



### 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.

## February 11, 2024 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

# Lent 2024

Yet another Lenten season is upon us. Lent is of course a time of self-reflection. Now, self-reflection should not be limited to Lent. However, the Church, in her concern for our immortal souls, for our eternal destiny, Heaven or Hell, sets aside these few weeks every year, leading up to Holy Week and Easter, to remind us of our mortality and to consider our eternal destiny.

A reality check #1: “Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

Speaking for myself, I do appreciate this reminder. Most of us lead very busy lives. I, and likely many others, can be so caught up in worldly concerns that I forget that how we live determines where we spend eternity. And where we spend eternity should be our primary concern, not our only concern, mind you, but our primary concern.

Why before all else? Reality check #2: our life on earth, compared to eternity, is very, very short, even if we live here for 100 years. Please bring that reality to prayer. That can help us focus, to prioritize well.

For a time, Our Lord has given life breath to this "dust." The duration of that life breath is unknown to us. The time will come when He will take back that life breath from our bodies, from every person, and our bodies will return to dust, and **at that moment our eternal destiny is fixed**. It is our immortal souls that endure into eternity. Eternal joy or eternal torment, our choice, not just by what we say, but by how we live.

We do not, we cannot earn Heaven. However, our God is the perfect Father and He has expectations of His children. God has loved us first. His love demands a response from every person He has created. Our response will be clear. It will not be nuanced. It will be either a clear “yes” or a clear “no.”

Do we love God above all else and love our neighbor as God wants us to? We are called to love not just in word, but more importantly, in deed. Also, God has forgiven each of us. Are we forgiving to others? Please bring this to our prayer as well. Lack of forgiveness on our part can land us in Hell.

The truly great news for all of us who are alive at this moment is that Our Lord’s mercy knows no bounds. Consider His invitation in the Old Testament reading for Ash Wednesday from the prophet Joel: *Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart, with fasting, and weeping, and mourning; Rend your hearts, not your garments, and return to the Lord, your God. (Joel 2:12-13a) Return to me. Return to me. Return to me.*

Spiritually speaking, even if we’re a zillion miles from Him, His invitation remains. Never let the Devil convince us that our sins are greater than God’s mercy. Satan is a liar and a master deceiver. We must never listen to him.

The time for returning to God’s mercy is **now**, the time to repent, to turn from our sins. Once we breathe our last, we will know where we belong.

May we make wise decisions in our brief journey on earth, and return to the Lord while we still can so that we can be with Him forever in His kingdom.

Wishing you all many graces through this Lenten season. *-Fr. Michael*

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

**Sunday, February 4 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Jb 7:1-4, 6-7 / 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 / Mk 1:29-39**

*Vocation Intention - Spirituality Year Seminarians*

7:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Michael McMahon**  
 8:00 a.m. Sacred Heart Mass **Paul & Kim Lambrecht Family**  
 9:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Ed & +Dorothy Lechman Family**  
 10:00 a.m. St. Catherine Mass **+Albert and +Marge Zink**  
 12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Sp.Mass **Parishioners of all 3 parishes**

**Monday, February 5 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13 / Mk 6:53-56**  
**Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr**

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

12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Jerry Barton**

**Tuesday, February 6 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30 / Mk 7:1-13**  
**Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs**

*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 **+Joe Kloberdanz, Jr**  
 7:00 p.m. Bingo – Knights of Columbus Hall

**Wednesday, February 7 1 Kgs 10:1-10 / Mk 7:14-23**

*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 **+Gary Chitwood**

**Thursday, February 8 1 Kgs 11:4-13 / Mk 7:24-30**

*Vocation Intention – Vocations Ministry*

12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Joanne Devie**

**Friday, February 9 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12-19 / Mk 7:31-37**

*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 **+Joel Portillo**

**Saturday, February 10 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34**  
**Saint Scholastica, Virgin**

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

8:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass **Dick Devie**  
 5:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Albert, +Pauline, +Ron, +Pattie, and +Barb Gerck**

**Sunday, February 11 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Lv 13:1-2, 44-46 / 1 Cor 10:31—11:1 / Mk 1:40-45**

*Vocation Intention - Spirituality Year Seminarians*

7:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Robert Quint**  
 8:00 a.m. St. Catherine Mass **Deacon Ron & Barb Michieli**  
 9:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Ed Guerin**  
 10:00 a.m. Sacred Heart Mass **+Michelle Bos**  
 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



We found a women's coat, and a pair of sunglasses in the church Monday, January 22. If you are missing either of these items, call the office at (970)522-6422.



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**

**January 21 collection: \$5,403.00**  
**Maintenance collection: \$ 85.00**

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:**

Anna Curtis, Dan Von Arx, Dick Devie, Lisa Walter,  
 Pat Rieb, Dennis Boren, Terry Sanger, Donna Eothe, Walt Getz,  
 Barb Mari, Montelle Martens, Derek Weingardt, Kim Williams,  
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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



**Opportunities at St. Anthony's**



**OFFERING COUNTERS**

We are in need of volunteers to count the weekly offertory. Counters meet once a week, on Monday, for about 2-3 hours, & counters will rotate every 2 months.



**Folding Team**

Bulletin folding volunteers meet Fridays, after noon Mass, about 12:30 pm, & usually finish by 1:00 pm.

**If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please call the office at (970)522-6422.**



Please join us for a Holy Hour & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament **Sunday, February 4, at 3:00 pm** in Saint Anthony Church.



Catholic Daughters' annual Soup Supper will be held Tuesday, February 13 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the parish center. More details to follow. Keep a look out!!!



**MASS SCHEDULE FOR**  
**ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2024**

St. Anthony of Padua, Sterling, Colorado  
**NO ASHES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED DURING**  
**TUESDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 13 MASS**

Noon Mass

5:00 pm Mass

7:00 pm Mass in Spanish

St. Catherine of Siena, Iliiff, Colorado  
 7:00 am Mass

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Peetz, Colorado  
 6:00 pm Mass

**Guidelines for Fasting & Abstinence during Lent**

People aged 18 to 59 are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and everyone over the age of 14 are to abstain from eating meat on Fridays during Lent. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, but to not equal a full meal.



Stations of the Cross will begin 7:00 pm, every Friday during Lent in Saint Anthony's Church. On Good Friday, Stations of the Cross will be held at 3:00 pm.



**Knights of Columbus**  
**Fish Fry Fridays during Lent**  
**Parish Center Cafeteria**  
**More details to come!!!**

**St. Catherine of Siena, Iliiff**

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



**January 28 collection: \$385.00**

**Sunday, February 11, 2024 8:00 am**

**Sacristans – Gerks and Strombergers**

**Lector – Kelsey**

**Servers – Aly, Joey, and Taylor**

**EMHC\* - Brenda, Nick, and Tom**

**Gift Bearers – AJ and Stacey Zink**

**Coffee and Rolls 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month, after Mass**  
 St. Catherine Finance Council: Randy Gerck, Tom Huss, Sarah Lueck  
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The ceremony for St. Catherine's First Communion and Confirmation recipients will be held Sunday, April 21, during 10:00 am Mass. Details to follow.

**Sacred Heart, Peetz**

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



**January 28 collection: \$879.00**

**Sunday, February 11, 2024 10:00 am**

**Sacristan – Melinda**

**Lector – Mary Uhler**

**Servers – Colton Sintler, Grayson Sintler, and**

**Tyler Wanberg**

**EMHC\* - Kevin**

**Greeters & Offertory – Jordan 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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**“Nowhere other than looking at himself in the mirror of the Cross can man better understand how much he is worth.” St. Anthony of Padua**

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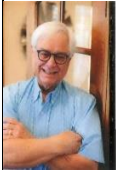
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