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June 7, 2026 Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

Upcoming Events:

Monday, June 8th - Friday, June 12th

Vacation Bible School
5:30pm-8:30pm, St Albert

Wednesday, June 10th

Summer Bible Study
6:30pm, Social Hall

Saturday, June 13th

St Peter's Fishing Derby
8am-12pm, Lake Manawa State Park

Sunday, June 14th

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

Thursday, June 18th

Catholic Daughters Meeting
6pm, Social Hall

Monday, June 22nd

Knights of Columbus Meeting
6pm, Social Hall

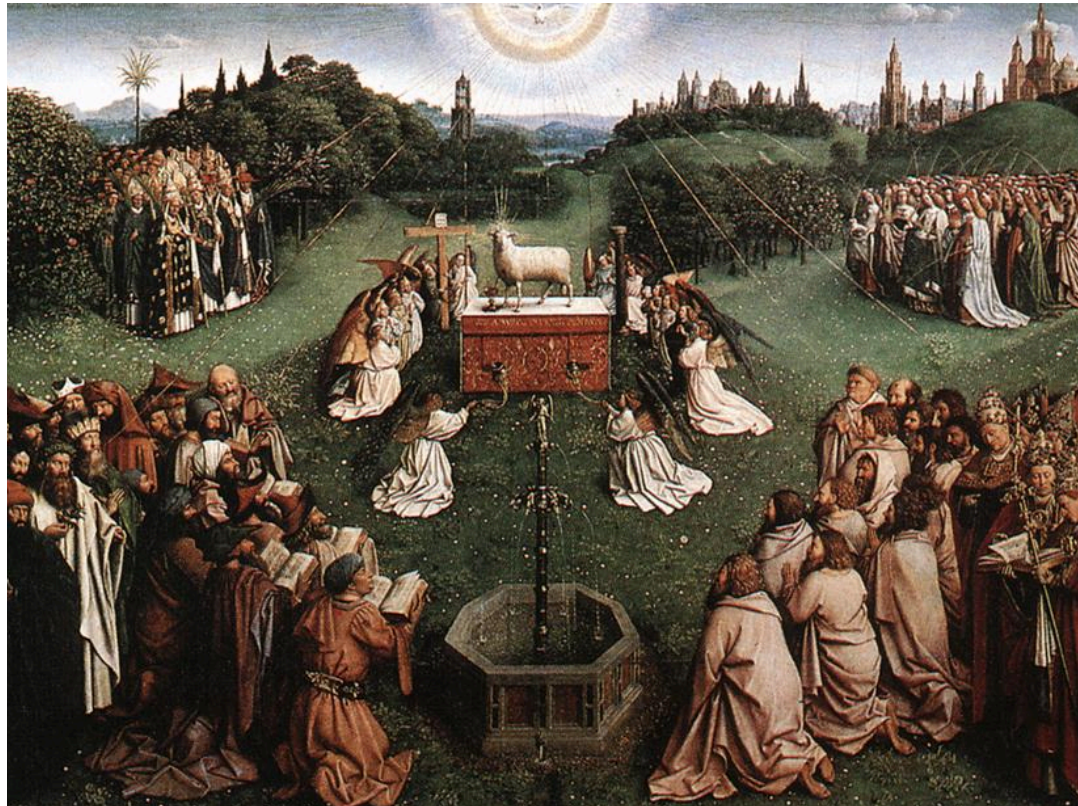
Thursday, June 25th

Homeschool Family Gathering
12pm Mass, Church Lunch & Activities
after, Social Hall

Sunday, June 28th

Church Picnic at The Landing
11am-3pm (11am Mass), The Landing
See Flyer for Details

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
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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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Mon- Closed

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

Fri 9:00AM-12:00PM

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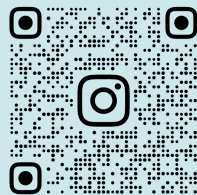
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From Father Jacob

**Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life,
and I will raise him on the last day.**

For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.

Jesus teaches us a great truth and makes us a great promise in the gospel today.

Jesus teaches us the truth that the Eucharist he will give is truly his flesh and truly his blood. When we are in the presence of the Eucharist, we are in the presence of Jesus! That is why we kneel at church and might even spend time in Adoration outside of Mass. When we offer the Eucharist at Mass, we offer Jesus! That is how we can have a real friendship with God and be restored to righteousness. When we receive the Eucharist, we receive Jesus! What an unspeakable gift Jesus gives us.

Jesus makes a great promise to us that in the Eucharist he gives eternal life. Jesus is alive, and so when we receive his Body and Blood we are receiving him, who is the way and the truth and the life. Being with Jesus *is* eternal life, and there is no heaven except being with Jesus. May we spend our earthly lives in the company of Jesus, believing his truth, walking his way, and so living his life. May we receive the Eucharist throughout our lives, and so live his eternal life already, here and now!

Summer Bible Study!

Join us this **Wednesday, June 10th, at 6:30pm** in the Fr Kottas Social Hall for the last week of St Peter's summer Bible study!

Last week we discussed St Peter's restoration and commission to shepherd the flock, his preaching, and his baptizing the first gentile. This week we will read from the letters of St Peter and read about the end of his life. Come join us!

Vacation Bible School

Our young people will be attending Vacation Bible School this week! Please pray for our volunteers that God will make their work bear fruit and will store up a treasure in heaven for them. Please pray also for our students that the seeds we plant this week will be nourished by the Lord and bear fruit.

Consecrating our country to the Sacred Heart

This Friday we will celebrate the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. As we approach the celebration of our country's 250th anniversary of independence, the bishops will be consecrating the country to the Lord's Sacred Heart. You can join us this week by:

- praying the novena along with us on Facebook
- offering some fast or prayer for the country
- praying the litany of the Sacred Heart on Friday
 - Join us after the 8am Mass for the litany of the Sacred Heart
 - or pray at home: just google "litany of the Sacred Heart"



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, June 9, 2026

12pm Vacation Bible School

Wednesday, June 10, 2026

8am Bill & Ione Spitznagle +

Thursday, June 11, 2026

12pm Craig Suden +

5:30pm Jessica Laughlin +

Friday, June 12, 2026

8am Nolan Batten +

Saturday, June 13, 2026

4pm Dcn Elpides Stephen

Rallis +

Sunday, June 14, 2026

8am Tom & Delwin Schnepel +

10am Tom & Craig Suden +

12pm St Peter's Parish

Ministry Schedule

	Saturday 4:00PM	Sunday 8:00AM	Sunday 10:00AM	Sunday 12:00PM
	June 13, 2026	June 14, 2026	June 14, 2026	June 14, 2026
Altar Servers	Nicholas Moses Cooper Moses Parker Moses	Caroline Reineke Claire Reineke Dawson Smith	Thomas Biederman Aiden Gaul	Mason Olson Ben Johnsen
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Next Sunday's Readings: June 14, 2026

1st - Exodus 19:2-6a

2nd - Romans 5:6-11

Gospel - Matthew 9:36-10:8

CONNECTED

Organizations & Groups

• ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

The St Anne's Altar and Rosary Society will meet on **Thursday, July 2nd** 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, June 18th** 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, June 22nd** 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 **NOT** meet on **Tuesday, June 9th** due to Vacation Bible School.

• 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, wonderful food and a competitive game of cornhole! Our next meeting date is TBD

• HOMESCHOOL MASS & LUNCH

Attention all homeschool families – Join us for our next Homeschool Gathering on **Thursday, June 25th**. We will have Mass at 12pm followed by lunch and activities.

SEEKERS & SAINTS

Faith Formation News



FULLY ALIVE YOUTH GROUP

All high schoolers are invited to join us! [See Flyer in bulletin for all of our Summer Fun Events!!](#)

Upcoming Dates:

June 7, 7-9pm - Join us tonight at the Lake Manawa Sail Club, 812 Commanche St. for a cook out and games!



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 NEWS

Beginning in 2027-2028, the Diocese of Des Moines is moving the celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation from 10th grade to 6th grade. We're making the shift because young people are more receptive to a personal, life-changing encounter with Jesus that seals their identity as disciples and members of the Body of Christ. Families will learn more about changes in their parishes later this summer. Hear directly from Bishop William Joensen about the change and why it's being made at https://youtu.be/fg_tkgUEDcE or for more info go to dm-diocese.org/ministries-and-faith-formation/youth-ministry/confirmation.

Join us at St Peter's Sunday, August 2nd at 4pm for an informational meeting along with question and answer.

BIBLE STUDY

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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!

• MISSIONCARE SHOW-TUNE ENSEMBLE & DINNER EVENT

MissionCare in collaboration with the Iowa Western Community Band presents Show-Tune Ensemble, Tuesday, June 16th, with music and dinner at 6:30 PM. All are invited to this delightful evening featuring delicious cuisine, entertaining music, and a flower raffle, along with a brief MissionCare presentation. All proceeds will go toward the goals of MissionCare. Cost is \$25 per person. To purchase tickets call/text 515-985-8331.

• MERCY HOSPITAL MASS

Did you know there is another opportunity in Council Bluffs for Mass on a weekday? There is Mass every Wednesday at 11:30 AM in the chapel at Mercy Hospital. It seldom has anyone in attendance, so it is perfect for quiet reflection and celebration of the Eucharist. The chapel is located on the first floor down the hall to the right on the way to Intensive Care.

• CONSECRATION OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS MOVIE

Looking for a way to celebrate the consecration of the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus this week? Check out the movie Sacred Heart: His Reign Has No End playing at AMC June 9th & 14th.

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TUESDAY, JUNE 16TH
ST. PATRICKS CATHOLIC CHURCH
4 VALLEY VIEW DR, COUNCIL BLUFFS, IA
SOCIAL/MUSIC 6:00 PM
DINNER 6:30 PM

**SHOW-TUNE
ENSEMBLE**



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Fr. Emmanuel (Founder of MissionCare-USA)



Iowa Western Band



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FISHING, FUN, & FELLOWSHIP!
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WILL BE PROVIDED.**



**SATURDAY
JUNE 13, 2026**



8:00AM-12:00PM



**LAKE MANAWA STATE PARK
BOY SCOUT ISLAND**



**BRING YOUR OWN POLE IF
YOU HAVE ONE, BUT POLES
WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE
ON FIRST COME BASIS!**



**BAIT WILL BE
PROVIDED!**

**NOTE: ANYONE OLDER THAN 16 NEEDS A
DAILY OR YEARLY IOWA FISHING LICENSE**

QUESTIONS CONTACT CHRIS OLSON AT 402-250-7204



Father's Day **BREAKFAST**

Sunday, June 14th

After the 8am & 10am Mass

**MENU: CHEESY EGG SAUSAGE GRAVY WITH BISCUITS,
HAM, ROASTED POTATOES, FRUIT PARFAITS, CINNAMON
ROLLS, JUICE, MILK, & COFFEE**

Breakfast provided by the St Anne's Altar Society.



St Peter's Church Annual Family PICNIC



FOODS - GAMES - FUN

JOIN US FOR A DELIGHTFUL DAY OF FOOD, GAMES & FUN!
PLEASE BRING A SIDE, SALAD, OR DESSERT.

SUNDAY
28
JUNE

THE LANDING

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11AM - 3PM

MASS AT 11AM* | FOOD & GAMES 12-3PM

*NO 10AM OR NOON MASS

RAIN OR SHINE (ALL WEATHER PAVILION)

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OUR ADULT GAMES WILL INCLUDE OUR GOLF BALL DRIVE OVER THE RIVER AND A BAGS TOURNAMENT. BE SURE TO BRING YOUR GOLF CLUBS AND BALLS. WE ARE ALSO IN NEED OF BAG BOARDS. START BRAINSTORMING YOUR TEAM NAME, AS WE WILL BE AWARDING THE BEST RELIGIOUS THEMED NAME.



Summer's Here

SO ARE THE EVENTS!

**07
JUNE**

PARTY AT THE LAKE

7-9pm

Join us for a cookout and games at the lake! Bring a Friend!
Lake Manawa Sail Club, 812 Comanche St., Council Bluffs

**26
JUNE**

POOL PARTY

9-11pm

Join us for swimming, games, and snacks! Bring a friend!
Green Meadows Pool, 200 Parkview Drive, Council Bluffs

**19
JULY**

MOVIE NIGHT ON THE PATIO

7-9pm

Join us for a movie and popcorn! Bring a friend!
St Francis Worship Center, 238 S 6th St, Council Bluffs

**01
AUGUST**

NIGHT AT THE BALL PARK

TBD

Join us for a Stormchasers Game! This event is a pending event and will be by RSVP due to tickets.
We will carpool from the St Francis Worship Center.

More Info/Questions:

Corpus Christi - Kendall McGrath - faithformation@corpuschristiia.org

St Patrick - Amy Peterson, youthministry@stpatrickcb.org

St Peter - Heather Olson, redirector@saintpeterscb.org



The World According To Bob

- What do you call a police officer that does the chalk lines at a crime scene? Tracey
- A woman was injured at a supermarket where a display of toilet paper collapsed on her. At this time the paramedics say she only has soft tissue damage.
- I don't mean to brag, but I just put together a puzzle in one day and the box said 2-4 years.
- Sign at the dentist's office parking lot: Dental Patient Parking only. All others will be extracted.
- Church sign: Dairy Queen has sundaes. We have great Sundays.
- Sign at a paint store: Husbands choosing paint colors must have a signed note from their wife.
- I finally stopped drinking for good! Now I only drink for evil.
- My wife asked why I wanted to be cremated. I said it's my last chance for a smoking body.
- Why are gas stations charging you to fill up your tires? Inflation.

The Social Concerns Committee for the month of June will be collecting games and creative activities for the children of the Child Saving Institute (formerly Children's Square) to use for the summer.



They are in need of the following items:

- Art Supplies
- Legos
- Sit Down Games (no balls)

Boxes for donations will be in the back and side entrance of the church.

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