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October 18, 2026 Twenty Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, October 18th

Fully Alive Youth Group
7-9pm, Worship Center

Thursday, October 22nd

Homeschool Mass & Gathering
12pm, Church/Social Hall

Sunday, October 25th

St Peter' & Corpus Christi
Trunk or Treat
4-6pm, Corpus Christi Parking Lot

Monday, October 26th

Knights of Columbus Meeting
6pm, Social Hall

Saturday, October 31st & Sunday, November 1st

Hospitality Sunday After All Masses

Monday, November 2nd

All Soul's Day Mass
6pm, Church

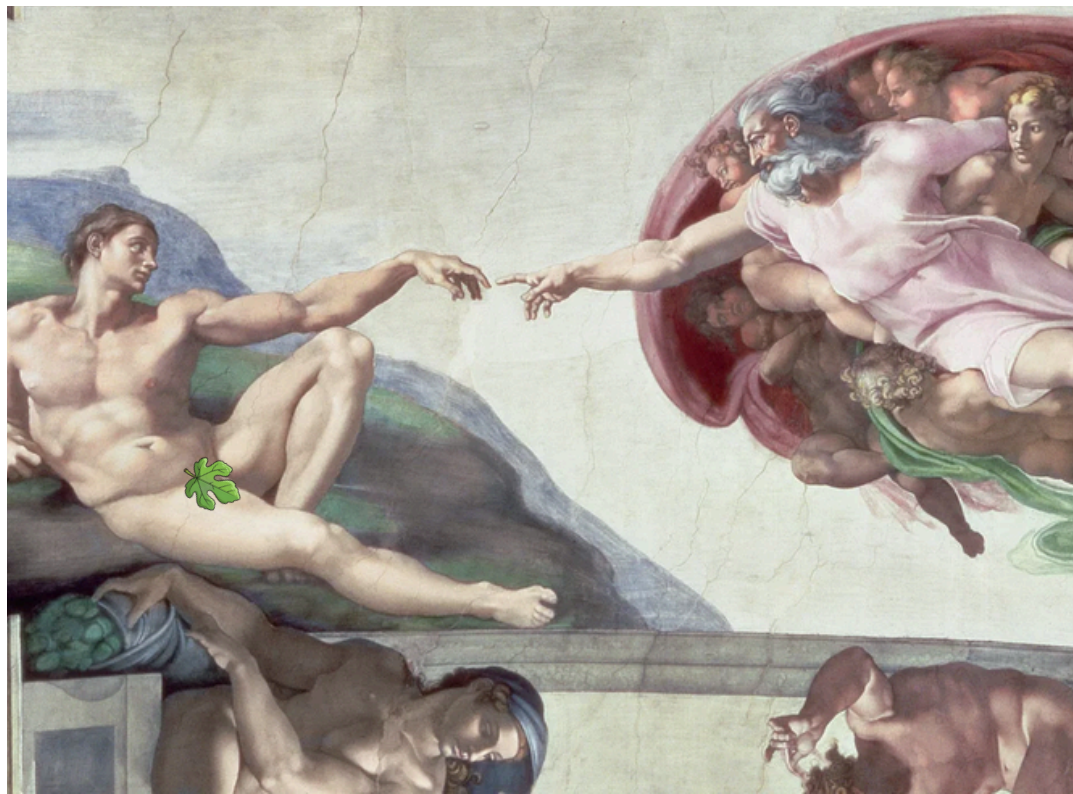
Tuesday, November 3rd

Parish Committee Meetings
6:30pm, Social Hall
Parish Council Meeting
7:15pm, Social Hall

Thursday, November 5th

Altar Society Meeting
6pm, Social Hall

To see all events check on our
website.



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
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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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712-318-3030

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Mon- Closed

Tues-Thurs 9:00AM-5:00PM

Fri 9:00AM-12:00PM

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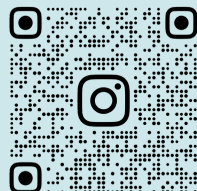
Maintenance

Rob Beck

Submissions for the bulletin must be submitted by Tuesday at 4pm. All submissions are subject to edits and approval.

Send to redirector@saintpeterscb.org

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From Father Jacob



What a wonderful Oktoberfest we had last Sunday!

We served 493 meals, about 100 less than last year. The parish grossed about \$17,000, not counting the Altar and Rosary Society's country store. That is before we have paid most of our bills or the taxes we owe on raffles and bingo, so we'll know how much money we made by next week or the week after.

A big THANK YOU to the very many volunteers who worked to make Oktoberfest happen! Thank you also to the sponsors who helped us with many of the upfront costs of this great event.

A special thank you to the Oktoberfest committee for their great dedication and generous gift of their time. They put on a wonderful event this year!

Heather and Chris Olson

Patty Gantt

Krystle and Zach Hamilton

Mary Ramsdell

Rob Beck

Tracy Carlson

Maureen Garrigan

Rodney Hurley

Trunk-or-Treat!

Join the St Peter and Corpus Christi Altar and Rosary Societies for a fun Trunk-or-Treat next Sunday, 10/25 from 4-6pm at Corpus Christi! Invite your kids, grandkids, nieces and nephews, and neighbors for a fun time.

Those wishing to decorate their trunks and give out candy should register by filling out the form in the bulletin and return to the parish office or place in the collection plate!

Whose image?

In our reading today Jesus knows that the coin is Caesar's because it is *stamped with his image*. So he tells them to give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar. So what belongs to God? Well, what is stamped with God's image? What has been made with the image and likeness of God? Men and women have been, of course! The thing we must render unto God is nothing less than ourselves!

Of course it is true that giving my whole self is difficult. I am sometimes tempted to try to keep back pieces of that valuable coin for myself. But doing so distorts and even ruins the image that has been printed on the money. When I try to give God just some of myself I shortchange God but I also deface myself!

Mass Intentions

Tuesday Oct 20, 2026
Noon Paul & Marie & Family
Wednesday Oct 21, 2026
8am Robi Suden +
Thursday Oct 22, 2026
Noon William E Roarty +
5:30pm Dcn Elpidas Stephen Rollis +
Friday Oct 23, 2026
8am Jim & Helena Reardon Family
Saturday Oct 24, 2026
4pm Jerry & Alvera Hill +
Sunday Oct 25, 2026
8am St Peter's Parish
10am Robi Suden +
Noon Joshua Stange +

	Saturday 4:00PM	Sunday 8:00AM	Sunday 10:00AM	Sunday 12:00PM
	October 24, 2026	October 25, 2026	October 25, 2026	October 25, 2026
Altar Servers	Emma Rodenburg Nicolas Rodenburg Elizabeth Branson	Audrey Garst Morgan Garst Evan Veit	Sarah Lighthipe Ali Hamilton	John Duitsman Evelyn Duitsman
Lectors	Dylies King Amy Rallis	Mary Novotne Jim Pidgeon	Jon Garrigan Maureen Garrigan	Casey Peters Chris Maher
EMHC	Mary Hazen Jacque Liston Debbie Ryan	Patti Ford Roger Harvey	Elizabeth Roane Jon Garrigan Maureen Garrigan	Chris Olson
Ushers	Linda Bonham Fred Schaben Jack Gross Mark Assman	Russ Goesser Jim Havermann Andy Juranek Oliver Juranek	Dave Bristol Margine Henry Dan Lighthipe Mike Nielsen	Chris Olson Rob Peters Chris Maher

Next Sunday's Readings: October 25, 2026

1st - Exodus 22:20-26

2nd - I Thessalonians 1:5c-10

Gospel - Matthew 22:34-40

CONNECTED

Organizations & Groups

• ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

The St Anne's Altar and Rosary Society next meeting is **Thursday, November 5th** at 6:00pm in the Social Hall. The meeting begins with the reciting of the Rosary followed by a meal and a meeting. We will be serving pulled pork. 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 **Monday, November 2nd** at St. Peter's Church at 5:30pm. Dinner followed by meeting. Women, 18 years and older from all Council Bluffs parishes are always welcome to join us. Visit our website at www.cda330.org.

• KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Our next meeting is **Monday, October 26th** 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.

NOTICE: If you have unused Gorilla Carwash cards purchased last November from the Knights, the codes are no longer valid. The cards had expiration dates of 10/27/2026 and 11/10/2026. You can contact Gorilla at 402-680-2751 for instructions on how to receive replacement codes. Sorry for the inconvenience.

• WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Women's Prayer Group meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm. Our next meeting is **Tuesday, November 10th** at 6:30pm in the social hall. All women of the parish 18+ are invited to join us. Bring a friend and if you want a snack to share.

• 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. Scan the QR code to join our Groupme and stay up to date.



• HOMESCHOOL MASS & LUNCH

Attention all homeschool families – Join us for our next Homeschool Gathering on **Thursday, October 22nd**. We will have Mass at 12pm followed by an All Saints Day Party. RSVP by Tuesday, October 21st so we know how much pizza we need. To be added to our list email redirector@saintpeterscb.org.

SEEKERS & SAINTS

Faith Formation News



Add these dates to your calendar and join us! We meet at the St Francis Worship Center from 7-9pm. Bring a friend!

- October 18 – What Discipleship Is
- November 1 – All Saints Day Party
- November 15 – Advent: Light in the Darkness + Adoration
- December 6 – “Undusty” Bibles, Part 2
- December 20 – Movie Night



EXPLORING CATHOLICISM

Our topic for **Sunday, October 18th** is: The Rosary & Marion Devotion

If you could not make last week's session but are interested you can still come join us! If you are already Catholic and find the topic interested you can join us!

We will meet at **2pm at St Peter's Church.**

You can find the schedule for the year under the OCIA tab on our website www.saintpetrscb.org.

BEYOND THE PARISH

News From Across the Diocese

• CITY WIDE THANKSGIVING DINNER

DONATIONS AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Volunteers are needed to deliver meals, help prepare the meal, and create the environment. To volunteer to help, email: cbthanksgivingdinner@gmail.com ITEMS NEEDED: Cream of Mushroom Soup, Stove-Top Stuffing, French Fried Onions, Canned Green Beans, Chicken Broth, Turkey Roasting Bags, and Coffee All donated items and monetary gifts will be picked up every weekend from October 17 through November 15. Gift checks should be made to St. Patrick's Church with the notation "City-wide Thanksgiving Dinner." Thank you for your generosity!

• STALEY'S CHICKEN DINNER

Come to the Corpus Christi Parish's Annual Staley's Broasted Chicken Dinner on Sunday, November 1, from 11am to 3pm. The dinner will be held at St. Albert Catholic School, 400 Gleason Avenue, Council Bluffs. The cost is \$15 per dinner for ages 9 and up, ages 4 to 8 - \$10, and ages 3 and under are free. Dinner includes Staley's Broasted Chicken, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Stuffing, Green Beans, Corn, Coleslaw, Bread and Dessert. Dine in and take out available. Over a hundred theme baskets/crafts are available for purchase too. Large Raffle Prize \$4,000. Small Raffle, Silent Auction, Market Stand and more! Tickets can be purchased at the parish office (712) 323-2916 or at the door on the day of the event.

Danke

To Our Oktoberfest Committee!

- Rob Beck
- Debbie & Matt Benes
- Tracy Carlson
- Duitsman Family
- Zach Hamilton
- Krystle Hamilton

- Rod Hurley
- Patty Gant
- Maureen Garrigan
- Chris Olson
- Heather Olson
- Mary Ramsdell



Interested in being a Manager for next year?

Oktoberfest is only possible through the gifts of time and talent from our parish community! If you are interested in joining our team as an Oktoberfest Manager or Co-Manager for next year we would love to have you.



SEASON 6, EPISODE 1

SEE IT FIRST!

Fear and confusion reign as the disciples struggle to make sense of Jesus' arrest—and Judas' betrayal. While they fight to stay together, Nicodemus stands alone against the High Priest in a heated showdown that throws the council into disorder.

Join us for a special early access event to watch *The Chosen* Season 6 Episode 1.

All men of the parish are invited by the Knights of Columbus!

When; Monday, October 26th.

Time: 6pm for dinner and meeting.

The Chosen will be shown after the meeting at 7:30pm

Where: St Peter's Social Hall

All women of the parish are invited by the Women's Group and Altar & Rosary Society!

When: Thursday, Nov 5th

Time: 6pm for dinner and meeting.

The Chosen will be shown after the meeting at 7:30pm.

Where: St Peter's Social Hall



NOVEMBER 12 – 15

QUESTIONS:
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WHERE ARE WE GOING?

NOVEMBER 13

**MISSIONARIES
OF CHARITY**

NOVEMBER 14

CARMELITES

NOVEMBER 15

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Led by: Father Max & Katie Hopping, Director of Campus Ministry, St Albert Schools

The World According To Bob

- My wife told me our daughter has been shoplifting so I'm going to wait until after my birthday to discipline her.
- I'm teaching my children the advantages of dried grapes. It is all about raisin awareness.
- Dorothy: I miss Kansas
Toto: I miss the rains down in Africa.
If you know, you know!
- Bunk beds are people shelves.
- Coffee is bean soup.
- I don't know how to act my age. I have never been this old before.
- I just got off a 13 hour flight. The person next to me and I did not exchange a single word. That is what I love about being married.
- Do I want my daughter to be strong, confident, loud, and stick up for herself? Absolutely! Do I enjoy being the one she practices on? Not really!
- Want your kids to call more often? Change your Netflix password.
- If I died and went straight to hell, it would take me a week to realize I wasn't at work anymore.



Join us for an unforgettable evening of bingo where every round brings you closer to winning big!



St Peter's Catholic Church
1 Bluff St, Council Bluffs, IA



Door Open 5:00PM
Bingo Starts 6:00PM

Fourth Saturdays of the Following Months:

September 26, 2026

No Bingo in October

November 28, 2026

No Bingo in December

January 23, 2027

February 27, 2027

No March Bingo

April 24, 2027

May 22, 2027

- Food & Drink available for purchase (no outside food allowed).
- Card Packages starting at \$4.
- Children ages 12 and above may attend but must be accompanied by an adult and play BINGO.

Volunteers Needed: To sign up to volunteer or see jobs and descriptions scan here



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3rd Annual Trunk or Treat Event

Jointly-Hosted by
St. Peter's Catholic Church &
Corpus Christi Catholic Church



Sunday, October 25
4:00pm to 6:00pm
Corpus Christi Parking Lot



CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS!

We need your help to make this another awesome event! Sign up to hand out TREATS from your vehicle's TRUNK.

Invite a friend; involve the whole family! Complete the form at the bottom of this flyer and return to your parish office or place in the collection basket.

Deadline: October 18
(to allow time to plan the parking lot layout)

CALLING ALL KIDS!

Come to the event dressed in a costume (perhaps your favorite Saint)!

Visit the decorated vehicles and collect treats and other giveaways.

Afterward, join your friends & parish families in the Corpus Christi Social Hall for cookies and drinks!



I WANT TO DECORATE MY VEHICLE / TRUNK FOR THE JOINT TRUNK OR TREAT EVENT!

NAME(S):

PHONE NUMBER:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

VEHICLE TYPE: (SUV, Truck, Car, etc.)

*All participants should plan on providing their own trick or treat goodies; candy will not be supplied.

**CLIP, COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS PORTION (1 PER VEHICLE) TO THE PARISH OFFICE OR
PLACE IN THE COLLECTION BASKET AT MASS NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18**