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October 4, 2026 Twenty Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

Upcoming Events:

Monday, October 5th

Catholic Daughters Meeting
6pm, Social Hall

Tuesday, October 6th

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

Sunday, October 11th

Oktoberfest
11am-3pm, St Albert Catholic School

Tuesday, October 13th

Women's Group
Social Hall, 6:30pm

Wednesday, October 14th

Catholic Daughters Soup Luncheon
Social Hall, 11am-1pm

Saturday, October 17th

KOC Shrimp Boil
Social Hall, 5-7pm

Sunday, October 18th

Fully Alive Youth Group
7-9pm, Worship Center

To see all events check on our
website.



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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team?** If you feel called to serve in this
ministry, please contact Debbie Foote at
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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.

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Office Hours:

Mon- Closed

Tues-Thurs 9:00AM-5:00PM

Fri 9:00AM-12:00PM

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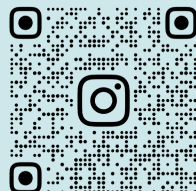
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Submissions for the bulletin must be submitted by Tuesday at 4pm. All submissions are subject to edits and approval.

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From Father Jacob

“He will...lease his vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the proper times.”

God's love is unconditional, but his generosity is not.

God has generously brought us into his vineyard, his people. He has generously watered our lives, fertilized us to grow in love, and, yes, even pruned us with hardship and sacrifice at times so we can bear more fruit. He promises to handsomely reward us if we will use these gifts. But his generosity is **not** unconditional: we are tenants, not owners, which means we are expected to make a return on all these great gifts.

What return are we making to the Lord? When we come to Mass, what “harvest” do I have from the last week to present to him? Perhaps we can present to him our acts of devotion from the past week-that we have prayed and offered little sacrifices for ourselves and many others. Perhaps we can present our love and charity-that we have been generous with our neighbors, with good causes, with the parish. Perhaps we can present our patience-that we have put up with difficulties out of love for God and of others. Perhaps this week all we can present to him is our repentance-that we have tried hard to turn away from this or that sin or bad habit.

God's love is unconditional, but his generosity is not: may we produce good fruit and present it to the Lord!

Welcome to our Anniversary Couples!

St Peter's is very happy to have couples from around the Diocese joining us at the noon Mass this weekend to celebrate their milestone anniversaries with Bishop Joensen. Welcome!

Many thanks to the Altar and Rosary Society who is hosting the **reception** for our parishioners and guests after the Mass. Join us!

Collection for Special Needs Programs

The Knights of Columbus are taking up a second collection after all Masses this weekend to support their work with children and adults with special needs. Please support this very good cause, and take a tootsie roll as you leave Mass!



Next week is Oktoberfest!

Please **pick up or buy your tickets** after Masses in the social hall.

Please **sign up to volunteer** at Oktoberfest! You can sign up on signupgenius or by paper at the back of the church after Masses.

The **Mass schedule** for next week will be different:

- 4pm, 8am: as normal at St Peter's
- 10am: at St Albert's with music provided by the polka band
- Noon: cancelled

Mass Intentions

Tuesday Oct 6, 2026

Noon Conrad Nansel +
8am Prayer Intention board

Thursday Oct 8, 2026

Noon Leopoldo Mendoza +
5:30 pm Molly MulQueen-Hittinger +

Friday Oct 9, 2026

8am Maxine Gotto +

Saturday Oct 10, 2026

4pm Richard Corrin +

Sunday Oct 11, 2026

8am Roger Snook +
10am St Peter's Parish & Oktoberfest

	Saturday 4:00PM	Sunday 8:00AM	Sunday 10:00AM	Sunday 12:00PM
	October 10, 2026	October 11, 2026	October 11, 2026	October 11, 2026
Altar Servers	Emma Rodenburg Nicolas Rodenburg Elizabeth Branson	Dawson Smith Michael Rosloniec Owen Juranek	Aiden Gaul Charlotte Noon	Oktoberfest No 12pm Mass
Lectors	Rod Nuss Jenny Van Soelen	Peter Finn Josph Snook	Tony Peterson Mike Noon	
EMHC	Mary Hazen Cathy Assman Debbie Ryan	Nicole Juranek Mary Novotne	Eric Ely Sandy Fritzsche Jennifer Lighthipe	
Ushers	Linda Bonham Fred Schaben Jack Gross Mark Assman	Gary Juranek Eric Ledger Mike Ring Velda Ring	Jill Clevenger Peter Clevenger Nate Noon Connor Noon	

Next Sunday's Readings: October 11, 2026

1st - Isaiah 25:6-10a

2nd - Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Gospel - Matthew 22:1-14

CONNECTED

Organizations & Groups

• ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

The St Anne's Altar and Rosary Society next meeting is **Thursday, November 5th** at 6:00pm in the Social Hall. The meeting begins with the reciting of the Rosary followed by a meal and a meeting. We will be serving pulled pork. 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, October 5th** at St. Peter's Church at 6pm. Dinner followed by 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, December 7th** 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.

NOTICE: If you have unused Gorilla Carwash cards purchased last November from the Knights, the codes are no longer valid. The cards had expiration dates of 10/27/2026 and 11/10/2026. You can contact Gorilla at [402-680-2751](tel:402-680-2751) for instructions on how to receive replacement codes. Sorry for the inconvenience.

• WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Women's Prayer Group meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm. Our next meeting is **Tuesday, October 13th** 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.

• 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, October 22nd**. We will have Mass at 12pm followed by lunch (bring a sack lunch) and activities. To be added to our list email redirector@saintpeterscb.org

SEEKERS & SAINTS

Faith Formation News



Sunday, October 4, 2026 from 7:00PM to 9:00PM

Dust off your Bibles and come to Fully Alive Youth Group on Sunday, October 4th. We'll explore the Bible through fun games, share favorite Scripture verses (if you don't have one, get one!), and spend time with Jesus in adoration. Bring your Bible and if you forget, we'll have one for you to use. We're going to have "undusty" Bibles by night's end. Join us from 7pm-9pm at the St. Francis Worship Center, 238 S 6th St, and parking is in the back of the building. Snacks provided and bring a friend; it's more fun to share the faith!

Add these dates to your calendar and join us!

- October 18 – What Discipleship Is
- November 1 – All Saints Day Party
- November 15 – Advent: Light in the Darkness + Adoration
- December 6 – "Undusty" Bibles, Part 2
- December 20 – Movie Night



EXPLORING CATHOLICISM

Our topic for **Sunday, October 4th** is: "God & the Trinity"

If you could not make last week's session but are interested you can still come join us! If you are already Catholic and find the topic interested you can join us!

We will meet at **2pm at St Patrick Church**.

You can find the schedule for the year under the OCIA tab on our website www.saintpetrscb.org.

BEYOND THE PARISH

News From Across the Diocese

• HOLY FAMILY REUNION

Former members of the Holy Family Catholic Church are holding a reunion on Wednesday, October 7th at 5pm at Sunset Park in Council Bluffs. They will have a potluck dinner. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Everyone is welcome!

• COUNCIL BLUFFS LIFE CHAIN

Join others from across the Council Bluffs community for Life Chain, a peaceful and prayerful public witness to the sanctity of human life. This annual pro-life event will take place Sunday, October 4, from 2–3:30 PM along Broadway from 16th to 35th Streets. Participants are asked to stand approximately 20 feet apart in prayerful witness. Pro-life signs will be available on the north side of Broadway at 16th and 20th Streets; those who have signs from previous years are encouraged to bring them. Following Life Chain, everyone is invited to an Open House at Gabriel's Corner Pregnancy Center, located at 2nd Avenue and 16th Street. For more information, contact Eileen Smith at 402-598-1798.

• Catholic Daughters Cozy Soups & Desserts Luncheon

Catholic Daughters Court St Anthony #330 will host their Soup and Dessert Luncheon on Wednesday, October 14th from 11am-1pm St St Peter's Catholic Church. The cost is \$10 per person and includes two free raffle tickets. Homemade soups will be Broccoli Cheddar, Potato, Chicken Noodle, and Chili. All proceeds benefit charitable works throughout the coming year.



The World According To Bob

- Where do you go in Lincoln in case of a tornado? Memorial Stadium; they never get a touchdown there.
- The creator of the treadmill died at 54. The founder of KFC died at 90. A rabbit jumps all day and lives for 2-5 years. A turtle has never exercised and lives for up to 100 years. Forget the diet, eat the ice cream!
- I let my wife make the decisions. She picked me, so clearly she makes good decisions.
- Hiking tips: All animals are pettable, but some only once. People in sleeping bags are like soft tacos to bears. Hiking is just walking where you might die. Go outside; worst case scenario, a bear kills you.
- George Armstrong Custer's last words at Little Bighorn were "uh-oh."
- Have you heard of the new sport called quiet tennis? It is like normal tennis but without the racket.
- Just to be clear, you have your normal cow and then you have a bionic. A high-capacity assault cow.



Join us for an unforgettable evening of bingo where every round brings you closer to winning big!



St Peter's Catholic Church
1 Bluff St, Council Bluffs, IA



Door Open 5:00PM
Bingo Starts 6:00PM

Fourth Saturdays of the Following Months:

September 26, 2026

No Bingo in October

November 28, 2026

No Bingo in December

January 23, 2027

February 27, 2027

No March Bingo

April 24, 2027

May 22, 2027

- Food & Drink available for purchase (no outside food allowed).
- Card Packages starting at \$4.
- Children ages 12 and above may attend but must be accompanied by an adult and play BINGO.

Volunteers Needed: To sign up to volunteer or see jobs and descriptions scan here



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St Anne's Altar Society

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Oktoberfest Kurier

St Peter's Catholic Church 56th Annual Oktoberfest

Sunday, October 11th from 11am-3pm
St Albert Catholic School - 400 Gleason Ave

Prost! Grab Your Tickets Early & Skip the Line!

Don't spend your Oktoberfest waiting in line! Get your presale tickets now to sail right past the crowd who waited until the day of!

Presale ENDS Wednesday, October 7th!!

Tickets ORDERED BY PRESALE will be available for pick up after Mass on Oct 3rd & 4th, in the office on Weds or Thurs from 9am-5pm, or at will call window at Oktoberfest.

Do you want to order tickets from the comfort of your home?

Scan the QR Code to order tickets and pay!



Volunteers Needed!

We need many volunteers to make this year's Oktoberfest a success! To sign up, simply scan the QR



Scan to sign up!

Be sure to sign up early to get your preferred position!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4FAAAA2CA3F5C52-65360135-oktoberfest>

code or visit the link provided. If you need help, our committee members will be available at all Masses the weekend of September 27th.

Sponsors Needed

- Bounce House \$150.00
- Cotton Candy \$150.00
- Raffle - Any Amount
- Food - Any Amount

If you're interested in sponsoring please call Tracy at the Parish Office

Carnival Prizes

Carnival Prizes are needed! Go to our Amazon Wish List by scanning QR or using the link below.



www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2IG0Q37XYUUG3ref_=wl_share

BINGO Prizes

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.



Oktoberfest Page

Visit www.saintpeterscb.org for your one-stop Oktoberfest hub! Find all the event details, grab your presale tickets, sign up to volunteer, explore sponsorship packages, and access our Amazon wish list to support carnival and bingo prizes.



St Peter's Catholic Church
56th Annual

Oktoberfest

Sunday, October 11, 2026 • 11AM-3PM

St Albert's Catholic School - 400 Gleason Ave

Adult Meal \$15.00

Meal includes: Brat, Sauerkraut, German Potato Salad, Classic Butter Noodles, Red Cabbage Salad, Apple Salad, and Dessert

Child Meal (4-10) \$10.00

Meal Includes: Hotdog, Chips, 1 Side, and Dessert



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For Tickets Or More Info Contact the Parish Office at 712-318-3030





St Peter's Council 1045

Knights of Columbus



Shrimp Boil



**Saturday,
October 17th**



5:00-7:00pm

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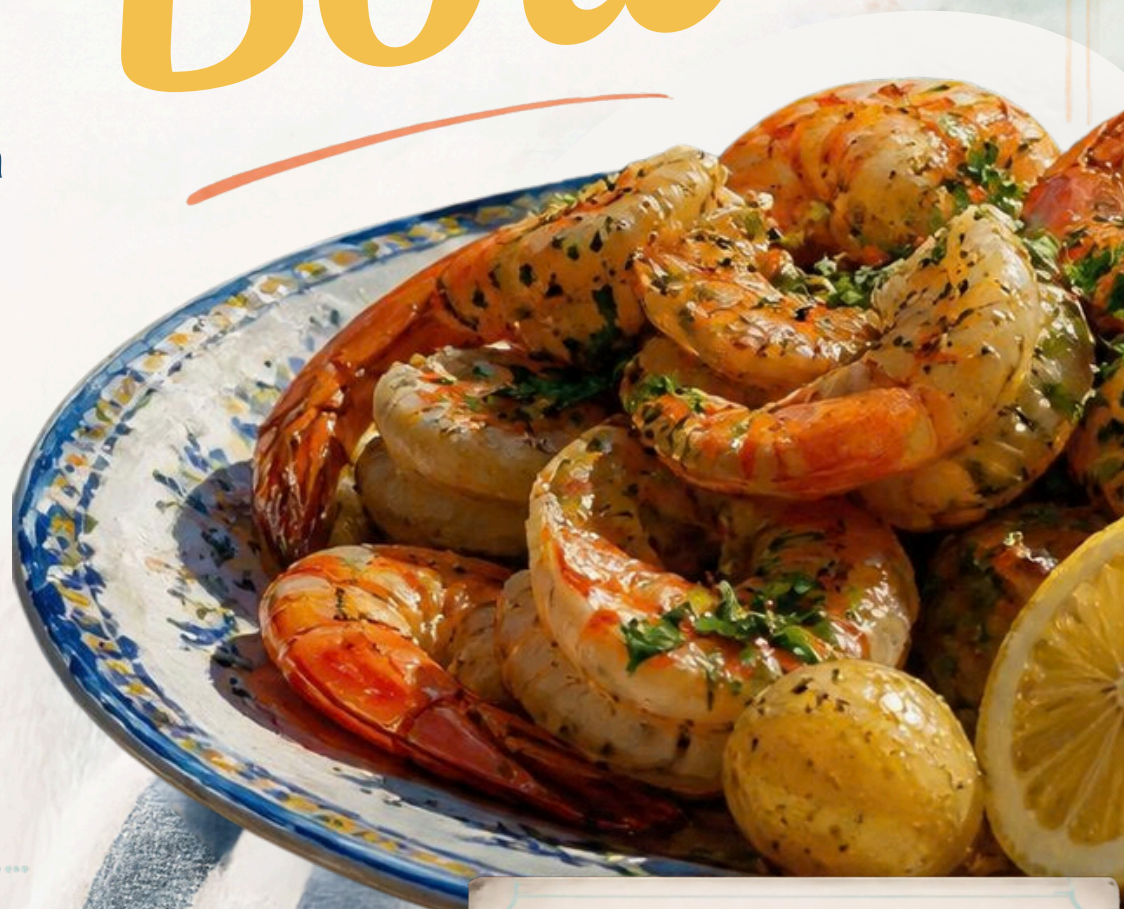
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