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May 31, 2026 Solemnity Of The Most Holy Trinity

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, June 2nd

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

Wednesday, June 3rd

Summer Bible Study
6:30pm, Social Hall

Thursday, June 4th

Altar Society Meeting
6pm, Social Hall

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 28th

Church Picnic at The Landing
11am-3pm (11am Mass), The Landing
More details coming next week!

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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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

Parish Staff

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From Father Jacob

We worship God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Sometimes this reality of God can seem far away from us, or foreign and strange. What does the life of God in heaven have to do with me?

The answer, or course, is everything!

The first reason we want to know about God is just that God's life is beautiful and good. That would be enough reason even if there weren't other, more "practical" reasons. Why do you want to look at a sunset, or stop to see roses in someone's yard? God's life is supremely beautiful, so we should want to admire it! Why do husbands want to know about their wives, or mothers and fathers want to hear about what their kids did today? We want to know about the people we love, so we should want to know about the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

The second reason we want to know about God is that this does indeed concern us. Because you have been baptized into Jesus's life, God's life is your life now! It matters that God is Father because Jesus has brought you into the family. The Father is your father now. It matters that God is Holy Spirit because the Father and the Son have sent the Holy Spirit to dwell in you, the Spirit is your spirit now. The life of the Trinity has everything to do with me because through the Son's incarnation I share that life now!

Finally, the life of the Holy Trinity shows us how to live. We are made in the image and likeness of God, and God is a communion of love. We should live in communion and love as well. May God help us to be generous, to pour ourselves out for others, and give ourselves to the Father, through the Son, in the Holy Spirit.

Summer Bible Study!

Join us this **Wednesday, June 3rd, at 6:30pm** in the Fr Kottas Social Hall for week 4 of our St Peter's summer Bible study!

Last week we discussed St Peter at the last supper, through his denial of Christ, to the resurrection. This week we will follow St Peter after the Resurrection and into the Acts of the Apostles. Come join us!

401(k) distributions

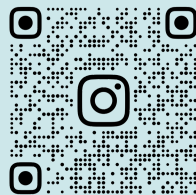
Many people have begun giving to the parish and ADA through direct 401(k) distributions. **Thank you for your generosity!** This provides a way for many retired people to allocate their required minimum distributions in a tax-advantaged way.

It is often the case that these distributions come in the mail from your investment firm without any identifying information, so we often don't know who has given them. In gifts for the parish, this may or may not matter to you, since you can't claim these gifts for an additional charitable deduction anyway.

In the case of the ADA, an anonymous gift that arrives at the Diocese can't be credited to our parish. If you gave a gift to the ADA by a 401(k) distribution, please call Renny Crawford at the Diocese at (515) 237-5083 to ensure that your contribution is credited to St Peter's. Thank you again!

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

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Mass Intentions

Tuesday, June 2, 2026

12pm Dorothy Snook +

Wednesday, June 3, 2026

8am Fred Maher +

Thursday, June 4, 2026

12pm Leopoldo Mendoza +

5:30pm Deceased Members of
Altar Society

Friday, June 5, 2026

8am Our Prayer Board

Intentions

Saturday, June 6, 2026

4pm St Peter's Parish

Sunday, June 7, 2026

8am Kenneth Finnegan +

10am Deceased Members of
Knights of Columbus

12pm The First Communicants

Ministry Schedule

	Saturday 4:00PM	Sunday 8:00AM	Sunday 10:00AM	Sunday 12:00PM
	June 6, 2026	June 7, 2026	June 7, 2026	June 7, 2026
Altar Servers	Nick Rodenburg Emma Rodenburg	Connor McGrath Elle McGrath Addie McGrath	Abby Lighthipe Sarah Lighthipe	Evelyn Duitsman John Duitsman
Lectors	Amy Rallis Jenny VanSoelen	Gennette Wirtz Jim Pidgeon	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	Susan Lorkovic
Ushers	Linda Bonham Fred Schaben Jack Gross William Stosahl	Sue Brownlee Russ Goesser Jim Havermann Andy Juranek	Dave Bristol Margine Henry Dan Lighthipe Mike Nielsen	Chris Olson Trevor Yanovich Rob Peters Mason Olson

Next Sunday's Readings: June 7, 2026

1st - Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a

2nd - I Corinthians 10:16-17

Gospel - John 6:51-58

CONNECTED

Organizations & Groups

• ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

The St Anne's Altar and Rosary Society will meet on **Thursday, June 4th** 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 27th** 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 16th** 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!

Upcoming Dates:

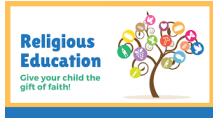
June 7, 7-9pm - Night on the Lake - Join us at the Lake Manawa Sail Club for food, fun, and games. Meetings are at the St Francis Worship Center unless otherwise noted. Got questions? Contact Heather Olson at religiouseducationdirector@saintpeterscb.org



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

Enjoy your summer! Info will be coming soon on Fall enrollment.

BIBLE STUDY



Join us for our summer bible study on the life of St Peter. We will explore the discipleship and leadership of Saint Peter, to see how Jesus built his Church, and how he wants to call us, build us up, and send us out! We will have discussion, prayer and snacks! Everyone is welcome!

- **5 Week Course**
- **May 13th - June 10th**
- **Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00pm**
- **Meets at St Peter's Social Hall**
- **Cost is FREE**

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 ChristOurLifelowa.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 our 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.

St Peter's Catholic Church Vacation Bible School



Sign Up Now For VBS



Scan Here

or go to <https://forms.gle/aiNURXH8XCAbcN9C7>



Monday, June 8th - Friday June 12th



5:30-8:30pm (light dinner served)



St Albert Catholic School, 400 Gleason Ave



Ages 4 through entering 6th grade



This year's VBS program featuring an Olympic/sports-themed Cathletics program is focused on helping kids set goals and aim for commitment in their Catholic faith. The kids will receive "training" in all sorts of Catholic theology such as the Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes, fruits of the spirit, and evangelization. The program includes fun games, music, crafts, and faith lessons. Each day, children will learn about a virtue, a Bible verse, and a saint.

Questions? Heather Olson at 712-318-3030 or redirector@saintpeterscb.org

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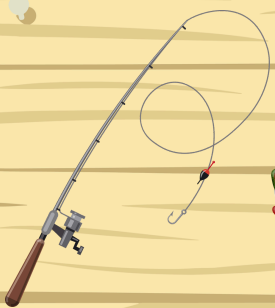
**SATURDAY
JUNE 13, 2026**



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**

**JOIN US FOR A MORNING OF FISHING, FUN, & FELLOWSHIP!
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QUESTIONS CONTACT CHRIS OLSON AT 402-250-7204

The World According To Bob

- Did you know that milk is the fastest liquid on earth? It's pasteurized before you even see it.
- My wife asked if I wanted to do something fun today, so I went out and left her at home with the kids. My wife is so nice to me.
- Did you hear about Rudolph's roller coaster ride? He held on for dear life.
- I just found out tennis player Steffi Graf had a sister named Polly. I'm not lying either.
- My ex-wife was struck by lightning. She's now my current wife.
- The doctor told me I had six months to live. I said "Seriously, doc, is there anything I can do?" He said, "Get married and move to Nebraska, It'll be the longest six months of your life."
- Humans are the only species that would cut down trees, make paper out of them, and then write "Save the trees" on it.
- I'm a little short of breath because it's been a really long day and I've been breathing all the time.

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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St Anne's Altar Society

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