



### 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.

# January 7, 2024 The Epiphany of the Lord

## The Magi, Representing All Nations, Come to Adore the Lord

The following is an excerpt from a sermon about Epiphany by Saint Leo the Great, pope, who led the Church in the early 5th century.

The loving providence of God determined that in the last days he would aid the world, set on its course to destruction. He decreed that all nations should be saved in Christ.

A promise had been made to the holy patriarch Abraham in regard to these nations. He was to have a countless progeny, born not from his body but from the seed of faith. His descendants are therefore compared with the array of the stars. The father of all nations was to hope not in an earthly progeny but in a progeny from above.

Let the full number of the nations now take their place in the family of the patriarchs. Let the children of the promise now receive the blessing in the seed of Abraham, the blessing renounced by the children of his flesh. In the persons of the Magi let all people adore the Creator of the universe; let God be known, not in Judea only, but in the whole world, so that his name may be great in all Israel.

Dear friends, now that we have received instruction in this revelation of God's grace, let us celebrate with spiritual joy the day of our first harvesting, of the first calling of the Gentiles. Let us give thanks to the merciful God, who has made us worthy, in the words of the Apostle, to share the position of the saints in light, who has rescued us from the power of darkness, and brought us into the kingdom of his beloved Son. As Isaiah prophesied: the people of the Gentiles, who sat in darkness, have seen a great light, and for those who dwelt in the region of the shadow of death a light has dawned. He spoke of them to the Lord: The Gentiles, who do not know you, will invoke you, and the peoples, who knew you not, will take refuge in you.

This is the day that Abraham saw, and rejoiced to see, when he knew that the sons born of his faith would be blessed in his seed, that is, in Christ. Believing that he would be the father of the nations, he looked into the future, giving glory to God, in full awareness that God is able to do what he has promised.

This is the day that David prophesied in the psalms, when he said: All the nations that you have brought into being will come and fall down in adoration in your presence, Lord, and glorify your name. Again, the Lord has made known his salvation; in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice.

This came to be fulfilled, as we know, from the time when the star beckoned the three wise men out of their distant country and led them to recognize and adore the King of heaven and earth. **The obedience of the star calls us to imitate its humble service: to be servants, as best we can, of the grace that invites all men to find Christ.**

**Dear friends, you must have the same zeal to be of help to one another;** then, in the kingdom of God, to which faith and good works are the way, you will shine as children of the light: through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with God the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

**Sunday, January 7, 2024 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**  
**Is 60:1-6 / Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 / Mt 2:1-12**

*Vocation Intention - Spirituality Year Seminarians*

7:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass **Pete & Magdeline Lambrecht Family - Living & Deceased**

8:00 a.m. Sacred Heart Mass **+Faye Fehringer**

9:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass **+John Wernsman**

10:00 a.m. St. Catherine Mass **+Joanne Devie**

12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Sp.Mass **Parishioners of all 3 parishes**

**Monday, January 8, 2024 The Baptism of the Lord**  
**Is 55:1-11 / Mk 1:7-11**

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

12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Frank, +Elsie, +Jerry, and +Joe McCracken**

**Tuesday, January 9, 2024 1 Sm 1:9-20 / Mk 1:21-28**

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

5:30 p.m. St. Anthony Mass **Pat Atencio**

7:00 p.m. Bingo - Knights of Columbus Hall

**Wednesday, January 10, 2024**

**1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 / Mk 1:29-39**

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

12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass **Joseph Grant Family-Living & Deceased**

**Thursday, January 11, 2024 1 Sm 4:1-11 / Mk 1:40-45**

*Vocation Intention - Vocations Ministry*

12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Mollie Sanger**

**Friday, January 12, 2024 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a / Mk 2:1-12**

*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 **Janet Weingardt**

**Saturday, January 13, 2024**

**1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a / Mk 2:13-17**

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

8:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass **Deceased Members of Legion of Mary**

5:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Marge McDonnell**

**Sunday, January 14, 2024**

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19 / 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20 / Jn 1:35-42**

*Vocation Intention - Spirituality Year Seminarians*

7:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Clinton, +Lucille, +Connie, & +Joni Armstrong**

8:00 a.m. St. Catherine Mass **+Peggy Zink**

9:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Walt, +Craig, & +Doug Williams**

10:00 a.m. Sacred Heart Mass **+Marion Schumacher Eberly**

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 to 1:00 pm

Phone number (970)522-6422



**Prayers and Condolences are offered to the family of Lorraine Zink. May she rest in peace.**



St. Raphael Counseling, located at St. Anthony's parish center in Sterling, will be temporarily closed through March of 2024. If you or someone you know would like to talk to a counselor, please contact the Denver office at (720)377-1359 to schedule an appointment. Their address is 2696 S. Colorado Blvd. #445, Denver, CO 80222.

**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.



**St. Anthony Pastoral Council Members:**

Eddie Baughman, Cyler Beeson, Mike Ehrmann, Bernice Reed, Mark Unrein, and Bobbi Zen.

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



**St. Anthony of Padua, Sterling**

**December 24 collection: \$ 7,209.00**

**Maintenance collection: \$ 40.00**

**Christmas collection: \$11,871.89**

**Maintenance collection: \$12,200.00**

**December 31 collection: \$ 7,240.90**

**Maintenance collection: \$ 250.00**

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:**

Dennis Boren, Terry Sanger, Donna Boothe, Walt Getz, Barb Mari, Montelle Martens, Derek Weingardt, Kim Williams, Amy Martinez, John Loos, Marijayne Fehringer, Marcine Owens, Traudi Torres

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



**Please join us for a Holy Hour & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Sunday, January 7, at 3:00 pm, in St. Anthony's.**



Catholic Daughters next meeting will be January 8, 2024, at 6:00 pm in the Knights of Columbus hall.



The office will be closed **Monday, January 15** in observance of Martin Luther King Jr Day. We will re-open Tuesday, January 16, at 8:00 am.



Please join us Saturday, January 20, from 8:30 am to 9:30 am, in Hagus Hall. Share in the recounting of "My Walk with the Blessed Mother." Coffee will be served.

## WARNING

Earlier this week a few staff members and parishioners received the following email, supposedly from Father Michael:

Rev. Michael Bodzio

[father.rev2625@gmail.com](mailto:father.rev2625@gmail.com)

Request for a schedule

Happy New Year,

Do you have an open schedule? I have a request for you to kindly handle for me. I'll await your response!

Blessings!

Rev. Michael Bodzio

When you open the email, the person then asks you for \$1400 in gift cards. Remember, Father Michael nor Father Enrique will **NEVER** ask for money or gift cards for whatever reason. The first clue this email is a fraud is the heading, "Rev. Michael Bodzio" and the email address, "father.rev2625@gmail.com. Most of us see **Rev. Michael Bodzio**, and our brains say "Oh that's Father" and go to the message. I myself did that very thing! If you ever get this kind of email, or text, and you aren't sure if it is real, just give us a call here at the parish office. If it is after hours, don't do anything until you check with us.

**IN FATHER MICHAEL'S OWN WORDS, "THIS IS RUBBISH!"**



Dear parishioners of St. Anthony, St. Catherine, & Sacred Heart:

I would like to thank you all for the Christmas cards and gifts. I am truly grateful for your kind words, warm messages, & generosity. May God reward you and bless you always!

*Fr. Enrique*



Contribution statements will be available Wednesday, January 31. In an effort to save on postage, we will be sending statements **ONLY** if you request one. This applies to parishioners at all 3 parishes. Please call the office during regular business hours to request your statement.

**St. Catherine of Siena, Iliff**

[www.saintcatherinesiliff.org](http://www.saintcatherinesiliff.org)



**December 24 collection: \$528.00**

**Christmas collection: \$3000.00**

**December 31 collection: \$859.00**

**Sunday, January 14, 2024 8:00 am**

**Sacristans - Luecks**

**Lector - Sarah**

**Servers - Aly, Joey, Taylor**

**EMHC\* - Jeri, Jonna, Naomi**

**Gift Bearers - Brad & Jonna Stromberger Family**

**Coffee and Rolls 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month, after Mass**

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

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**Sacred Heart, Peetz**

[www.sacredheartpeetz.org](http://www.sacredheartpeetz.org)



**December 24 collection: \$1402.00**

**Christmas collection: \$3269.00**

**December 31 collection: \$645.00**

**Sunday, January 14, 2024 10:00 am**

**Sacristan - Kristy**

**Lector - Kevin Martin**

**Servers - Colton Sintler, Grayson Sintler, and**

**Tyler Wanberg**

**EMHC\* - Kevin**

**Greeters & Offertory - Steven Schumacher Family**

**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, Phil Schumacher

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*Pope Francis*

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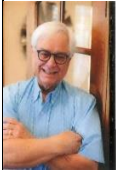
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