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June 21, 2026 Twelfth Sunday In Ordinary Time

HAPPY
Father's
DAY

Upcoming Events:

Monday, June 22nd
Knights of Columbus Meeting
6pm, Social Hall

Thursday, June 25th
Homeschool Family Gathering
12pm Mass, Church Lunch &
Activities after, Social Hall

Friday, June 26th
Fully Alive Youth Group Pool Party
9-11pm Green Meadows Pool

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

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.



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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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

Parish Staff

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From Father Jacob

Jesus said: "Fear no one"

How can it be possible to follow Jesus's instructions in the gospel today? We might often feel we have much to fear, but a great American Saint shows us how to live fearlessly. St Isaac Jogues was a Jesuit priest from France who ministered in what is now New York state, Ontario, and Quebec. He lived with the Indians of that region and preached the gospel from 1636 to 1642, when he was captured and held as a prisoner of war by the Mohawk, tortured, beaten, and held captive for more than a year, until he escaped through New Amsterdam, becoming the first priest to visit what is now New York. During his captivity he baptized more than 70 people and cared for the sick in the camp.

When he arrived back in Europe, Jogues was received as a "living martyr" for what he had suffered during his long captivity, but his only concern (aside from visiting his mother) was how quickly he could get back to America. He got his way, and returned to what is now New York, where he again preached the Gospel to the Mohawk until he was again taken prisoner and killed.

What accounts for St Isaac Jogues's extraordinary bravery? Wasn't he afraid of what would happen? He might have been afraid, but he wanted to go anyway because he saw that, whatever happened, Jesus would be there. He wrote in a letter: "My heart tells me that if I am the one to be sent on this mission I shall go but I shall not return. But I would be glad if our Lord wished to complete the sacrifice where He began it. Farewell, dear Father. Pray that God unite me to Himself inseparably."

Parish Mission Appeal

This weekend we are joined by Fr Sunder of the Diocese of Khammam in Southeast India, who will ask our support for the good work of their Diocese. Please support our brothers and sisters in India by giving in cash or check in the second collection this weekend, or dropping off a donation at the office. Thank you for your generosity!

Our parish gives generously to support those in need in our own community. It is good that we also support the work of the Church around the world. Though you or I will probably never get to visit Khammam, or get to know the people there, nevertheless in Christ they are our brothers and sisters! Their preaching of the Gospel is our preaching, their successes are our successes, and their needs should be ours as well. Please consider supporting the Diocese of Khammam this week, and thank Fr Sunder for being with us!

Parish Picnic June 28th

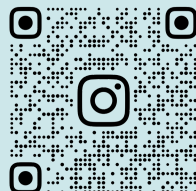
Plan to join us for the Parish Picnic next Sunday, June 28th! We will have **Mass at 11am at the Landing** south of town, followed by a potluck lunch, games, and good conversation. There will be games for the kids and there is also a nice playground at the site.

Plan to bring a side, salad, or dessert, some golf clubs and expendable balls, and a bags set if you have one!

Because of the picnic we will **not have 10am or Noon Mass** at the church on June 28th.

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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Mass Intentions

Tuesday, June 23, 2026

12pm Fred Maher +

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

8am Darlene HOLETON +

Thursday, June 25, 2026

12pm Alex Lynch +

5:30pm Tom Suden +

Friday, June 26, 2026

8am Dcn Elpidas Stephen Rallis +

Saturday, June 27, 2026

4pm Richard Corrin +

Sunday, June 28, 2026

8am

11am St Peter's Parish

Ministry Schedule

	Saturday 4:00PM	Sunday 8:00AM	Sunday 10:00AM	Sunday 12:00PM
	June 27, 2026	June 28, 2026	June 28, 2026	June 28, 2026
Altar Servers	Bianca Cihacek Ellianna Cihacek Elizabeth Branson	Evan Veit Jack Veit Joseph Schmedding	Mass at 11am At The Landing - Annual Family Picnic	
Lectors	Rod Nuss Jim Beck	Mary Novotne Joseph Snook		
EMHC	Erik King Dylies King Mary Hazen	Nicole Juranek Ray McGrath		
Ushers	Linda Bonham Fred Schaben Jack Gross Mark Assman	Jeff Veit Sue Brownlee Russ Goesser Jim Havermann		

Next Sunday's Readings: June 28, 2026

1st - II King 4:8-11, 14-16a

2nd - Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

Gospel - Matthew 10:37-42

CONNECTED

Organizations & Groups

• ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

The St Anne's Altar and Rosary Society will NOT meet in July. Our 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, July 16th** 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 meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm. Due to a conflict for July, we will meet instead on **Tuesday, July 21st** 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. 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! [Check out all of our Summer Events on Facebook or the church website!!](#)

Upcoming Dates:

Friday, June 26th from 9-11pm - Pool Party at Green Meadows Pool 200 Parkview Dr. - Join us for swimming, games, and snacks! Bring a friend!

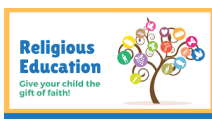
Sunday, July 19th from 7-9pm - St Francis Worship Center 238 S 6th St. - Movie Night On The Patio Join us for a movie and popcorn on the patio! Bring a friend!



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 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 dmidiocese.org/ministries-and-faith-formation/youth-ministry/confirmation.

Join us at St Peter's Wednesday, August 5th at 6pm for an informational meeting along with question and answer.

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!

• ST. JOSPEH CEMETERY - HOLY FAMILY BELL PLAZA FUNDRAISER

With the help of the Holy Family Preservation Society and of several generous donors the old Holy Family Church bell was installed on the cemetery grounds. We are pleased to host this beautiful piece of Council Bluffs history, and to use it to honor our beloved dead into the future. This year we want to beautify the area around the bell and raise funds to continue to care for our beloved dead by installing a memorial plaza around our lovely bell. You can purchase a brick to honor a loved one, mentor, good cause, or institution close to your heart on the fundraiser website: www.bricksrus.com/donorsite/stjoseph or if you would like a form you can pick up one at your Parish.

• ST. ALBERT SCHOOLS GOLF SCRAMBLE

The annual St. Albert Golf Scramble will be held Saturday, July 11th at Dodge Riverside Golf Course. This event is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, and all proceeds will be directed towards scholarships at St. Albert Catholic Schools. The cost is \$400 for a foursome. Registration deadline is Sunday, July 5th. Register at <https://giverbutter.com/KofCgolf25> or use this QR code. If you have questions, contact Kate Gaul at gaulk@saintalbertschools.org.



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)

HOSTED BY THE PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE

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.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE GROTTO OF THE REDEMPTION

West Bend, Iowa

Wednesday, August 12, 2026



Join us for a day at the world's largest shrine, considered the Eighth Wonder of the World!

Motorcoach Departure: St. Patrick Church, 4 Valley View Drive, Council Bluffs, IA

Depart: 7:00 AM Return: Approximately 8:30 PM

Cost: \$110 Per Person, payment required with registration

Includes:

- Arrow Stage Lines motorcoach transportation
 - Mass at the Grotto with Fr. Jacob Epstein, Pastor at St. Peter Church, Council Bluffs
 - Guided tour of the Grotto of the Redemption
 - Light breakfast (bottled water will also be available on the bus)
 - Lunch at the Wagon Wheel Restaurant in West Bend
- (A light dinner will be provided on the return trip for a cash donation.)

Registration Deadline: July 31, 2026

Submit registration form and payment to your Council Bluffs parish office OR mail to:

St. Peter Catholic Church, 1 Bluff Street, Council Bluffs, IA 51503

Make checks payable to: St. Peter Catholic Church.

Sponsored by St. Peter, Corpus Christi, and St. Patrick Catholic Parishes in Council Bluffs.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Questions:

Ward Kinney (402-630-3640) or Kathy Kinney (402-740-2746)

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REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip code: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Parish: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Contact Phone: _____

Emergency Contact Relationship: _____

Do you use a wheelchair? _____ Walker? _____

Are there mobility limitations we need to know about?

If you have dietary restrictions, please explain:

The World According To Bob

- Amal and Juan are identical twins. Their mother only carries one photo in her wallet because if you have seen Juan, you have seen Amal.
- My first job was at an orange juice factory, but I got canned. I couldn't concentrate.
- Last week I was bored, so I decided to swap around labels on my wife's spice rack. So far she hasn't noticed, but mark my words, her thyme is coming.
- They advise people to wear noise-producing devices such as little bells to alert but not startle bears. They also advise carrying pepper spray in case of an encounter. People should be aware of the difference between small and large adult bear droppings. Adult bear droppings have little bells and smell of pepper spray.
- I was going to propose to my girlfriend, but my dog swallowed the ring. Now it is just a diamond in the ruff.
- I got an email on how to read maps backwards. It was spam.

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.

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

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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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