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May 17, 2026 The Ascension of the Lord

## Upcoming Events:

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

Knights of Columbus Meeting  
6pm, Social Hall

**Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**

Summer Bible Study  
6:30pm, Social Hall

**Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**

Catholic Daughters Meeting  
6pm, Social Hall

**Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>**

Summer Bible Study  
6:30pm, Social Hall

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

Homeschool Mass & Lunch  
12pm, Church/Social Hall

**Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Parish Committee Meetings  
6:30pm, Social Hall  
Parish Council  
7:15pm, Social Hall

**Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Summer Bible Study  
6:30pm, 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 28<sup>th</sup>**

Church Picnic at The Landing  
11am-3pm (11am Mass), The Landing

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.

### Donate Using Venmo:

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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

### Pastor

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## From Father Jacob

**“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”**

Today we celebrate that, 40 days after his resurrection, Jesus ascended into heaven where he now reigns at the right hand of the Father.

Sometimes people think that Jesus’s ascension is “the end”. He came, he taught, worked, healed, suffered, died, rose, and now he left. But this is not the case! Jesus did not ascend to Heaven to end the story, he ascended to transform his work from *exterior* to *interior* and *individual* to *corporate*.

During his earthly ministry Jesus was present to some people when he invited them to walk around with him. Those fortunate people got to see Jesus from outside, exteriorly. Now that Jesus has ascended into heaven, anyone everywhere can have him with them all the time, in any place, and far more intimately than just walking around with him or sitting across the table. He is *within* you!

Similarly, during his earthly ministry Jesus worked individually. He individually healed people, he individually taught people. Now that he has ascended into heaven, you get to be a part of that work too! Jesus continues to heal, teach, etc, and you get to be a part of it! He works *through* his Church, through you!

## Parish Verification Forms

St Albert families should plan to stay after Masses next weekend (5/23-5/24) or the weekend after (5/30-5/31) for a *brief* meeting about parish verification forms. These are the forms for a parishioner discount at St Albert.

## Summer Bible Study!

Join us this **Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm** in the Fr Kottas Social Hall for week 2 of our St Peter’s summer Bible study!

Last week we discussed the call of St Peter and the healing of St Peter’s Mother-in-Law. This week we will discuss St Peter’s time with Jesus during his ministry. Join us!

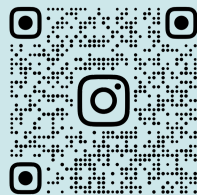
## Novena for the Holy Spirit

It’s not too late to participate in the Novena for the gifts of the Holy Spirit! scan the QR code below or check out our Facebook and Instagram pages for daily prayers.



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

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## Mass Intentions

**Tuesday, May 19, 2026**

12pm Michelle Crowder +

**Wednesday, May 20, 2026**

8am Dcn Elpidas Stephen Rallis +

**Thursday, May 21, 2026**

12pm Roger & Dorothy Snook +

5:30pm Bill & Catherine

Epperson +

**Friday, May 22, 2026**

8am Steve Rosman +

**Saturday, May 23, 2026**

4pm St Peter's Parish

**Sunday, May 24, 2026**

8am Harvey Family

10am For Parish Apostolates &

Ministers

12pm Georgian Sharp+

## Ministry Schedule

	Saturday 4:00PM	Sunday 8:00AM	Sunday 10:00AM	Sunday 12:00PM
	May 23, 2026	May 24, 2026	May 24, 2026	May 24, 2026
Altar Servers	Nicolas Rodenburg Emma Rodenburg	Evan Veit Jack Veit Joseph Schmedding	Abby Lighthipe Aiden Gaul	Mason Olson Emma Thompson
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## CONNECTED

### Organizations & Groups

**Next Sunday's Readings: May 23, 2026**

1st - Acts 2:1-11

2nd - I Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

Gospel - John 20:19-23

#### • 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, June 16<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>**.

#### • HOMESCHOOL MASS & LUNCH

If you homeschool, please join us on **Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>** for Mass at 12pm followed by lunch. We would like to hear ideas and input from our homeschool community.

# 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

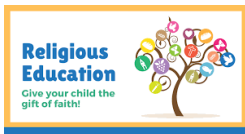
Meetings are at the St Francis Worship Center unless otherwise noted. Got questions? Contact Heather Olson at [religiouseducationdirector@saintpeterscb.org](mailto:religiouseducationdirector@saintpeterscb.org)



### EXPLORING CATHOLICISM

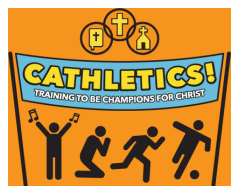
For adults interested in joining the Catholic Church!

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

See attached flyer for details and to sign up!



### 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 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**

## 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).

#### • MEMORIAL DAY MASS

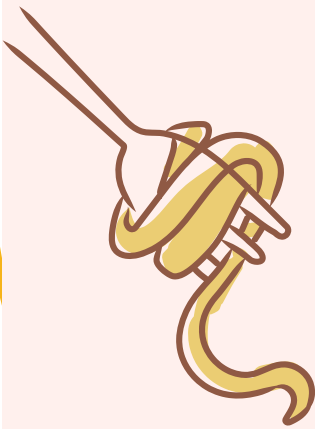
Join us as we honor our veterans, our loved ones buried at St. Joseph's, and all our beloved dead with Mass at St Joseph Cemetery at 9am on Memorial Day (May 25<sup>th</sup>). Bring your own lawn chairs. \*Rain location is at St Peter's Catholic Church, 1 Bluff St. Look for announcement from St Peter's on Facebook if there is inclement weather.

KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS

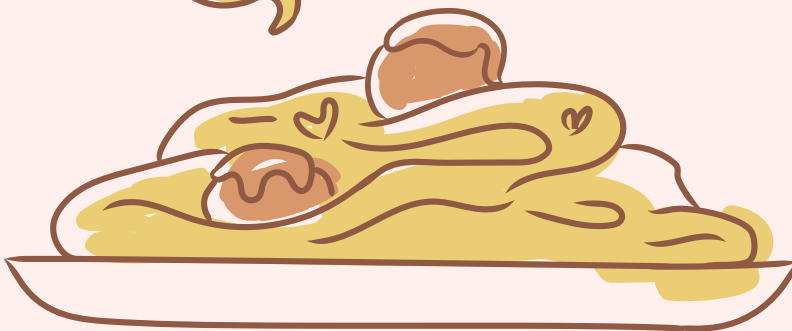
# SPAGHETTI DINNER

SATURDAY, MAY 30TH  
5-7PM

ADULTS \$10  
KIDS 12 AND UNDER \$5



Menu: Spaghetti &  
Meatballs, Garlic  
Bread, & Drink



# St Peter's Catholic Church Vacation Bible School



## Sign Up Now For VBS



Scan Here

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



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



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



St Albert Catholic School, 400 Gleason Ave



Ages 4 through entering 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:redirector@saintpeterscb.org)

## The World According To Bob

- Noah's ark got a 5-star rating. "It was raining all the time, but the buffet was great! It had 2 of everything! I would definitely take this cruise again."
- My wife said, "If pencils are as sharp as knives, then why are they allowed on planes?" I replied, "My guess is they had to draw the line somewhere."
- My neighbor said his water bill was getting high. I sent him a get well soon card.
- The oldest computer was owned by Adam and Eve. It was an apple with very limited memory. Just one byte and everything crashed.
- Why aren't koalas actually bears? They don't meet the koalifications.
- Ladies, if he can't appreciate your fruit jokes, then you need to let that mango

## Annual Family PICNIC



**FOODS - GAMES - FUN**

**SAVE THE DATE**

SUNDAY, JUNE 28<sup>TH</sup> 11AM-3PM (MASS AT 11AM)  
THE LANDING, 6865 GIFFORD DR, COUNCIL BLUFFS  
RAIN OR SHINE (ALL WEATHER PAVILION)  
HOSTED BY THE PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE



### St. Albert School Parish Verification Forms

Bring your Parish Verification Forms to Mass **next weekend, May 24/25, or the following weekend, May 30/31**. Father Jacob will have a short meeting after each Mass, and you can turn the forms in at the meeting.

2026 ANNUAL  
DIOCESAN APPEAL



Scan the QR code or visit  
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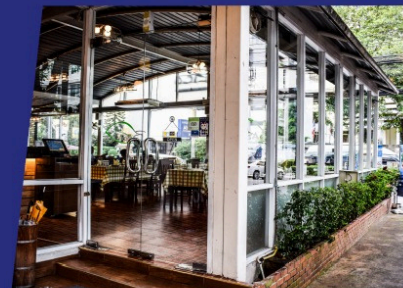
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**Knights of Columbus Council 1045**

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

**Knights of Columbus**

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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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