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June 14, 2026 Eleventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, June 14th

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

Thursday, June 18th

Catholic Daughters Meeting
6pm, Social Hall

Monday, June 22nd

Knights of Columbus Meeting
6pm, Social Hall

Thursday, June 25th

Homeschool Family Gathering
12pm Mass, Church Lunch &
Activities after, Social Hall

Friday, June 26th

Fully Alive Youth Group Pool Party
9-11pm Green Meadows Pool

Sunday, June 28th

Church Picnic at The Landing
11am-3pm (11am Mass),
The Landing
See Flyer for Details

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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**Would you like to be part of the prayer
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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.

Parish Office

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Office Hours:

Mon- Closed

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

Fri 9:00AM-12:00PM

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From Father Jacob

**Jesus' heart was moved with pity for them
because they were troubled and abandoned,
like sheep without a shepherd.**

On Friday we celebrated the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and today we have this beautiful passage that shows us the heart of Jesus. The heart of Jesus is really a summary of the gospel: it shows us everything in one beautiful image of God's love!

Jesus is moved with pity for us in our sorry state. The heart of Jesus is usually shown on fire with love, and this isn't how Jesus is just in this story: he was on fire with compassion when he became a man in the first place, on fire with love when he healed and taught, on fire with mercy when he went to the cross. He is on fire with love for you right now!

Jesus sees the people troubled and abandoned, so his heart is wounded so we can be made whole. Jesus's heart shows the wound that heals us and the crown of thorns that makes him with us in our troubles.

Jesus sees us like sheep without a shepherd, so he guides us. The heart of Jesus has rays of glory shining out of it because it is not just a human love, but God's own love made present for us humans to guide us home to God.

O Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make our hearts like yours!

Parish Mission Appeal

Next weekend we will be joined by Fr Aloysius Royan of the Diocese of Khammam in Southeast India, who will be making an appeal for our support of the good work of their Diocese. Please consider supporting our brothers and sisters in India by giving in cash in the second collection, writing a check, or dropping off a check or donation at the office.

Money given in the "food bank" envelopes always stays here for the needy of Council Bluffs but the other money given in our second collection this month will go to support the mission appeal. Thank you for your generosity!

Vacation Bible School

We had such a great week of Vacation Bible School! We had 40 students participate this year. Thank you to the very many volunteers who gave their time this past week to make it a success.

Parish Picnic June 28th

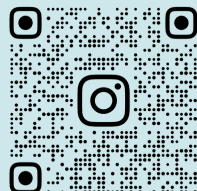
Plan to join us for the Parish Picnic in two weeks, June 28th! We will have Mass at 11am at the Landing south of town, followed by a potluck lunch, games, and good conversation.

Plan to bring a side, salad, or dessert, some golf clubs and expendable balls, and a bags set if you have one!

Because of the picnic we will not have 10am or Noon Mass at the church on June 28th.

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

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Mass Intentions

Tuesday, June 16, 2026
12pm Fred Maher +
Wednesday, June 17, 2026
 8am Darlene Holetson +
Thursday, June 18, 2026
 12pm Dale Kenkel +
 5:30pm Georgian Sharp +
Friday, June 19, 2026
 8am Linda Schmitt +
Saturday, June 20, 2026
 4pm Terry O'Rourke +
Sunday, June 21, 2026
 8am Frank & Ruth Holzer +
 10am St Peter's Parish
 Noon Fathers of the Parish

Ministry Schedule

	Saturday 4:00PM	Sunday 8:00AM	Sunday 10:00AM	Sunday 12:00PM
	June 20, 2026	June 21, 2026	June 21, 2026	June 21, 2026
Altar Servers	Nicolas Rodenburg Emma Rodenburg	Michael Rosloniec Noah Smith Owen Juranek	Connor Noon Cole Noon Charlotte Noon	Emma Thompson John Duitsman
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Organizations & Groups

Next Sunday's Readings: June 21, 2026

1st - Jeremiah 20:10-13

2nd - Romans 5:12-15

Gospel - Matthew 10:26-33

• ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

The St Anne's Altar and Rosary Society will NOT meet in July. Our next meeting is **Thursday, August 6th** 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, June 18th** 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, June 22nd** 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. Due to a conflict for July, we will meet instead on **Tuesday, July 21st** 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. We had great conversation, wonderful food and a competitive game of cornhole! Our next meeting date is TBD

• HOMESCHOOL MASS & LUNCH

Attention all homeschool families – Join us for our next Homeschool Gathering on **Thursday, June 25th**. We will have Mass at 12pm followed by lunch and activities.

SEEKERS & SAINTS

Faith Formation News



FULLY ALIVE YOUTH GROUP

All high schoolers are invited to join us! [Check out all of our Summer Events on Facebook or the church website!!](#)

Upcoming Dates:

Friday, June 26th from 9-11pm - Pool Party at Green Meadows Pool 200 Parkview Dr. - Join us for swimming, games, and snacks! Bring a friend!

Sunday, July 19th from 7-9pm - St Francis Worship Center 238 S 6th St. - Movie Night On The Patio Join us for a movie and popcorn on the patio! Bring a friend!



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 - CONFIRMATION NEWS

Beginning in 2027-2028, the Diocese of Des Moines is moving the celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation from 10th grade to 6th grade. We're making the shift because young people are more receptive to a personal, life-changing encounter with Jesus that seals their identity as disciples and members of the Body of Christ. Families will learn more about changes in their parishes later this summer. Hear directly from Bishop William Joensen about the change and why it's being made at https://youtu.be/fg_tkgUEDcE or for more info go to dmdiocese.org/ministries-and-faith-formation/youth-ministry/confirmation.

Join us at St Peter's Wednesday, August 5th at 6pm (note date/time change from last bulletin) for an informational meeting along with question and answer.

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!

• MISSIONCARE SHOW-TUNE ENSEMBLE & DINNER EVENT

MissionCare in collaboration with the Iowa Western Community Band presents Show-Tune Ensemble, Tuesday, June 16th, with music and dinner at 6:30 PM. All are invited to this delightful evening featuring delicious cuisine, entertaining music, and a flower raffle, along with a brief MissionCare presentation. All proceeds will go toward the goals of MissionCare. Cost is \$25 per person. To purchase tickets call/text 515-985-8331.

• MERCY HOSPITAL MASS

Did you know there is another opportunity in Council Bluffs for Mass on a weekday? There is Mass every Wednesday at 11:30 AM in the chapel at Mercy Hospital. It seldom has anyone in attendance, so it is perfect for quiet reflection and celebration of the Eucharist. The chapel is located on the first floor down the hall to the right on the way to Intensive Care.

• CONSECRATION OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS MOVIE

Looking for a way to celebrate the consecration of the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus this week? Check out the movie Sacred Heart: His Reign Has No End playing at AMC June 14th.



Father's Day **BREAKFAST**

Sunday, June 14th

After the 8am & 10am Mass

**MENU: CHEESY EGG SAUSAGE GRAVY WITH BISCUITS,
HAM, ROASTED POTATOES, FRUIT PARFAITS, CINNAMON
ROLLS, JUICE, MILK, & COFFEE**

Breakfast provided by the St Anne's Altar Society.



St Peter's Church Annual Family PICNIC



FOODS - GAMES - FUN

JOIN US FOR A DELIGHTFUL DAY OF FOOD, GAMES & FUN!
PLEASE BRING A SIDE, SALAD, OR DESSERT.

SUNDAY
28
JUNE

THE LANDING

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11AM - 3PM

MASS AT 11AM* | FOOD & GAMES 12-3PM

*NO 10AM OR NOON MASS

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OUR ADULT GAMES WILL INCLUDE OUR GOLF BALL DRIVE OVER THE RIVER AND A BAGS TOURNAMENT. BE SURE TO BRING YOUR GOLF CLUBS AND BALLS. WE ARE ALSO IN NEED OF BAG BOARDS. START BRAINSTORMING YOUR TEAM NAME, AS WE WILL BE AWARDING THE BEST RELIGIOUS THEMED NAME.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES FOR CHRIST



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5:00 PM



MASS
AT
6:00 PM



PRESENTATION
AT
7:00 PM



SOCIAL
GATHERING
AT
7:30 PM

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BEER -N- BRATS

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***SATURDAY, JUNE 20TH @ 6PM
ST. PATRICK CHURCH***

**HOSTED BY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND HOLY
HAPPENINGS COMMITTEE OF SHEPHERD'S CALL.
QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT KATHLEEN KYPRIANOS
402.312.0765 OR MICHELLE MALICK 402.651.3335**



The World According To Bob

- Perks Of Being 60 Or Older:
 1. Kidnappers are not very interested in you.
 2. In hostage situations, you are likely to be released first.
 3. No one expects you to run anywhere.
 4. People call at 8 PM and ask, "Did I wake you?"
 5. There is nothing left to learn the hard way.
 6. Things you buy now probably won't wear out.
 7. You can eat at 4:40 PM and no one questions it.
- I've heard people say they don't need coffee in the morning to wake up. Well, you don't need a parachute to skydive, but it helps.
- I'll never forget my brother's last words. "Stop shaking the ladder, Bob."
- If a cow doesn't produce milk, is it a milk dud or an udder failure?
- I'm getting stronger with age. I can now lift \$100 worth of groceries in one hand.

The Social Concerns Committee for the month of June will be collecting games and creative activities for the children of the Child Saving Institute (formerly Children's Square) to use for the summer.



They are in need of the following items:

- Art Supplies
- Legos
- Sit Down Games (no balls)

Boxes for donations will be in the back and side entrance of the church.

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

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