



## SAINT ANTHONY

*Our Mission: May Christ's grace renew us to exercise His gifts. (see Rom 12:4-6)*

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### Holy Mass

Saturday Vigil .....5:00 p.m.  
 Sunday.....7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m.  
 Domingo (en Español).....12:00 p.m.  
 Mon., Wed., Thu., Fri.....12:00 p.m.  
 Tue.....5:30 p.m.  
 Saturday.....8:00 a.m.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday..... 3:30 p.m.  
 and 30 minutes before scheduled Masses

### First Friday—Eucharistic Exposition



## SACRED HEART

Physical Address: 621 Logan St., Peetz, CO

### Eucharistic Celebrations:

1st, 3rd, and 5th Sunday .....8:00 a.m.  
 2nd and 4th Sunday.....10:00 a.m.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

1st, 3rd, and 5th Sunday .....7:30 a.m.



## SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA

Physical Address: 111 S. 5th St., Iliff, CO

### Eucharistic Celebrations:

1st, 3rd, and 5th Sunday.....10:00 a.m.  
 2nd and 4th Sunday .....8:00 a.m.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

2nd and 4th Sunday .....7:30 a.m.

# October 1, 2023 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Be Praised, My Lord!

This week, on October 4, we celebrate the Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi. Arguably, probably the most popular garden statue is that of St. Francis. In such statues Francis is often portrayed with birds, a deer, a wolf, or with other animals. Although this is an inviting image, these statues can paint a very, very incomplete picture of this man.

That St. Francis had and appreciation for, a love of creation, nature, animals, cannot be denied. "Ask the beasts and they will teach you the beauty of this earth." -St. Francis These created things are good, to be sure. But they are not enough. They are not ends in themselves, but are a means to an end, the end being union with the One who has blessed us with creation.

Francis' was a healthy, well-ordered love. What was more notable, of far greater importance to him is his top priority, love of God. He viewed nature as a reflection of God's love and care for us. (The following sentence should be PAINFULLY OBVIOUS to every rational being.) **We should love the giver of the gift far more than the gift itself.** Unfortunately, I believe that all too often we humans fail to acknowledge that fact. We can sometimes fall into the trap of worshipping nature instead of the One who gave her to us.

The proper order is made evident in St. Francis' extraordinary "Canticle of the Sun," a.k.a., "Canticle of the Creatures," wherein he recognizes the beauty of creation, but more importantly, offers heartfelt praise to the Lord.

Excerpts below in italics:

*Most high, all powerful, all good Lord! All praise is Yours, all glory, all honor, and all blessing. To You, alone, Most High, do they belong. No mortal lips are worthy to pronounce Your name. Doesn't sound like a nature worshipper, does he? Not even close to being one.*

*Be praised, my Lord, through all Your creatures, especially through my lord Brother Sun, "...through Sister Moon and the stars,...through Brothers Wind and Air, and clouds and storms, and all the weather,...through Sister Water, ...through Brother Fire,...through our sister Mother Earth... The one constant in all of these goods is the Creator, the Giver of these gifts.*

And our saint closes not with a whimper, but with a roar, a roar of truth. *Happy those who endure in peace, for by You, Most High, they will be crowned. Be praised, my Lord, through our sister Bodily Death, from whose embrace no living person can escape. Woe to those who die in mortal sin! Happy those she finds doing Your most holy will. The second death can do no harm to them.* [Oh no! Did our pleasant, seemingly "nice" saint acknowledge the existence of, the danger of mortal sin?! Yes, he did --> authentic love of neighbor. He was no wimp.] *Praise and bless my Lord, and give thanks, and serve Him with great humility.*

Continuing the theme of this magnificent canticle, please permit me to add my own twist: Be praised, my Lord, through the gift of the example of St. Francis of Assisi and all Your saints. With the help of Your mercy and grace may we join them one fine day praising You in Your eternal kingdom.

*-Fr. Michael*

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

**Sunday, October 1**  
**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**Ez 18:25-28 / Phil 2:1-11 / Mt 21:28-32**

*Vocation Intention - Spirituality Year Seminarians*

7:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass **Bernice Reed**  
8:00 a.m. Sacred Heart Mass **+Faye Fehringer**  
9:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass **John and Carol Lambrecht**  
10:00 a.m. St. Catherine Mass **+Nancy Krier**  
12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Sp.Mass **+Juanita Fernandez**

**Monday, October 2 Zec 8:1-8 / Mt 18:1-5, 10**  
**The Holy Guardian Angels**

*Vocational Intention - 1st & 2nd Year Philosophy Seminarians*

12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Mary Lauer**

**Tuesday, October 3 Zec 8:20-23 / Lk 9:51-56**

*Vocational Intention - 1st & 2nd Year Theology Seminarians*

5:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Hours – Associates of the Sisters of  
St. Francis-All welcome (lift door - Parish Center)  
5:30 p.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Damian & +Katherine**  
**Lederhos**  
7:00 p.m. Bingo-Knights of Columbus Hall

**Wednesday, October 4 Ezr 9:5-9 / Lk 9:1-6**  
**Saint Francis of Assisi**

*Vocational Intention - 3rd & 4th Year Theology Seminarians*

9:00 a.m. Legion of Mary (use lift door of the Parish Center)

**(note –Mass time change)**

5:30 p.m. St. Anthony Mass **Pete & Magdeline Lambrecht**  
**Family-Living and Deceased**

**Thursday, October 5 Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 / Lk 10:1-12**

*Vocation Intention – Vocations Ministry*

12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Louise Kiberdanz**

**Friday, October 6 Bar 1:15-22 / Lk 10:13-16**

*Vocation Intention - Pastoral Year Seminarians*

10:00 a.m. Devonshire Mass **+Ted Wolfe**  
12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Ed & +Dorthea Biwer**

**Saturday, October 7 Bar 4:5-12, 27-29 / Lk 10:17-24**  
**Our Lady of the Rosary**

*Vocation Intention - 1st & 2nd Year College Seminarians*

8:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Dale Krier**  
5:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Bradley Samber**

**Sunday, October 8 Is 5:1-7 / Phil 4:6-9 / Mt 21:33-43**  
**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*Vocation Intention - Spirituality Year Seminarians*

7:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Jerome Schell**  
8:00 a.m. St. Catherine Mass **Presiding Priest's Intentions**  
9:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass **Alicia Dollerschell**  
10:00 a.m. Sacred Heart Mass **Parishioners of all 3 parishes**  
12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Sp.Mass **Anna Cassandra Medina**

**Parish Office Hours:**

**Monday through Friday 8:00 am – Noon, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm**  
**CLOSED FOR LUNCH FROM 12:00 pm UNTIL 1:00 pm**  
**Phone number (970)522-6422**

*"True progress quietly and persistently moves along without notice."*  
*St. Francis of Assisi*



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**Baptism:** Baptism forms are available online at our website: [saintanthonyssterling.org](http://saintanthonyssterling.org). Please complete all forms, including the godparent forms, and return them to the parish office.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Notify the Parish office eight months in advance of proposed marriage date to allow for adequate preparation.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Please notify the Parish office if someone is ill, homebound, or in need of the sacrament.

**Quinceañera Ministry:** Please call Caroline Lopez 970-522-9438 for any questions or interest in celebration. Notify at least one year in advance of proposed date for adequate preparation.



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Bernice Reed, Mark Unrein, and Bobbi Zen.

**St. Anthony Finance Council Members:** Greg Etl, Dan Helgoth,  
Ron Marostica, Kristin Nichols, and Adam Rose.



**St. Anthony of Padua, Sterling**

**Last week's collection: \$7,589.72**

**Maintenance collection: \$ 480.00**

We ask that you **PLEASE** use a separate check for  
Maintenance donations because those contributions  
go into a different bank account. Thank you.

**Let us remember these sick and suffering:**

Barbara Dread, Tony Skrdlant, Joanne Devie, Lisa Bellendir,  
Rose Zubiate, Enilio Villegas, Angie Kellogg, Lauren Dyess,  
Kashlyn Gordanier, Leo Sonnenberg, Charles Blau, Jackson Hammons

To add someone to the prayer list please contact the parish office during regular business  
hours at (970)522-6422. Names will remain on the list a minimum of two weeks.



I would like to thank everyone that contributed or took part in my Welcome Dinner held the evening of 9 September. The food was great and the fellowship generous and welcoming. What a blessing for my wife Joyce and I to arrive here in Sterling at St Anthony, Sacred Heart and St Catherine of Siena Parishes. May God Bless each and every one of you.



**Catholic Daughters will meet Monday, October 2. Financial review will begin at 5:15 pm, with the meeting starting at 6:00 pm.**



**MOUNTAIN MADNESS 2024**

Attention 6 through 8 grade students! If you are interested in attending Mountain Madness, February 16-18, 2024, you **MUST** call the parish office by **Tuesday,**

**October 3** to reserve your space. Mountain Madness, through generous donors, won't cost you a dime to attend, and promises to be a wonderful experience. Sign up before you miss out!



The Mass time for Wednesday, October 4 has been changed from noon to 5:30 pm because Fr. Michael has a meeting on that day that conflicts with our usual start times.  
**Wednesday, October 4, Mass will start at 5:30 pm.** There will be **NO NOON Mass Wednesday, October 4.**



In honor of **The Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi**, St. Anthony's Religious Education staff & students will host a **Blessing of the Pets Wednesday, October 4, at 6:00 pm** in the North parking lot of the parish center. Deacon Bernie will be on hand to bless any & all pets. We do ask that **you keep your pets with you in your vehicle as you wait.** For questions, contact the Religious Ed. office at (970)522-6422 x234.



**St. Anthony's Annual Bazaar is Saturday & Sunday, November 5 & 6. Watch your mail for tickets!**



**2023 St. Anthony's Bazaar Silent Auction Update:**  
We are once again accepting donations of new, like-new, & handmade items for the Silent Auction. (Please note that like-new items will need to be clean & ready to be on display) Also, we are accepting complete donation baskets & gift cards. Feel free to drop off items at the parish office. Donors can choose to be named or remain anonymous. Please let your preference be known when dropping off donations. **Deadline to drop off donations is Friday, November 3.** For questions, please contact **Janelle Nicolaus (970)580-7054** or **Amber Beeson (719) 350-0884.** THANK YOU in advance for your donations!

*"Be ever engaged, so that whenever the devil calls he may find you occupied."* St. Jerome

**St. Catherine of Siena, Iliff**  
[www.saintcatherinesiliff.org](http://www.saintcatherinesiliff.org)



**Last Sunday's collection: \$204.00**

**Sunday, October 8, 2023 8:00 am**

**Sacristans – Luecks**

**Lector – Tom Huss**

**Servers – Austin, Ethan, and Jordan**

**EMHC\*- Jeri, Sonny, Tim**

**Gift Bearers – Tom and Brenda Huss**

*Coffee and Rolls 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month, after Mass*  
St. Catherine Finance Council: Randy Gerk, Tom Huss, Sarah Lueck  
\*Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

**Sacred Heart, Peetz**  
[www.sacredheartpeetz.org](http://www.sacredheartpeetz.org)



**Last Sunday's collection: \$651.00**

**Sunday, October 8, 2023 10:00 am**

**EMHC\* -**

**Sacristan –**

**Lector –**

**Servers –**

**Greeters & Offertory –**

*Coffee and Donuts 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month, after Mass*  
*Church Potluck 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month, after Mass*  
Sacred Heart Finance Council: Randy Fehringer, Evelyn Gardiner,  
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