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February 15, 2026 Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, Feb 14th

Finance Committee Meeting
8AM - Social Hall

Wednesday Feb 18th

Ash Wednesday
Mass 7AM/12PM/6PM

Thursday, Feb 19th

Catholic Daughters Meeting
6PM - Social Hall

Friday, Feb 20th

KOC Shrimp Boil
5:30-7:30PM - Social Hall

Saturday, Feb 21st

Rite Of Election
10AM - St Peter's Church

Monday, Feb 23rd

Knights Of Columbus Meeting
6PM - Social Hall

Tuesday, Feb 24th

Mass/Station/Soup Supper
5:30PM - Church/Social Hall

Sunday, March 1st

Hospitality Sunday
(Coffee & Rolls/Wine & Cheese)
After All Masses

Tuesday, Mar 3rd

Mass/Station/Soup Supper
5:30PM - Church/Social Hall
*NO COMMITTEE MEETING/PARISH COUNCIL

Thursday, Mar 5th

Altar & Rosary Society Meeting
6PM - Social Hall

To see all events or flyers go to
our website

www.saintpeterscb.org



Mass Schedule:

Saturday - 4PM
Sunday - 8AM, 10AM, & 12PM
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
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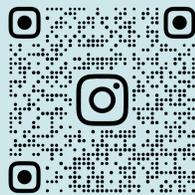
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From Father Jacob

St Peter's Book Club

The Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality
Chapter 5: Fasting

This week I read chapter 5 of our Christmas giveaway book by Matthew Kelley: The Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality. Let's talk about it!

Kelly's opening argument for fasting focuses on fasting in opposition to dieting. He pegs the failure of diets only on a lack of discipline, which I'm not sure is completely fair, but I do think he is right to identify the different visions of the human; The church has a vision of a person: relationship of body and soul, individual with others and community, and man with God. The world has a vision of a consumer, who exists to get and buy. I think Kelly rightly identifies this different vision as the basis for real misunderstanding of Christianity and the spiritual impoverishment of many people. How has cultivating discipline affected your life? Do you think Kelly is right in identifying discipline with true happiness? How would discipline make you happy?

The Bible and Tradition identify several purposes for fasting, and Kelly reviews them in this chapter. By fasting we express sorrow for our sins, and in penance, with God's help, counteract at least in part the effects of sin in us. Fasting exists to discipline the body, so that our intellect and will can more fully govern us for what is true and good. Fasting fosters detachment from the things of the world, so we can attach to the things of God. Fasting aids us in self knowledge and humility. Fasting is a preparation for ministry. Fasting is an aid to prayer both because it focuses and sensitizes us and because it is an offering for whatever we are praying for. Why do I fast? How do I want my Lenten fasting to help me?

Fasting doesn't have to mean food. Kelly identifies fasting from negative behaviors which is a good idea but perhaps not very concrete. I would add phones, TV, and all screens as top candidates for fasting!

What might you want to fast from this Lent?

Ash Wednesday

This Wednesday is the beginning of Lent, Ash Wednesday. This day is a day of fasting, meaning healthy adults should not eat much so as to be hungry throughout the day. It is also a day of abstinence, meaning teens and adults must not eat meat. Technically the requirement to avoid meat does not apply to children under 14 but I see no reason why they should not also participate.

We will have Mass for the distribution of ashes at 7:00am, 12 noon, and 6 pm. Please note changes in our Mass times this year. I hope many people will be able to join us for the 7am Mass time before work.

Lenten penances

The three disciplines of Lent are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. This week would be a great time to prayerfully consider how God might be calling you to return to Him in these ways during the Lenten season! You could check out the backside of our parish Lenten schedule for ideas!

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, February 17

12pm Mick Reisz

Wednesday, February 18

7am Emersyn Meek

Noon Luis Villareal +

6pm St Peter's Lent Program

Thursday, February 19

12pm Dorothy & Roger Snook +

5:30pm People coming into the church

Friday, February 20

8am Vanessa McIntosh +

Saturday, February 21

4pm Don O'Rourke+

Sunday, February 22

8am Claire Kirilin +

10am Helen Billeter +

12pm St Peter's Parish

Ministry Schedule

	Saturday 4:00pm Mass	Sunday 8:00am Mass	Sunday 10:00am Mass	Sunday 12:00pm Mass
	Feb 21, 2026	Feb 22, 2026	Feb 22, 2026	Feb 22, 2026
Altar Servers	Rowan Jackson Nicolas Moses	Owen Juranek Morgan Garst Joseph Schmedding	Abby Lighthipe Charlotte Noon Ali Hamilton	Mason Olson Emma Thompson
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Readings For The Week Of:

February 15th

1st - Sirach 15:15-20

2nd - I Corinthians 2:6-10

Gospel - Matthew 5:17-37

The World According To Bob

- **What's a horse's favorite wine? Chardonneigh**
- **Adultery is a sin: you can't have Kate and Edith too.**
- **My wife worships me. She gives me burnt offerings every day.**
- **An invisible man marries an invisible woman. The children were nothing to look at either.**

CONNECTED

Organizations & Groups

• ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

The St Anne's Altar and Rosary Society will meet on Thursday March 5th 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 to attend.

• CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS, COURT ST ANTHONY #330

The next Catholic Daughter Meeting is on Thursday, February 19th at St. Peter's Catholic 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. Questions? Contact Brenda Dresen, Regent at 402-238-5951.

• KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will meet Monday, February 23rd at 6:00pm in the social hall. Dinner will be at 6:00pm followed by a meeting at 6:30pm. All men of the parish 18 years and older are welcome to join!

• WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Women's Prayer Group will meet in March. Join us on April 14th 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 238th 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 the stages of life as college students, professionals, singles, married couples, or young families. Joining this group provides a opportunity for young adults to gather for delicious food and fellowship with other young adults. Our next meeting is Sunday, February 22nd at 6pm in the social hall. Bring a snack and a game/board game to share! All are welcome! Bring friends!

SEEKERS & SAINTS

Faith Formation News



FULLY ALIVE YOUTH GROUP

Fully Alive Youth Group next meeting is Sunday, February 15th from 7-9pm at the St Francis Worship Center, 238 S 6th St. We will talk about Religion Of The Worlds and meet Jesus in Adoration. Meet new friends or bring a friend!

Upcoming Dates:

3/1 - Listening Like Christ

3/15 - Pirate Putt/Dinner*Time Change 5-8pm

4/5 - No Meeting (Easter Sunday)

Got questions? Contact Heather Olson at religionseducationdirector@saintpeterscb.org



EXPLORING CATHOLICISM

For adults interested in joining the Catholic Church!

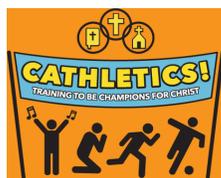
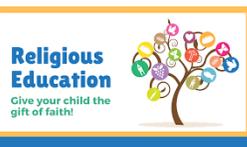
All are welcome to join us for any of the classes!

We have 2 classes in February: Sunday, February 8th at 2 PM at St. Patrick's. Our topic is "Catholic Controversies" and Sunday, February 15th at 2 PM at St. Peter's. Our topic is "Discernment in the Spiritual Life".

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Ash Wednesday is February 18th. Classes will not be held at the Worship Center. All families are to attend Mass at 6:00pm at St Peter's.

Wednesday, February 25th is our Family Lent Night at 6pm in the Socail Hall. All Religious Eucation students and their family are to attend.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Save The Date! VBS is scheduled for June 8-12 from 5:30-8:30pm. Children from 4 years of age to 5th grade are invited to join us for a Cathletics VBS where they will train to be Champions of Christ! More info coming soon.

BEYOND THE PARISH

News From Across the Diocese

• A SPECIAL WORKSHOP: SURVIVING DIVORCE

Surviving Divorce is a supportive ministry at St. Patrick Church in Council Bluffs offering hope and healing for those affected by separation or divorce—whether recent or long ago. Through a series of video sessions and discussion, participants address common challenges and begin a path toward healing and renewed hope. Meetings will be held in our Hospitality Room from 6–7:30 PM on Sundays, beginning Sunday, February 22nd. The cost is \$30 for materials; financial assistance is available. Please register by Tuesday, February 17th by contacting Pat Tinley at petinley@yahoo.com or 402-980-9722.

• TRIVIA NIGHT

Join us for an adult-only Trivia Night in the St. Patrick Church, Council Bluffs, Social Hall on Saturday, February 28th! Doors open at 6 PM, with trivia starting at 6:30 PM. Form a team of 6–8 players or come solo and we'll help you join a team. Admission is free; free-will donations are gratefully accepted. Enjoy snacks from Main Event Catering, a cash bar, and a fun evening of friendly competition with our host, Mike Monday. Preregistration is encouraged at stpatrickcb.org or sign up at the door.

• THE FORGE CONFERENCE

The FORGE Conference is an event for any man (age 16 and older) looking to succeed against the threats of the modern world. This landmark event will empower current and future fathers to flourish in their day-to-day lives. Come to Des Moines for world-class speakers, deep formation, sacramental grace, and brotherhood with 1000+ other men! We hope you can join us on Saturday, February 28th from 8:30AM-3:30PM at the Des Moines, Iowa Events Center (730 3rd St, Des Moines, IA 50309) For more information or to register, visit Myforge.org/conference2026

Knights of Columbus



Shrimp Boil

St Peter's
Council 1045

Adults
\$20

extra shrimp boat
\$10

Kids

12 and under
\$10



Friday, February 20th & Friday March 6th
From 5:30pm-7:30pm

Fr Kottas Social Hall, 1 Bluff St. Council Bluffs

Menu:

**Boiled Shrimp, Cajun Roasted Potatoes, Mac & Cheese,
Dirty Rice, Bread, and Cookie**

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St Anne's Altar Society

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