



### 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.

## March 17, 2024 5th Sunday of Lent

### Of Living and Dying in God's Good Grace

The main focus of last weekend's (March 10) bulletin reflection was the importance of repentance, a main teaching of Jesus and the Church, for healing of our souls. Repentance is necessary for us to receive the healing our souls need after we've wounded them, or evicted the Holy Spirit, by our sins.

Yet again I will lean on the Godly wisdom of the saints to help encourage us to seek the healing of our souls, the healing that begins with repentance, the turning away from our sins and returning to our Heavenly Father's embrace. He is *always* waiting for our return, no matter how far we've wandered.

We should periodically examine our conscience, discern the state of our soul. Am I spiritually alive, in the state of grace, meaning, zero unconfessed mortal sins, or am I spiritually dead...even one unconfessed mortal sin? The healing of all sin begins with repentance. Miracles take place in the Sacrament of Confession/Penance/Reconciliation. Through His servants, the priests, Jesus heals wounded souls and raises dead souls to life.

Now, to learn what a few saints have to say about this. May we prayerfully consider their wisdom. Their quotes are in italics.

\* Let's start with a saintly perspective of living in the state of grace and, please God, dying the state of grace, i.e., heading for Heaven.

St. Joan of Arc was on trial for heresy. An accuser asked her if she was in a state of grace. St. Joan responded, *If I am not in God's grace, I pray that I might be. If I am, that God would keep me there.* St. Joan was martyred, burned at the stake, at the age of 19 in 1431. In the eyes of the world, she was a fool. To Our Lord, she died in the state of grace and is greatly loved, forever with Him. May we echo her prayer, not just in words but also in our deeds.

\* In order to aid us in turning away from our sins asap, like...NOW, not waiting until tomorrow, I offer the following bit of wisdom from St. Augustine: *God has promised forgiveness to your repentance, but He has not promised tomorrow to your procrastination.* Is that not true?! God does not owe us tomorrow. So, the time for turning away from our sins is now.

\* *Since it is likely that, being men, they would sin every day, St. Paul consoles his hearers by saying 'renew yourselves' from day to day. This is what we do with houses: we keep constantly repairing them as they wear old. You should do the same thing to yourself. Have you sinned today? Have you made your soul old? Do not despair, do not despond, but renew your soul by repentance, and tears, and Confession, and by doing good things. And never cease doing this.* -St. John Chrysostom

\* One last bit of encouragement for us from St. Augustine: *There is no saint without a past, no sinner without a future.*

So, what is the state of our soul? At this moment am I spiritually alive or spiritually dead? Our eternal destiny rests upon our dying in God's good graces. May we all choose wisely.

-Fr. Michael

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

### Sunday, March 17 Fifth SUNDAY OF LENT

**Jer 31:31-34/ Heb 5:7-9/ Jn 12:20-33**

Vocation Intention - Spirituality Year Seminarists

7:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Leo McMahon**

8:00 a.m. Sacred Heart Mass **+Estelle Griggs**

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

10:00 a.m. St. Catherine Mass **+Peggy Zink**

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

**parishes**

### Monday, March 18 Dn 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62 Jn. 8:1-11

Vocational Intention - 1st & 2nd Year Philosophy Seminarists

12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Henry Rosas**

### Tuesday, March 19

**Solemnity of Saint Joseph Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**2 Sm 7:4-5, 12-14,16/ Rom 4:13, 16-18,22/ Mt 1:16-,18-21**

Vocational Intention - 1st & 2nd Year Theology Seminarists

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 **Thanksgiving for St. Joseph**

### Wednesday, March 20 Dn 3:14-20,91-92,95/ Jn 8:31-42

Vocational Intention - 3rd & 4th Year Theology Seminarists

9:00 a.m. Legion of Mary (lift door - Parish Center)

12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass: **+F Duane Kloberdanz**

### Thursday, March 21 Gn 17:3-9/ Jn 8:551-59

Vocation Intention – Vocations Ministry

12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass **+ Don Mildenberger**

### Friday, March 22 Jer 20:10-13/ Jn 10:31-42

Vocation Intention - Pastoral Year Seminarists

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

5:00pm Knights Fish Fry in Cafeteria

7:00pm Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, March 23 Ez 37:21-28/ Jn 11:45-56

Vocation Intention - 1st & 2nd Year College Seminarists

8:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Joanne Deere**

5:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Marvin,+ Howard, +Jeff Miller**

### Sunday, March 24

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

**Mk11:1-10/ Is 50:4-7/ Phil 2:6-11/ Mk 14- 15:47**

Vocation Intention - Spirituality Year Seminarists

7:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Mary Mildenberger**

8:00 a.m. St. Catherine Mass **+ Phil & Irene Zink**

9:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Betty Sewald**

10:00 a.m. St. Catherine Mass **Marne Feuerborn**

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

**Parishes**

**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 Finance Council Members:**

Les Archuleta, Greg Etl, Ron Marostica, Kristin Nichols, and Adam



### St. Anthony of Padua, Sterling

Last week's collection: **\$6603.00**

Maintenance collection: **\$ 806.00**

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

### Let us remember these sick and suffering:

Clifford Kaiser, Peggy Peterson, Juli Schneider, Andrea Wasson, Janie Marin, Dan Von Arx, Dick Devie, Pat Rieb, Dennis Boren, John Nicholas Cornay

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



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



**The Knights of Columbus Fish Fry** will be held in the cafeteria every Friday during Lent starting at 5:00 p.m. No fish fry on Good Friday.



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.



Please join us for the Divine Mercy Choir from the original shrine in Lithuania. They will be performing at St. Helena's Catholic Church in Fort Morgan, Monday, March 25 at 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$15 minimum donation. Carol Drury will be selling tickets on March 9th after 5pm Mass, and March 10th after 9am Mass. Please contact Carol Drury for tickets and questions. (203)980-8833

### Advertiser of the Week:



970-522-2904

217 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave-Sterling, CO

### Additional Confessions for Lent

St. Anthony, Julesburg– Monday, March 18, 6:00 PM

St. John, Yuma-Tuesday, March 19, 6:00 PM

St. Mary, Brush– Thursday, March 21, 6:00 PM

### 2024 Triduum & Easter Schedule

*\*Note: No scheduled confessions on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday*

#### Holy Thursday, March 28

*Note: No noon Mass at St. Anthony*

*Parish Office will close at 12:00 noon*

6:00 PM – Mass of the Lord's Supper (St. Anthony)

6:00 PM – Mass of the Lord's Supper (St. Catherine)

8:00 PM– Mass of the Lord's Supper (St. Anthony Spanish)

#### Good Friday, March 29

*Note: No noon Mass at St. Anthony*

*Parish Office closed*

3:00 PM – Stations of the Cross (St. Anthony)

6:00 PM – Passion of Our Lord (Sacred Heart)

6:00 PM – Passion of Our Lord (St. Anthony)

8:00 PM– Passion of Our Lord (St. Anthony Spanish)

#### Holy Saturday, March 30

8:00 PM – Easter Vigil (St. Anthony)

#### Easter Sunday, March 31

7:00 AM – Mass (St. Anthony)

8:00 AM – Mass (Sacred Heart)

9:00 AM – Mass (St. Anthony)

10:00 AM – Mass (St. Catherine)

12:00 PM– Mass (St. Anthony Spanish)

#### Monday, April 1

*Parish Office closed*



We are still 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.

Thank you to those that have volunteered, we are still putting teams together and will be getting in touch with you soon.

To volunteer please call the Parish office. 970-522-6422

### The Scammers are at it again!!!

Please remember that Father Micheal nor Father Enrique or Father (Whomever) will ever ask for money or gift cards through email or text's!! These are Scams. Please

contact the office if you have questions!!!



### St. Catherine of Siena, Iliff

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

**Last week's collection: \$668.00**

**Sunday, March 24 8:00 am**

**Sacristan – Huss's**

**Lector—Kelsey**

**Servers – Aly,Joey, Taylor**

**EMHC\* - Peggy, Jonna, Naomi**

**Gift Bearers – Randy & Jaci Gerck Family**

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

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

\*Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion



### Sacred Heart, Peetz

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

**Last week's collection: \$1397.00**

**Sunday, March 24 10:00 am**

**Sacristan – Melinda**

**Lector – Mary Uhler**

**Servers – Tyler Wanberg, Mason Long, Cole Meier**

**EMHC\* - Kevin**

**Greeters & Offertory – Meier 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

\*Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion



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.

### REGISTER NOW for Summer Camp at Annunciation Heights!



In three short months, the youth and families of the Archdiocese will be heading into the beautiful Rocky Mountains for a week of adventure and friendship in a truly Catholic environment. Our summer camp schedule begins in June, with six one-week youth sessions and four family camps. Youth camp sessions are offered for boys and girls from grades 4 through 12. We are also launching our first summer of our counselor in training program for Juniors and Seniors in High School.

Programming will include climbing, hiking, small group formation, Mass outdoors, adoration, and much more. For more information about dates, pricing, and to register visit

<https://annunciationheights.org>.

### Reminder

This Tuesday March 19,2024 at 6:30 pm in the Cafeteria is the **last** class for the Power and Grace Sacramental Study



**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**



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

Email announcements to [Parsh@saintanthonyssterling.org](mailto:Parsh@saintanthonyssterling.org)