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July 19, 2026 Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, July 19th

Fully Alive Youth Group
Movie & Popcorn Night
7-9pm, St Francis Worship Center

Monday, July 20th

Knights of Columbus Meeting
6pm, Social Hall

Tuesday, July 21st

Women's Group
6:30pm, Social Hall

Thursday, July 23rd

Homeschool Mass, Lunch & Activities
12pm, Church/Social Hall

Sunday, July 26th

Young Adult Group
7pm, Social Hall

Wednesday, August 5th

Confirmation Q&A
6pm, 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.

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:

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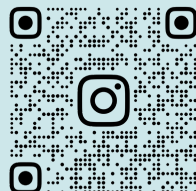
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From Seminarian Shawn

Hello everyone it's great to be back! A lot has happened over the last year since I was at St. Peter's. Recently I was made a candidate for the priesthood by Bishop Joensen at St. Patrick's Church. The Rite of Candidacy is where the local church formally recognizes a man to be a candidate for the priesthood. It was a great blessing to have this take place at my home parish and a lot of family attended. This also marks the transition I'm making from Pre-Theology studies to Theology studies. For the past two years I have been taking courses primarily focused on Latin, Greek, and Philosophy. For the next four years I will be studying a variety of topics in Theology to prepare for priesthood. Interesting to note is that in the fall I will be wearing a roman collar to classes and to seminary events.

Earlier this summer I completed a six week program called the Institute for Priestly Formation (IPF) at Creighton University. This program has been around for over twenty years and many priests around the country attended when they were in seminary. Over the course of the six weeks we had lectures on various topics. We spent a lot of time discussing prayer as well as priestly identity. Also during the six weeks we had an eight day silent retreat. A major focus in the retreat was Ignatian Spirituality and the use of the imagination in prayer. I had a great experience at IPF and it was encouraging to meet seminarians and priests from all over the United States.

Again it's great to be back in Council Bluffs at Saint Peter's! I learned a lot last summer and it's been great seeing familiar faces. I look forward to the time I have with you all and I will keep you all in my prayers.

A Substitute next Week

Next weekend we will have Fr Eze Ummnakwe at all of our weekend Masses. Please give him a warm welcome and thank him for being here at St Peter's!

I will be on a retreat in South Dakota. The Church requires a priest to go on a prayer retreat every year for at least five days. Usually I do that during the week so I don't have to miss weekend Masses, but I had a beautiful opportunity to have a directed retreat this year that fell over the weekend. I am grateful to Fr Eze for being with us and allowing me to go!

Annual Report

This weekend we have our annual financial report. You'll see that we had a balanced budget this year thanks to the generosity of our parishioners. If you don't currently give to the parish in a regular way, I'd encourage you to start by asking for envelopes or giving by autodraft. If you give regularly, thank you for your generosity! This time of year might be a good time to look at our giving plan for the year and see if there is call to give more as family circumstances have changed.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday July 21, 2026

12pm Dorothy & Roger Snook+

Wednesday July 22, 2026

8am Marie Schmitt +

Thursday July 23, 2026

12pm Carl & Marilyn Zacccone +

5:30pm Darlene Holetson +

Friday July 24, 2026

8am Robi Suden +

Saturday July 25, 2026

4pm Nancy Chambers +

Sunday July 26, 2026

8am Dorothy and Roger Snook +

10am Dcn. Elpidas Stephen Rallis +

12pm St Peter's Parish

	Saturday 4:00PM	Sunday 8:00AM	Sunday 10:00AM	Sunday 12:00PM
	July 25, 2026	July 26, 2026	July 26, 2026	July 26, 2026
Altar Servers	Nicholas Moses Cooper Moses Parker Moses	Audrey Garst Morgan Garst Joseph Schmedding	Abby Lighthipe Sarah Lighthipe	Ben Johnsen John Duitsman
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Next Sunday's Readings: July 26, 2026

1st - I Kings 3:5, 7-12

2nd - Romans 8:28-30

Gospel - Matthew 13:44-52

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Organizations & Groups

• ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

The St Anne's Altar and Rosary Society 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, 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, July 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 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. Our next meeting is a movie night on **Sunday, July 26th at 7pm!** 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, July 23rd**. 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

All teens in 7th-12th grade are invited to join us! [Check out all of our Summer Events on Facebook or the church website!!](#)

Upcoming Dates:

Sunday, July 19th from 7-9pm - St Francis Worship Center 238 S 6th St. - **Movie Night**

Join us for a movie and popcorn! 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 for an informational meeting along with question and answer.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Our 10AM Children's Liturgy program is on break for July and will resume the first Sunday in August. We look forward to seeing all of our children in August and hope to see some new faces! If you are interested in volunteering to help with this program please contact Heather Olson at redirector@saintpeterscb.org.

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 ChristOurLifeIowa.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!

• ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY - HOLY FAMILY BELL PLAZA FUNDRAISER

With the help of the Holy Family Preservation Society and of several generous donors the old Holy Family Church bell was installed on the cemetery grounds. We are pleased to host this beautiful piece of Council Bluffs history, and to use it to honor our beloved dead into the future. This year we want to beautify the area around the bell and raise funds to continue to care for our beloved dead by installing a memorial plaza around our lovely bell. You can purchase a brick to honor a loved one, mentor, good cause, or institution close to your heart on the fundraiser website: www.bricksrus.com/donorsite/stjoseph or if you would like a form you can pick up one at your Parish.

• PILGRIMAGE TO GROTTA OF THE REDEMPTION

The three parishes in Council Bluffs are working together to offer a day-long pilgrimage to The Shrine of the Grotto of Redemption in West Bend, IA, on August 12th. The cost is \$110 per person, with payment due at the time of registration, and includes a light breakfast, lunch at the Wagon Wheel in West Bend, and a light dinner. . We have filled all spots but do have a waitlist. **If you would like to join the waitlist please call Ward at 402-630-3640 or Kathy at 402-740-2746.**

The World According To Bob

- When we were kids, we had a bookcase full of dictionaries and encyclopedias. I would ask my mom, "How do you spell elephant?" She would say, "Look it up." I spent forever in the "L's". Looking up pneumonia? I almost blacked out!
- Did you know Darth Vader had a sister? He didn't talk about her because their relationship had lots of ups and downs and he was always pushing her buttons. Her name was Ellie.
- My mom used to tell me that donuts were her enemy, but I know Jesus said to love your enemy! Make of that what you will...
- I before E except ...when your foreign neighbor Keith receives eight counterfeit beige sleighs from feisty caffeinated lifters. Weird.
- I believe in a world where chickens can cross the road without having their motives questioned.

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BINGO NIGHT

Saturday, August 22nd
Doors Open at 5:30pm and
BINGO begin at 6:30pm

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