

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



SACRED HEART Physical Address: 621 Logan St., Peetz, CO

 Eucharistic Celebrations:

 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sunday

 2nd and 4th Sunday

 Sacrament of Reconciliation:

 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sunday



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 24, 2023 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

All Things Visible and Invisible

Whenever we pray the Nicene Creed, we profess, "I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible."

In doing so, we profess our belief of the existence, not just of what we can see, physical reality, but also of what we cannot see, spiritual reality. One example of a physical reality and a spiritual reality is the human person. Obviously, we can see our bodies, but we cannot see our souls. Yet, we know that the soul exists because a body without a soul is a corpse. And at this moment we are alive, body + soul. We are not corpses.

Another example of the invisible is the angels. The Catechism defines angels as follows: "As purely spiritual creatures angels have intelligence and will: they are personal and immortal creatures, surpassing in perfection all visible creatures, as the splendor of their glory bears witness." (CCC 330)

On September 29 we celebrate the feast of three archangels, three creatures whom we cannot see: Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael. Then, on October 2 we celebrate the Memorial of the Guardian Angels.

The word angel(s) appears over 200 times in the Bible, Old Testament and New Testament. They even ministered to Jesus in the New Testament, e.g., after His temptation in the desert and in the Garden of Gethsemane. So, they do exist.

Yet again, I will rely on the saints to teach us about the angels, to help confirm us on a tenet of our Catholic faith.

-Fr. Michael

"When Mass is being celebrated, the sanctuary is filled with countless angels who adore the Divine Victim immolated on the altar." – St. John Chrysostom

"When tempted, invoke your Angel. He is more eager to help you than you are to be helped! Ignore the devil and do not be afraid of him: He trembles and flees at the sight of your Guardian Angel." – St. John Bosco

"How happy is that guardian angel who accompanies a soul to Holy Mass!" - St. John Vianney [May we make our guardian angel happy for the rest of our lives.]

"The powers of hell will assail the dying Christian; but his angel guardian will come to console him. His patrons, and St. Michael, who has been appointed by God to defend his faithful servants in their last combat with the devils, will come to his aid." – St. Alphonsus Liguori

"Ask your angel to console and assist you in your last moments." - St. John Bosco

If we could only see the joy of our guardian angel when he sees us fighting our temptations! - St. John Vianney

[And I will close with this profound thought, a powerful example of God's love for us and His mercy.] "How many people in mortal sin were saved from death by their angel, that they might have a chance for confession!" - St. John Bosco

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

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 8:00 a.m. St. Catherine Mass 9:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass 10:00 a.m. Sacred Heart Mass 12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Sp.Mass Parishioners of all 3 parishes

Monday, September 25 Ezr 1:1-6 / Lk 8:16-18

Vocational Intention - 1st & 2nd Year Philosophy Seminarians 12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Stephanie Krier Neighbors**

Tuesday, September 26 Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20 / Lk 8:19-21

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 **Archbishop Chaput**

Wednesday, September 27 Ezr 9:5-9 / Lk 9:1-6 Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

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 **+Lawrence "Larry" Huss**

Thursday, September 28 Hg 1:1-8 / Lk 9:7-9

Vocation Intention – Vocations Ministry (note –Mass time change) 9:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass +Nola Krier

Friday, September 29 Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 / Jn 1:47-51 Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels

Vocation Intention - Pastoral Year Seminarians 12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Don & +Thelma Dillon**

Saturday, September 30 Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a / Lk 9:43b-45 Saint Jerome. Priest & Doctor of the Church

Vocation Intention - 1st & 2nd Year College Seminarians 8:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Cindy Krier** 5:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Faye Fehringer**

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 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

"Having faith does not mean having no difficulties, but having the strength to face them, knowing we are not alone" Pope Francis



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, 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: \$5,249.95 Maintenance collection: \$ 765.00

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, Emilio 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.



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.**



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.



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



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.



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. Flyers will be handed out to anyone interested in the event after each Mass Saturday, September 23, and Sunday, September 24.



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.

"The battle against the Devil, which is the principal task of Saint Michael the Archangel, is still being fought today, because the Devil is still alive and active in the world." Pope John Paul II

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



Last Sunday's collection: \$712.00

Sunday, October 1, 2023 10:00 am Children will lead the rosary at 9:30 am Sacristan – Sandy Wirges Lector – Kelsey Huss Servers – Faye, Jenna, and Bailey EMHC*- Jonna, Naomi, and Nick Gift Bearers – Jeffrey and Kelsey Huss Family

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

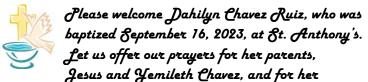
> Sacred Heart, Peetz www.sacredheartpeetz.org

Last Sunday's collection: \$710.00

Sunday, October 1, 2023 8:00 am Coffee and Donuts after Mass EMHC*-

Sacristan – Melinda Lector – Linnae Brown Servers – Mason Long, Dru Weimer Greeters & Offertory – Gage Roelle 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 *Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion



Godmother, Flor Varela, that God will bestow upon them many graces and blessings as they join together to guide Dahilyn's spiritual journey.

Advertiser of the Week:

McDonald and Keil Physical Therapy 970-522-7743 Rose & Mark McDonald



