



# St. Peter Catholic Church

*Parish Newsletter*

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# ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH

*A Letter from Our Pastor*

## OUR MISSION IS TO MAKE DISCIPLES AND BUILD GOD'S KINGDOM AT HOME



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In the early days of American history, when new communities were springing up all over the country, groups of families used to get together for barn raisings. A farmer needed a barn even more than he needed a house. But a single farming family couldn't construct a barn all by itself - the task was too big. So, all the neighboring families would get together and pitch in, making a whole day's celebration out of it, and a new barn would get built.

Christ chose to become one of us in order to build something much greater than a barn - he is building a whole Kingdom, an everlasting Kingdom: his Church. By becoming one of us, he has made himself and his efforts dependent on our cooperation. He doesn't want to do it all himself - he wants us to help; he wants to give us a chance to build something that will last forever.

Our theme this year at St. Peter Church and School is "Build His Kingdom." Building the Kingdom of God is a great mission for each of us to take an active role in. The Lord needs our gifts, resources and time to further His

Kingdom so that all may have a chance to encounter the living God.

While this campaign is focused on Pius X High School, it will also directly benefit our St. Peter Church and School through our local goal. This means a portion of what we give will return to St. Peter, helping us meet our own parish needs to strengthen our ministries. By supporting this campaign, we are directly investing in the lives of our children, families, and future leaders of Church. Our partnership with our parish high school, Pius X, ensures that we will Build His Kingdom.

Finally, I would like to share my gratitude to all of our parishioners for their efforts and fidelity to make our campaign a success. May God bless you and your endeavors to Build His Kingdom!

In His Mercy,

Pastor



# Events at St. Peter this Lent



## Emmaus Biblical Leadership Training

Saturday, March 28

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Participants are guided through how to *read* Scripture, how to *knead* it, and how to *lead* it.

## Small Groups

Interested in leading or joining a small group this Lent?



Scan the QR code to learn more!



## Stations of the Cross & Lenten Meals

Every Friday of Lent

5:30PM Mass

6:00PM Stations of the Cross and Lenten Meal  
*sponsored by the Knights of Columbus*

## Parish Lent Formation

Every Sunday after 9:30AM Mass  
1 hour of adult formation, with childcare offered



Scan the QR code to learn more!



# ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH

## PIUS AND ST. PETER CAPITAL CAMPAIGN *FORWARD IN FAITH AND EXCELLENCE*

This year at St. Peter Catholic Church and School, our theme is "Build His Kingdom," a reminder that Christ calls upon our cooperation and resources to grow His everlasting kingdom. In this spirit, we are launching the Forward in Faith and Excellence Capital Campaign, a mission that invites every member of our community to actively participate in the future of our local church. While the campaign has a primary focus on Pius X High School, it represents a shared response to the needs of the entire Catholic community in Lincoln and will directly benefit our own parish and school.

By supporting this effort, we are investing in the lives of our children and families, ensuring a strong foundation for future priests, catechists, and church leaders. A critical part of this partnership means that as we work toward our total goal of \$2,500,000. A significant portion of what we give returns home. Specifically, \$1,300,000 will support the continued excellence of Pius X High School, while \$1,200,000 will return to St. Peter to address specific school and parish needs and strengthen our community of disciples. These dedicated funds will allow us to complete essential projects that enhance our ongoing ministry, ensuring that St. Peter Catholic Church and School continues to be a place where we can truly abide in Christ and build His kingdom.

### CAMPAIGN FUNDING PRIORITIES FOR PIUS X HIGH SCHOOL:

PERFORMING ARTS CENTER: \$15,950,000

LOCKER ROOMS AND ATHLETIC UPGRADES:

\$6,450,000

- Expanded weight room, new wrestling space, indoor training and practice turf

EXPANDED AND BEAUTIFIED CHAPEL: \$3,650,000

- Increased capacity from 170 to 325
- Updated interior design

GROWTH OF TEACHER EXCELLENCE FUND: \$700,000

GROWTH OF GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOLARSHIP:

\$300,000

BUILDING-WIDE HVAC IMPROVEMENTS: \$1,250,000

EAST PARKING LOT ADDITION: \$400,000

ENDOWMENT GROWTH

Total: \$28,700,000



# Abide in Christ and Build His Kingdom

## Campaign Prayer

Almighty God and Father... Guide our efforts to bring to a successful completion this work of Your love... Through the intercession of Mary, Mother of God and our patron saints, bring to perfection the sacrifices we will offer to you. We ask this with the Holy Spirit through Christ our Lord. Amen.

We invite you to invest in the future of our parish community and Pius X High School through a tax-deductible pledge. Commitments can be paid over a five-year period. Personalized pledge forms will be provided to all parishioners.

### OUR PARISH FUNDING PRIORITIES:

#### SECURITY

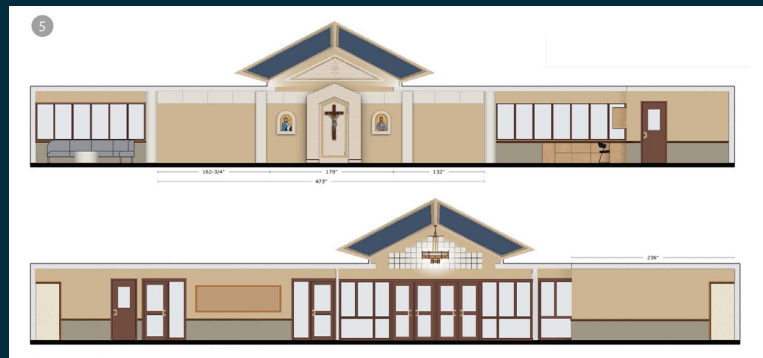
- Modify school entry sequencing at main entrance
- Incorporate new intercom base system

#### BEAUTIFICATION OF PUBLIC SPACES IN THE SCHOOL

- Replace school flooring in halls, entrance, and St. John Paul II Hall
- Renovate school bathrooms
- Paint and finish walls
- Replace ceiling tiles and lighting

#### RECTORY

- Provide space to host parish events and handicap accessibility
- Grants the proper rooms needed to have a third priest and deacon





# ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH

## A DANCE OF DISCIPLESHIP *THE JOURNEY OF GREG AND CHELSEA*

For Greg and Chelsea, the dance of discipleship began quite literally on a dance floor. Eight years ago, at the Pla Mor Ballroom on a Sunday night, Greg asked Chelsea to swing dance. Today, that relationship has evolved into a busy, beautiful life in Lincoln, anchored by their three children—Hazel (7), Parker (3), and Asher (10 months)—and a shared mission to keep Christ at the center of their home.

While Greg's roots are deep in the soil of St. Peter Parish, Chelsea's journey to the Catholic Church began in the Protestant tradition. She converted twelve years ago, and shortly after, found a living example of the faith in Greg's family. Watching his parents model active parish life provided her with a roadmap. "Being new to the Church, going to Mass with his family every Sunday was such a gift," Chelsea reflects. Today, she passes that gift on as a teacher at St. Peter, where she strives to share "Truth, Beauty, and Goodness" with her students.

The heart of the couple's spiritual life is a commitment to prayer that has matured over time. While daily prayers are a staple, they have intentionally sought a deeper connection with the Holy Spirit through Adoration and Lectio Divina. These moments of silence allow them to listen rather than just speak, grounding them when life's decisions feel heavy.

"Our faith is the foundation of our lives," they say. "We've learned to sit and listen so the Holy Spirit can prompt us. Even when things don't go according to our plan, we know His plan is always better."

This commitment to prayer isn't just internal; it's communal. If they could go back to their wedding day and offer themselves one piece of advice, it would be to start praying as a couple immediately. "It's so important," they insist. "Don't wait to start—it's only awkward if you make it awkward."

In a house with three young children, Chelsea and

Greg are quick to dispel the myth that a "Christ-centered home" is one of perfect, quiet piety. "It is messy, but it is also so good!"

For them, discipleship looks like navigating a loud Mass with a restless toddler while simultaneously explaining the miracle happening at the altar. It looks like choosing to go to church out of love for Jesus rather than mere obligation. Most importantly, it looks like humility. "Living in a Christ-centered home means saying, 'I'm sorry' and 'I forgive you.' We tell our kids we love them



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even when they make mistakes—just like God does."

They integrate faith into the "in-between" moments of life, whether it's listening to the Bible in a Year podcast in the car or adding personal petitions to bedtime prayers. They operate under a bold motto they heard at a SEEK conference: "Salvation is worth the awkwardness."

The couple's involvement in the parish—from the Grounds Ministry to leading God Teens—began with a simple, personal invitation. Grateful for the support they felt from the community early on, they now prioritize reaching out to others in the same way.

Greg, in particular, has a gift for "action-based"

evangelization. Whether he is working on irrigation systems or spending time with friends who are not Catholic, he leads with his faith. He doesn't hesitate to lead prayer before meals in public or invite neighbors to the Fall Festival. He shares God's love by simply refusing to hide it.

As they look to the future, Greg and Chelsea are focused on continuous growth. Amidst full-time jobs and the "beautiful mess" of parenting, they are prioritizing their own relationship through marriage retreats and the Date Night Challenge. For them, discipleship isn't a destination; it's a lifelong swing dance with the Lord—one that requires practice, humility, and a willing heart.





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## MASS SCHEDULE

*Saturday: 4:00 pm*

*Sunday: 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am*

## DAILY MASS

*Monday-Friday: 6:30 am, 8:15 am, 5:30 pm*

## CONFESSION

*Wednesday: 4:30 pm-5:30 pm*

*Friday: 7:00 am-8:00 am*

*Saturday: 3:00 pm-4:00 pm*

*Sunday: 30 minutes before each Mass*

## FEBRUARY & MARCH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, February 5, 6:30 pm

Small Group Leader Training (Option 1)

Saturday, February 7, 9:30 am

Small Group Leader Training (Option 2)

Wednesday, February 18, 6:30 am, 8:15 am, &  
5:30 pm

Ash Wednesday

Friday, February 20 - Sunday, February 22

Adventures in Marriage Retreat

Friday, February 27, 6:00 pm

Stations of the Cross (6:00) & Lenten Meal  
(6:30)

Thursday, March 5, 7:00 pm

Upper Room

Saturday, March 28, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Emmaus Institute Biblical Leadership Training

Monday, March 30

Blood Drive

Fridays, March 6, 13, 20, 27, 6:00 pm

Stations of the Cross (6:00) & Lenten Meal (6:30)