



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:

Holy Week—See the inside of this bulletin

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.

April 14, 2024 3rd Sunday of Easter

A Further Reminder, Our Merciful Lord

I had to wrestle a bit this week, in prayer, seeking a topic for this weekend's reflection. Of course, as you can see below, a topic did come to mind. My hand was forced a bit, in a manner of speaking, and I am grateful for that "forcing."

I am going to pick up where we left off last weekend, on Divine Mercy Sunday, because our readings for this 3rd Sunday of Easter return to the topics from last Sunday, namely: 1) our sins, 2) our proper response to our sins, and 3) the fruit of that proper response.

An aside: Yes, I am once again writing about sin. However, whenever I do so, I plan to always remind us of the offer of God's mercy. Considering our sins without the reality of Our Merciful Lord, can lead to despair.

1) We are all sinners in need of God's mercy. Our Father sent Jesus to free us from the burden of sin. And yes, sin is a burden. Jesus continues to make this offer of forgiveness through the Church.

Let's start with our Second Reading for this Sunday from the First Letter of St. John. In this brief passage St. John reminds us four times of the reality of sin and of Jesus' offer of mercy, what St. John refers to as "expiation of sin." *My children, I am writing this to you so that you may not commit sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one. He is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world. The way we may be sure that we know him is to keep his commandments. Whoever says, "I know him," but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him. (1 John 2:1-4)*

2) Our proper response to our sins? Does reception of Jesus' "expiation," His mercy, require anything of us or are we merely passive, uninvolved recipients? Since God respects our free will, He will not force us to change any sinful way of ours. He invites us to change from any and all sinful ways. A key word that the Church uses to describe such changes is "repent," "repentance." So, the proper response to Jesus' invitation is repentance.

Two of readings from this weekend remind us of that necessary step in order for us to be healed of our sins: From St. Peter: **Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away.** (Acts 3:19)

And from the Gospel of St. Luke: *And Jesus said to them [the Apostles], "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations..." (Luke 24:46-47)*

So, #3: the fruit of our repentance? We receive God's mercy, the crucial healing of our souls. the healing that only Our Merciful Lord and Savior can give. In doing so will can attain greater and greater peace of mind during our brief pilgrimage on earth, and then soak in the infinite peace and joy in His Kingdom. May that be our #1 priority in this brief journey and the ultimate destiny for all of us.

-Fr. Michael

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Sunday, April 14 Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 3:13-15,17-19/ 1 Jn. 2:1-5a/ Lk 24:35-48
 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 +Marilyn Gerk
10:00 a.m. Sacred Heart Mass +Gage Roelle
12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Sp.Mass Parishioners of all 3 Parishes

Monday, April 15 Acts 6:8-15/ Jn 6:22-29
 Vocational Intention - 1st & 2nd Year Philosophy Seminarians
12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass +Ray,+Clara McMahon

Tuesday, April 16 Acts 7: 51-8:1a/ Jn 6:30-35
 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 +Bea Garciel

Wednesday, April 17 Acts 8:1b-8/ Jn 6:35-40
 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: Don & Carol Lambrecht

Thursday, April 18 Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51
 Vocation Intention – Vocations Ministry
12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass +Jerry Barton

Friday, April 19 Acts 9:1-20/ Jn 6:52-59
 Vocation Intention - Pastoral Year Seminarians
12:00p.m. St. Anthony Mass +Peggy Zink

Saturday, April 20 Acts 9:31-42/ Jn 6: 60-69
 Vocation Intention - 1st & 2nd Year College Seminarians
8:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass +Agnes & +Stan Sasse
5:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass Sydney Furrow

Sunday, April 21 Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 4:8-12/ 1 Jn 3:1-2/ Jn 10:11-18
 Vocation Intention - Spirituality Year Seminarians
7:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass +John S. Marostica
8:00 a.m. Sacred Heart– Those remembered in the Easter Lily Memorial
9:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass +Bill & + Dan EtI
10:00 a.m. St. Catherine Mass +Joanne Devie
12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Sp.Mass Parishioners of St. Anthony’s Parish

Parish Office Hours
 8:00am - 4:00 pm
 Closed for Lunch 12:00pm– 1:00pm
 Phone: (970)522-6422

Deadline for bulletin announcements is **8:00 am Thursday.**
 Email announcements to **Parsh@saintanthonyssterling.org**



[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](https://www.saintanthonyssterling.org)

Baptism: Baptism forms are available online at our website: [saintanthonyssterling.org](https://www.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 EtI, Ron Marostica, Kristin Nichols, and Adam Rose.



St. Anthony of Padua, Sterling
Last week’s collection: \$ 7872.72
Maintenance Collection: \$ 3484.00

We ask that you PLEASE use a separate check for Maintenance donations because those contribution

Let us remember these sick and suffering:
 Jane Sandoval, Jan Mari, Clifford Kaiser, John Loos Jr.
 Andrea Wasson, Dick Devie, Pat Rieb
 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



REGISTER NOW for Summer Camp at Annunciation Heights!

In two 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>. Spots are limited -some weeks already have waitlists - sign up today!



Mass Intention Requests
 We appreciate your thoughtfulness however, due to the high demand for Mass intention requests we must limit the request. Each requester may request one Sunday and one weekday intention per month. Please note that there are many shrines and religious orders that would be happy to celebrate Masses for your Intentions. Also, in accordance with Cannon Law we can only accept Mass intention requests one year out.
 (Ex. April 2024- April 2025)



Let us be open to the love from our spouse and God by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on:
April 26-28, Dillon CO; April 12-14, Elk Mountain, WY;
Oct. 4-6, Grand Junction, CO; & Nov. 1-3, Dillon CO
 For questions, or to find out more about Virtual Encounter Week-ends, feel free to contact: Brenda & Gary Granger: 720-213-8833
 Space is limited, so reserve your weekend early.
 For more information about Worldwide Marriage Encounter, please visit www.wmme.org



The Scammers are at it again!!!
 Please remember that Father Michael nor Father Enrique or Father (Whomever) or any Staff Member will ever ask for money or gift cards through email or text’s!! These are Scams. Please contact the office if you have questions!!!



We are still in need of volunteers to count the weekly offertory. Counters meet once a week, on Monday, for about 1 hour, & 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



Women’s Ministry Meeting
Saturday April 20th 8:30 am-9:30 am
 Come join us in Hagus Hall as we explore the connection of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Divine Mercy.
 All Women are welcome
 Bring a Friend!!
 Catholic Daughters would like to thank all the generous donors of our parishes. We set a goal for 50 hygiene kits and sent 67 to Under the Umbrella with some extra goodies that were donated.
 Your kindness is greatly appreciated.
 Court Saint Teresa #980



What will you do with Christ in you? Don’t miss your chance to see the Archbishop’s message for the 2024 Archbishop’s Catholic Appeal. Your gift helps others grow in their relationship with Christ through more than 40 ministries and helps support our parish. Make your gift today!



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



Last week’s collection: \$1085.00
Sunday, April 21 at 10:00 am
Sacristan – Ashley and Jeri
Lector—Children
Servers – Ethan, Joran, Aniston
EMHC* - Brenda, Tom, Naomi
Gift Bearers – Children
Coffee and Rolls 4th Sunday of the month, after Mass
 St. Catherine Finance Council: Tim Anderson, Randy Gerk, Tom Huss
 *Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Join us
 1st Communion and Confirmation Sacrament Celebration
Cam Gertner ~ Finley Meisner ~ Reed Fiscus ~ Harper Lynch ~ Connor Gardiner
 SUNDAY, APRIL 21st, 2024 10:00 am Mass
 St. Catherine of Siena ~ Iliff, CO
 Lunch & Cake to Follow - Everyone Welcome!!!

Sacred Heart, Peetz
www.sacredheartpeetz.org
Last week’s collection: \$ 247.00
Sunday, April 21, 2024 at 8:00 am
Sacristan – Kristy
Lector – Linnae Brown
Servers – Tyler Wanberg, Colton Sintler, Grayson Sintler
EMHC* -
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, Phil Schumacher



Please help us Celebrate
Sunday, April 14, 10am Mass
Sacred Heart in Peetz



Sacrament of First Holy Communion and Confirmation
Gianna Wanberg
Jens Jordan
Kaelynn Meier
Kinzley Schumacher
Jeff Long
Sacrament of Confirmation
Colton Sintler
Grasyon Sintler
Kasen Schumacher
Dru Weimer

Please join us in the parish hall after mass for a Potluck style meal. Pulled pork sandwiches and cake will be provided.