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August 30, 2026 Twenty First Sunday In Ordinary Time

Upcoming Events:

Monday, August 31st

Knight of Columbus Meeting
6pm, Social Hall

Tuesday, September 1st

Parish Committee Meetings
6:30pm, Social Hall

Parish Council Meeting
7:15pm, Social Hall

Wednesday, September 2nd

First Reconciliation/Communion Parent Meeting
6pm, Social Hall
Religious Education Parent Meeting K-8
7pm, Social Hall

Monday, September 7th

Catholic Daughters Meeting
6pm, Social Hall

Wednesday, September 9th

Welcome Back Mass & Reception for Religious Education K-10
6pm, Church/Social Hall

Saturday, September 26th

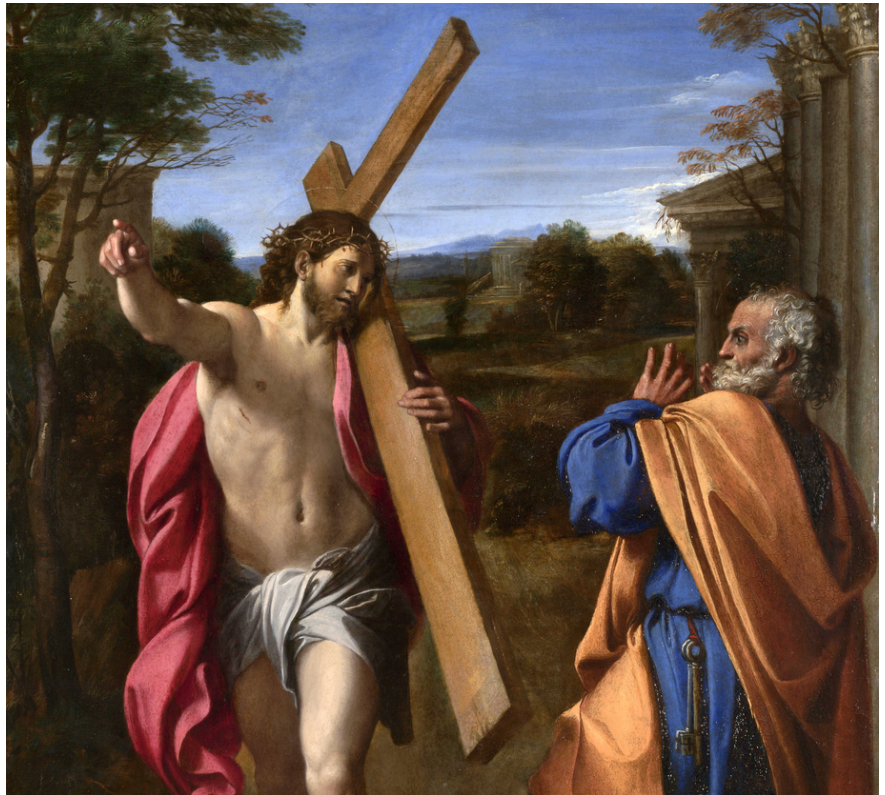
Bingo
5:30pm Doors open/Starts at 6pm,
Social Hall

Saturday, September 26th -

Sunday September 27th
Christ Our Life Conference
Casey's Center, Des Moines or
by livestream
Visit christourlifeiowa.com for more
details and for tickets.

Sunday, October 11th

Oktoberfest
11am-3pm, St Albert Catholic School



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 402-669-5258.

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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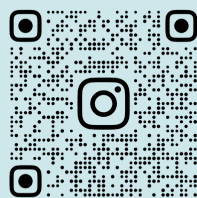
Maintenance

Rob Beck

Submissions for the bulletin must be submitted by Tuesday at 4pm. All submissions are subject to edits and approval.

Send to redirector@saintpeterscb.org

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From Father Jacob

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.”

Sometimes we think of our crosses only as things we want God to help us get rid of. May we ask him instead to bear them with love!

India and Earthquake relief

I am always amazed by the generosity of our parishioners here at St Peter. Over the summer we collected **\$3,083** to assist the Diocese of Khammam in Southern India. Earlier this month we collected **\$1,436** for earthquake relief for our brothers and sisters in Venezuela and Colombia. Thank you for your kindness!

We also collect throughout the year on the third Sunday of every month. The money we collect is used to assist our parishioners in need, and then every year we give to several organizations helping those in need here in Council Bluffs. Stay tuned in September for a report on what you supported this year.

Bingo

Our parish hosted bingo last Saturday evening. We had 42 people participate, good attendance for our first time! We will host bingo again on Saturday, September 26th at 6:30pm. **We are in need of a few volunteers** to help run the bingo and to make a couple desserts and a simple meal to sell as concessions-we are looking for enough for about 40 people. If that sounds like something you'd like to do, please contact Heather soon!

Exploring Catholicism starts September 13th

Have you been coming to Mass but have not received the sacraments? Do you want to join the Church? Do you or someone you know want to learn what Catholic Christians believe and why?

Come to “Exploring Catholicism” class on **Sunday, September 13th at 2pm**. The first class will be at St Patrick Church at 4 Valley View Dr. This would be a great opportunity to invite a friend or family member who might be interested!

Iowa School for the Deaf Religious Education

This year we have the great opportunity to offer Religious Education to children at the Iowa School for the Deaf! The parish is seeking a few volunteers who are proficient in sign language to help with this ministry. If you or someone you know would be a good fit for this ministry, please contact Fr Jacob by email or phone.

Mass Minister Meetings this Month

We're so grateful to our Mass ministers who serve the parish in their ministries. We will have brief Mass minister meetings this month.

If you are already a Eucharistic minister, usher, or altar server, please plan to stay after Mass on your weekend for a 5-10 minute meeting. If you would like to serve the parish in this way, please stay after as well and we will train you!

August 8-9 — Lectors

August 15-16 — Eucharistic Ministers

August 22-23 — Ushers

August 29-30 — Altar Servers

Mass Intentions

Tuesday Sept 1, 2026

Noon Fred Maher +

Wednesday Sept 2, 2026

8am prayer intention board

Thursday Sept 3, 2026

Noon Leopoldo Mendoza +

5:30pm

Friday Sept 4, 2026

8am Dcn. Elpidos Stephen Rallis +

Saturday Sept 5, 2026

4pm St Peter's Parish

Sunday Sept 6, 2026

8am Kenneth Finnegan +

10am Molly MulQueen-Hittinger +

Noon Richard Corrin +

	Saturday 4:00PM	Sunday 8:00AM	Sunday 10:00AM	Sunday 12:00PM
	September 5, 2026	September 6, 2027	September 6, 2026	September 6, 2026
Altar Servers	Nicholas Moses Cooper Moses Parker Moses	Caroline Reineke Claire Reineke Joseph Schmedding	Carter Rossbund Ali Hamilton	Mason Olson Emma Thompson
Lectors	Cathy Assman Jim Beck	Tyler Juranek Landon Poss	Eric Ely Regina Chambers	Andrea Barnes Haley Anderson
EMHC	Toni Hansen Jacque Liston Becky Walters	Pati Ford Roger Harvey	Mary Brockelsby Jill Clevenger Laura Cornelius	Chris Olson
Ushers	Linda Bonham Fred Schaben Jack Gross William Stosahl	Russ Goesser Jim Havermann Andy Juranek Oliver Juranek	Dave Bristol Margine Henry Dan Lighthipe Mike Nielsen	Chris Olson Rob Peters Chris Maher

Next Sunday's Readings: September 6, 2026

1st - Ezekiel 33:7-9

2nd - Romans 13:8-10

Gospel - Matthew 18:15-20

CONNECTED

Organizations & Groups

• ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

The St Anne's Altar and Rosary Society next meeting is **Thursday, September 3rd** 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 **Monday, September 7th** 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, August 31st** 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. Our next meeting is **Tuesday, September 8th** 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. We have been on break for the summer so mark our calendars for the reurn of our group on Tuesday, September 22nd.

• 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. Scan the QR code to join our Groupme and stay up to date.



• HOMESCHOOL MASS & LUNCH

Attention all homeschool families – Join us for our next Homeschool Gathering on **Thursday, September 24th**. We will have Mass at 12pm followed by lunch and activities. Stay tuned for more details on lunch. To be added to our list email redirector@saintpeterscb.org

SEEKERS & SAINTS

Faith Formation News



FULLY ALIVE YOUTH GROUP

Sunday, September 13th from 7-9 pm at the St Francis Worship Center, 238 S 6th St.

Faith isn't a one-time event, it's an ongoing journey. Join us on September 13th for YDisciple A Brief Theology of Conversion. We will explore how conversion works in our daily lives and how God calls us deeper. Don't miss it! As always we will have games, food and adoration! Bring a friend!



EXPLORING CATHOLICISM

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



K-10th Grade Religious Education Registration

Registration is now open for the 2026-2027 year. Classes begin on Wednesday, September 9th. All registration information and forms can be found on the parish website. Questions? Contact Heather Olson, Director of Religious Education at redirector@saintpeterscb.org.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Catechists, Assistant Catechist, Confirmation Teacher, Discussion Group Leaders, and Helpers. For more details and job descriptions see the flyer in the bulletin. If interested or need more information contact Heather Olson at 712-318-3030/redirector@saintpeterscb.org



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy is offered during the 10 am Mass for children in PK-2nd (generally those who have not received Holy Communion). This provides an environment for young children to hear and learn about God's Word in the Sunday readings. The purpose is for children to engage and become active participants in the Mass celebration and to help them grow in their faith. Children are dismissed from Mass before the First Reading and rejoin after the Homily. There is no need to register.

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!

The World According To Bob

- I just read the instructions on a can of bug spray. It says "do not spray in eyes". I want to kill them not blind them!
- It only takes a slow walking person in the grocery store to destroy the illusion that I am a nice person.
- My wife often tells me how annoying I can be, but she doesn't realize how lucky she is. I'm only operating at 15%.
- Dogs know that consistency is key. Never stop begging. It doesn't matter if they say no one hundred times. One of them is weak and out just have to find out who.
- At first I thought my chiropractor wasn't any good. But now I stand corrected.
- My daughter asked me why she can't quit school. I told her it's illegal and i'd go to jail. She looked me dead in the eye and said "Don't worry, I'll visit."
- Iran has rejected a proposal that we give them the Nebraska Cornhuskers.

Social Concerns Committee

Book Drive

for the Pottawattamie County Jail



August 16th - September 13th

Drop off in the boxes located in the entry ways of the church.

- Books needed are youth chapter through adult.
- ALL books MUST be soft cover
- At this time they are not in need of puzzle books or cards.

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St Anne's Altar Society

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Save the Date

St Peter's Catholic Church 56th Annual Oktoberfest
Sunday, October 11th from 11am-3pm
St Albert Catholic School - 400 Gleason Ave

Silent Auction

We are in need of silent auction items. The best items are things you couldn't just get at a store. Some examples are homemade or specialty items (any woodworkers out there?), tickets to a game (hint hint season ticket holders), or a weekend at a cabin (own a lake house?), theme basket (ask your family & friends to help!)

BINGO Prizes

Bingo Prizes needed for all ages
We are looking for prizes suitable for both adults and children. Here are a few suggestion: puzzles, coloring books, games and art supplies. Please ensure that all donated items are brand new.

Sponsors Needed

We are looking for sponsors of any amount for our carnival games, rootbeer kegs, cotton candy, bounce haus, raffle prizes, a polka band, and much more!

If you're interested in sponsoring a specific item, please give us a call, and we can provide you with a sponsorship amount.

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coming soon

Be looking for ticket, raffle, and volunteer opportunities at the beginning of September.





KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS
ST PETER' S COUNCIL 1045

SPAGHETTI DINNER

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH
5:00-7:00PM



ADULTS \$10
KIDS <12 YRS \$5

Menu:
Spaghetti & Meatballs, Garlic
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