



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 29, 2024 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Few Words about the Priority of Prayer

It has taken me decades to arrive at this point in my life, to break through the many distractions of my life, (sports, career, travel, TV, sports), to come to the realization that we must pray daily. I believe that it is a sin against the First Commandment to fail to make that time for God **every day**. How do I arrive at that now firmly-held conclusion? We make time in our daily lives for people, and even THINGS (phones, TV, sports) that are important to us. And God? 2nd place? 3rd place? Lower? Not nearly good enough.

Of course we may enjoy the many good people and things in our lives, but they must *never* totally replace daily time spent with God. Our eternal destiny depends on our priorities. How's that?

It eventually dawned on me, "You claim to be Jesus' disciple, Michael. Really? You waste many hours in front of the TV. Do you spend any time every day with Jesus?" Does that matter? Shouldn't we spend time with those whom we love? Let's see what our Lord, our Savior, our Judge, our God has to say about priorities.

Jesus' blunt teaching in the Gospel of Luke has helped wake me up to the importance of daily, sincere prayer, *If any one comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.* (Luke 14:26) I am so, so grateful for this Gospel passage, among many other passages of course.

Since Jesus obviously doesn't want us to sin, and we would be sinning if we hated anybody, what is He teaching us here? He is reminding us that *HE* must be #1 in our earthly pilgrimage if we are truly His disciples, if we are to follow Him home. Our relationship with Him must take priority, even before father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even our own life. After all, when all is said and done, when we arrive at the inevitable end of our earthly journey, only Jesus can grant us Heaven, not our family, not our friends, not even our "smartphones!"

So, we're very wise to pray every day. And while I've wished that prayer would come easily, it doesn't always do so. Because of our fallen human nature and the distractions of our Ancient Enemy, prayer can be a battle. The Church even acknowledges this reality in the Catechism. She has entitled one section about prayer, "The Battle of Prayer," starting at #2725.

We must recognize the spiritual combat that is our lives and that prayer can be a battle. As is the case in any war, fidelity and perseverance is crucial. *The one who perseveres to the end will be saved.* (Mt. 24:13)

So, I hope you too are convinced of the importance of daily prayer. If yes, then which prayer(s)?

This choice of the topic of prayer came to mind for this weekend because October is the month dedicated to the Rosary. Although praying the Rosary is not necessary for our salvation, it is a powerful spiritual weapon in our daily battle. The Rosary is extremely beneficial because in it we meditate on the life of Jesus and seek the aid of His mother, our mother. (Gotta end it here. I've run out of room.) *Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us and for the whole world.*
-Fr. Michael

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Sunday, September 29

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Nm 11:25-29 / Jas 5:1-6 / Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Vocation Intention - Spirituality Year Seminarians

7:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass +Bill & +Jerry Manuella
8:00 a.m. Sacred Heart Mass +Zach Kirkendall
9:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass +Kitty Samber
10:00 a.m. St. Catherine Mass +Phil & +Irene Zink
12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Sp MASS Parishioners-all 3 parishes

Monday, September 30

Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Jb 1:6-22 / Lk 9:46-50

Vocational Intention - 1st & 2nd Year Philosophy Seminarians

12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass +Dean Hiler

Tuesday, October 1

Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and

Doctor of the Church

Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23 / Lk 9:51-56

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 +Bill, +Jody, & +Dan Eth
7:00 p.m. Bingo - Knights of Columbus Hall

Wednesday, October 2

The Holy Guardian Angels

Jb 9:1-12, 14-16 / Mt 18:1-5

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 +Harold Unrein

Thursday, October 3

Jb 19:21-27 / Lk 10:1-12

Vocation Intention - Vocations Ministry

12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass Tyler Rodine

Friday, October 4

Saint Francis of Assisi

Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5 / Lk 10:13-16

Vocation Intention - Pastoral Year Seminarians

10:00 a.m. Devonshire Mass +Rosemary Schlenz
12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass +Joanne Devie

Saturday, October 5

Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17 / Lk 10:17-24

Vocation Intention - 1st & 2nd Year College Seminarians

8:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass +Jay McCracken
5:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass +Louise Kloberdanz

Sunday, October 6

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gn 2:18-24 / Heb 2:9-11 / Mk 10:2-16

Vocation Intention - Spirituality Year Seminarians

7:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass +LaVern Lambrecht
8:00 a.m. Sacred Heart Mass +Clarence & +Dorothy Gertner
9:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass +Bill Manuella
10:00 a.m. St. Catherine Mass +Peggy Zink
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.

St. Anthony Finance Council Members: Les Archuleta, Ron Marostica, Kristin Nichols, and Adam Rose.

Parish Office Hours:
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(970)522-6422

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Bill & Dorothy Dobson, John Loos Sr., Sue Whited,
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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.

St. Anthony of Padua, Sterling
Last week's offertory: \$7,407.00
Last week's maintenance: \$ 140.00
We ask that you PLEASE use a separate check for Maintenance donations as those contributions go into a different bank account. Thank you



WORLD PRIEST DAY

On September 29, 2024, Worldwide Marriage Encounter and the Serra Club celebrate World Priest Day. Join us in celebrating our Priests who commit their lives to the Lord and to their Church through the Sacrament of Holy Orders.



The Knights Auxiliary will be having their yearly pizza meeting on **Wednesday, October 9th** at the Knights hall (please enter through west door).

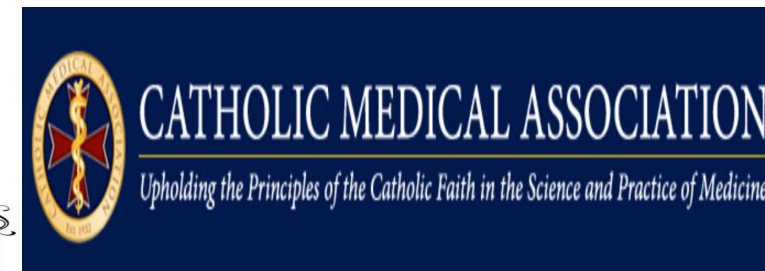
The Meeting will begin at 5:30 pm and the business meeting will begin at 6:00 pm. Any ladies of the parish of St. Anthony's who are interested in joining the Auxiliary are encouraged to attend. Yearly dues will also be collected at this time.



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St. Anthony's 90th Annual Bazaar will be here before we

know it, and some changes have been made. This year we made the difficult decision not to mail out tickets. **We will set up outside the church each weekend through October, starting Saturday, October 5th, after 5:00 pm Mass, to make purchasing easier. Tickets will also be available starting Monday, October 7th in the parish office, during normal business hours.** If you are purchasing drawing tickets, it isn't necessary to fill them out & turn them in immediately. Take them home, fill in the stubs, return them at church using the offertory basket, put them in our outside mailbox on the parish center, or bring them into the office. We are looking forward to this year's bazaar, and hope you are too!

St. Catherine of Siena, Iliff

www.saintcatherinesiliff.org

Last week's collection: **\$876.00**

Sunday, October 6, 2024 10:00am

Sacristans – Luecks

Lector – Alan

Servers – Ethan, Jordan, and Tayten

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Coffee and Rolls 4th Sunday of the month after Mass

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



Sacred Heart, Deetz

www.sacredheartpeetz.org

Last week's collection: **\$1887.00**

Sunday, October 6, 2024 8:00am

Coffee & Donuts after Mass

Sacristan – Melinda

Lector – Melinda Beyer

EMHC –

Servers – Parker Reker,

Colton & Grayson Sintler

Greeters & Offertory – Dr. Kelly Casey 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



RIGHT TO KNOW COLORADO NO on 79

This amendment creates a constitutional "right" to unrestricted abortion & allows for taxpayer-funded abortion by repealing the constitutional ban on public funding. This is

what it means...It bans parental notice laws. There is no age restriction on abortion in Colorado. It bans any limits on late abortions. It clears the way for taxpayer-funded abortion with no reasonable restrictions or limits of any kind. This includes the ability of the state legislature to force taxpayers to pay for late abortions for in-state & out-of-state pregnant women. Help stop this amendment by voting NO.

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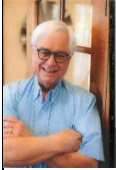
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