



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



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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.

August 25, 2024 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Where Do We Find the Bread of Life Today? (part 2)

The short answer? In Heaven and in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the same Jesus, only in the Mass He comes to us under the form of bread.

This Sunday, August 25, we reach the end of chapter 6 of the Gospel of St. John and the end of the Bread of Life Discourse. In this reflection I would like to pick up where I left off last weekend, extracting just a few crucial points from the Church's teaching about the Eucharist, primarily from the Catechism. The numbers shown signify the paragraph numbers in the Catechism.

* We should consider attending Holy Mass as a bare minimum on Sundays and Holy Days and as our most important duty for the week because it is in the Mass that we encounter the risen Christ who humbles Himself to be the food for our souls. (A brief aside: I fondly recall the words of my 3rd grade teacher, Sister Mary Vincent, who imparted the following wisdom to us 8-year-olds. "Our Lord gives us 168 hours every week. Can we not set aside at least one hour every week in worship of Our Lord," from whom we hope to receive eternal life? That was almost 60 years ago. Yet, I somehow still fondly recall those words and recognize her wisdom. I hope we all will.)

* The Catechism reminds us that to respond to Our Lord's invitation to this sacred banquet, we should prepare ourselves well (1385). We start of course with prayer. Then, we should sincerely and thoroughly examine our conscience, to humbly discern the state of our soul. We should ask ourselves, "Am I in the state of grace?" *Anyone conscious of a grave sin, aka mortal sin, must receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before coming to communion.* (1385) To receive Holy Communion with any unconfessed mortal sin on our souls is grave matter in itself. It is a sin in itself.

* As bodily nourishment restores lost strength, so the Eucharist, food for the soul, strengthens our charity, which tends to be weakened in daily life. (1394) Daily prayer is necessary and it does strengthen our souls. But Jesus Himself in the Eucharist is the true food that we need, the Bread come down from Heaven, the Food that endures to eternal life. (John 6:27)

* Here's an important point regarding receiving Holy Communion that is all too often overlooked or ignored: The Eucharist is properly the sacrament of those who are **in full communion with the Church**. (1395) We need to ask ourselves, indeed to challenge ourselves. Am I in "full communion" with the Church in all her teachings? Do I pick and choose only the ones that I like and ignore the ones that I feel are wrong?

Why are we obliged, as Catholics, to accept all of the Church's teachings? In matters of faith and morals, the Church teaches without error, protected by the Holy Spirit from teaching error. "Wait a minute. Hold on now. What about all the sins of the bishops and priests?! You priests need Confession too." To that I say, absolutely! Among my prayers is "Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner." Words do matter. Note that we profess that the Church *teaches* without error. We have never taught that the members of the Church, including the clergy, are without sin. However, we do recognize the Christ-given authority of the Church. *Whoever listens to you listens to me. Whoever rejects you rejects me. And whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.* (Luke 10:16)

—Fr. Michael

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Sunday, August 25

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b / Eph 5:21-32 / Jn 6:60-69

Vocation Intention - Spirituality Year Seminarians

7:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass +Audrey Brekel

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

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

10:00 a.m. Sacred Heart Mass +Michelle Bos

12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Sp MASS Parishioners-all 3 parishes

Monday, August 26

2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12 / Mt 23:13-22

Vocational Intention - 1st & 2nd Year Philosophy Seminarians

12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass +Anita Kiolbasa

Tuesday, August 27

Saint Monica

2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17 / Mt 23:23-26

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 John & Carol Lambrecht

Wednesday, August 28

St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18 / Mt 23:27-32

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 +Lori Kochan McClean

Thursday, August 29

The Passion of St. John the Baptist

1 Cor 1:1-9 / Mk 6:17-29

Vocation Intention - Vocations Ministry

12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass Bob Wolfe

Friday, August 30

1 Cor 1:17-25 / Mt 25:1-13

Vocation Intention - Pastoral Year Seminarians

12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass +Frank Mari

Saturday, August 31

1 Cor 1:26-31 / Mt 25:14-30

Vocation Intention - 1st & 2nd Year College Seminarians

8:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass +Don Brunner

5:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass +Jake & +Alice Mari

Sunday, September 1

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8 / Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27 /

Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Vocation Intention - Spirituality Year Seminarians

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

8:00 a.m. Sacred Heart MASS Parishioners-all 3 parishes

9:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass +Anita Kiolbasa

10:00 a.m. St. Catherine Mass +Johnnie & +Priscilla Kippes

12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Sp Mass +Joanne Devie



If you or someone you know is struggling & would like to talk to a counselor, St. Raphael Counseling is there to help. They are in Denver, at (720)377-1359, and can schedule a free consultation.

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, 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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Last week's offertory: \$5,338.08

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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.

Prayers and Condolences are offered to the families of Harold Unrein and Karleen Ring. May they rest in peace.

Congratulations James and Betty Buckmaster
On your Convalidation Ceremony

Gym usage forms are available in the parish office for the upcoming volleyball season. Basketball forms will be available the end of November. You must be a registered, active parishioner to use the gym

Kick off for St. Anthony's religious education program is Wednesday, August 28, at 6:00pm, in the parish center cafeteria.



The Knights of Columbus invite all the Beer Garden volunteers and their families to celebrate with us at our annual Appreciation Dinner. The dinner will be held **Wednesday, August 28 at 6:30pm**, in the Knights of Columbus Hall. Thanks to everyone's help we once again had a very successful year at the 2024 Logan County Fair!



The parish office will be **closed Monday, September 2**, in honor of Labor Day. We will open Tuesday, September 3, at 8:00am.

St. Anthony Bazaar Committee is asking for donors to contribute cash to this year's Bazaar Prize drawing. If you would like to donate, please contact Connie Unrein (970)466-6221, Dorea Sewald (970)520-0818, or Marlene Masin (970)520-6274, either by phone call or text. **The deadline is Tuesday, September 3.**

GOD BLESS
our teachers

"You are ambassadors and ministers of Christ in the profession that you exercise; you must therefore conduct yourselves as representatives of Christ himself. It is he who wants young people to look to you as to himself, to receive your teaching as if he himself were teaching. They must be convinced that it is the truth of Christ that you speak, that it is in his name you teach them and that it is he himself who gives you authority over them"

Saint Jean-Baptiste de La Salle-Patron Saint of Teachers

Remember when abortionists tried to sell us "a woman's right to choose"? Now, they are calling it "necessary healthcare"! Since when is taking away the life of a healthy child from a healthy mother caring for health? It's not! But that's what millions of dollars from the abortion industry is attempting to put into our Colorado Constitution! And force us to pay for it! Will you repent with us for our families, our churches, our state, and our nation over this evil holocaust? Please **fast and pray** with us over the next ten weeks that people's eyes and hearts will be opened and abortion will end! Put faith into action to **vote against the tax-payer funded abortion amendment** on the Colorado ballot this year.

St. Catherine of Siena, Iliff
www.saintcatherinesiliff.org
Last week's collection: \$527.00
Sunday, September 1, 2024 10:00am
Sacristans – Luecks
Lector – Kelsey
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~~Coffee and Rolls 4th Sunday of the month after Mass~~
St. Catherine Finance Council: Randy Gerk, Tom Huss, & Sarah Lueck

St. Catherine's CCD program begins Sunday, September 15, at 8:30 am.

Sacred Heart, Deetz
www.sacredheartpeetz.org
Last week's collection: \$1236.00
Sunday, September 1, 2024 8:00am
Coffee and Donuts
Sacristan –
Lector –
EMHC -
Servers –
Greeters & Offertory –
Coffee & Donuts 1st Sunday of the month after Mass
Church Potluck 4th Sunday of the month after Mass
Sacred Heart Fin. Council: R Fehringer, E Gardiner, & P. Schumacher



St. Anthony's 90th Bazaar is coming November 2nd and 3rd. Be sure to visit and bring the kids because we have a few surprises up our sleeves!

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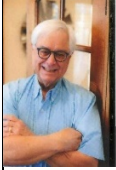
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