



St. Peter's Catholic Church

a country church in the city

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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

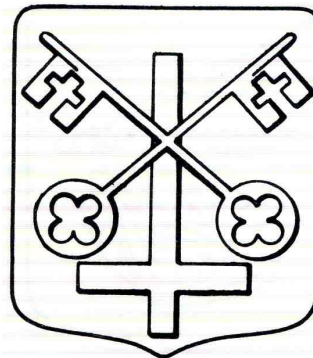
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Save the Date!

Sunday, October 12th	Oktoberfest!	11am-3pm, St Albert Catholic
Sunday, October 26th	Trunk or Treat Event	Corpus Christi parking lot
Saturday, November 1st	All Saints Day Mass	9am, St Peter's Church
Fri-Sun, Nov 14th-16th	Seminary visit	Conception, MO

From Father Jacob

When you have done all you have been commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.'

Keeping the commandments is not some laudable achievement, it is the minimum required. What are the commandments? Most of us know the ten commandments, given by God to Moses on Mount Sinai, and we probably know that Jesus has shown us how to understand the commandments more broadly so they can be a fuller guide to the Christian life.

Beyond the ten commandments, which are universal, there are the basic requirements of a Christian in the Church; these are often organized as the five precepts:

1. You shall attend Mass on Sundays and on holy days of obligation.
2. You shall confess your sins at least once a year.
3. You shall humbly receive your Creator in Holy Communion at least during the Easter season.
4. You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church.
5. You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church according to your ability.

Keeping the commandments doesn't earn me any special praise, it is just the basic requirement of life as a creature of God and of a Christian. I don't expect to be praised for not running red lights, I would expect to be punished for doing it. The commandments and precepts govern the minimum required of us.

Jesus calls us beyond the commandments and precepts into a sharing of His life, which is far more than just a set of rules. When I am generous to my neighbors, pray with focus and devotion, and bear sufferings for the Lord, I am going beyond the commandments and living the Gospel with Christ. I can expect to experience the presence of Christ in a life like that, and I can hope in God's promise of a treasure stored up in heaven for me.

St Peter's Aid Fund

Every year, after supporting our own parishioners and neighbors, we give the remaining money from our monthly second collection to organizations supporting those in need in our community. This year we supported:

Catholic Charities Domestic Violence Shelter: \$1000

Caring Ministries Food Pantry: \$1000

Our Savior's Lutheran Food Pantry: \$2000

Birthright: \$2000

Interfaith Response: \$2000

Thank you to our parishioners and visitors for their generosity in our second collection which allows our parish to be generous throughout the year and to support those in need.



One more week until Oktoberfest!

Buy your tickets in the social hall after Masses.

Please sign up to volunteer in the front of church or using the QR code below.



Our Mass schedule will be different next week:

4pm, 8am: as normal at St Peter's

10am: at St Albert's with music provided by the polka band

Noon: cancelled

If noon Mass is the only possible time for you you could attend at Corpus Christi (in Spanish) or St Joseph's in Omaha for the weekend.

October 5, 2025
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Saturday 4:00pm Mass	Sunday 8:00am Mass	Sunday 10:00am Mass	Sunday 12:00pm Mass
	Oct 11, 2025	Oct 12, 2025	Oct 12, 2025	Oct 12, 2025
Altar Servers	Emma Rodenburg Nicolas Rodenburg	Owen Juranek Dawson Smith Morgan Garst	Abby Lighthipe Leighton Finnegan Thomas Biederman	No 12:00 Mass due to Oktoberfest
Lectors	Erik King Dylies King	Noah Smith Joan Goeser	Tony Peterson	
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Ushers	Jack Gross Linda Bonham Fred Schaben William Stoshal	Jeff Veit Eric Ledger Keith Wirtz Jim Havermann	Dave Bristol Bryan Carolus Jill Clevenger Peter Clevenger	

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, 10/7

12:00 pm - Christine Fink †

Wednesday, 10/8

8:00 am - Bill & Iona Spitznagle †

Thursday, 10/9

12:00 pm - Suzanne Mahoney †

5:30 pm - Delwin & Tom Schnepel †

Friday, 10/10

8:00 am - Colleta Conley †

Saturday, 10/11

4:00 pm - Terry O'Rourke †

Sunday, 10/12

8:00 am - St Peter's Parish

10:00 am - Leopoldo Mendoza †

12:00 pm - No Mass Oktoberfest

READINGS FOR: Sunday, October 12, 2025

1ST READING: II Kings 5:14-17

2ND READING: II Timothy 2:8-13

GOSPEL: Luke 17:11-19

The World According to Bob

4th grade test:

- Q: In which battle did Napoleon die?
- A: His last one!
- Q: Where was the Declaration of Independence signed?
- A: At the bottom.

If you love someone, set them free; if you dislike someone, set them free....basically, set everyone free and buy a dog!

Father's Thought for the Week

God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control. So do not be ashamed of your testimony to our Lord.

What is my testimony to the Lord?

If someone asked me why I am a Christian, what would I say? How would I express the difference that knowing Jesus makes in my life? If someone asked me about going to Mass what would I say about it? Have I ever invited anyone to come with me? Why or why not?



Meeting
Reminder

Parish Life, Social Concerns, Liturgy, and Building & Grounds will meet Tuesday at 6:30pm in the Social Hall.

There will be no Religious Education Committee meeting.

Parish Council will meet at 7:15pm



Join Us Today!

Sunday, after 8am & 10am Mass
for Donuts & Coffee



Saturday, after 4pm Mass
Sunday after 12:00pm Mass
for Wine & Cheese

Donating Never Tasted So Sweet!

Thanks to the generosity of St. Peter's parishioners as well as the greater Council Bluffs community, the Knights were able to collect over \$3200 in the recent Tootsie Roll Drive. This means that 8 organizations (St. Albert School, Lewis Central Schools, Council Bluffs Schools, VODEC of Council Bluffs, the Council Bluffs Ministry with the Mentally Handicapped, Trivium Life Services, Mosaic, and Special Olympics) will all be receiving the proceeds.

Thanks again for all the support and generosity!



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Sunday, October 5th
St Francis Worship Center
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