



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 Vigil5:00 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 Sunday8:00 a.m.
 2nd and 4th Sunday.....10:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

1st, 3rd, and 5th Sunday7:30 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 Sunday8:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

2nd and 4th Sunday7:30 a.m.

November 5, 2023 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Praying for the Deceased

Have you ever wondered why we, as Catholics, pray “for the repose of the souls of (fill in the blank)?” In this weekend’s reflection I’d like to share some thoughts in answer to that question.

Why do we pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died when the Church teaches that there are two eternal destinations after death: Heaven, Hell? The souls in Heaven don’t need prayer. They have made it home safely. Prayer cannot help the souls in Hell. So, why do we pray for those who have died? Many of you already know the answer to that question, namely Purgatory. The existence of Purgatory is an article of our faith. Meaning, Catholics, in living the faith, must accept this teaching.

Repeating from last weekend (Catechism #1030): *All who die in God's grace and friendship, but **still imperfectly purified**, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of Heaven.*

We must be perfectly pure in order to enter into the eternal presence of our Lord. A soul without mortal sin still might not be perfectly pure. Such purity entails:
 1) No sins on our soul, not even venial sin. 2) No attachment to sin. 3) We have made sufficient reparation for the sins that have been forgiven. Purgatory is the name that the Church gives to the final purification of the elect who, while in the state of grace, are in need of a final purification. (CCC #1031)

Where am I going with this?

1) Permit me to shine a light on myself. I believe, I hope that I am in the state of grace at this writing. I pray that I have no mortal sin on my soul. Even if I am then spiritually alive, am I ready for Heaven? Hardly! Can I meet each of the three above criteria? Just one for instance - have I made sufficient reparation for the mortal sins that I’ve confessed and received God’s mercy? For example, the many times I blew off Mass because I used to consider Mass to be boring! I couldn’t be bothered. I’ll *pretend* to worship God my way, not in the manner that He gave us, John chapter 6 + the Last Supper. I learned at a very young age that to miss Mass without a valid reason is mortal sin. Yet, I too often “did it MY way.” (Lord, have mercy.)

2) Here, I will refer to a fictitious couple to whom I will refer as Uncle George and Aunt Betsy. One more than one occasion at funerals I have heard family members or friends of the deceased say something like “Uncle George is in Heaven, playing golf with angels,” or “Uncle George is in Heaven dancing with Aunt Betsy.” I wince internally whenever I hear those words/thoughts. I **completely understand** the intent, wishing for the best. The person who says such words surely intends the best for the deceased, wishing Heaven.

However, I believe that the deceased are far more interested in our prayers for them than they are for our kind wishes. We need to remember that **we can help the deceased with our prayers**. That’s the main reason why we remember them in prayer, why we offer Masses, the perfect prayer, for the repose of the souls of the faithful (no mortal sin upon death) departed.

Well, what if Uncle George and Aunt Betsy are already in Heaven and don’t need our prayers? Prayer is NEVER wasted. Our prayers can be applied to someone else, someone for whom no one is praying. Our prayers remain acts of charity, for love of neighbor, whether family members, friends, or strangers.

So, we pray often, for ***ALL*** the Holy Souls in Purgatory, *eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.* -Fr. Michael

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Sunday, November 5

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10 / 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13 / Mt 23:1-12

Vocation Intention - Spirituality Year Seminarians

7:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Clinton, +Lucille, +Connie, & +Joni Armstrong**
8:00 a.m. Sacred Heart Mass **+Joanne Devie**
9:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Frank Mari**
10:00 a.m. St. Catherine Mass **+Steve Breidenbach**
12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Sp.Mass **Parishioners of all 3 parishes**

Monday, November 6 Rom 11:29-36 / Lk 14:12-14

Vocational Intention - 1st & 2nd Year Philosophy Seminarians

12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Jody Etl**

Tuesday, November 7 Rom 12:5-16b / Lk 14:15-24

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 **+Marilyn Gerk**
7:00 p.m. Bingo – Knights of Columbus Hall

Wednesday, November 8 Rom 13:8-10 / Lk 14:25-33

Vocational Intention - 3rd & 4th Year Theology Seminarians

9:00 a.m. Legion of Mary (lift door - Parish Center)
12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Vera Samber**

Thursday, November 9 Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 / 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17 / Jn 2:13-22

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Vocation Intention – Vocations Ministry

12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Allen Marin**

Friday, November 10 Rom 15:14-21 / Lk 16:1-8 Saint Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church

Vocation Intention - Pastoral Year Seminarians

10:30 a.m. S.H.R.C. Mass **Presiding Priest's Intentions**
12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Joe & +Max Torres**

Saturday, November Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27 / Lk 16:9-15 Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop Veteran's Day

Vocation Intention - 1st & 2nd Year College Seminarians

8:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass **Deacon Ron Michieli**
5:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass **+John Wernsman**

Sunday, November 12

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wis 6:12-16 / 1 Thes 4:13-18 / Mt 25:1-13

Vocation Intention - Spirituality Year Seminarians

7:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Jeff Wilder**
8:00 a.m. St. Catherine Mass **+Albert & +Marge Zink**
9:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Jerome Schell**
10:00 a.m. Sacred Heart Mass **+Faye Fehringer**
12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Sp.Mass **Parishioners of all 3 parishes**

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



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Baptism: Baptism forms are available online at our website: 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.

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St. Anthony of Padua, Sterling

Last week's collection: \$5,370.75

Maintenance collection: \$1,580.00

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:

Barb, Mari, Amy Martinez, Marijayne Fehringer, Marcine Owens, John Loos, Traudi Torres, Paul Schiel, Barbara Dread, Tony Skrdlant,

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.



ST. ANTHONY'S 89TH ANNUAL BAZAAR

COME ON DOWN AND JOIN THE FUN!

Saturday, November 4, 6:00 pm, cafeteria,
Chili & Chicken soup supper, Dessert Auction

Sunday, November 5, 10:00 am, gym, booths
open, Bingo & Spaghetti dinner take outs
available downstairs, 11:00 am, Spaghetti
Dinner in cafeteria, 2:00 pm, Ticket Drawing in
gym



**PLEASE JOIN US FOR A HOLY HOUR &
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, AT 3:00 PM, IN
SAINT ANTHONY'S.**

**Church
office
closed**

or in case of serious illness, call 970)522-6422, & press "1".



Catholic Daughters will meet at 6:00 pm on Monday, November 6, at the KC Hall. We will hold our Memorial Service.



Please, take time to thank a Veteran today. Because of their commitment and sacrifice, we have so many rights we occasionally take them for granted. To Veterans everywhere, THANK YOU for your service.



The Sterling Fire Department has a program called "**Change Your Clock-Change Your Battery**" for elderly, disabled, & home bound residents of the city of Sterling. When the time changes each November, residents enrolled in the program are visited by SFD personnel to ensure all smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in the home are in working order, as well as installing fresh batteries. If you would like to enroll in this free program, contact the Sterling Fire Department at (970)522-3823 today!

Annual Catholic Scouting Retreat

Saturday, November 18, 2023

8:30a to 3:00p

Machebeuf High School
458 Uinta Way, Denver

Scouts BSA American Heritage Girls
Girls Scouts FNE



Find more info & register at:
www.archden-dccs.org

St. Catherine of Siena, Iliff www.saintcatherinesiliff.org



Last Sunday's collection: \$1095.00

Sunday, November 12, 2023 8:00 am

Sacristan – Sandy

Lector – Kelsey

Servers – Bailey, Faye, and Jenna

EMHC* - Jeri, Sonny, and Tim

Gift Bearers – Gary and Joan Marin

Coffee and Rolls 4th 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



Last Sunday's collection: \$325.00

Sunday, November 12, 2023 10:00 am

EMHC* - Kevin

Sacristan – Melinda

Lector – Derek Weimer Family

Servers – Conner Jordan, Luke Uhler, Dru Weimer

Greeters & Offertory – Rinaldo Family

Coffee and Donuts 1st Sunday of the month, after Mass
Church Potluck 4th Sunday of the month, after Mass
Sacred Heart Finance Council: Randy Fehringer, Evelyn Gardiner, Phil Schumacher
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When the time changes this weekend, it will be getting dark earlier. That being said, we will be locking the church no later than 5:00 pm, to help keep our parishioners safe as they make their way home.

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OPEN 5:15 AM – 8 PM

Deadline for bulletin announcements is **8:00 am Thursday**.
Email announcements to parish@saintanthonyssterling.org

**Don't forget to turn your clocks back
Saturday night before you go to bed!**

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