

ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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August 23, 2026 Twenty First Sunday In Ordinary Time

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, August 26th
9th Grade Confirmation Meeting
6pm Social Hall
10th Grade Confirmation Meeting
7pm, Social Hall

Thursday, August 27th
Homeschool Mass & Gathering
12pm, Church/Social Hall

Monday, August 31st
Knight of Columbus Meeting
6pm, Social Hall

Tuesday, September 1st
Parish Committee Meetings
6:30pm, Social Hall

Parish Council Meeting
7:15pm, Social Hall

Wednesday, September 2nd
First Reconciliation/Communion Parent Meeting
6pm, Social Hall
Religious Education Parent Meeting K-1,
3-8
7pm, Social Hall

Wednesday, September 9th
Welcome Back Mass & Reception for
Religious Education K-10
6pm, Church/Social Hall

**Saturday, September 26th -
Sunday September 27th**
Christ Our Life Conference
Casey's Center, Des Moines or
by livestream
Visit christourlifeiowa.com for more
details and for tickets.

Sunday, October 11th
Oktoberfest
11am-3pm, St Albert Catholic School



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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team?** If you feel called to serve in this
ministry, please contact Debbie Foote at
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New To Our Parish?

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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

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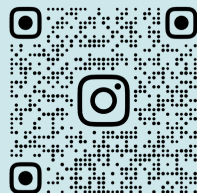
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Submissions for the bulletin must be submitted by Tuesday at 4pm. All submissions are subject to edits and approval.

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From Father Jacob

“Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

Jesus here gives St Peter a staggering share in his own authority. In the first reading we see a parallel with the authority of the head of the king's household, who had authority to act in the name of the king. In Jesus's own time, the power to bind and to loose meant to prohibit or permit/authorize an act or a person.

Jesus gives Peter, and later all the Apostles, the authority to act in the name of the new Kingdom he is inaugurating, he makes him the new “head of the household” of God! The Church continues to exercise this power today in her authoritative teaching, in her governing of Christian life, and in the sacraments. Why does a priest dare to speak in the name of God when absolving sins in confession? Because Christ gave the Church the power to loose! Why are you bound to fast on Ash Wednesday? Because the Church has bound you to do so, and so it is bound in heaven!

Welcome Father Max

Please join me in welcoming Father Max Carson to our parish! Fr Max has been here in Council Bluffs for the last five years at St Patrick Church and as the chaplain at St Albert. He will continue at St Albert and also give us some assistance here at St Peter. I certainly feel we are blessed to have him with us!

Exploring Catholicism starts September 13th

Have you been coming to Mass but have not received the sacraments? Do you want to join the Church? Do you or someone you know want to learn what Catholic Christians believe and why?

Come to “Exploring Catholicism” class on **Sunday, September 13th at 2pm**. The first class will be at St Patrick Church at 4 Valley View Dr. This would be a great opportunity to invite a friend or family member who might be interested!

Iowa School for the Deaf Religious Education

This year we have the great opportunity to offer Religious Education to children at the Iowa School for the Deaf! The parish is seeking a few volunteers who are proficient in sign language to help with this ministry. If you or someone you know would be a good fit for this ministry, please contact Fr Jacob by email or phone.

Mass Minister Meetings this Month

We're so grateful to our Mass ministers who serve the parish in their ministries. We will have brief Mass minister meetings this month.

If you are already a Eucharistic minister, usher, or altar server, please plan to stay after Mass on your weekend for a 5-10 minute meeting. If you would like to serve the parish in this way, please stay after as well and we will train you!

August 8-9 — Lectors

August 15-16 — Eucharistic Ministers —

August 22-23 Ushers

August 29-30 Altar Servers

Mass Intentions

Tuesday August 25, 2026

12pm Agnes Moser +

Wednesday August 26, 2026

8am Robert & Catherine Megel +

Thursday August 27, 2026

12pm Molly Hittinger +

5:30pm Robi Suden +

Friday August 28, 2026

8am Helena Reardon +

Saturday August 29, 2026

4pm Don & Shirley O'Rourke +

Sunday August 30, 2026

8am Tom & Delwyn Schnepel +

10am St Peter's Parish

12pm Roger Wood +

	Saturday 4:00PM	Sunday 8:00AM	Sunday 10:00AM	Sunday 12:00PM
	August 29, 2026	August 30, 2026	August 30, 2026	August 30, 2026
Altar Servers	Emma Rodenburg Nicolas Rodenburg Elizabeth Branson	Connor McGrath Addie McGrath Elle McGrath	Aiden Gaul Charlotte Noon	John Duitsman Evelyn Duitsman
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Ushers	Linda Bonham Fred Schaben Jack Gross Mark Assman	Gary Juranek Eric Ledger Mike Ring Velda Ring	Jill Clevenger Peter Clevenger Nate Noon Connor Noon	Chris Olson Rob Peters Mason Olson

Next Sunday's Readings: August 30, 2026

1st - Jeremiah 20:7-9

2nd - Romans 12:1-2

Gospel - Matthew 16:21-27

CONNECTED

Organizations & Groups

• ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

The St Anne's Altar and Rosary Society next meeting is **Thursday, September 3rd** 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, August 20th** 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.

• KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Our next meeting is **Monday, August 31st** 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 meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm. Our next meeting is **Tuesday, September 8th** 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, August 27th**. We will have Mass at 12pm followed by lunch and activities. Stay tuned for more details on lunch. To be added to our list email redirector@saintpeterscb.org

SEEKERS & SAINTS

Faith Formation News



FULLY ALIVE YOUTH GROUP

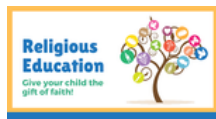
SCHOOL YEAR KICKOFF!

All 9th - 12th Graders are welcome to join us on Sunday, August 16th from 7-9 PM for our kickoff to a new year. We meet at the St. Francis Worship Center, 238th S 6th St. Snacks provided and bring a friend!



EXPLORING CATHOLICISM

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



K-10th Grade Religious Education Registration

Registration is now open for the 2026-2027 year. Classes begin on Wednesday, September 9th. All registration information and forms can be found on the parish website. Questions? Contact Heather Olson, Director of Religious Education at redirector@saintpeterscb.org.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Catechists, Assistant Catechist, Confirmation Teacher, Discussion Group Leaders, and Helpers. For more details and job descriptions see the flyer in the bulletin. If interested or need more information contact Heather Olson at 712-318-3030/redirector@saintpeterscb.org

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy is offered during the 10 am Mass for children in PK-2nd (generally those who have not received Holy Communion). This provides an environment for young children to hear and learn about God's Word in the Sunday readings. The purpose is for children to engage and become active participants in the Mass celebration and to help them grow in their faith. Children are dismissed from Mass before the First Reading and rejoin after the Homily. There is no need to register.



BEYOND THE PARISH

News From Across the Diocese

• **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 ChristOurLifelowa.com to purchase tickets and for the list of speakers. In person or Livestream. The cost is \$30 for the entire weekend and 23 and under are FREE. To hear world class speakers, learn more about your faith, be inspired, worship and praise God in community and experience the joy of His presence! Come for all or stay for some. Let's Believe...Live...and Celebrate Our Faith!

The World According To Bob

- Newborn Baby T-Shirt "I just got here and I already dislike Nebraska"
- Nationwide cyber security warning: If you receive an email with the subject line Canned Meat don't open it. It's spam.
- Hiking is a great way to meet people. Today I almost met 2 paramedics, 1 cardiologist, and Jesus.
- A woman applied for a job in a lemon grove. The foreman said, "You seem overqualified. Do you have any experience picking lemons?" She replied, "I've been divorced four times."
- A man came into a bar and ordered three beers every Saturday. One day the bartender asked, "Why three beers every time?" The man replied, "One for me, one for my brother in Chicago, and one for my brother in Sydney." The bartender said, "What a lovely way to have drinks together even though you're apart." One day the man came in and ordered two beers. The bartender said, "I'm sorry for your loss." The man said, "Oh, my brothers are fine; I just gave up drinking for Lent."

Social Concerns Committee

Book Drive

for the Pottawattamie County Jail



August 16th - September 13th

Drop off in the boxes located in the entry ways of the church.

- Books needed are youth chapter through adult.
- ALL books MUST be soft cover
- At this time they are not in need of puzzle books or cards.

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St Anne's Altar Society

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Save the Date

St Peter's Catholic Church 56th Annual Oktoberfest
Sunday, October 11th from 11am-3pm
St Albert Catholic School - 400 Gleason Ave

Silent Auction

We are in need of silent auction items. The best items are things you couldn't just get at a store. Some examples are homemade or specialty items (any woodworkers out there?), tickets to a game (hint hint season ticket holders), or a weekend at a cabin (own a lake house?), theme basket (ask your family & friends to help!)

BINGO Prizes

Bingo Prizes Needed for All Ages
We are looking for prizes suitable for both adults and children. Here are a few suggestion: puzzles, coloring books, games and art supplies. Please ensure that all donated items are brand new.

Sponsors Needed

We are seeking sponsors in any amount for carnival games, rootbeer kegs, cotton candy, bounce haus, raffle prizes, polka band and more!

If you are interested in being a sponsor contact the parish office or email
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KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS
ST PETER' S COUNCIL 1045

SPAGHETTI DINNER

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH
5:00-7:00PM



ADULTS \$10
KIDS <12 YRS \$5

Menu:
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