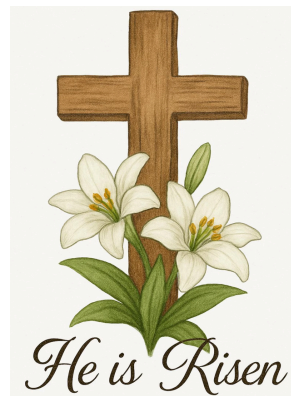


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April 5 2026 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, April 7th

Parish Life, Social Concerns, Religious Ed, Worship Spirituality, and Buildings & Grounds Meetings 6:30pm - Social Hall

Parish Council 7:15pm - Conference Room

Saturday, April 11th

Finance Council Meeting 8am - Social Hall

Sunday, April 12th

Easter Egg Hunt 11:30am - St Albert Schools

Sunday, April 12th

Divine Mercy Service 2-4pm - St Peter's Church

Tuesday, April 14th

Women's Group 6:30pm-7:30pm Social Hall

Thursday, April 16th

Catholic Daughters Meeting 6pm - Social Hall

Sunday, April 19th

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

To see all events or flyers go to our website 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?

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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.

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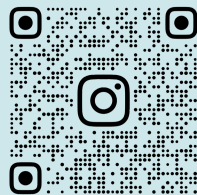
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From Father Jacob

He is Risen, Alleluia!

Today we celebrate that Jesus Christ has risen from the dead!

This is greatest news in the history of the universe, but perhaps we don't know why. Of course this is great news for Jesus, but it is also very great news for you!

Jesus Christ came to give his life to you so you could share it. Because he is risen, the life he promises you is an eternal life. A life that no death or corruption can mar.

Jesus Christ came to wipe away your sins. Because he is risen, he is your advocate with the Father and always pleads for you.

Jesus Christ came to teach you how to live. Because he is risen, you can have confidence in where he is leading you: heaven!

Jesus Christ came to give you the Sacraments. Because he is risen, his Sacraments have power: they are not memorials of a dead man, they are the living work of the living Jesus!

Jesus Christ came to free you from slavery to sin and death. Because he is risen, you can have hope in him!

Because he is risen, you will rise too! **Alleluia!**

We Celebrate Easter for a Whole Week!

Join us next weekend for:

Our Parish Easter Egg Hunt

Our Parish Easter Egg Hunt is next Sunday, April 12th after the 10am Mass (about 11:30) at the West side of St Albert.

Kids of all ages will have a great time in the hunt! Bring your kids, grandkids, nieces and nephews, and invite your neighbors to continue to celebrate Easter and hunt for eggs!

City-wide Divine Mercy Prayer Service

St Peter's is pleased to be hosting our city-wide Divine Mercy Service next Sunday, April 12th. The service lasts from 2pm to 4pm, but you can come for all or any part!

Come for Adoration, the Rosary, a speaker, the Divine Mercy chaplet, and opportunities for confessions.

Check out the full schedule on a following page.



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, April 7, 2026

Noon Tom Suden +

Wednesday, April 8, 2026

8am Bill & Ione Spitznagel +

Thursday, April 9, 2026

Noon Linda Schmitt +

5:30pm Gabriel Applegate +

Friday, April 10, 2026

8am Robert Megel +

Saturday, April 11, 2026

4pm Harvey Family

Sunday, April 12, 2026

8am St Peter's Parish

10am Roger Wood +

Noon Dan Gorman

Ministry Schedule

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Organizations & Groups

Next Sunday's Readings: April 12, 2026

1st - Acts 2:42-47

2nd - I Peter 1:3-9

Gospel - John 20:19-31

- ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY**

The St Anne's Altar and Rosary Society will meet on **Thursday, May 7th** 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 23rd** 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. The annual LifeSaver Drive will be the weekend of April 18/19 Questions? Contact Brenda Dresen, Regent at 402-238-5951.

- KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Our next meeting is **Monday, April 20th** 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, April 14th** 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 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. Join us for our Easter Party on Divine Mercy Sunday-Sunday, April 12th at 6pm at the St Peter rectory!

SEEKERS & SAINTS

Faith Formation News



FULLY ALIVE YOUTH GROUP

Upcoming Dates:

April 5 - No Meeting (Easter Sunday)

April 19 - Faith In Action

May 3 - Saints

May 17 - Incoming Freshman Night

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



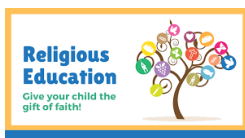
EXPLORING CATHOLICISM

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 12th at 2 PM at St. Peter's - Our topic is "Reflecting on the Sacraments"

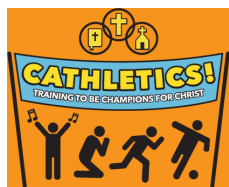
Sunday, April 26th at 2 PM at St. Patrick's - Our Topic is "Next Steps on the Journey"



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Saturday, May 2nd at 6pm - Confirmation

Sunday, May 3rd at 2pm - First Communion



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Monday, June 8th - Friday June 12th 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

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

• 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.

• DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Divine Mercy Sunday will be Sunday, April 12, 2026. This is the 95th year Anniversary of Divine Mercy message and devotion according to the revelations of St. Faustina. St. Pope John Paul the Great started Divine Mercy Sunday in 2000!! The site for this year's city-wide Divine Mercy Sunday event will be at St. Peter Church, Council Bluffs. It will go from 2 - 4 PM. There will be Adoration, for the whole two hours, Reconciliation, for the whole two hours, the Divine Mercy Chaplet prayed at 3 PM and the Rosary will also be prayed at some point in the two hours. We are pleased to announce that the keynote speaker from the Gabriel's Corner Dinner, Alicia Kowalski, will do a small presentation and sing the Chaplet. Feel free to come and go as you wish during the two hours.



Knights Of Columbus,
St Peter's Council 1045

Mother's day BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, MAY 3RD

9AM-11AM

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Menu: Scrambled Eggs with Ham,
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St Anne's Altar Society RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE

St Peter's Social Hall

Drop Off - Thurs, April 16th, 8am-5pm

**Please make sure items are clean*

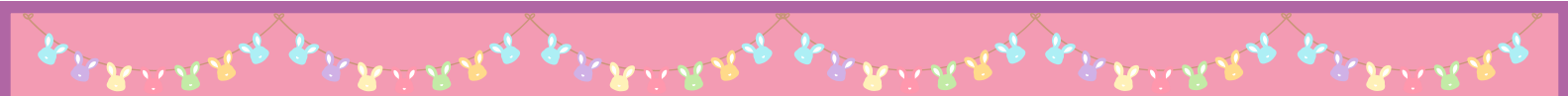
Sale - Friday, April 17th 8am-5pm

& Saturday, April 18th 8am-12pm



Items NOT Accepted:
Televisions, telephones, computers, printers, radios, any electronics,
cassette tapes, VHS tapes, infant/child car seats

Attention Ladies of the Parish!
If you're looking to have a great time and gain early access to merchandise, we would love your assistance! You don't need to be an active member of the Altar Society to lend a hand; simply come by, even if it's just for a portion of the day. Thank you in advance for your support! For more information, please contact Sue Brownlee at susan54hudson@gmail.com



St Peter's Easter Egg Hunt



12 April, 2026
Divine Mercy Sunday
11:30AM

Location

St Albert High School



near Sheryl K Johnson Childcare Center



If the weather does not cooperate, the Easter eggs will be given out in the social hall after the 10am Mass.

Divine Mercy Sunday Event

Speaker/Singer

Alicia Kowalski

Here's the shedule for the
afternoon:

2:00 - Exposition

2:15 - Start the Rosary

2:45 - Alicia will give her
presentation

3:00 - The Divine Mercy
Chaplet will be prayed/sung,
after the Chaplet there will
be quiet time.

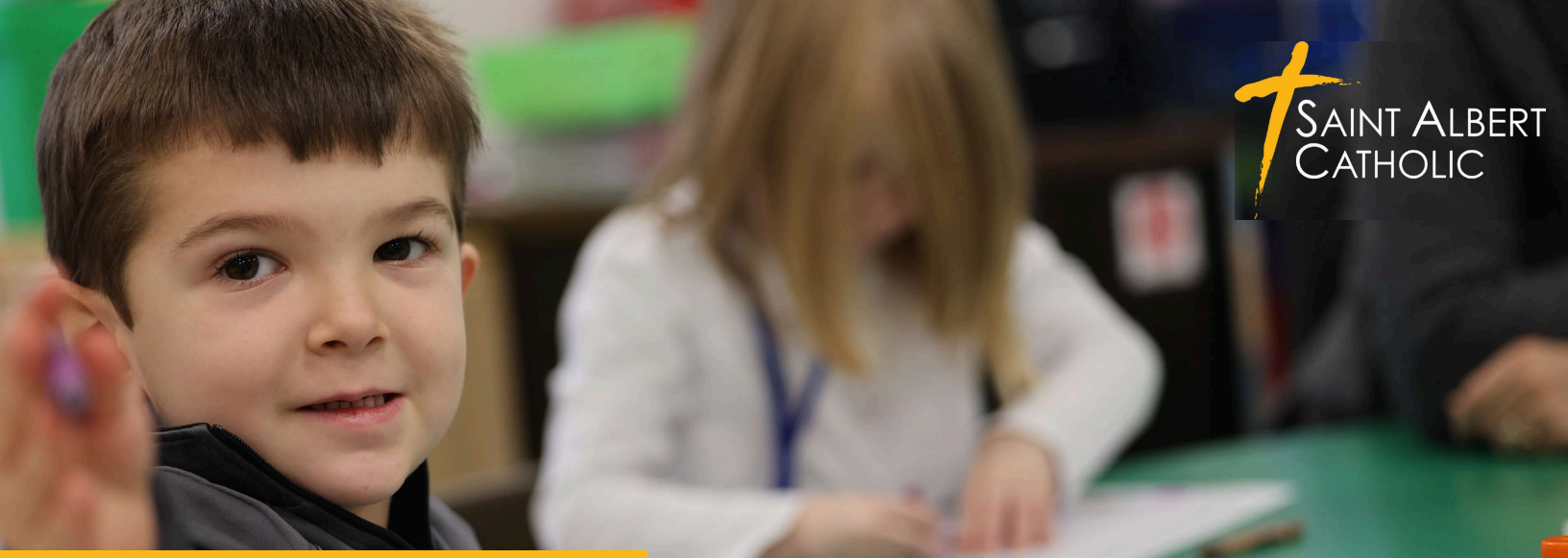
4:00 - Benediction then
reception

St. Peter's Catholic Church

1 Bluff St, Council Bluffs, IA 51503

2PM - 4PM April 12th





KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP

APRIL 14th
5:30PM-6:30PM

If you missed our January session, come learn about Kindergarten at Saint Albert Catholic! Meet our teachers, check out our classrooms, and see all of the great opportunities our school has to offer.

5:30PM

Round-up Session begins in the Elementary Gym

6:00PM-6:30PM

Meet our teachers & view the Kindergarten classrooms!



April 2026 - Mass Minister Schedule

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	Apr 18, 2026	Apr 19, 2026	Apr 19, 2026	Apr 19, 2026
Altar Servers	Nicolas Moses Parker Moses Cooper Moses	Connor McGrath Elle McGrath Addie McGrath	Carter Rossbund Thomas Biederman Sarah Lighthipe	Ben Johnsen Keegan McCaffrey
Lectors	Cathy Assman Rod Nuss	Gennette Wirtz Joseph Snook	Jon Garrigan Maureen Garrigan	Mary Bratton Chris Maher
EMHC	Toni Hansen Jacque Liston Lucile Gerjevic	Patti Ford Roger Harvey	Jennifer Lighthipe Michelle Naughton Michael Naughton	Trevor Yanovich
Ushers	Jack Gross Linda Bonham Fred Schaben Mark Assman	Mike Skipton Velda Ring Mike Ring Oliver Juranek	Dave Bristol Jill Clevenger Peter Clevenger Margine Henry	Chris Olson Trevor Yanovich Rob Peters Mason Olson

	Saturday 4:00pm Mass	Sunday 8:00am Mass	Sunday 10:00am Mass	Sunday 12:00pm Mass
	Apr 25, 2026	Apr 26, 2026	Apr 26, 2026	Apr 26, 2026
Altar Servers	Bianca Cihacek Ellianna Cihacek	Owen Juranek Caroline Reineke Claire Reineke	Cole Noon Connor Noon Charlotte Noon	Mason Olson Emma Thompson
Lectors	Amber Svajgl Jackson Rowan Jackson	Nicole Juranek Joan Goeser	Ed Fink Eric Ely	Mary Ramsdell Andrea Barnes
EMHC	Erik King Dylies King Mary Hazen	Norma Finn Debbie Foote	Jon Garrigan Maureen Garrigan Sandy Fritzche	Susan Lorkovic
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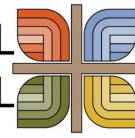
RISEN SON				
	Apr 5, 2026	Apr 12, 2026	Apr 19, 2026	Apr 26, 2026
Deanne Dunphy		Jim & Liz Havermann	Patti Ford	Gene & CeeCee Foral

Children's Liturgy				
	Apr 5, 2026	Apr 12, 2026	Apr 19, 2026	Apr 26, 2026
Easter No Children's Liturgy		Sarah Lighthipe & Evelyn Duitsman	Cindy Biederman & Andrea Nelson	Mariann Hilderbrand & Makenzie Olson

The World According To Bob

- The teacher asked the Sunday School class to draw pictures of their favorite bible stories. She was puzzled by Johnny's picture which showed four people on an aircraft, so she asked him which bible story it represented. He replied "The flight to Egypt." The teacher replied "I see and that must be Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus, but who's the fourth person?" He replied "Oh,, that's Pontius the pilot."
- How do priests get rid of insects inside the church? "Let us spray"
- Bugs Bunny and Elmer Fudd break into a distillery. Bugs turn to Elmer and says "Is this whiskey?" Elmer says "Yes, but not as whiskey as wobbing a bank"
- If Paul were here, we'd be getting a letter

2026 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL



On that first Easter morning, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb while it was still dark. She found the stone rolled away and, in fear and confusion, ran to Peter and John. What began in uncertainty became an encounter with new life. Together, in friendship and care, they witnessed the signs of the Resurrection, and their faith was strengthened. The risen Lord drew them into deeper communion—not alone, but as a community.

That same encounter continues today, ordinary people like you allowing God's grace to shine in remarkable ways. You may not have extraordinary abilities or abundant time, yet you trust that God has already placed within you all you need to share His love. A warm welcome, an encouraging word, a helping hand—these simple acts create space for others to encounter Christ.

The Annual Diocesan Appeal helps extend this Easter mission beyond our parish. It supports the formation of future priests and deacons, cares for retired clergy, strengthens parishes and schools, and brings hope to the vulnerable. More than programs, it nurtures the gifts God has sown among His people.

In Christ, we belong to one another. Your faith and generosity help proclaim that the stone has been rolled away. Please give prayerfully and generously.



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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.

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