

# ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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May 3, 2026 Fifth Sunday of Easter

## Upcoming Events:

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

Confirmation  
6pm Church

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

First Communion  
2pm Church

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

Mother's Day Breakfast  
After 8am & 10am Mass Social Hall

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

Fully Alive Youth Group  
Worship Center 7-9pm

**Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**

Committee Meetings - Parish Life,  
Social Concerns, Religious Education,  
Buildings & Grounds  
6:30pm Social Hall  
Parish Council Meeting  
7:15pm Social Hall

**Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**

Altar & Rosary Society Meeting  
6pm Social Hall

**Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>**

Finance Committee Meeting  
8am Conference Room

**Tuesday May 12<sup>th</sup>**

Women's Group  
6:30pm Social Hall

**Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>**

Church Picnic at The Landing  
11am Mass

To see all events or flyers go to our  
website [www.saintpeterscb.org](http://www.saintpeterscb.org)

## 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.



Congratulations to Dottie Ring (5<sup>th</sup> Grade, St Albert) for receiving runner up for her outstanding artwork in the category "The Carrying of the Cross" (4th Sorrowful Mystery) in the 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grade division. The contest is sponsored by Spirit Catholic Radio. Her artwork has been printed on prayer cards distributed throughout Spirit's listening area.



## 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.

## Donate Using Venmo:

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Thank you for your Donation!

## 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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Tracy Carlson

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### Maintenance

Rob Beck

## From Father Jacob

**“I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”**

Jesus tells us who he is

**Jesus is the Way:** perhaps we feel like we are not as “far along” the road of discipleship as we should be. Shouldn’t I be holier than I am by now? Perhaps so, but remember that Jesus is not only the destination, he is also the way. If we are walking towards him then we are already with him! Keep walking!

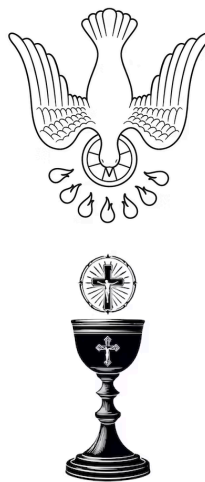
**Jesus is the Truth:** Jesus doesn’t just tell us the truth, he *is* the truth! He is the one behind everything we discover in creation, behind every person we come to know. We can “believe in God” not just because He tells us nice things we like to hear but because infinite, eternal existence - God - can not be anything but true. We can place our whole confidence in Jesus the Truth!

**Jesus is the Life:** To be with Jesus is to live because Jesus is the very source of all life. to be with Jesus is to live fully and joyfully! That life isn’t just for some future time in heaven, it starts now! The saints show us how a person can live the joyful, full life of Jesus even in difficult circumstances, trials, and crosses. We can live with Jesus even now!

## Confirmation and First Communion

Congratulations to our young people being confirmed and receiving their first Communions this weekend! Please pray for:

Bianca Cihacek  
Brody Estell  
Aiden Gaul  
Jackson Hughes  
Rowan Jackson  
Bennett Johnsen  
Josslyne Keller  
Alexandra Kirlin  
Keegan McCaffrey  
Patrick McGill  
Connor MCGrath  
Ellie Mosher  
Kara Selken



Nathan Baker  
Isabelle Beck  
Giuseppe Disalvo  
Leila Gorman  
Gunnar Markuson  
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Eleanor Peters  
Evelyn Rodenburg  
Henry Schmedding  
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## Parish Confession Times Survey

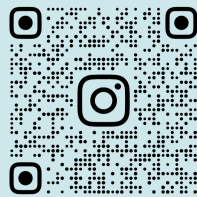
This summer we will be making a few changes to our confession times, and we want your input! Please take the survey below and help Fr Jacob and the pastoral council make good decisions about our parish confession times. You can also find the survey on paper in your pew. Please leave the completed survey in the baskets at the exits.



Take a brief survey!

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, May 5, 2026

12pm Roger Snook +

### Wednesday, May 6, 2026

8am Bill & Ione Spitznagle +

### Thursday, May 7, 2026

12pm Leopoldo Mendoza +

5:30pm Deceased Members of  
Altar Society

### Friday, May 8, 2026

8am Walter Schmitt Jr +

### Saturday, May 9, 2026

4pm Richard Corrin +

### Sunday, May 10, 2026

8am St Peter's Parish

10am Harvey Family

12pm Fred Maher +

## Ministry Schedule

	Saturday 4:00PM	Sunday 8:00AM	Sunday 10:00AM	Sunday 12:00PM
	May 9, 2026	May 10, 2026	May 10, 2026	May 10, 2026
Altar Servers	Bianca Cihacek Ellianna Cihacek	Caroline Reineke Claire Reineke Dawson Smith	Abby Lighthipe Charlotte Noon	Mason Olson Emma Thompson
Lectors	Erik King Dylies King	Sean Dunphy Peter Finn	Eric Ely Ed Fink	Cindy Bussey Evelyn Duitsman
EMHC	Wayne Stangl Cathy Assman Mary Hazen	Jim Havermann Nicole Juranek	Sandy Fritzsche Leslie Fronce	Ellen DeWit
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### Next Sunday's Readings: May 10, 2026

1st - Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

2nd - I Peter 3:15-18

Gospel - John 14:15-21

## 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, May 21<sup>st</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).

#### • KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Our next meeting is **Monday, May 18<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.

#### • 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. We had great conversation and wonderful food at our Easter party a few weeks ago! Our next meeting date in May TBD.

# SEEKERS & SAINTS

## Faith Formation News



### FULLY ALIVE YOUTH GROUP

All high schoolers are invited to join us!

#### Upcoming Dates:

May 3, 7-9pm - Do you have friends in high places? Join us for an evening of saints, sinners & snacks!

May 17, 7-9pm - Incoming Freshman Night

June 7, 7-9pm - Night on the Lake - details coming soon

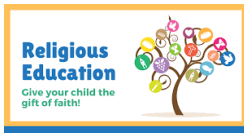
Meetings are at the St Francis Worship Center unless otherwise noted. Got questions? Contact Heather Olson at [religiouseducationdirector@saintpeterscb.org](mailto:religiouseducationdirector@saintpeterscb.org)



### EXPLORING CATHOLICISM

For adults interested in joining the Catholic Church!

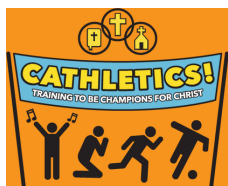
All are welcome to join us for any of the classes! Classes will start again in the Fall.



### 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

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

### We need you to make VBS a success!

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 - [religiouseducationdirector@saintpeterscb.org](mailto:religiouseducationdirector@saintpeterscb.org)

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



Scan here for volunteer signup or go to our website under Vacation Bible School

## BEYOND THE PARISH

### News From Across the Diocese

#### • CORPUS CHRISTI ALTAR SOCIETY RUMMAGE, PLANT AND BAKE SALE

The Corpus Christi Altar Society invites you to their annual Rummage, Plant and Bake Sale in the Corpus Christi Great Hall. Donations will be accepted on Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> 1-6pm and Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> 8am-1pm. The sale will take place Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> 8am-6pm, Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> 8am-5pm and Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> 9am-12pm. New this year enjoy the "Corpus Christi Cafe" and watch for "Blue Light Specials" during the sale. For more details see the flyer on our facebook page. Questions? contact Diane Crane at 402-651-3523.

#### • CHRIST OUR LIFE - SAVE THE DATE

The Christ Our Life Conference will be held September 26-27 at Casey's Center in Des Moines. Go to [ChristOurLifeIowa.com](http://ChristOurLifeIowa.com) for complete information and the list of speakers. In person or Livestream. Come for all or stay for some. Let's Believe...Live...and Celebrate Our Faith!

#### • 2026-2027 TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR STUDENTS

The application period for Catholic Tuition Organization (CTO) and Diocesan Tuition Assistance (DTA) opens March 31st for all 2026-2027 students, even those with ESAs. Use CTO & DTA first and save more ESA money for high school. More than \$2.7 million in grants are available. View eligibility guidelines at [www.CTOiowa.org](http://www.CTOiowa.org). **Apply by May 5th**. Call the CTO Office at 515-237-5010 for more information.

#### • LIGHT THE WAY: WALKING THROUGH DEMENTIA TOGETHER

Join us at River's Edge Pavilion on May 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm for an educational community event offering clarity, resource and hope for those impacted by dementia. This is an educational event -not medical or legal advice. Leave with a clearer plan for what to do next. There is no cost to attend and light refreshment will be provided. Please RSVP to help organizers prepare for event. For more information and to RSVP go to [dementiatownhall.com](http://dementiatownhall.com).



**Congratulations to our First Communion students who are celebrating First Communion this weekend. Please hold them and their families in your prayers as they join us for the first time at the table of the Lord!**

## **First Communion Students**

**Nathan Baker  
Isabelle Beck  
Giuseppe Disalvo  
Leila Gorman  
Gunnar Markuson  
Charlotte Mathie  
Harrison Myers  
Eleanor Peters  
Evelyn Rodenburg  
Henry Schmedding  
Crew Schmidt**



Congratulations to our students who received the sacrament of Confirmation this weekend! Pray for them and their families in this next step in their walk with Christ.

## **First Communion Students**

**Bianca Cihacek  
Brody Estell  
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Kara Selken**

## **CHI Health Mercy Hospital Volunteers**

# **Annual Memorial Day Flower Sale**



**Mercy Hospital Lobby  
800 Mercy Drive**

**May 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am-3:00pm  
May 12<sup>th</sup> , 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am-3:00pm**

**Great prices & selection!**

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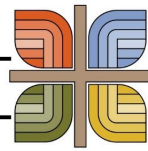
**Flowers donated by St Joseph Cemetery**

**All proceeds go to support projects at CHI Health Mercy Hospital**

## The World According To Bob

- Peter slept in a prison. Daniel slept in a lion's den. Jesus slept through a storm. No matter your circumstances, you can take a nap!
- I used to pray for a bicycle. Then as I grew older, I learned in religious education that's not how prayer works, so I stole a bike and then prayed for forgiveness.
- Why do they say amen instead of a woman at the end of songs at church? Because they are hymns, not hers.
- A recliner and a heating pad are my ideal hot date.
- Love your neighbor (even that one).
- Why should you wear glasses in math class? Because it helps with da-vision.

## 2026 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL



Thank you to everyone who has made a gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. We are \$23,000 away from meeting our parish's goal of \$64,000! If you have not yet made your gift, please prayerfully consider doing so. It is not too late. Ongoing commitments to the Annual Diocesan Appeal help us to sow the seeds that sustain the Catholic Church in southwest Iowa. The resources provided to us through the Diocese enable us to fulfill these missions. Your contribution card can be dropped in the collection basket, brought to the parish office, or mailed to the Diocese. You can make an electronic gift by scanning the QR code or visiting [DMDiocese.org/giving](http://DMDiocese.org/giving). We need your help in meeting our parish's ADA goal and sustaining the Catholic Church in southwest Iowa. Funds raised above our goal will be returned to the parish for our needs. Every prayer and each gift, regardless of the size, is vital to the success of the Appeal. Thank you for your generosity and kindness!



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### St. Joseph Cemetery

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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**

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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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