

# St. Peter's Catholic Church a country church in the city

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### **Mass Schedule**

Saturday: 4pm

Sunday: 8am, 10am, 12 noon

Tues: Noon

Wed and Fri: 8am

Thurs: Noon and 5:30pm

### Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00—3:45pm

Sunday 7:00-7:45am

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# Save the Date!

Sunday, October 26th

Trunk or Treat Event

4-6pm Corpus Christi parking lot

Saturday, November 1st

All Saints Day Mass

9am, St Peter's Church

Sunday, November 2nd

Mass for parish deceased

12noon, St Peter's

Saturday, November 8th

Cemetery Mass for deceased

12 noon, St Joseph's Cemetery

Fri-Sun, Nov 14th-16th

Seminary visit

Conception, MO

# October 26, 2025 Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

# From Father Jacob

# All Saints' Day

God is glorious in His Saints!

God has given us "so great a cloud of witnesses" to be our brothers and sisters in His family, to be our examples and guides, to be our cheerleaders and intercessors, and to be our helpers on our way to join them in Heaven.

This year All Saints' Day falls on a Saturday, and so **is not a day of obligation.** But it is a great feast of the Church, so we will have a special Mass:

Saturday, November 1st, 9am

### All Souls' Day

God is merciful to all the faithful departed!

We pray for the dead because we continue to love them, because we have hope for their eternal life, and because we are mourning the end of their earthly life. I can be full of hope for those who have died, even while I miss them and mourn their death.

This year All Souls' Day falls on a Sunday. We will commemorate all the faithful departed next Sunday, November 2nd. We will have our special Mass for all the parish deceased from the last year at the noon Mass.

### **Catholic Halloween**

I don't have much space to talk about a common question some people have: Although Halloween is often abused today (just like Christmas and Easter), it is in its origin a thoroughly Christian and Catholic holiday. Just as we pray for the dead (Nov 2) and celebrate the saints (Nov 1), so on Halloween (Oct 31) we mock death since it has been defeated by Christ! A Christian need not fear death nor devils.

# Mary Sturm's 100th birthday

Our parishioner Mary Sturm turns 100 years old on October 30th. The family invites anyone to send her a card at 17325 Lime Kiln Rd, Cresent, IA 51526.

### Trunk-or-Treat

Join the St Peter and Corpus Christi Altar and Rosary Societies for a fun Trunk-or-Treat this Sunday, 10/26 from 4-6pm at Corpus Christi!

Invite your kids, grandkids, nieces and nephews, and neighbors for a fun time.

After the trick-or-treating, stay for an **outdoor movie** at 6:30 shown by the Knights of Columbus.

### **Community-Wide Thanksgiving Dinner**

The Community Wide Thanksgiving Dinner is collectively provided by local churches and organizations for many in the community who, for one reason or another, need our assistance to celebrate the holiday. On Thanksgiving Day, volunteers will be making and delivering over 800 meals in the Council Bluffs community. To allow us to take advantage of sales, we will start donation collection the weekend of October 25 & 26. The following items are needed:

Cream of Mushrm Soup
Bouillon
Canned Green Beans
Freid Onions
Large Roasting Bags
Stove-top Stuffing
Ziploc Sandwich Bags
Coffee

Please leave your donations in the bin marked with this image and thank you for helping us help others.

We could really use your help volunteering to help with the following preparations:

Delivery Coordination (Wed-Thurs, Nov. 26-27) Phone Reservations (Weekdays: Nov. 10 – 21) Set up on Wednesday, Nov 26 Filling and delivering orders on Thursday, Nov 27

Please contact us by email to volunteer: cbthanksgivingdinner@gmail.com



# October 26, 2025 Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

	Saturday	Sunday	Sunday 10:00am	Sunday 12:00pm
	4:00pm Mass	8:00am Mass	Mass	Mass
	Nov 1, 2025	Nov 2, 2025	Nov 2, 2025	Nov 2, 2025
Altar Servers	Bianca Cihacek Elliana Cihacek	Evan Veit Jack Veit Joseph Schmedding	Sarah Lighthipe Charlotte Noon Ali Hamilton	Ben Johnson Keegan McCaffrey
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READINGS FOR: Sunday, November 2, 2025

1ST READING: Wisdom 3:1-9
2ND READING: Romans 6:3-9
GOSPEL: John 5:24-29

# The World According to Bob

Biologists have perfected a new hybrid fruit: a cross of watermelon and cauliflower. It has great health benefits, but it gives everyone who eats it a sense of sadness known as melon-cauli.

This morning as I went for my walk I was hit by a violin, then a clarinet, then a French horn. I think it was an orchestrated attack!

We need to stop this "bread isn't good for you" diet! Jesus didn't say "I am the broccoli of life." Nor did he teach us to say "Give us this day our daily kale."

Q: Why did the ghost go to the doctor?

A: To check out his boo-boos!

### Father's Thought for the Week

### 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.'

A common Christian prayer is the "Jesus Prayer", where we slightly expand the prayer from our reading today:

"Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on me, a sinner"

This prayer is always appropriate in every time and place. May it be often on our lips!



### **MASS INTENTIONS**

### Tuesday, 10/28

12:00 pm - Benjamin Houy's health

### Wednesday, 10/29

8:00 am - Christine Fink †

### Thursday, 10/30

12:00 pm - Linda Schmitt †

5:30 pm - Dorothy Snook †

### Friday, 10/31

8:00 am - Deceased members of the Knights of Columbus

#### Saturday, 11/1

9:00 am - Margaret & Jerome Kasperbauer †

4:00 pm - Lisa Gerjevic †

#### Sunday, 11/2

8:00 am - Kenneth Finnegan †

10:00 am - St Peter Parish

12:00 pm - Faithful departed of St Peter's

# **ENCOUNTER**

### WITH GOD'S CALL

Encounter With God's Call at Conception Seminary College is an opportunity to discern the call to priesthood and learn about college seminary life. Throughout the weekend, we pray, meet, and relax with seminarians and other young men discerning the priesthood. Together we all seek to listen for God's voice and our call.

# Weekend of November 14-16

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Young men 16—25 are invited to visit Conception Seminary. We will depart from Council Bluffs Friday evening, November 14th after school hours and return Sunday evening, November 16th. We'll pray together, learn about seminary life, and meet college seminarians at beautiful Conception Abbey.

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