



January 25, 2026  
Third Sunday In Ordinary Times

## From Father Jacob

### St Peter's Book Club

#### The Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality Chapter 2: Daily Prayer

This week I read chapter 2 of our Christmas giveaway book by Matthew Kelley: *The Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality*. Let's talk about it!

Kelly emphasized a few themes in this chapter. His emphasis on the importance of silence struck me especially. I loved his witness of how making time for silence led him deeper over time in his own prayer, from planning his day to discussing his day, and then to asking God about His plan for his day.

*Is there silence in your life? What are the things that make it hard to have that silence?*

Kelly spent a few paragraphs discussing how thought determines action, and I found this unconvincing. Honestly I don't even think he himself would agree with it. Do we really believe him that thinking you're going to make the basket will make it go in? Of course not, unless you're a Jedi! I agree with Kelly that positive thinking is important, but the missing piece is habit: positive thinking plus a habit of making baskets developed over time is certainly a lot more powerful, and I think more in line with what Kelly himself would say elsewhere.

*Was there an argument for prayer that stood out to you? Were there things you disagreed with?*

The strong "action item" of this chapter was the challenge to spend ten minutes in prayer every day, and a recommendation when possible to do it in a church. If you want to build a habit of praying in church with the Blessed Sacrament talk to Fr Jacob about options to make that happen!

*Will you make a habit of ten minutes of prayer?  
When? Where? What else will move to make room?*

### Catholic Schools week

This week is Catholic Schools week. I'd encourage you to go to the **St Albert open house** this Sunday afternoon from 1-3pm. This open house is for families considering St Albert, of course, but also for the community, St Albert is your school!

I consider us very blessed to have a great Catholic school in St Albert's. Of course I could go on about St Albert's strong academics, but we have several good academic options for students here in our area, and the best academic "fit" will be different for different students.

What is unique about St Albert, and what no other school in our area can provide, is that the Faith is at the center of the school, and that education is geared toward a view of the whole child: intellectual, physical, moral, and spiritual. Come this afternoon and tour your Catholic school!

### Knight's Breakfast

Thanks to the Knights for hosting a wonderful breakfast for us this weekend! Stop in Sunday morning for a delicious spread, and support scholarships for St Albert students!

Yes, many of our students can still benefit from scholarships even with ESA support, as ESAs do not cover all of tuition in the higher grades (much less the actual cost to educate a child, which is significantly higher).

If you can't come to breakfast, you can still support our St Albert families! You can give to the Knights scholarship fund through venmo!



Just note "scholarship breakfast" in the memo!

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Tuesday, Jan 27th**  
12:00pm Tom Wise +

**Wednesday, Jan 28th**  
8:00am Vanessa McIntosh +

**Thursday, Jan 29th**  
12:00pm Tom Suden +  
5:30pm married couples

**Friday, Jan 30th**  
8:00am Gil and Flo Rahe +

**Saturday, Jan 31st**  
4:00pm Linda Schmitt +

**Sunday, Feb 1st**  
8:00am Kenneth Finnegan +  
10:00am Deceased Members  
of the Knights of Columbus  
12:00pm St Peter's Parish

**READINGS FOR: February 1, 2026**

1ST READING: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13  
2ND READING: I Corinthians 1:26-31  
GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12a

**The World According to Bob**

No world according to Bob this week.

Rob couldn't bring himself to crack any jokes after he heard about the tragedy in Omaha the other day: There was a terrible car crash on 480, and the driver lost the entire left side of his body...He's all right now.

Complaints and advice about the World According to Bob should be directed to its author: Rob.

Complaints and advice about Rob should be directed to the wastebasket.

Father's Thought for the Week

**He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him.**

When Jesus called the apostles, they dropped everything to follow him.

What is Jesus calling me to do this week?

When he calls, will I be able to answer or will I tell him I'm too busy?

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- Thursdays: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
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- Meet, greet, and assist mothers with love
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- Package diapers and wipes
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Register by February 17th  
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Have questions? Contact Pat Tinley at 402-980-9722  
More Details: [stpatrickcb.org](http://stpatrickcb.org)



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Join us on Sunday, February 1st  
from 7-9pm at the  
St Francis Worship Center, 238 S 6<sup>th</sup> St  
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Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>  
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- Scrambled Eggs
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	Feb 7, 2026	Feb 8, 2026	Feb 8, 2026	Feb 8, 2026
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Bianca Cihacek Ellianna Cihacek	Joseph Schmedding Caroline Reineke Claire Reineke	Sarah Lighthipe Carter Rossbund Aiden Gaul	Evelyn Duitsman John Duitsman
<b>Lectors</b>	Jenny Van Soelen Amy Rallis	Peter Finn Sean Dunphy	Tony Peterson Mike Noon	Aubree Brandau Casey Peters
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	Saturday 4:00pm Mass	Sunday 8:00am Mass	Sunday 10:00am Mass	Sunday 12:00pm Mass
	Feb 14, 2026	Feb 15, 2026	Feb 15, 2026	Feb 15, 2026
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	<b>Saturday 4:00pm Mass</b>	<b>Sunday 8:00am Mass</b>	<b>Sunday 10:00am Mass</b>	<b>Sunday 12:00pm Mass</b>
	<b>Feb 21, 2026</b>	<b>Feb 22, 2026</b>	<b>Feb 22, 2026</b>	<b>Feb 22, 2026</b>
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Rowan Jackson Nicolas Moses	Owen Juranek Morgan Garst Joseph Schmedding	Abby Lighthipe Charlotte Noon Ali Hamilton	Mason Olson Emma Thompson
<b>Lectors</b>	Amber Svajgl Jackson Jim Beck	Nicole Juranek Joan Goeser	Ed Fink Eric Ely	Chris Maher Andrea Barnes
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<b>Ushers</b>	Jack Gross Linda Bonham Fred Schaben William Stoshal	Sue Brownlee Russ Goeser Gary Juranek Andy Juranek	Nate Noon Mike Nielsen Dan Lighthipe Margine Henry	Chris Olson Trevor Yanovich Rob Peters

<b>RISEN SON</b>			
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<b>Feb 1, 2026</b>	<b>Feb 8, 2026</b>	<b>Feb 15, 2026</b>	<b>Feb 22, 2026</b>
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