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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

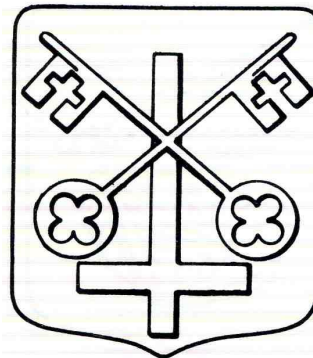
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Save the Date!

Monday, May 26th	Memorial Day Mass	St Joseph Cemetery, 9am
May 31-June 1	<u>Parish Verification forms</u>	After all weekend Masses
Wednesday, June 4th	1st Summer Bible Study	Fr Kottas Social Hall, 6:30 pm
Sunday, June 8th	Father's Day Brunch	Social Hall after 8am and 10am Masses
June 9-13	Vacation Bible School!	St Albert's, 5:30—8:30 pm.

25 MAY, 2025

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

From Father Jacob

Novena for the Holy Spirit

When he ascended into heaven, Jesus told his apostles to:

wait for “the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

This 9-day wait for the Holy Spirit became the very first Novena, the nine days of prayer between Jesus’s Ascension and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Christians should always ask to be strengthened by the Holy Spirit, who God has given to us at Baptism and Confirmation. This time before Pentecost is a beautiful time to renew that request.

We will celebrate the Ascension on Sunday this year, but if you want to pray the nine days of waiting for the Holy Spirit you will need to start on Friday, May 30th.

In our nine days we will pray for the fruits of the Holy Spirit: Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control, and goodness (see Galatians 5:22-23). You can do this in any way you like, below is a very appropriate prayer to use:

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who instruct the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

If you want a fuller novena prayer, you can find it by following the QR code below:



Thank you to Jean Thomas

After 18 years of service to the parish, Jean will be retiring this summer. The parish is grateful to her and I am personally grateful to her as well: she is a patient lady to put up with me and I don’t know what I would have done without her teaching me how we do things here at St Peter’s over the last year. Thank you Jean!

Directory photos

Our parish directory photos were last week. Thank you to all who participated. Thank you to the volunteers who hosted all week last week, and a very big Thank You to Toni and Glenn Hansen who organized the signups, worked with the directory company, and helped people reschedule.

New self-opening doors

If you use the side entrance to the church then you have noticed our great new handicapped-accessible door openers. Thanks to Rob Beck and the Building and Grounds Committee for organizing this project. Thanks to two of our parishioners who donated \$6500 of the \$11,000 total cost to purchase and install all the equipment.

Memorial Day Mass

On Monday St Joseph Cemetery will host our annual Memorial Day Mass at 9am. Bring a folding chair and come to pray for our veterans and all of our beloved dead in the beautiful cemetery. To pray for the living and the dead is a work of mercy!

The rain location this year is Corpus Christi Parish.

Parish Picnic

I am very excited for our parish picnic on Sunday, June 29th. We will have a modified Mass schedule that day: plan to join us for 11am Mass at The Landing, followed by potluck lunch, games, music, and god company from noon to 3pm. We will not have 10am or noon Masses at the church that day.

25 MAY, 2025

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

READINGS FOR: June 1, 2025
1ST READING: Acts 1:1-11
2ND READING: Ephesians 1:12-23
GOSPEL: Luke 24:46-53

MASS SCHEDULE

Tue	5/27	8:00 am	Father Kenkel-RIP & Father Weiss
Wed	5/28	8:00 am	Mendez Family
Thurs	5/29	5:30 pm	Renteria Family
Fri	5/30	8:00 am	Mendoza Family
Sat	5/31	4:00 pm	Rosanne Doran-RIP
Sun	6/1	8:00 am	Kenneth Finnegan-RIP
		10:00 am	Frank Paluka-RIP
		Noon	St. Peter's Parish

SATURDAY, 4PM May 31, 2025
ALTAR SERVERS: Bianca & Ellianna Cihacek, Jack Limp
LECTORS: Rod Nuss, Amy Rallis
EUCH MINISTERS: Toni Hansen, Jacque Liston, Lucile Gerjevic
USHERS: Jack Gross, Linda Bonham, Fred Schaben, Mark Assman

SUNDAY, 8 AM, June 1, 2025
ALTAR SERVERS: Dawson Smith, Evan & Jack Veit
LECTORS: Nicole Juranek, Jim Pidgeon
EUCH MINISTERS: Molly Rosloneic, Patti Ford
USHERS: Jeff Veit, Geroge Garst, Mike Rosloneic, Oliver Juranek

SUNDAY, 10 AM June 1, 2025
ALTAR SERVERS: Savannah Murray, Aiden Gaul, Alyssa Brockelsby
LECTORS: Mike Noon, Tony Peterson
EUCH MINISTERS: Zach Clevenger, Theresa Jozwaik, Mary Brockelsby
USHERS: Nate Noon, Olivia Ausdemore, Mike Nielsen, Bryan Carolus

SUNDAY, NOON June 1, 2025
ALTAR SERVERS: Payton & Ben Johnsen, Grace Burroughs
LECTORS: Mary Bratton, Cindy Bussey
EUCH MINISTERS: Andrea Barnes
USHERS: Rob Peters, Trevor Yanovich, Chris Olson, Meg Busch

Father's Thought for the Week

There arose no little dissension and debate...

Sometimes people are scandalized by disagreements and arguments within the Church, or when they see Catholics who are wrong about something. We see in our reading today a big disagreement within the Church. We also see the solution: discussion and prayer together, and submission to the authority of the apostles teaching together. May we dwell together in unity with the whole Church!

Our Office Manager, Jean Thomas, is retiring. Her last day will be June 13th. Let's come together to celebrate her years of dedicated service and make her retirement truly memorable. Cards and notes of appreciation would mean the world to her and remind her of the impact she has made on our Parish Family. You can send them to her at 9 Skyview Dr. Council Bluffs, IA 51503.

You are cordially invited to join Corpus Christi Catholic Church in celebrating Fr. Luis Mejia's 10th Anniversary to the priesthood. June 5, 2025 with Mass at 6PM and reception to follow. THIS IS A SURPRISE PARTY. Please RSVP to Victor Salcido at vsalcido@corpuschristia.com.

Memorial Day mass will be held at St. Joseph Cemetery on Monday, May 26 at 9:00 am. Please bring your own lawn chairs. In case of rain mass will be at Corpus Christi.

St. Peter's and St. Joseph's Offices will be closed on Monday, May 26 for Memorial Day.

LIFE ACCORDING TO JEAN.....

- My husband has recently contracted this strange speech disorder where he sometimes say "No" when what he really means is "Yes my beautiful wife."
- Vacation is booked...Now it's time to buy 15 new outfits (I'll wear 5) while my husband wears the same clothes he's had since 2010.
- I can't wait for warm summer nights outside on the patio...*653 mosquitoes liked your post.
- If your husband leaves his clothes on the floor it means he doesn't want them. It's okay to throw them away...Follow me for more marriage tips.
- To my sons who like to argue with me....Where do you think you got your attitude and stubbornness? Give up! I have more experience than you.
- In a span of 11 years 115 people died in a weightlifting accident at the gym. In the same 11 years only 1 person died eating a doughnut. Make good choices.
- Which child was hardest to raise? My mothers-in-laws child. That one came with a lot of extra complications.
- Husband math: Not wanting to pay anyone else to do the job, but then buying at least 7 new power tools, take about 5-7 business years to compete and make at least 5 trips to Home Depot to complete the job himself.
- When anyone gives me directions like "then head south" Let's not get crazy Lewis & Clark, do I turn at Cracker Barrel or go towards Sam's Club.
- When my children say "Dad, where's Mom" that's the kid version of "I'd like to speak to your supervisor" I'm going straight above your pay grade.
- Shout out to all the married folk out there waiting for their spouse to fall asleep on the couch so they can watch on TV what they really want.

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday, June 1-Fully Alive Youth Group 7-9 pm - St. Peter's
Tuesday, June 3-Parish Committee Meetings 6:30pm
Wednesday, June 4-Bible Study 6:30pm in Social Hall
NCYC Meeting 6:30pm in Church

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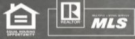
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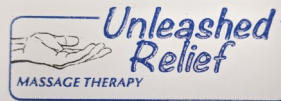
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