and Bake Sale a great success. Also, to the Parishioners that donated items and bake sale goodies. The Altar Society could not raise the funds needed to support its mission and purpose without the help of all of you.

• CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS, COURT ST ANTHONY #330

The next Catholic Daughters Meeting is on **Thursday, May 21st** 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, May 18th** 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 will meet on **Tuesday, May 12th** 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 or professionals, singles, married couples, or young families. We had great conversation and wonderful food at our Easter party a few weeks ago! Our next meeting date in May TBD.

SEEKERS & SAINTS

Faith Formation News



FULLY ALIVE YOUTH GROUP

Upcoming Dates:

May 3 - Saints

May 17 - Incoming Freshman Night

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

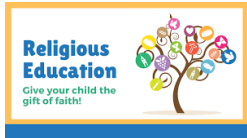


EXPLORING CATHOLICISM

For adults interested in joining the Catholic Church!

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

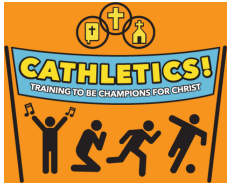
Sunday, April 26th at 2 PM at St. Peter's - Our Topic is "Next Steps on the Journey"



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Saturday, May 2nd at 6pm - Confirmation

Sunday, May 3rd at 2pm - First Communion



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Monday, June 8th - Friday June 12th from 5:30pm-8:30pm

Join the VBS Team -To make Vacation Bible School a success we need your help! Whether you are an adult, high schooler or middle schooler, we have a position for you. Can't sign up for the whole week? That's okay! Childcare available. Questions? Heather Olson at 712-318-3030 or religioueducationdirector@saintpeterscb.org

Yes! I want to help kids learn more about the Bible!



BEYOND THE PARISH

News From Across the Diocese

• INVITATION TO IOWA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

There is still room to come along November 2-12, 2026, to some of the most sacred and beautiful sites in all of Europe! We'll visit great places like Venice, Padua, Florence, Assisi, Rome and so much more! Our time in Rome will include a Papal Audience with Pope Leo XIV! We'll have Mass daily in great Churches and Cathedrals along the way. This pilgrimage is for Knights of Columbus from around the State of Iowa, spouses and widows of former members. Cost for the trip is \$4,599 with departure from either Des Moines or Omaha. For a brochure and more information, contact Fr. Dan Guenther at 712-899-6870 or email frdanguenther@gmail.com

• 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 ChristOurLifelowa.com for complete information and the list of speakers. In person or Livestream. Come for all or stay for some. Let's Believe...Live...and Celebrate Our Faith!

• 2026-2027 TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR STUDENTS

The application period for Catholic Tuition Organization (CTO) and Diocesan Tuition Assistance (DTA) opens March 31st for all 2026-2027 students, even those with ESAs. Use CTO & DTA first and save more ESA money for high school. More than \$2.7 million in grants are available. View eligibility guidelines at www.CTOiowa.org. Apply by May 5th. Call the CTO Office at 515-237-5010 for more information.



Knights Of Columbus,
St Peter's Council 1045

Mother's day **BREAKFAST**

SUNDAY, MAY 3RD

AFTER THE 8AM & 10AM MASSES

Free Will Offering

Menu: Scrambled Eggs with Ham, Bacon, Berry Biscuit Streusel,
Coffee, Milk & Juice

All proceeds go to support the Diocese of Des Moines Seminarians

Donations Needed!

During the month of April, the Social Concerns Committee is hosting a drive to support the Phoenix House (Catholic Charities Domestic Violence Shelter). Donation can be placed in the boxes in either entrance to the church.



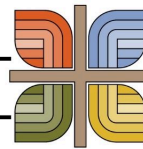
Items Needed:

Diapers - Size 3, 4, 5, & 6
Full size Shampoo & Conditioner
Women's Sanitary Items
Old Cell Phones

The World According To Bob

- What kind of shoes does a frog wear?
Open-toad sandals.
- A minister, priest, and rabbit walked into a blood donation clinic. The nurse asks the rabbit, "Which blood type are you?" The rabbit replies, "I'm probably a type O."
- I wanted to go jogging, but Proverbs 28:1 says the wicked run when no one is chasing them. So there's that.
- I said to my son, "I saw a woman in Walmart with March Madness teeth." He said, "Ah, summer teeth. Summer there, summer not." I said, "No, she was down to her Final Four!"
- I caught my neighbor stealing my socks off my clothesline. I was going to confront him, but I got cold feet.

2026 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL



Thank you to everyone who has made a gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. We are \$23,000 away from meeting our parish's goal of \$64,000! If you have not yet made your gift, please prayerfully consider doing so. It is not too late. Ongoing commitments to the Annual Diocesan Appeal help us to sow the seeds that sustain the Catholic Church in southwest Iowa. The resources provided to us through the Diocese enable us to fulfill these missions. Your contribution card can be dropped in the collection basket, brought to the parish office, or mailed to the Diocese. You can make an electronic gift by scanning the QR code or visiting DMDiocese.org/giving. We need your help in meeting our parish's ADA goal and sustaining the Catholic Church in southwest Iowa. Funds raised above our goal will be returned to the parish for our needs. Every prayer and each gift, regardless of the size, is vital to the success of the Appeal. Thank you for your generosity and kindness!



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St Anne's Altar Society

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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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