

# ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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April 19, 2026 Third Sunday of Easter

## Upcoming Events:

### Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>

Rel Ed & Youth Group Open House  
6-7pm St Francis Worship Center  
Open to all parishioners!

### Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>

Fully Alive Youth Group  
7-9pm St Francis Worship Center

### Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup> \*

Knights Of Columbus Meeting  
6pm Social Hall  
\*Change of Date

### Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>

Silver Rose Ceremony  
6pm Church  
(See Knight of Columbus section for details)

### Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>

Catholic Daughters Meeting  
6pm Social Hall

### Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>

Confirmation  
6pm Church

### Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>

First Communion  
2pm Church

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

### Pastor

Father Jacob Epstein

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Father Emmanuel Offiong

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## From Father Jacob

### The Eucharist: Jesus's Easter Gift

This week we hear about the second of Jesus's three Easter Sunday appearances. We heard about the third last week: Jesus's appearance to the Apostles in the upper room. On Easter Sunday itself we hear about the women finding the tomb empty and some years about Jesus's appearance to Mary Magdalene.

The disciples are going home disappointed and sad when Jesus comes to walk with them. At first they don't recognize him, but as he walks with them they begin to understand that they are experiencing something very special. They invite this person in to stay with them, and then he "takes bread, says the blessing, breaks it, and gives it to them." You should recognize these "code words" as the words each of the Gospels and St Paul consistently use when they are talking about the Mass! Jesus himself celebrates the second ever Mass on Easter Sunday!

It is in the Mass that the disciples recognize Jesus, and though "he vanished from their sight", the gospel does not say that he was gone. He is still present with them in the Eucharist!

What a change we see in these disciples! earlier they had been trudging home disappointed and saddened. Now they are running back the other way to tell everyone what they have experienced! What a difference it makes when we realize that Jesus is alive and with us in the breaking of the bread!

### Parish Confession Times Survey

This summer we will be making a few changes to our confession times, and we want your input! Please take the survey below and help Fr Jacob and the parish council make good decisions about our parish confession times.

Take a brief survey!



### Youth Group and Religious Ed Open House

Have you ever wondered where we have religious education, or where the Youth Group meets? Join us **this Sunday evening from 6-7pm** to see our new Youth Group space and our religious ed classrooms!

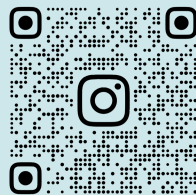
### 26-27 Tuition Assistance for Students

For our St Albert families: the application period for **Catholic Tuition Organization (CTO) and Diocesan Tuition Assistance (DTA)** opened March 31<sup>st</sup> for all 2026-2027 students, even those on ESAs. Use CTO and DTA money and save more ESA money for high school. More than \$2.7 million in grants is available. Apply by May 5<sup>th</sup> at CTOiowa.org.

St Peter's also has a **scholarship fund** for our students! Apply to CTO and DTA *first* and then contact Fr Jacob this summer with unmet need.

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, April 21, 2026**

Noon Tom Suden +

**Wednesday, April 22, 2026**

8am James & Emeline Kinard +

**Thursday, April 23, 2026**

Noon Leopoldo Mendoza +

5:30pm Lynn Ford +

**Friday, April 24, 2026**

8am Bill Rosman +

**Saturday, April 25, 2026**

4pm Terry O'Rourke +

**Sunday, April 26, 2026**

8am Tom & Delwyn Schnepel +

10am St Peter's Parish

Noon Mike Gorman

## Ministry Schedule

	Saturday 4:00pm	Sunday 8:00am	Sunday 10:00am	Sunday 12:00pm
	Apr 25, 2026	Apr 26, 2026	Apr 26, 2026	Apr 26, 2026
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Bianca Cihacek Ellianna Cihacek	Owen Juranek Caroline Reineke Claire Reineke	Cole Noon Connor Noon Charlotte Noon	Mason Olson Emma Thompson
<b>Lectors</b>	Amber Svajgl Jackson Rowan Jackson	Nicole Juranek Joan Goeser	Ed Fink Eric Ely	Mary Ramsdell Andrea Barnes
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### Next Sunday's Readings: April 26, 2026

1st - Acts 2:14a, 36-41

2nd - I Peter 2:20b-25

Gospel - John 10:1-10

## CONNECTED

### Organizations & Groups

- ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY**

The St Anne's Altar and Rosary Society will meet on **Thursday, May 7<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, April 23<sup>rd</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). The annual LifeSaver Drive will be the weekend of April 18/19 Questions? Contact Dola Mehsling at 402-689-0188.

- KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Our next meeting is **Monday, April 20<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.

**Silver Rose Ceremony** - This year Knights Council 1045 are honored to be selected as one of the hosts of the Silver Rose as it makes its way from Canada to Guadalupe, Mexico. Deacon Pat will hold the ceremony at St. Peters at 6:00 on Wednesday, April 22nd. There will be adoration and rosary. All parishioners are invited and encourage to attend and help us prayerfully support respect for life, the spiritual renewal of each nation, and the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

- 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. Next meeting date in May TBD.

# SEEKERS & SAINTS

## Faith Formation News



### FULLY ALIVE YOUTH GROUP

#### Upcoming Dates:

April 19 - Faith In Action

May 3 - Saints

May 17 - Incoming Freshman Night

Got questions? Contact Heather Olson at [religioueducationdirector@saintpeterscb.org](mailto:religioueducationdirector@saintpeterscb.org)



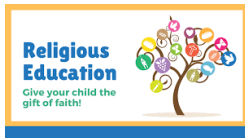
### EXPLORING CATHOLICISM

**For adults interested in joining the Catholic Church!**

**All are welcome to join us for any of the classes! at 2pm on Sundays.**

Sunday, April 19th at 2 PM at St. Patrick's - Our topic is "Reflecting on the Sacraments"

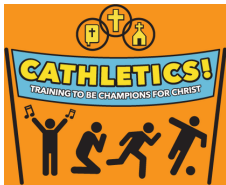
Sunday, April 26th at 2 PM at St. Peter's - Our Topic is "Next Steps on the Journey"



### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6pm - Confirmation

Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2pm - First Communion



### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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

**Join the VBS Team** -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 at 712-318-3030 or [religioueducationdirector@saintpeterscb.org](mailto:religioueducationdirector@saintpeterscb.org)

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



## BEYOND THE PARISH

### News From Across the Diocese

#### • INVITATION TO IOWA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

There is still room to come along November 2-12, 2026, to some of the most sacred and beautiful sites in all of Europe! We'll visit great places like Venice, Padua, Florence, Assisi, Rome and so much more! Our time in Rome will include a Papal Audience with Pope Leo XIV! We'll have Mass daily in great Churches and Cathedrals along the way. This pilgrimage is for Knights of Columbus from around the State of Iowa, spouses and widows of former members. Cost for the trip is \$4,599 with departure from either Des Moines or Omaha. For a brochure and more information, contact Fr. Dan Guenther at 712-899-6870 or email [frdanguenther@gmail.com](mailto:frdanguenther@gmail.com)

#### • NEW ON SPIRIT CATHOLIC RADIO NETWORK

iDeall Relationships iDeall Relationships, hosted by Deacon Tom Deall and Jeb Eischeid, explores dating, marriage, and all kinds of relationships from a faithful Catholic perspective. Tune in for practical advice, real-life stories, and guidance for building Christ-centered relationships. The first episode airs Monday, April 6th at 8 PM and will be available as a podcast afterward. Learn more at [spiritcatholicradio.com/relationships](http://spiritcatholicradio.com/relationships).



You're Invited

# Religious Education

&

FULLY  
ALIVE

YOUTH GROUP



# Open House

We are excited to open our doors and **WELCOME THE ENTIRE ST PETER'S COMMUNITY** to see the heart of our youth ministry. Come explore our space - including our new Fully Alive Youth Group Room - hear about our program, and see what we have been up to!

Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>

6pm-7pm

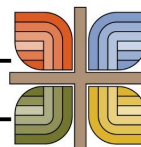
St Francis Worship Center, 238 S 6<sup>th</sup> St.

Whether you have a student or simply want to support the next generation of our church, we would love to have you come see us!

## The World According To Bob

- Always make sure someone in the relationship has good credit. That is why it's called "sign if I can't" other.
- I bought a book on reincarnation. It was expensive! But you only live once.
- I opened my birthday card and loads of rice fell out. I knew right away who sent it. It was Uncle Ben.
- Archaeologists have discovered a box of pencils believed to belong to William Shakespeare, but they're so badly chewed that experts can't tell if they are 2B or not 2B.
- You need to name your son Gotham so when he cries at night your wife can whisper "Gotham needs you."
- I accidentally sprayed Axe body spray in my mouth. Now I talk with an Axe scent.

## 2026 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL



On the road to Emmaus, two disciples walked in disappointment, unaware that the risen Jesus was beside them. He listened to their story, broke open the Scriptures, and was made known in the breaking of the bread. Their hearts burned within them, and they returned to Jerusalem with renewed joy and purpose.

Our parish is called to be a place like Emmaus – where Christ walks with us, friendships are formed, hearts are opened and the bread of communion unites us. You may not have extraordinary abilities or abundant time, yet you trust that God has already given you what you need to share His love. A warm welcome, a listening ear, an encouraging word—these simple acts help others recognize Christ walking with them.

The Annual Diocesan Appeal extends that Emmaus encounter across our Diocese. Your generosity strengthens ministries, forms future priests and deacons, cares for retired clergy, supports Catholic Charities, and builds up our parishes and schools. More than programs, it nurtures the gifts God has sown among His people.



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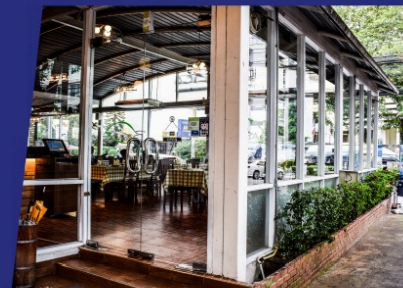
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**Knights of Columbus Council 1045**

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

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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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