



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.

September 17, 2023 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Few Words about Fear

One of the most potent weapons that our enemy, the Devil, uses against us is fear. Focusing too much on fear can paralyze us, can keep us from doing what we sometimes must do, what we must do even in the face of fear.

I have heard it said that the 2 uppermost fears for many/most people are:

- 1) Fear of death
- 2) Fear of public speaking

Those sound reasonable. Don't they? However, as Christ's disciples, we must do better than being reasonable. Jesus calls us to holiness, not reasonableness. Concern for our physical health is important. However, is our physical health and our physical death the #1 concern in our brief lives on earth? If so, that focus is far too worldly and not enough other worldly.

With that in mind, those two should not be the **primary** fears in any person's life. If not those, then what should be the #1 concern/fear in our lives? Jesus speaks very plainly and clearly about this in the Gospel of St. Luke: *I tell you, my friends, **do not be afraid of those who kill the body** but after that can do no more. I shall show you whom to fear. **Be afraid** of the one who after killing has the power to cast into Gehenna (in another word, hell); yes, I tell you, **be afraid of that one.*** (Luke 12:4-5)

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. (Proverbs 9:10) This is not the fear of a slave, but the fear of a child who does not want to displease his parent. Such is the fear that we need to strive to cultivate daily in our lives.

So, there should be a healthy fear in our lives, a spiritually healthy fear, and that is fear of displeasing the Lord, of persisting in disobedience, a fear of the loss of Heaven. Is our #1 fear in our lives disobeying God, offending God? Such fear is a good sign of spiritual health.

Whenever I echo one of Jesus' difficult teachings, especially about the reality of eternity in Heaven or Hell, I try to include the reminder of His mercy, to never despair. He is *always* waiting to forgive, waiting for us to turn from our sins and to return to Him. Please never forget that our Lord is merciful. However, His mercy is not unconditional. Does that shock you? A necessary part of our receiving His mercy is of course our sincere sorrow for having disobeyed Him, our repentance, our conversion, to sincerely strive to break free from any sinful habits...with the help of His grace, of course.

May we all seek to be pleasing to the Lord, with the help of His grace, to love Him with our whole being and to strive to love our neighbor as ourselves.

...He [Jesus] became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey Him.
 (Hebrews 5:9)

-Fr. Michael



WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Sunday, September 17

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sir 27:30—28:7 / Rom 14:7-9 / Mt 18:21-35

Vocation Intention - Spirituality Year Seminarians

7:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Henry Rosas**
8:00 a.m. Sacred Heart Mass **Parishioners of all 3 parishes**
9:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Frank Mari**
10:00 a.m. St. Catherine Mass **+Peggy Zink**
12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Sp.Mass **+John Wernsman**

Monday, September 18 1 Tm 2:1-8 / Lk 7:1-10

Vocational Intention - 1st & 2nd Year Philosophy Seminarians

12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Marilyn Gerk**

Tuesday, September 19 1 Tm 3:1-13 / Lk 7:11-17

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 **+Bill, +Jody, and +Dan Etl**
7:00 p.m. Bingo - Knights of Columbus Hall

Wednesday, September 20 1 Tm 3:14-16 / Lk 7:31-35
Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, & Paul Chong Ha-sang
& Companions, Martyrs

Vocational Intention - 3rd & 4th Year Theology Seminarians

9:00 a.m. Legion of Mary (use lift door of the Parish Center)
12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Marilyn Krier**

Thursday, September 21 Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 / Mt 9:9-13
Saint Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

Vocation Intention – Vocations Ministry

12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Dr. Clark Scriven**

Friday, September 22 1 Tm 6:2c-12 / Lk 8:1-3

Vocation Intention - Pastoral Year Seminarians

12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Benedict Miltenberger**

Saturday, September 23 1 Tm 6:13-16 / Lk 8:4-15
Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Vocation Intention - 1st & 2nd Year College Seminarians

8:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Delmar Krier**
5:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass **Juli Schneider**

Sunday, September 24

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 55:6-9 / Phil 1:20c-24, 27a / Mt 20:1-16a

Vocation Intention - Spirituality Year Seminarians

7:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Damian & +Katherine Lederhos**
8:00 a.m. St. Catherine Mass **+Phil & +Irene Zink**
9:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Matthew Korbe**
10:00 a.m. Sacred Heart Mass **+Rosemary Mourn**
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



St. Raphael Counseling provides clinical counseling for individuals, children, teens, couples and families. Our office is located at St. Anthony's Parish Center in Sterling. Please call Dr. Dianna Haas, LPC at (970)520-9697 to schedule an appointment.

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.

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.



St. Anthony Pastoral Council Members:

Eddie Baughman, Cyler Beeson, Mike Ehrmann,
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St. Anthony of Padua, Sterling

Last week's collection: \$5,238.35

Maintenance collection: \$ 230.00

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:

Lisa Bellendir, Jerry Barton, Barb Warden, Rose Zubiate,
Emilio Villegas, Angie Kellogg, Lauren Dyess,
Kashlyn Gordanier, Leo Sonnenberg, Charles Blau,

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.



We will have to change the start time for two upcoming weekday Masses at St. Anthony, Thursday, September 28, and Wednesday, October 4 because Fr. Michael has meetings on those days that conflict with our usual start times. **Thursday, September 28, Mass will start at 9:00 am, and Wednesday, October 4, Mass will start at 5:30 pm.** There will be **NO NOON Mass Thursday, Sept. 28, & Wednesday, Oct. 4.**



RCIA, THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

This is the opportunity to experience and value the Catholic Church and/or the customs we follow. If you, or someone you know would be interested, please join us for RCIA classes to learn more about the Catholic faith. Call the parish office at 970-522-6422 to sign-up. Classes will begin **Friday, September 22, at 6:30 pm.**



Lana Merrick will be hosting a study group at her home in Sidney, Nebraska on "Beauty, Truth, Goodness: The Fundamentals of Catholicism, By Fr. Altier. The talks by Fr. Altier are on DVD, and will be shown and discussed. The group will start **Monday, September 25, at 6:00 pm.** For more information, please call the parish office (970)522-6422.



The Columbian Auxiliary pizza party and meeting will be held **Wednesday, September 27, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.** at the Knights of Columbus Hall. All members are asked to attend. Anyone wishing to join our group is also invited.



Vatican International Exhibition "Eucharistic Miracles of the World" will be at St. Patrick's in Sidney, Nebraska **September 29 – October 4, 2023.** The exhibit is open from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm daily. In addition, St. Patrick's is hosting Br. Julian Mary from the Consecrated lay Knights of the Holy Eucharist. His talk is on **Sunday, October 1, at 7:00 pm** in St. Patrick's. Both events are free and open to the public.

SAVE THE DATE!

Ladies, share a Saturday morning "Experiencing Eucharistic Love" through reflection and renewal. This wonderful event will be held **Saturday, September 30, from 8:00 am until noon, at St. Anthony's.** To register, contact Sarah at (970)520-7214. Watch for the flyer with more details.



Saint Helena Catholic Church in Fort Morgan, Colorado, will be hosting a women's retreat for the women of northeastern Colorado to join in the National Eucharistic Revival. **The day of the retreat is Saturday, October 7, 2023 and the retreat begins at 9:00 am.** Our speaker is Kristen Conrad from the Archdiocese of Northern Colorado. The cost of the retreat is \$20 to cover meals. Scholarships are available. For more information or to register please call Amy (970)768-1109, Carolyn (970)380-3730, or the church office (970)867-2885.

"A way has to be found to enable everyone to benefit from the fruits of the earth, and not simply to close the gap between the affluent and those who must be satisfied with the crumbs falling from the table, but above all to satisfy the demands of justice, fairness, and respect for every human being." Pope Francis

St. Catherine of Siena, Iliff

www.saintcatherinesiliff.org



Last Sunday's collection: \$564.00

Sunday, September 24, 2023 8:00 am

Coffee and Rolls after Mass

Sacristans – Gerks & Strombergers

Lector – Alan Gerk

Servers – Aniston, Jordan, and Tayten

EMHC*-Jeri Breidenbach, Brenda & Tom Huss

Gift Bearers – Ann & Andrew Hernandez Family

Coffee and Rolls 4th Sunday of the month, after Mass

St. Catherine Finance Council: Randy Gerk, Tom Huss, Sarah Lueck

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The kickoff date for St. Catherine's CCD class is **Sunday, September 17.**

Registration / Questions: 8:00–8:25 am

Opening Prayer 8:25 am / Class 8:30–9:50 am

Family Dues \$30 (Suggested). For those needing sacraments, you will not be required to purchase the prep books.

Please welcome St. Catherine's awesome volunteer teachers:

Kinder/First: Jessica M; 2nd: Lauren G; 3rd: Sarah L;

4th/5th: Ashley M & Kelsey H; 6th–8th: Amber & Cyler B

Sacred Heart, Peetz

www.sacredheartpeetz.org



Last Sunday's collection: \$4806.00

Sunday, September 24, 2023 10:00 am

Potluck after Mass

EMHC* - Kevin

Sacristan – Kristy

Lector – Kevin Martin

Servers – Conor Jordan, Preston Reker, and

Tyler Wanberg

Greeters & Offertory – Kelly Casey Family

Coffee and Donuts 1st Sunday of the month, after Mass

Church Potluck 4th Sunday of the month, after Mass

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