



### 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.

## August 4, 2024 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### God Will Not Be Mocked

Well, I am over the initial shock and horror of the Olympics', what was dubbed, "parody" of the Last Supper. However, it is still not far from my mind and from my heart. It stung. For me and for many Catholics and non-Catholic Christians and even people of other faiths, that display was offensive at best, blasphemous at worst. Please remember that blasphemy is grave matter, one of the key components of mortal sin. *Blasphemy is contrary to the respect due God and his holy name. It is in itself a grave sin.* (Catechism #2148) The purveyors of this act are not stupid. Not at all. They knew exactly what they were doing. They aimed to mock and hurt. However, we all must remember *Make no mistake: God is not mocked, for a person will reap only what he sows.* (Gal. 6:7) There are and will be severe consequences to all our actions, reaping eternal reward for our good actions, eternal torment for evil, that is, unrepented of evil actions.

So, then how should practicing Catholics respond to this and to any evil act? Do we respond with, "It's no big deal. Move on." or "I hate them." Never, because Our Lord would never respond that way. 1) Mortal sin is always a big deal. Unrepented, it places immortal souls in jeopardy. So, we do acknowledge the sin. 2) Hate the persons? No. Jesus still loves us even when we have walked away from Him by committing mortal sin. He wants Heaven not only for us, but for all people. If we've walked away from Him, He always awaits our return.

We may not and we must not hate the people who perpetrated this atrocity. We must respond with prayer for them and with genuine love, which is NOT a feeling. Authentic love, charity is willing the good for the sake of the other, and that means the ultimate good, God, forever with Him in Heaven. Throughout salvation history, great sinners have repented and have become great saints and attained Heaven: Saul of Tarsus —> St. Paul, Augustine of Hippo —> St. Augustine, bishop & doctor of the Church, and many others who came to their senses. So, we must wish the same, repentance + God's mercy, not only for ourselves but also for those who have harmed us in any way.

"Fr. Michael, aren't you judging them? Jesus teaches, Judge not!!!" No, I am not judging the persons. Judgment of persons belongs to Jesus at the end of our short earthly pilgrimage. I do judge what they've done. It was clearly sinful. Between now and our Judgment, Our Lord gives us time to repent of our sins, especially any mortal sins we've committed, and return to the path that leads us home.

So, while we are correct in judging their actions, we must respond in prayerful and authentic love. The First Letter of Peter provides us clear, although very challenging, guidelines. *Finally, all of you, be of one mind, sympathetic, loving toward one another, compassionate, humble. Do not return evil for evil, or insult for insult; but, on the contrary, a blessing, because to this you were called, that you might inherit a blessing.* (1 Peter 3:9)

This "parody" clearly was evil, was insulting to Christians. We, on our part, must return a blessing, because Jesus desires that for the good of their immortal souls and for ours as well. Lord, have mercy. -Fr. M.

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE:**

**Sunday, August 4**

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
Ex 16:2-4, 12-15 / Eph 4:17, 20-24 / Jn 6:24-35

Vocation Intention - Spirituality Year Seminarians

7:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass +Robert Quint

8:00 a.m. Sacred Heart Mass +Zach Kirkendall

9:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass +Clara & +Anthony Lechman

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

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

**Monday, August 5**

Jer 28:1-17 / Mt 14:13-21

Vocational Intention - 1st & 2nd Year Philosophy Seminarians

12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass +Jody Etl

**Tuesday, August 6**

The Transfiguration of the Lord

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 / 2 Pt 1:16-19 / Mk 9:2-10

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 Joan Wilder

7:00 p.m. Bingo – Knights of Columbus Hall

**Wednesday, August 7**

Jer 31:1-7 / Mt 15:21-28

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 +Louise Tompkins

**Thursday, August 8**

St. Dominic, Priest

Jer 31:31-34 / Mt 16:13-23

Vocation Intention – Vocations Ministry

12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass +Bill & +Jerry Manuello

**Friday, August 9**

Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3 6-7 / Mt 16:24-28

Vocation Intention - Pastoral Year Seminarians

10:30 a.m. S.H.R.C. Mass Presiding Priest's Intentions

12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass +LaVern Lambrecht

**Saturday, August 10**

St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr

2 Cor 9:6-10 / Jn 12:24-26

Vocation Intention - 1st & 2nd Year College Seminarians

8:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass +Kitty Samber

5:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass Janie Marin

**Sunday, August 11**

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Kgs 19:4-8 / Eph 4:30—5:2 / Jn 6:41-51

Vocation Intention - Spirituality Year Seminarians

7:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass +Henry Rosas

8:00 a.m. St. Catherine Mass +Darrel & +Helen Lambert

9:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass John & Carol Lambrecht

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

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



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

**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.

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**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**  
(970)522-6422

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**Let us remember these sick and suffering:**  
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Names will remain on the list a minimum of two weeks.



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*Prayers and Condolences are offered to the families of Don Brunner and Rosemary Schlenz. May they rest in peace.*



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**

Come, spend an hour in adoration of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Beginning after noon Mass **Friday, August 9**, & ending with the start of the 8:00 am Mass on **Saturday, August 10**. To ensure all hours are covered, please check the signup sheet located at the back of the church.



**The parish office will be closed Thursday, August 15** in honor of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is a holy day of obligation. The following is a schedule for Mass times and locations:

Wednesday, August 14 - St. Catherine 6:00pm

Thursday, August 15 - Sacred Heart 6:00pm

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Thursday, August 15 - St. Anthony Noon, 5:00pm & 7:00pm in Spanish



**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](mailto: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.

**"Although the life of a person is in a land full of thorns and weeds, there is always a space in which the good seed can grow. You have to trust God." Pope Francis**

**St. Catherine of Siena, Iliff**

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



**Last week's collection: \$293.00**  
**Sunday, August 11, 2024 8:00 am**

**Sacristan – Tim**

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**Servers Ali, Faye, and Joey**

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**Coffee and Rolls 4th Sunday of the month after Mass**

St. Catherine Finance Council: Randy Cerk, Tom Hiss, & Sarah Lueck

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**Last week's collection: \$4917.00**  
**Sunday, August 11, 2024 10:00 am**

**EMHC\* - Kevin**

**Sacristan – Melinda**

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**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 Schumacher

**AUGUST IS NATIONAL MAKE-A-WILL MONTH**

Every family or individual should have a will for peace of mind. Wills document final wishes, ensuring they are executed as intended. If you don't have a will or need to make updates, The Catholic Foundation can help you with the many professional advisors that we work with. Take advantage of National Make-a-Will Month to ensure your wishes & our Church are preserved for generations to come.

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