



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 7, 2024 Divine Mercy Sunday

Continuing Jesus' Mission of Healing

On Easter Sunday evening: *The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." (John 20b:23)*

Through this passage, it's obvious that Jesus granted the Apostles the ability to forgive sins. If we struggle with this, we need to ask ourselves, does Jesus have the ability, the authority to do that? As Almighty God, of course He does, even if it doesn't make any sense to us.

As the Father has sent me...

How has the Father sent Jesus? The Father gave Jesus a mission, in great part to free us from slavery to sin. *Jesus answered [them], "Amen, amen, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave of sin." (John 8:34)*

And to the Apostles Jesus says, *...so I send you!* Jesus shares His mission with the Apostles. The Father sends Jesus. Jesus sends His Apostles. The Apostles, in turn, handed on that mission to their successors, the bishops, in order to continue Jesus' ministry of mercy. From that point on to this very day, through His bishops and priests, Jesus continues to free us from the burden of sin.

Now, we may ask, is this the only way that Jesus can forgive sin? Of course not. Since He is God, He is not bound by the 7 Sacraments. He can and does forgive any way **He** decides. We have Biblical proof that Jesus dispenses His grace apart from the 7 Sacraments. In the Gospels we hear references to "the living," people who lived and died centuries before Jesus instituted the 7 Sacraments: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob. Moses and Elijah appeared with Jesus at His Transfiguration. None of these men were even baptized! Yet, Jesus grants them His grace.

So, we can, we may, and we SHOULD go directly to Jesus when we sin. Yes. "Lord, have mercy on me a sinner." Obviously, with that, Jesus can forgive. However, hasn't Jesus provided us the means by which we can hear that we are forgiven? If anyone else, on our own, instituted this Sacrament, we'd be correct in rejecting this. However, when Jesus makes the offer, is it wise to say "No, thank you? I'll do this my way!" ???

I am so grateful that this passage from John chapter 20 is a part of the Gospels, because I don't think this teaching of Our Lord, this teaching of the Church, can be denied, that Jesus grants His authority to forgive sins to His Apostles. At first glance, this might not make any sense. We might not understand why He does this. However, we must acknowledge His authority even when we cannot understand it. Literally everything Jesus does is for our good. Speaking from personal experience, this includes the great gift of His mercy that He extends to us, that He offers us in the Sacrament of Confession/ Penance/Reconciliation. Since He offers it to us, we must truly need this.

Just as a miracle takes place on the altar, bread and wine are transformed into the Body and Blood of Our Lord, so too miracles take place in the confessional, wounded souls are healed and dead souls are raised to life.

We have free will to either accept or to reject His offer. Jesus doesn't force. He only invites. If you've been away for a long time, please return, for the healing of our souls that Our Lord grants through His Sacrament, through His priests. It's an undeserved privilege for us priests to let Jesus use us to welcome back His often wayward children into His loving and merciful embrace. *-Fr. Michael*

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Sunday, April 7 Divine Mercy
Acts 4:32-35/ 1 Jn 5:1-6/ Jn 20:19-31
Vocation Intention - Spirituality Year Seminarians
7:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass +Herman Schneider
8:00 a.m. Sacred Heart Mass Marne Feuerborn
9:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass + Ed & +Dorothy Lechman
10:00 a.m. St. Catherine Mass +MaryAnn Zink
12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Sp.Mass +Anita Kiolbasa

Monday, April 8 The Annunciation of the Lord
Is 7:10- 14, 8:10 / Heb 10:4-10/ Lk 1:26-38
Vocational Intention -1st & 2nd Year Philosophy Seminarians
12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass +Williams Family Walt, Craig, & Doug

Tuesday, April 9 Easter Wednesday
Acts 4:32-37 / Jn 3:7b-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 John Lechman

Wednesday, April 10 Acts 5: 17-26 / Jn 3:16-21
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: Deacon Bernie Schwartze

Thursday, April 11 Acts 5:27-33 / Jn 3:31-36
Saint Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr
Vocation Intention - Vocations Ministry
12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass +Don Scheck

Friday, April 12 Acts 5:34-42/ Jn 6:1-15
Vocation Intention - Pastoral Year Seminarians
12:00p.m. St. Anthony Mass +LaVern Lambrecht

Saturday, April 13 Acts 6:1-7 / Jn 6:16-21
Saint Martin I, Pope and Martyr
Vocation Intention - 1st & 2nd Year College Seminarians
8:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass + Angela Hill
5:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass +Robert Quint

Sunday, April 14
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 +Peggy Zink
9:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass +Marilyn Gerk
10:00 a.m. Sacred Heart +Gage Roelle
12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Sp.Mass Parishioners of St. Anthony's

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

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



St. Anthony of Padua, Sterling
Last week's collection: 11,910.50

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:

Jan Mari, Clifford Kaiser, John Loos Jr. Juli Schneider, Andrea Wasson, Janie Marin, Dan Von Arx, Dick Devie, Pat Rieb, Dennis Boren,

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 Derek Weingardt. May he rest in peace.



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!

For more information please contact Jennifer Rodine in the Parish Office. 970-522-4622



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



Colorado March for Life

March 12, 2024

Denver, Colorado

Schedule of Events

10:00 a.m. – Pre-Rally concert

11:00 a.m. – Rally at Capitol

12:00 p.m. – Colorado March for Life

For more information please visit the website

<https://marchforlife.org/colorado>

Advertiser of the Week:



All Cuisine & Daily Specials
 Lunch & Specialty Dinner Buffets and Salad Bar
 See us for your banquet & catering needs.
 Carlos and Cecilia Caro
 100 Broadway, Suite #10 Sterling, CO 80751 970-522-1721
jimmysterling@yahoo.com

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



Last week's collection: \$2423.00

Sunday, April 14 8:00 a.m.

Sacristan – Gerks & Strombergers

Lector—Pam

Servers – Aniston, Bailey, Austin

EMHC* - Sonny, Tim, Nick

Gift Bearers – Tom & Brenda Huss

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

Sacred Heart, Peetz

www.sacredheartpeetz.org



Last week's collection: \$3531.00

Sunday, April 14, 2024

Sacristan – Mary Uhlir

Lector – Dru Weimer

Servers – Luke Uhlir, Mason Long, Cole Meier

EMHC* - Kevin

Greeters & Offertory – Communion/Confirmation Students

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.

