



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.

September 15, 2024

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Most of what follows is a reprint of previous bulletin reflections. I repeat this message because it is *so* important, so much so I plan to reprint it again in the future.

Guidelines for the Reception of Holy Communion

I would like to re-address something this weekend, something that can easily be misunderstood and misinterpreted, namely, the Catholic teaching on the reception of Holy Communion. Why does the Church not permit what is called “open communion?” Do we claim to be better than other Christians, than other people? Stated briefly, absolutely not!

One of the more unpleasant duties that I face as a priest occurs during Mass at weddings and at funerals. Just before distributing Holy Communion, I invite “all Catholics **who are in the state of grace***, who wish to receive Holy Communion, to please come forward.” I wish I didn't have to say that, but I must. *(To be in the state of grace? Having no mortal sins on our soul. When was our last sacramental confession? Maybe years ago? If so, please return.)

I hate, yes *hate*, having to make that announcement because I recognize that this can easily be seen as judging non-Catholics who are in attendance. It can be misinterpreted as if I were claiming that Catholics are better than everybody else. Nope. That thought has never even crossed my mind and I pray that it never will. That kind of judgment belongs to Jesus alone, not to me. My duty, a vow I made at my ordination, is obedience, fidelity to **all the teachings** of the Church. The Church teaches that in order to receive Holy Communion we must not only be in the state of grace, but also 1) accept, *in faith*, that the Eucharist is truly the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus under the form of bread and wine, ***AND*** 2) be in full communion (**in full communion**) with the Church in the crucial areas of teachings, worship, and governance. The Catechism of the Catholic Church describes these three areas in greater detail: the Church's teachings, her worship (the Mass), and her governance, to accept **all her teachings** in the area of **faith and morals**.

Sadly, very sadly, there are centuries-old divisions among Christians and many of us are not in full communion with the Church. We do agree on many important things, but not on all important matter of faith and morals.

The following guidelines regarding Holy Communion come from the U.S. bishops, not from Fr. Michael. However, all highlights are mine.

*We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist [meaning, welcome to attend Mass] as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to **dispel the sad divisions which separate us**. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (John 17:21).*

*Because Catholics believe that the celebration of **the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship**, members of those churches with whom we are **not yet fully united** are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. **Eucharistic sharing** in exceptional circumstances by other Christians **requires permission** according to the directives **of the diocesan bishop** and the provisions of canon law (canon 844 §4). From: <http://www.usccb.org>*

Let us pray frequently for unity in the Church, the Body of Christ...that we may all be one, including in her teachings, worship, and governance.

-Fr. Michael

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Sunday, September 15

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1s 50:4c-9a / Jas 2:14-18 / Mk 8:27-35

Vocation Intention - Spirituality Year Seminarians

7:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass Holy Souls

8:00 a.m. Sacred Heart Mass +Wayne & Vona Kohler

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

10:00 a.m. St. Catherine Mass +Albert & +Marge Zink

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

Monday, September 16

Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

1 Cor 11:17-26, 33 / Lk 7:1-10

Vocational Intention - 1st & 2nd Year Philosophy Seminarians

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

Tuesday, September 17

1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31 / Lk 7:11-17

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 +Henry Rosas

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

Wednesday, September 18

1 Cor 12:31—13:13 / Lk 7:31-35

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 +Clara Marie

Thursday, September 19

1 Cor 15:1-11 / Lk 7:36-50

Vocation Intention - Vocations Ministry

12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass +Larry Huss

Friday, September 20

Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, & Paul Chong Ha-sang, & Companions, Martyrs

1 Cor 15:12-20 / Lk 8:1-3

Vocation Intention - Pastoral Year Seminarians

12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass +Clarence & +Dorothy Gertner

Saturday, September 21

Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Nm 21:4b-9 / Phil 2:6-11 / Jn 3:13-17

Vocation Intention - 1st & 2nd Year College Seminarians

8:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass +Joanne Devie

5:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass Rick Vogel

Sunday, September 22

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wis 2:12, 17-20 / Jas 3:16—4:3 / Mk 9:30-37

Vocation Intention - Spirituality Year Seminarians

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

8:00 a.m. St. Catherine Mass +Albert & +Mollie Lauer

9:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass +Lorraine Zink

10:00 a.m. Sacred Heart Mass +Jack Hume

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 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.

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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

Let us remember these sick and suffering:

Nathan Diel, Becky Reyes, Jan Cristello, Pat Rieb, Bill Johnson, Lou Kembel, Bill & Dorothy Dbson, John Loos Sr., Sue Whited, Skeet Lawler, Dottie Stieb, Rose Zubiato

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 Eloisa Chacon, John Dreitz, and Larry Howard. May they rest in peace.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” Saint Matthew



Don't miss the 90th Annual St. Anthony's Bazaar November 2 & 3. There will be food, dessert auctions, bingo, prize drawings, activities for kids, and so much more. Ticket information will be coming soon.



Young at Hearts will meet **Monday, September 16**, at 6:00 pm in the Knights of Columbus Hall. Come join the fun & enjoy good food. Bring what you would like to share to eat.



Welcome back! We will be meeting **Saturday, September 21st**, from 8:30 to 9:30am, in Hagus Hall. Judy Vandagriff will share her witness, titled “The Rosary-Our Spiritual Weapon.” All are welcome, and you are encouraged to bring a friend.



St. Anthony of Padua, Sterling
Last week's offertory: \$5,185.00
Maintenance: \$785.00

We ask that you PLEASE use a separate check for Maintenance donations because those contributions go into a different bank account Thank you.

A birds-eye view of 2024 so far

From January 2024 through August 2024
Average weekly expenditures: \$7,815.00
Average weekly offertory: \$6,860.00

We do prayerfully thank you for your ongoing generosity. May Our Lord richly bless you for your love of our parish.

However, we share that above information with our Parish Finance Council and with you, in order to make you aware of our finances. We've been particularly stung with rising utility costs (as have you), AND...

insurance(!), big time, on all three of our properties! These increased costs do not include maintenance or the new items for our altar.

We do plan on providing periodic updates.

St. Catherine of Siena, Iliff

www.saintcatherinesiliff.org

Last week's collection: \$547.00

Sunday, September 22, 2024 8:00am

Sacristans – Gerks and Strombergers

Lector – Sarah

Servers – Faye, Jenna, and Tayten

EMHC – Jeri, Tim, and Sonny

Gift Bearers – Herman and Linda Gerk

Coffee and Rolls 4th Sunday of the month after Mass

St. Catherine Finance Council: Tim Anderson, Randy Gerk, & Tom Hiss



Sacred Heart, Deetz

www.sacredheartpeetz.org

Last week's collection: \$1339.00

Sunday, September 22, 2024 10:00am

Potluck after Mass

Sacristan – Mary

Lector – Kevin Martin

EMHC – Kevin

Servers – Cole Meier, Henry Sinnett, & Tyler Wanberg

Greeters & Offertory – Derek Weimer Family

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



Many individuals retain their homes or investment properties longer than desired due to worries about capital gains taxes.

However, you have choices! There are methods to utilize (or transfer) your property that can assist in achieving your objectives and reducing taxes. Contact us to discover the tools that may benefit you.

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