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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4pm
 Sunday: 8am, 10am, 12 noon
 Tues: Noon
 Wed and Fri: 8am
 Thurs: Noon and 5:30pm

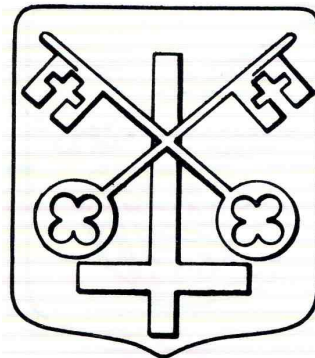
Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00—3:45pm
 Sunday 7:00-7:45am

Baptisms, Weddings, etc

Call or email the office!

PARISH WEBSITE www.saintpeterscb.org
 PARISH PHONE NUMBER 712-318-3030
 PARISH ROBOCALL NUMBER 1-800-679-0847



Save the Date!

Wednesday, September 3rd	Religious Ed opening Mass	St Peter's Church, 6pm
Fri Sept 19th & Sat, Sept 20th	Parish Mission w/the Marion Sisters	St Peter's Social Hall
Saturday, October 4th	City-wide Jubilee Pilgrimage	St Pat's to Corpus Christi
Sunday, October 12th	Oktoberfest!	St Albert Catholic School, 11-3

August 3, 2025
Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

From Father Jacob

I will tear down my barns

Sometimes people think that being poor is a misfortune, and that having what we need and want is a blessing. In our parable today Jesus shows us why that isn't always the case. Wealth is a great temptation to greed, and so it's only a blessing if we use it well!

Greed turns abundance and wealth from a blessing into a misfortune and even a curse.

Greed makes wealth a misfortune. The man in our reading has plenty, already more than he needs. When he brings in a rich harvest his greed turns what should be a time of rejoicing and ease into a problem: "how will I store it all?" For the greedy, wealth and abundance, which should be a good thing, become a problem and a source of anxiety: "how can I keep all this for myself?"

Greed makes abundance a curse. Abundance should be a blessing because it makes us in a way like God, who is abundantly rich in every good thing. Having such an overflowing storehouse, the man in our reading was in a position to store all that extra food in the best "barn" there is, in the stomachs of all his neighbors. Instead he hoards it for himself, and so his wealth, which through generosity could have brought him closer to God and earned him a reward, instead separates him from God and earns him death. For the greedy, wealth and abundance, which should allow a person to be generous, instead makes that person isolated, suspicious, and cruel.

We all often think of abundance and wealth as "blessings", but they are only truly blessings if we are generous with them!

I have taken this reflection and my homily today from a famous homily by St Basil the Great, a bishop and doctor of the church from the 300s. The original is well worth your time to read. You can find it using this QR code:



Prayer Intention Board

We have a beautiful prayer intention board at the front of church near the Sacred Heart statue. Take a look after Mass and say a prayer for the intentions written there, and add your own!

We offer Mass for all of the prayer intentions written on the board once a month, then remove them.

Altar and Rosary Society

All women of the parish are invited to attend the Altar and Rosary Society meeting for prayer, dinner, conversation, and business this Thursday evening, August 7th. There's no need to "join" the society, all women of the parish are already members and are always invited!

Parish Council

Our parish council and committees usually meet the first Tuesday of every month. This month we have moved our meetings to the 2nd Tuesday of the month, August 12th.

If you'd like to help plan our parish's good works, social events, or religious education, please consider joining a parish committee.

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

August 15th is the great feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. At the end of her earthly life, our Lady was taken up, body and soul, into heaven where she now reigns as queen of the saints.

We will celebrate the Assumption with Masses:

Thursday, 8/14: 5:30pm vigil

Friday, 8/15: 8:00am, 12:00pm, & 6:00pm

Plan to join us!

August 3, 2025
Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

	Saturday 4:00pm Mass	Sunday 8:00am Mass	Sunday 10:00am Mass	Sunday 12:00pm Mass	MASS INTENTIONS
	August 9, 2025	August 10, 2025	August 10, 2025	August 10, 2025	
Altar Servers	Ellianna Cihacek Emma Rodenburg Nicolas Rodenburg	Evan Veit Jack Veit Noah Smith	Savannah Murray Aiden Gaul Leighton Finnegan	Ben Johnsen Keegan McCaffrey	Tuesday, 8/5 12:00 pm - Alyce Megel †
Lectors	Evelyn Duitsman Amy Rallis	Jean Coughlin Nicole Juranek	Eric Ely Mike Noon	Mary Ramsdell Andrea Barnes	Wednesday, 8/6 8:00 am - Mary Cornelius † Doris Barton †
EMHC	Toni Hansen	Ray McGrath Roger Harvey	Jill Clevenger Sandy Fritzche Patty Gantt	Trevor Yanovich	Thursday, 8/7 12:00 pm - Bill & Ione Spitznagel † 5:30 pm - Homebound Parishioners
Ushers	Jack Gross Linda Bonham Fred Schaben William Stoshal	Gary Juranek Eric Ledger Keith Wirtz Jim Havermann	Margine Henry Dan Lighthipe Mike Nielsen Nate Noon	Chris Olson Trevor Yanovich Rob Peters Mason Olson	Friday, 8/8 8:00 am - Tom Suden †
					Saturday, 8/9 4:00 pm - Patricia Menges †
					Sunday 8/10 8:00 am - St Peter's Parish 10:00 am - Paul Laughlin 12:00 pm - William E Roorty

READINGS FOR: Sunday, August 10, 2025

1ST READING: Wisdom 18:6-9

2ND READING: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

GOSPEL: Luke 12:32-48

The World According to Bob

- I took a job as the head of Old McDonald's farm...I am the CIEIO.
- The other day I unplugged a row of electric cars nobody was using....We must do our part for the planet.
- It 's illegal to laugh out loud in Hawaii....you have to keep it to a low ha.
- I gave my handyman a to-do list, but he only did jobs 1, 3, and 5....Turns out he only does odd jobs.

Father's Thought for the Week

If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth.

One of the best ways we can do this is through daily prayer where we let God speak first. Use one of the prayer methods we have been talking about since Easter and let the Lord keep your mind on what is above!

ARE YOU WILLING TO SERVE?

We need your help at Mass with the following ministries:

- Lectors
- Eucharistic Ministers
- Ushers
- Altar Servers

If interested, we will have sign up and trainings on the following dates:

- August 9/10 after Mass for Eucharistic Ministers
- August 16/17 after Mass for Lectors
- August 23/24 After Mass for Ushers
- Wednesday, September 24 at 5pm for 5th-8th grade for Altar Servers at the Worship Center (pizza will be provided)
- Wednesday, September 24 at 6pm for 9th-12th grade for Altar Servers at the Worship Center (pizza will be provided)

NOTE: If you are a current Mass Minister please stay after the Mass that is your ministry. Plan for only about 15 minutes as it will not be for the entire training. If you are a current Altar Server please plan to stay after Mass on September 6/7.



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The Catholic Daughter Meeting is on Tuesday, August 5, 2025 in the St. Patrick Social Hall. Mass starts at 6:00pm, followed by refreshments and the meeting. Chance to win a door prize! Women, 18 years and older from all Council Bluffs parishes are always welcome to join us. Visit our website at www.cda330.org.

St Anne's Altar Society

The St Anne's Altar Society will meet this Thursday, August 7th at 6:00pm in the Social Hall. The meeting begins with the reciting of the Rosary followed by a meal and a meeting. All women of the parish 18 and older are invited to attend.

Tuesday, August 12th

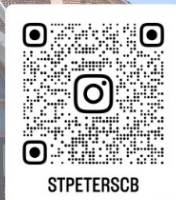


Parish Committees will meet at 6:30pm

Parish Council will meet at 7:15pm

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to keep up to date on all that
is happening at our parish.**

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codes!**



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All are invited!

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7
7:00PM • ST. PATRICK CHURCH

TO A PRESENTATION OF
**THE CANONIZATION PROCESS OF
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Presentation by Edward Morse, JD
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the Thomas More Society, President of the Father Flanagan
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This presentation is sponsored by the St. Patrick Council of the Knights of Columbus and all are welcome to attend!



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Annual Diocesan Appeal

If you have not given to the Annual Diocesan Appeal, please do so by using the slips at all the exits, writing a check with Annual Diocesan Appeal clearly written in the memo, or by scanning the QR code below.





No prior teaching experience is necessary. We provide the training and materials. All you need is a heart willing to serve and spend time with our children. A willingness to share the love of God with them and to share our common faith together.

If you would like to volunteer or have questions contact Heather Olson, DRE at 712-318-3030/402-250-7073 religiouseducationdirector@saintpeterscb.org

WE NEED:

- Catechist K-8
- Confirmation Team 9 & 10
- Group Discussion Leader 9 & 10
- Wednesday Night Support/Helpers

Scan the QR code for the list and descriptions of opportunities available in our program!



Sunday, August 3rd, 4-9pm
St Francis Worship Center, 238 S 6th St

All 9-12th graders are invited to come for a painting and pizza party as we prepare our new hangout space! Come be a part of this exciting, historical moment in Council Bluffs Catholic youth history!

Come try something new and fun!
Bring a Friend!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION 2025-2026

FOR KINDERGARTEN-GRADE 10

"Welcome Back" Mass

Our year will begin on Wednesday, September 3rd with a Mass at 6:00pm in the church for our families. After Mass there will be a reception with cookies and lemonade in the social hall. We look forward to seeing all our families!

To register your K-10th grade student(s) scan the QR code or go to the following link. The registration form can also be found on our website:

<https://forms.gle/7a2CjLyM6ewdhWBG9>



Coming Soon!!
All forms and calendars can be found on our website,
saintpeterscb.org

- Classes are held on Wednesday nights from 6:00pm-7:00pm for K-8th grade and 7:15pm-8:15pm for 9th & 10th Grade Confirmation Students.
- Classes are held at the St Francis Worship Center, 238 South 6th St.
- The fee for students in Religious Education is \$50 per child or \$150 per family of 3 or more students.
- It should be understood by all families of the parish of the obligation to enroll their children, grades 1st-10th, in either the parish Religious Education program or a parochial school each year as part of the ongoing spiritual formation and religious education for the child.

- First Reconciliation/First Communion Parent Meeting, Wednesday, August 27th at 7:00pm in the Social Hall.
- 9th Grade (1st Year Confirmation Prep) Parent/Candidate Meeting Wednesday, August 27th at 6:00pm in the Social Hall.
- 10th Grade (2nd Year Confirmation Prep) Parent/Candidate Meeting Wednesday, August 27th at 6:30pm in the Social Hall.

Questions or need more info?
Contact: Heather Olson DRE
religiouseducationdirector@saintpeterscb.org
712-318-3030/402-250-7073

Saint Albert Catholic

Kitchen Renovation Fundraiser



AUGUST 8, 2025

6:00 PM- 9:00 PM

Saint Albert Cafeteria

Join us for a special evening of drinks and appetizers with a special nod to our past as we come together to support the kitchen renovation, scheduled for next summer.

This is a free-will donation event

TOGETHER, WE CAN BRING OUR KITCHEN BACK TO LIFE!



RSVP to join us or donate to the cause at <https://givebutter.com/SAKitchen> or scan the QR Code



PROJECT GOALS

- Upgrade and replace outdated kitchen equipment
- Modernize kitchen facilities to better meet current health and safety standards
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