



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.

July 21, 2024 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Run So As to Win an Imperishable Crown

No doubt many of us are aware that the 2024 Summer Olympics begin this coming Friday, July 26, in Paris, France. Many millions of people around the world will watch the games, cheering on the athletes and admiring their talents and their physical prowess.

No doubt that all Olympic athletes have spent many, many hours of physical and mental exercise in preparation for the Games. Such exercise is not only important, but necessary for them to be able to compete at this level of competition. They will be competing to win medals, symbols of their talents and dedication, gold medals to the champions for being the best in the world... **IN 2024!** However, such glory is fleeting. Someone else will likely wear the title of “champion” in that sport in 2028, in 2032, and...then, what of the champions of 2024? (I think you get the picture.) Fleeting fame.

Athletic competition is not new to the world. The Olympic Games predate the coming of Christ. In fact the Olympics were not the only major sporting event in the ancient world. Our friend, St. Paul, was familiar with competitive sports. He makes reference to competition in his First Letter to the Corinthians. Corinth was an important city on the west coast of current day Greece. Every two years it hosted the Isthmian Games, and Corinth was swarmed with visitors to watch the games.

With that in mind, let’s see what our saint writes regarding sport and how we should prioritize our lives: *Do you not know that the runners in the stadium all run in the race, but only one wins the prize? Run so as to win. Every athlete exercises discipline in every way. They do it to win a perishable crown, but we an imperishable one. Thus I do not run aimlessly; I do not fight as if I were shadowboxing. No, I drive my body and train it, for fear that, after having preached to others, I myself should be disqualified.* (1 Cor 9:24-27) “Disqualified?” Failing to make it to the finish line, Heaven.

The “perishable crown” to which St. Paul refers is a pine wreath that was placed upon the champion’s head. A pine wreath. Perishable indeed. Just how long can such a wreath last? That should serve as a powerful symbolic reminder for us of the brevity of worldly fame and fortune.

Consider this - gold medals too are perishable. They will turn to dust. Oh, it might take centuries, but dust they will become. So, should our #1 priority be gold medals? Super Bowl rings? Academy Awards? *How about Heaven?!*

We run so as to win an imperishable crown. Please bring that to prayer as we examine our lives. Is my main focus winning that crown of which St. Paul writes, attaining Heaven, *working out our salvation with fear and trembling?* (Philippians 2:12) Making it home safely needn’t be our sole focus, but it should hold first place for us in our brief race here on earth. Do we spend ample time in spiritual exercise, prayer + the Sacraments, to strengthen us for this race?

Marathoners spend countless hours in preparation for a race. We too are in a race, in a marathon. May we stay prepared for the finish line, living and dying in the state of grace, so that the Eternal Judge will place an imperishable crown on our head as winners of *the only race that truly matters.*

-Fr. Michael

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

SUNDAY, JULY 21

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jer 23:1-6 / Eph 2:13-18 / Mk 6:30-34

Vocation Intention - Spirituality Year Seminarians

7:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Della Warren**

8:00 a.m. Sacred Heart Mass **Presiding Priest's Intentions**

9:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Ed & +Dorothy Lechman**

10:00 a.m. St. Catherine Mass **+Albert & +Mollie Lauer**

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

MONDAY, JULY 22

Saint Mary Magdalene

Sg 3:1-4b / Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Vocational Intention - 1st & 2nd Year Philosophy Seminarians

12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Luis Carlos Baray**

TUESDAY, JULY 23

Mi 7-14-15, 18-20 / Mt 12:46-50

Vocational Intention - 1st & 2nd Year Theology Seminarian Pts

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 **+Lois McMahon**

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

Jer 1:1, 4-10 / Mt 20:20-28

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 **+Richard Leibbrand**

THURSDAY, JULY 25

Saint James, Apostle

1 Cor 4:7-15 / Mt 20:20-28

Vocation Intention - Vocations Ministry

12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Lorraine Zink**

FRIDAY, JULY 26

Saints Joachim & Anne,

Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Jer 3:14-17 / Mt 13:18-23

Vocation Intention - Pastoral Year Seminarians

12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass **Rita Heimbegner**

SATURDAY, JULY 27

Jer 7:1-11 / Mt 13:24-30

Vocation Intention - 1st & 2nd Year College Seminarians

8:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Mark Kloberdanz**

5:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Alex & +Betty Sewald, +Diana Shino**

SUNDAY, JULY 28

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2 Kgs 4:42-44 / Eph 4:1-6 / Jn 6:1-15

Vocation Intention - Spirituality Year Seminarians

7:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass **+LaVern Lambrecht**

8:00 a.m. St. Catherine Mass **+Larry Huss**

9:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass **Jim Johnson**

10:00 a.m. Sacred Heart Mass **Presiding Priest's Intentions**

12:00 p.m. St. Anthony SpMass **Parishioners-all 3 parishes**



St. Raphael Counseling, located at St. Anthony's parish center in Sterling, is temporarily closed. If you or someone you know would like to talk to a counselor, please contact the Denver office: (720)377-1359 to schedule an appointment.

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.

Parish Office Hours:

Monday - Friday 8:00 am – Noon, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

CLOSED 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

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St. Anthony of Padua, Sterling

Last week's offertory: **\$6,732.00**

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Let us remember these sick and suffering:

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



The annual Beer Garden fundraiser project is once again upon us. The Knights of Columbus will be outside after every weekend Mass starting June 29 through July 28 conducting signups for the Beer Garden. We thank everyone who has aided us in the past, & we look forward to your help this year.



On July 26 the Roman Catholic Church commemorates the parents of the Virgin Mary, Saints Joachim and Anne. The couple's faith and perseverance brought them through the sorrow of childlessness, to the joy of conceiving and raising the immaculate and sinless woman who would give birth to Christ



Fr. Herman, on behalf of St. Joseph's Seminary in Uganda, expresses their heartfelt gratitude to you all parishioners of St. Anthonys, Sacred Heart and St. Catherine for the mission appeal that you responded to recently both financially and in prayer. May the good Lord reward you abundantly in return! For any further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact Fr. Herman, now based in St. Joseph, Akron, CO.



Please join us for a Holy Hour & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday, August 4, at 3:00 pm, in Saint Anthony Church.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Our First Friday Adoration will be celebrated on **Friday, August 9** to accommodate our many parishioners who volunteer to work at the Logan County Fair. Adoration will begin after the noon Mass **Friday, August 9**, & end with the start of the 8:00 am Mass on **Saturday, August 10**. Watch for the signup sheet at the back of the church.



PLEASE JOIN US!

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Limon, Colorado is hosting "Approaching the Summit: A Grassroots Eucharistic Revival." Bishop James Golka, from the Diocese of Colorado Springs, CO, will be leading a daylong conference of fellowship. Included throughout the day will be confessions, Adoration, a Eucharistic Procession, and Mass with Bishop Golka. **The event will be held at the church in Limon, 425 H Ave., Limon CO, 80828, Saturday, August 17, 2024.** To RSVP, as seating is limited, go to: cccep.202401@gmail.com, or call (719)775-8171. The Eucharistic Revival pulls in the nationwide celebration while the grassroots emphasizes that it starts at the local level.

"In tribulation immediately draw near to God with confidence, and you will receive strength, enlightenment, and instruction."
St. John of the Cross

St. Catherine of Siena, Iliff

www.saintcatherinesiliff.org



Last week's collection: **\$433.00**
Sunday, July 28, 2024 8:00 am

Sacristans – Luecks

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**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion*

Coffee and Rolls 4th Sunday of the month after Mass

St. Catherine Finance Council: Randy Gerk, Tom Huss, & Sarah Lueck

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www.sacredheartpeetz.org



Last week's collection: **\$727.00**
Sunday, July 28, 2024 10:00 am

Potluck after Mass

EMHC* - Kevin Martin

Sacristan – Mary

Lector – Mary Uhler

Servers – Parker & Preston Reker, & Luke Uhler
Greeters & Offertory – Dr. Kelly Casey Family

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion*

Coffee & 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 Schurracher

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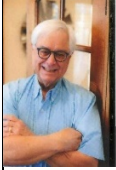
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