



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.

February 18, 2024 1st Sunday of Lent

Spiritual Warfare

In the Gospels, Jesus not only instructs us how we should live, He also shows us. For example, by allowing John to baptize Him, Jesus shows us that Baptism is a key component of our spiritual journey, that we should be baptized. The path to Heaven? The Cross. The path for us includes bearing our crosses in this life. Temptations. Do we face temptations to sin in our lives? Good heavens, do we ever!

Jesus' primary mission in His brief life on earth was to engage in spiritual combat with Satan, to free us from bondage to the Devil.

In our Gospel passage this weekend, we hear of how Our Lord prepared to begin His ministry. He did so in prayer and fasting in the desert. Likely physically weakened by fasting, our ancient Enemy, ever observant, seized this opportunity to tempt Jesus. Of course the Devil failed in his attempt to lead Jesus into sin. However, by permitting Himself to be tempted, Jesus yet again demonstrates that we too will face the trials of staving off temptation, an unavoidable reality during our earthly pilgrimage, and that we too can say "no" when tempted to sin. With the help of His grace we can win more and more of these daily battles in order to win the ultimate prize, eternal life in Heaven.

All this is by way of introduction into sharing some Godly wisdom from St. Paul regarding our spiritual struggles against the Devil and temptation.

Whether we acknowledge it or not, our brief life on earth is spiritual warfare.

In 1 Corinthians, St. Paul reminds us of the power of God's grace in the struggle against temptation.

*Therefore let any one who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. **God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your strength, but with the temptation will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.***

(1 Corinthians 10:12-13) Because of God's grace, we have no excuse.

In his Letter to the Ephesians, St. Paul reminds us of the protection that God offers us:

***Put on the armor of God so that you may be able to stand firm against the tactics of the devil.** For our struggle is not with flesh and blood but with the principalities, with the powers, with the world rulers of this present darkness, with the evil spirits in the heavens. Therefore, put on the armor of God, that you may be able to resist on the evil day and, having done everything, to hold your ground.* (Ephesians 6:11-13)

What is this "armor of God" to which St. Paul refers? In part, it consists of: the truth, righteousness, the gospel, faith, the word of God, prayer.

So stand fast with your loins girded in truth, clothed with righteousness as a breastplate, and your feet shod in readiness for the gospel of peace. In all circumstances, hold faith as a shield, to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. With all prayer and supplication, pray at every opportunity in the Spirit. (Ephesians 6:14-18)

-Fr. Michael

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Sunday, February 18 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
Gn 9:8-15 / 1 Pt 3:18-22 / Mk 1:12-15

Vocation Intention - Spirituality Year Seminarians

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

8:00 a.m. Sacred Heart Mass **+Rosemary Mourn**

9:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Bill, +Jodi, +Dan Etl**

10:00 a.m. St. Catherine Mass **+Phil and +Irene Zink**

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

Monday, February 19 PRESIDENTS' DAY
Parish office closed

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 / Mt 25:31-46

Vocational Intention - 1st & 2nd Year Philosophy Seminarians

12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Timothy Miller**

Tuesday, February 20 Is 55:10-11 / Mt 6:7-15

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 Kaus**

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

Wednesday, February 21 Jon 3:1-10 / Lk 11:29-32

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 **+Ken Jacobson**

Thursday, February 22 1 Pt 5:1-4 / Mt 16:13-19

The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

Vocation Intention – Vocations Ministry

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

Friday, February 23 Ez 18:21-28 / Mt 5:20-26

Vocation Intention - Pastoral Year Seminarians

12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Alex and +Betty Sewald**

Saturday, February 24 Dt 26:16-19 / Mt 5:43-48

Vocation Intention - 1st & 2nd Year College Seminarians

8:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Joel Portillo**

5:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Adolf and +Jenny Loos**

Sunday, February 25 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 / Rom 8:31b-34 / Mk 9:2-10

Vocation Intention - Spirituality Year Seminarians

7:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Henry Rosas**

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

9:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Matt Montgomery**

10:00 a.m. Sacred Heart Mass **+Joanne Devie**

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

“Lent is a time of grace, a time to convert and live out our baptism fully.” Pope Francis



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. 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

Last week's collection: **\$5,964.60**

Maintenance collection: **\$ 570.00**

We ask that you **PLEASE** use a separate check for Maintenance donations because those contributions go into a different bank account. Thank you.

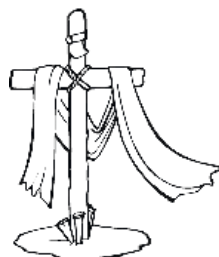
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To add someone to the prayer list please contact the parish office during regular business hours at (970)522-6422. Names will remain on the list a minimum of two weeks



The parish office will be closed Monday, February 19, in observance of President's Day. We will reopen Tuesday, February 20.



Stations of the Cross will begin February 16, starting at 7:00 pm, then continuing every Friday through March 22 in Saint Anthony's Church. On Good Friday, Stations of the Cross will begin at 3:00 pm. If you would like to volunteer to lead Stations of the Cross, there are Fridays available. Please call the office at (970)522-6422 to learn more.

THANK YOU!

Catholic Daughters would like to thank all those who came out for our Soup and Dessert Supper Tuesday night. We had a good turnout and enjoyed seeing you all. Thank You!!



Join us March 10, 2024 at Sacred Heart Parish, Peetz, CO., at 1:00 pm, for a presentation highlighting the Shroud of Turin. The presenter, Jim Bertrand, will bring a replica of the Shroud for display.



Please join the parishioners of Sacred Heart in Peetz **March 22, at 6:00 pm**, for Stations of the Cross. A potluck soup supper will follow. Please bring a meatless crockpot of soup, along with one of the following; a side of bread, cheese & crackers, or veggies to share.



40 Days for Life began their most recent Campaign February 14, Ash Wednesday. As hundreds of cities around the world united yesterday to stand vigil for an end to abortion, one abortion facility will **NOT** have prayer warriors in front of it: Fredericton, New Brunswick. Pro-lifers brought a 40 Days for Life campaign to town last year, and the facility's financial problems became too much, forcing its closure. Local 40 Days for Life participants report this is the first Canadian abortion facility to close in response to pro-life efforts in *decades*. Canada has the world's most extreme abortion laws...and if God can answer prayers to close an abortion facility there, He can do it in our state! Find the vigil nearest you, sign up, and go pray for an end to abortion where it matters. 40daysforlife.com/location

St. Catherine of Siena, Iliff

www.saintcatherinesiliff.org

February 11 collection: \$680.00

Sunday, February 25 8:00 am

Coffee and Rolls after Mass

Sacristan – Sandy

Lector – Jodi

Servers – Aly, Joey, Taylor

EMHC* - Brenda, Nick, Tom

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

St. Catherine Finance Council: Tim Anderson, Randy Gerke, Tom Huss,

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Sacred Heart Financial Council

Monday, February 19, at 6:00 pm.

St. Catherine Financial Council

Monday, February 19, at 7:15 pm.

Sacred Heart, Peetz

www.sacredheartpeetz.org

February 11 collection: \$1165.00

Sunday, February 25 10:00 am

Potluck after Mass

Sacristan – Kristy

Lector – Kevin Martin

Servers – Mason Long, Cole Meier, Tyler Wanberg

EMHC* - Kevin

Greeters & Offertory – Larry 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,

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Deadline for bulletin announcements is **8:00 am Thursday**.
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