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*a country church in the city*

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## **Mass Schedule**

Saturday: 4pm  
Sunday: 8am, 10am, 12 noon  
Tues, Wed, and Fri: 8am  
Thurs: 5:30pm

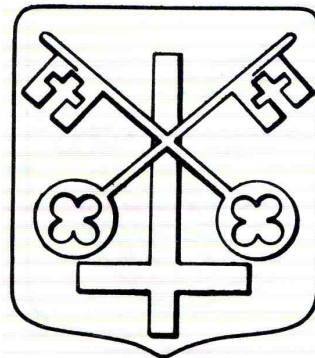
## **Reconciliation**

Saturday 3:00—3:45pm  
Sunday 7:00-7:45am

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## **Save the Date!**

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<b>October 6th</b>	K of C Exemplification	1:30pm, St Peter's Church
<b>October 6th</b>	CB Youth Group	7pm, Social Hall and Church
<b>October 8th</b>	Women's Prayer Group	6:30pm, Fr Kottas Social Hall

6 OCTOBER, 2024

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## From Father Jacob

**"Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."**

This is a hard saying. Who can accept it?

Jesus never shied away from teaching us hard truths, and his teaching on the permanence and indissolubility of marriage is a prime example of that. This direct and clear teaching of Jesus is for many a very hard thing to accept.

I won't waste column space here defending the Lord's teaching: He is perfectly clear about it in today's Gospel, as well as in Matthew and Luke. Instead I want to note two things:

### 1. Divorce and remarriage

I can't tell you how many people I have met who have the mistaken impression that having a marriage that ended in divorce itself disqualifies them from living as a Catholic. This is not true! And I am hereby making all of you my messengers to the whole town that it's not true.

Divorce is always a tragedy, it is sometimes the best way forward for a particular family in their specific circumstances. Whether for good reason or not, it does not cut us off from the Church. What is not possible, since a marriage is a permanent joining, is to be married again. Even here though, we come to point two:

### 2. There is always a way forward

The Lord never leaves us stranded, and neither does His Church. There is always a way forward, because it is impossible that we could ever be permanently shut off from the Father in this life. There is a way forward. Let's chart it together.



Wow! What a great Sunday last week. It was wonderful to see so many people having good food and good fun at Oktoberfest.

We served over 550 meals, and grossed about \$11,000 on Sunday, including the Altar and Rosary country store. In a few more weeks I'll be able to report what we netted.

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

I want to especially thank the Oktoberfest Committee for their great dedication and generous gift of their time. They put on a wonderful event this year!

Adam and Edna Thomas

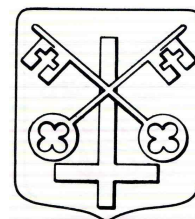
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READINGS FOR: October 13, 2024  
1ST READING: Wisdom 7:7-11  
2ND READING: Hebrews 4:12-13  
GOSPEL: Mark 10:17-30

MASS SCHEDULE

Tue 10/8 8:00 am Isabelle O’Grady  
Wed 10/9 8:00 am Bill & Ione Spitznagle  
Thurs 10/10 5:30 pm Dick Buntin  
Fri 10/11 8:00 am Pat Hudek  
Sat 10/12 4:00 pm Linda Schmitt  
Sun 10/13 8:00 am Doris Barton & Dorothy Snook  
10:00 am St. Peter’s Parish  
Noon Mary Lybarger

SATURDAY, 4PM October 12, 2024  
ALTAR SERVERS: Ella Bussey, Nicholas Rodenburg, Jack Limpp  
LECTORS: Wally Bussey, Evelyn Duitsman  
EUCH MINISTERS: Rod Nuss  
USHERS: Jack Gross, Linda Bonham, Fred Schaben, Josie Limpp

SUNDAY, 8 AM, October 13, 2024  
ALTAR SERVERS: Evan & Jack Veit, Velda Ring  
LECTORS: Tyler Juranek, Nicole Juranek  
EUCH MINISTERS: Roger Harvey  
USHERS: Andy Juranek, Gary Juranek, Eric Ledger, Keith Wirtz

SUNDAY, 10 AM October 13, 2024  
ALTAR SERVERS: Carter Rossbund, Aiden Gaul, Leighton Finnegan  
LECTORS: Craig Menges, Tony Peterson  
EUCH MINISTERS: Patty Gantt  
USHERS: Margine Henry, Dan Lighthipe. Mike Nielsen, Olivia Ausdemore

SUNDAY, NOON October 13, 2024  
ALTAR SERVERS: Payton & Ben Johnson, Aubree Brandau  
LECTORS: Mikayla Yanovich, Chris Maher  
EUCH MINISTERS: Susan Lorkovic  
USHERS: Rob Peters, Trevor Yanovich, Chris Olson, Meg Busch

FATHER’S THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Jesus came as a man to be with us men and women in everything, up to and including suffering and death.  
Since God has shown how much He loves me, and how far He is willing to go to remain with me, and restore me, and give me life, what could I possibly have to be afraid of?

FULLY ALIVE YOUTH GROUP is holding a caramel apple bar on Sunday, October 6 from 7—9 pm in the St. Peter’s Father Kottas Social Hall. All 9—12 graders are invited. Please see attached flyer for more details.

Knights of Columbus Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity at St. Peter’s Church Sunday, October 6 at 1:30 pm with a reception following in the Father Kottas Social Hall. See attached flyer for more information.

Council Bluffs Life Chain will be held on Sunday, October 6 from 2:00pm—3:30pm on Broadway from 16th to 35th Street. Information in the attached flyer.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas®, St. Anthony Court #330 next meeting is Tuesday, October 8 at St. Patrick’s Social Hall. Mass starts at 6pm followed by dinner at 6:30 and the meeting at 7pm. We will be filling Boxes of Joy for children at Christmas. Women 18 years and older from all Council Bluffs parishes are welcome. www.cda330.org

LIFE ACCORDING TO JEAN.....

- I’m a leader not a follower. Unless it’s a dark place, then you’re going first.
- Happiness is eating an entire pizza in front of a friend who’s on a diet.
- I often wonder who Pete is, and why we do things for his sake.
- If Zombies ever attack, just go to Costco. They have strong walls, years of food supplies, and Zombies can’t get in because they don’t have a membership card.
- You know you’re mature when you go to the dentist and you are no longer afraid of pain, but of how much it costs.
- I do all my own stunts, but never intentionally.
- If people were meant to pop out of bed, we’d all sleep in toasters.
- If craziness could fly, some people would have their own airport.
- My Saturday was going really well until I realized it’s Sunday.
- Sleeping is hard in the summer because the blankets are too warm, but without them I’m vulnerable to monsters.
- In filling out an application, where it says, “In case of emergency notify.” I put “Doctor.”
- Pro Tip: In the event of a tornado or other such disaster, place hot dogs and /or cheese slices in your pockets so the search dogs can find you first.
- To make time fly, throw your watch out the window.
- Dear LOL, thank you for being there for me all those times I never had anything else to say.

HAVE A GREAT WEEK, STAY SAFE, BE NICE TO EACH OTHER

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, October 8-Women’s Prayer Group 6:30pm  
Wednesday, October 9-Rel Ed & Confirmation 6:15  
Thursday, October 10-RCIA 7PM in hall

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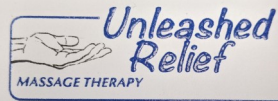
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