

# ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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May 10, 2026 Sixth Sunday of Easter

## Upcoming Events:

### Tuesday May 12th

Women's Group  
6:30pm Social Hall

### Wednesday, May 13th

Summer Bible Study  
6:30pm, Social Hall

### Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>

Knights of Columbus Meeting  
6pm Social Hall

### Wednesday, May 20th

Summer Bible Study  
6:30pm, Social Hall

### Thursday, May 21st

Catholic Daughters Meeting  
6pm Social Hall

### Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>

Homeschool Mass & Lunch  
12pm Church/Social Hall

### Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup> - Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>

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

### Sunday, June 28th

Church Picnic at The Landing  
11am The Landing  
More details coming soon!

To see all events or flyers go to our website [www.saintpeterscb.org](http://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 parish office.

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## 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.

## 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

**“Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope”**

What is the reason for your hope? We know the reason for all of our collective hope: Jesus Christ became a man so that us men and women could share his life, and so share the life of God. What is the reason for *your* hope? How have you experienced the life of Christ? What would you tell someone who asked you about it?

Develop a habit of **thanking the Lord** for specific blessings of the day. To share my hope with others I must first know and think about where I have experienced God's work. He is blessing, guiding, and strengthening you, make it a habit to note where and how!

Make it a habit to **pray out loud**. Whether with your spouse, a good friend, or by yourself in the car, practice putting your prayer into real, out loud words. It may feel awkward at first, but you'll get better at it!

### Summer Bible Study!

Join us this coming **Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm** in the Fr Kottas Social Hall for our St Peter's summer Bible study!

We will be studying the life of our patron St Peter through the Gospels, the Acts of the Apostles, and the letters of St Peter. We'll learn, discuss, and pray together. This would be a great event to invite friends, neighbors, or family to attend with you!

### Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be from June 8<sup>th</sup> to June 12<sup>th</sup>. Sign up your children, grandchildren, and nieces and nephews. Invite the neighbors! Participants do not have to be Catholic.

We are also in need of volunteers to help run this great event! Volunteers assist with dinner, crafts, games, skits, or accompanying the children through the evening. It is a great opportunity for teens and adults to volunteer! Contact Heather Olsen (*look to the left on this page*) to sign up your kids or to volunteer!

### Novena for the Holy Spirit

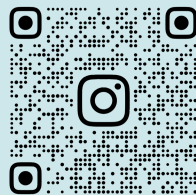
Next Sunday we will celebrate the Ascension of the Lord, but Jesus ascended into heaven 40 days after his resurrection, which is this Thursday. Before he ascended, he instructed his disciples to wait for the gift of the Holy Spirit, and on the 50<sup>th</sup> day, Pentecost, they received the Holy Spirit. Those 9 days of waiting and prayer are the original novena, nine days of dedicated prayer for some intention.

The Novena for the gifts of the Holy Spirit starts on this Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. You can find a lovely set of Novena prayers using the QR code below, or check out our Facebook and Instagram pages every day starting this Friday!



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, May 12, 2026**

12pm Linda Schmitt +

**Wednesday May 13, 2026**

8 am Jack & Doris Barton +

**Thursday, May 14, 2026**

12pm Dorothy Snook +

5:30pm Pope Leo

**Friday, May 15, 2026**

8am Craig Suden +

**Saturday, May 16, 2026**

4pm Don O'Rourke +

**Sunday, May 17, 2026**

8am Frank & Ruth Holzer +

10am Mothers' of the Parish

Noon St Peter's Parish

## Ministry Schedule

	Saturday 4:00PM	Sunday 8:00AM	Sunday 10:00AM	Sunday 12:00PM
	May 16, 2026	May 17, 2026	May 17, 2026	May 17, 2026
Altar Servers	Elizabeth Branson Bianca Cihacek	Michael Rosloniec Dawson Smith Owen Juranek	Connor Noon Cole Noon	Ben Johnsen
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### Next Sunday's Readings: May 17, 2026

1st - Acts 1:12-14

2nd - I Peter 4:13-16

Gospel - John 17:1-11a

## CONNECTED

### Organizations & Groups

#### • ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

The St Anne's Altar and Rosary Society will meet on **Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup>** 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, May 21<sup>st</sup>** 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](http://www.cda330.org).

#### • KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Our next meeting is **Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>** 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 meet on **Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30pm in the social hall as we continue to learn and discuss the Fruits of the Holy Spirit. You can bring a snack to share if you like. Bring a friend!

#### • 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](mailto: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 and wonderful food at our Easter party a few weeks ago! Our next meeting date is **Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**.

# SEEKERS & SAINTS

## Faith Formation News



### FULLY ALIVE YOUTH GROUP

All high schoolers are invited to join us!

#### Upcoming Dates:

May 17, 7-9pm - Incoming Freshman Night - Picnic In the Park

June 7, 7-9pm - Night on the Lake - details coming soon

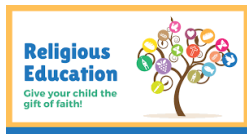
Meetings are at the St Francis Worship Center unless otherwise noted. Got questions? Contact Heather Olson at [religiouseducationdirector@saintpeterscb.org](mailto:religiouseducationdirector@saintpeterscb.org)



### EXPLORING CATHOLICISM

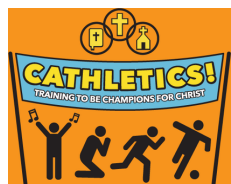
For adults interested in joining the Catholic Church!

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.



### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup> - Friday June 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm-8:30pm

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

#### We need you to make VBS a success!

To make Vacation Bible School a success we need your help! Whether you are an adult , high schooler or middle schooler, we have a position for you. Can't sign up for the whole week? That's okay! Childcare available. Questions? Heather Olson - [religiouseducationdirector@saintpeterscb.org](mailto:religiouseducationdirector@saintpeterscb.org)

**Yes! I want to help kids learn more about the Bible!**



Scan here for volunteer signup or go to our website under Vacation Bible School

## 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](http://ChristOurLifelowa.com) for complete information and the list of speakers. In person or Livestream. Come for all or stay for some. Let's Believe...Live...and Celebrate Our Faith!

#### • LIGHT THE WAY: WALKING THROUGH DEMENTIA TOGETHER

Join us at River's Edge Pavilion on May 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm for an educational community event offering clarity, resource and hope for those impacted by dementia. This is an educational event -not medical or legal advice. Leave with a clearer plan for what to do next. There is no cost to attend and light refreshment will be provided. Please RSVP to help organizers prepare for event. For more information and to RSVP go to [dementiatownhall.com](http://dementiatownhall.com).

#### • Annual Memorial Day Flower Sale

The CHI Health Mercy Hospital volunteers are having their annual Memorial Day flower sale on May 12th-14th from 8 AM-3 PM in the Mercy Hospital lobby (800 Mercy Dr). We have great selections and prices! The event is sponsored by the Mercy Guild, and the flowers were donated by St. Joseph Cemetery. All proceeds go to support projects at CHI Health Mercy Hospital.

# Homeschool Families Mass

Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>  
12:00PM

After Mass, join us in the social hall for lunch and an organizational meeting. We would like to hear ideas and input from our homeschool families about how we can support the homeschool community.

RSVP by scanning QR code or calling the parish office. This will help us get an accurate count for lunch.



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# BIBLE STUDY

*Join us to explore God's Word, connect with the community, and grow in faith together.*



## ***The Life Of Saint Peter***

*Saint Peter, the Prince of the Apostles and our parish patron, was a faithful yet imperfect follower of Jesus. 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!*

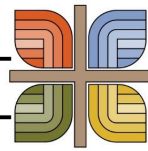
- *5 Week Course*
- *May 13<sup>th</sup> - June 10<sup>th</sup>*
- *Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00pm*
- *Meets at St Peter's Social Hall*
- *Cost is FREE*

*Join us for study, prayer, discussion, and snacks.  
Everyone is welcome: kids, teens, and adults!*

## The World According To Bob

- What do you call an army of babies? Infantry.
- Never play poker with a cow. The steaks are too high.
- Where does a pirate go to get his hook? The second-hand store.
- My wife dated a professional clown before marrying me. I had some big shoes to fill.
- I met a detective who made his career by solving cases accidentally. His name was Sheer Luck Holmes.
- Before the crowbar was invented, crows simply drank at home.
- Can a kangaroo jump higher than the Empire State Building? A kangaroo specialist says, "Of course it can!" I said, "Seriously?" He replied, "The Empire State Building can't jump."

## 2026 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL



Thank you to everyone who has made a gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. We are \$23,000 away from meeting our parish's goal of \$64,000! If you have not yet made your gift, please prayerfully consider doing so. It is not too late. Ongoing commitments to the Annual Diocesan Appeal help us to sow the seeds that sustain the Catholic Church in southwest Iowa. The resources provided to us through the Diocese enable us to fulfill these missions. Your contribution card can be dropped in the collection basket, brought to the parish office, or mailed to the Diocese. You can make an electronic gift by scanning the QR code or visiting [DMDiocese.org/giving](http://DMDiocese.org/giving). If you need a card, you can get one at the exits of the church.

Funds raised above our goal will be returned to the parish for our needs. Every prayer and each gift, regardless of the size, is vital to the success of the Appeal. Thank you for your generosity and kindness!



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**Knights of Columbus Council 1045**

Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at 6pm in the social hall.

If interested in membership contact Sean Dunphy at 402-960-6215 or the parish office at 712-318-3030

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**St Anne's Altar Society**

Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month  
March - December at 6pm in the social hall.  
All women of the parish over the age of 18 are automatically members.

**Senior Pictures Families Events**

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