

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	
Domingo (en Español)	
Mon., Wed., Thu., Fri	12:00 p.m.
Tue	5:30 p.m.
Saturday	8:00 a.m.



SACRED HEART Physical Address: 621 Logan St., Peetz, CO

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.

October 13, 2024 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deception, One Tool of Our Ancient Enemy

Earlier this week I saw an ad that promoted voting "Yes" on the proposed amendment to our state's constitution, Amendment 79.

I'm sure that many of us have seen this ad or one very similar to it. In this ad a mother and a father share their anxiety of hearing of their preborn child being diagnosed with serious physical defects and how to deal with this very concerning situation. (Yes, they are already a mom and a dad.) Of course for many people the proposed "solution" to this plight is to abort the baby.

No doubt some parents have faced and do face and will face this scenario in their lives. We must meet them with sincere compassion. However, is abortion a solution to this dilemma of an imperfect child in the womb? Sidebar: we're all born with defects. Maybe not physical defects, but we humans are far more than flesh and blood. Psychological. Emotional. *Spiritual*! None of us are perfect in the womb or in this life.

I found this pro-Amendment 79 ad to be very deceptive. Recall that this ad focuses on abortion rights [sic]. The ad takes a **very** high-level view of this amendment while grossly glossing over some very disturbing details of this proposed amendment to our state constitution. My concern is not only for what the ad says. It's also for what the ad does NOT say. Why do the proponents hide these aspects in their ad that is flooding our media? Don't they want to share with us with us what this amendment contains? Silly question. Of course they don't. Deception. One tool of our Enemy.

<u>Conveniently overlooked aspect #1</u>: This amendment would add to our state constitution the "right" to abortion through all 9 months of pregnancy, even for healthy mothers and healthy babies. Hmmm. Unless I slept through it, I don't recall that being mentioned in the ad. How convenient of them.

<u>Conveniently overlooked aspect #2</u>: This amendment would add to our state constitution the taxpayer funding for abortion for in-state *and* out-of-state women. Hmmm. Unless I slept through it, I don't recall that being mentioned in the ad. How convenient of them. Imagine a scenario: "Hi. I live in (fill-in-the-blank) state. I understand that the taxpayers of Colorado will pay for my abortion. Thank you very much." Are you OK with that? Me: No, thank you.

$\downarrow\downarrow\downarrow\downarrow$ PARENTS, TAKE NOTE OF #3. $\downarrow\downarrow\downarrow\downarrow$

<u>Conveniently overlooked aspect #3</u>: This amendment would add to our state constitution the banning of parental consent laws. So, parents, what do you think of this? I sincerely hope that you would like to know if your teenage daughter was about to undergo this, at times dangerous, procedure. Imagine getting a phone call that "something went wrong" during the process. Hmmm. Unless I slept through it, I don't recall banning parental consent laws being mentioned in the ad. How convenient of them.

For the love of God and for love of immortal souls, including for the immortal souls those who promote or support such legislation, I beg you to prayerfully consider these 3 key aspects of this amendment. Before God, do I, do you, support these 3 aspects that were conveniently overlooked in the ad?

Please vote "No" on Amendment 79. Let's vote with, not just a Catholic conscience, but also with a healthy, caring *human conscience*, and let's defeat this appalling amendment. And let's keep all our civic leaders in our prayers, no matter what letters follow their name: 'D,' 'R,' or 'I'. *-Fr. Michael*

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 13 **TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Wis 7:7-11 / Heb 4:12-13 / Mk 10:17-30 Vocation Intention - Spirituality Year Seminarians 7:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass +Robert Quint 8:00 a.m. St. Catherine Mass + Albert & + Mollie Lauer 9:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass +Bill, +Jody, & +Dan Etl 10:00 a.m. Sacred Heart Mass + Harold Unrein 12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Sp Mass Parishioners-all 3 parishes

Monday, October 14 **Columbus Day**

Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1 / Lk 11:29-32 Vocational Intention - 1st & 2nd Year Philosophy Seminarians 12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass +Bill Kruger

Tuesday, October 15

St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church Gal 5:1-6 / Lk 11:37-41

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 & +Jerry Manuello 7:00 p.m. Bingo - Knights of Columbus Hall

Wednesday, October 16

Gal 5:18-25 / Lk 11:42-46 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 +Anita Kiolbasa

Thursday, October 17

St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr Eph 1:1-10 / Lk 11:47-54 Vocation Intention – Vocations Ministry 12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass +Kitty Samber

Friday, October 18 Saint Luke, Evangelist

2 Tim 4:10-17b - Lk 10:1-9 Vocation Intention - Pastoral Year Seminarians 12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass +Robert Bricknell

Saturday, October 19 Sts. John de Bre'beuf & Isaac Jogues, Priests, & Companions, Martyrs

Eph 1:15-23 / Lk 12:8-12 Vocation Intention - 1st & 2nd Year College Seminarians 8:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass +Harry & +Betty Kochan 5:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass Delma Fender

Sunday, October 20 **TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Is 53:10-11 / Heb 4:14-16 / Mk 10:35-45 Vocation Intention - Spirituality Year Seminarians 7:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass +Henry Rosas 8:00 a.m. Sacred Heart Mass Parishioners-all 3 parishes 9:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass +George Gertge 10:00 a.m. St. Catherine Mass + Larry Huss 12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Sp Mass +Betty Kochan



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, David Lorenzo, Ron Marostica, Kristin Nichols, & 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

Let us remember these sick and suffering: Sara Wopgitt, Becky Reyes, Jan Cristello, Pat Rieb, Bll Johnson, Bll & Dorothy Dobson, John Loos Sr., Sue Whited, Skeet Lawler, Rose Zubiate 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.



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

Prayers and Condolences are offered to the family of Carl "Ray" Johnson. May he rest in peace.

Bethlehem Bethlehem Handicrafts is honored Bethlehem Handicrafts is nonorea to present a remarkable collection of hand-crafted olive wood carvings & gifts from the Holy Land after each Mass October 12 and 13. www.bethlehemhandicrafts.com.



Legion of Mary invites you to join them at their Rosary Rally, held in the Logan County Square Gazebo. The rally is Sunday, October 13, at 1:30 pm.

St. Anthony's Bazaar is more than food...there's FREE bouncy houses and putt-putt for the kids.



Prayer Across Colorado Sunday, October 13. Pray for our nation, pray

for our leaders, pray for the voters. NO on Amendment 79.



Catholic Daughters will meet **Monday**, October 14, at 6:00pm, at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Hope to see you there!



The Knights of Columbus Council #1559 is sponsoring the St. Anthony Parish food drive to benefit Cooperating Ministry the

weekend of October 26th & 27th. Grocery sacks will be available for you to take home the weekend of October 19th & 20th, with a flier attached listing items requested for St. Anthony's donation to the Holiday Baskets. A list of the most needed items to help the Ministry is included on the flier as well.



Join us for our 2nd Annual Mini Retreat Saturday, October 19th, from 8:00am until noon. We

will begin with Mass in St. Anthony's, followed by breakfast & presentations in Hagus Hall. Adoration and Reconciliation in St. Anthony's will end our retreat. We invite all women, and bring a friend. Please sign up in the church vestibule.



Masses for All Saint's Day Sacred Heart. Peetz Thursday, October 31 6:00 pm **St. Anthony, Sterling** Friday, November 1 Noon -- 5:00 pm -- 7:00 pm (Spanish)

St. Catherine, Iliff Friday, November 1 6:00 pm

Note: The parish office will be **closed Friday**, **November 1,** in observance of the Holy Day of Obligation, and Monday, November 4. We will reopen Tuesday, November 5, at 8:00am.



It goes without saying it takes a lot of hands to make our Bazaar a success. If you have time, and would like to

volunteer, please call the parish office (970)522-6422. We always have room for more people like you!

St. Anthony's Bazaar has a religious goods booth, a candy booth, a meat wheel, Bingo, face painting for the kids, & our ticket prize drawing.

St. Catherine of Siena. Iliff www.saintcatherinesiliff.org Last week's collection: \$587.50 **Rosary before Children's Mass**



Sunday, October 20, 2024 10:00am Sacristans – Ashlev and Jeri Lectors – Children Servers – Bailey, Faye, and Jenna EMHC – Brenda, Nick, and Tom **Gift Bearers – Children** Coffee and Rolls 4th Sunday of the month after Mass

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

Sacred Heart, Peetz www.sacredheartpeetz.org Last week's collection: \$799.00

Sunday, October 20, 2024 8:00am

Sacristan – Kristv Lector – Linnae Brown

EMHC -

Servers – Conor Jordan, Preston Reker, & **Dru Weimer**

Greeters & Offertory – Steven Schumacher 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



Saturday, November 2, & Sunday, November 3 **Tickets** for the Drawing, Chicken Soup/Chili Supper, &

Spaghetti Dinner are available outside the church after **EVERY weekend Mass** through October. **Tickets** are available in the parish office during normal business hours, & at the door Saturday night November 2, or Sunday morning, November 3. Drawing tickets are \$1.00 each, Soup/Chili tickets are \$7.00 for adults, kids 6-12 \$5.00, under 6 free. Spaghetti dinner tickets are \$12.00 for adults, kids 6-12 \$5.00, under 6 free. Tickets need to be paid for at the time of receipt.

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Please submit bulletin announcements by 8:00 am Thursday for that weekend's bulletin. Email: parish@saintanthonyssterling.org



Prot N. 2024-0539 AB-A

September 25, 2024

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I write to you today as your Shepherd with a deep concern regarding Amendment 79, which will be on the Colorado State Ballot this fall. As Catholics, we are called to build a culture of life. We believe in the inherent dignity of human life and that every human being is created in the image and likeness of God and as a part of God's plan. We are to promote the dignity of human life from the moment of conception to natural death. The gift of the marital act and sharing in God's creation of human beings was a blessing God bestowed on man and woman before the Fall. Sadly, some Catholics today are lured by the voice of the serpent, as Adam and Eve were at the Fall, and support this constitutional amendment creating a so-called 'right' to abortion. Furthermore, we believe that parents are the first teachers of their children in faith and have responsibility for their children until they reach majority age, which this amendment perilously disregards.

Based on our faith in God and these fundamental teachings of Scripture and Tradition, I urge you to vote against Amendment 79, also known as the 'Right to Abortion.' This proposition does three things contrary to the dignity of the human person: it creates a constitutional right to unrestricted abortion for all 40 weeks of pregnancy, eliminates parental notification laws and allows for taxpayer funding for abortions, which is currently prohibited.

Colorado already has some of the strongest pro-abortion 'rights' in the entire world, and this proposition is even more extreme. If we do not defeat this, pro-life legislation will be unable to be passed due to the constitutional right to abortion, and countless children known only to God will die in Colorado because of state-subsidized abortion. To pass, it needs 55 percent of the vote, and recent polling data show that if more Coloradans knew all that this amendment would do, support for the amendment would drop as low as **47 percent** — making the support for the amendment fall below the threshold the pro-abortion lobby needs to win. We have a path to victory.

Coloradans need to know that Amendment 79 creates a constitutional right to abortion and bans any limits on late abortion. Even restrictions on abortions in the ninth month for healthy mothers and healthy babies would be illegal under 79. Data from the pro-abortion Institute for Family Planning shows an increase in late abortions in Colorado since the *Dobbs* decision (2022). It is likely that this amendment would lead to an even greater increase in third-trimester abortions, when the baby can feel pain and survive outside the womb.

It is important to know that not all medical procedures, even some that end in the death of an unborn child, are abortions. Abortion is the *intentional* killing of the preborn child. The pro-abortion lobby abuses heartbroken mothers and families to advance their cause, claiming that medical care after a miscarriage or when an unborn child dies in the womb is equivalent to an abortion. This is false. Abortion is never health care; health care does not seek the death of the child. I would encourage you to research the principle of double effect for a deeper understanding of this important nuance.

Another troubling aspect of this amendment is its ban on parental notification laws. The pro-abortion lobby places words such as "shall not impede" on a 'right to abortion' in their amendments intentionally – it means that all laws protecting parental rights are nullified. There is no age restriction on abortion in Colorado, and 79 would prevent parents from being informed if their 15-year-old daughter has an abortion. Parents must have the right to know if their adolescent daughter is being pressured into getting an abortion by their boyfriend or someone in authority such as their coach, teacher, school nurse or counselor.

Third, the amendment would allow for taxpayer funding for abortions without any restrictions or limits. This means that if the amendment passes, the state could mandate taxpayer funding for late abortions for *both* instate and out-of-state women. Should this amendment pass, the Colorado legislature could allocate millions of dollars annually for abortion as soon as 2025, as though it were simply a mundane budgetary procedure.

Finally, although abortion is wrong on its face and not only because of the long-term consequences, we must ponder the ramifications of one abortion and the difference it makes in our lives and history. Just imagine if one of your grandparents were aborted, who would not be here today? When I considered the outcome, had my grandmother not been born, my mother and seven of my aunts and uncles would not be here, 25 first cousins wouldn't be here, 26 second cousins would not be here, and so on down the line. Or imagine if Martin Luther King, Jr., had been aborted and how the course of history would have changed with no MLK for the Civil Rights Movement? Do we truly understand the gravity of abortion, or do we think life is just a game of chance with no meaning or purpose?

As a community, we must stand together to protect the most vulnerable among us and ensure that our laws reflect respect for life, parental rights and the truth that life is a gift. Every Catholic is called by God to be pro-life. I urge you to consider this amendment's grave implications and join me in opposing it.

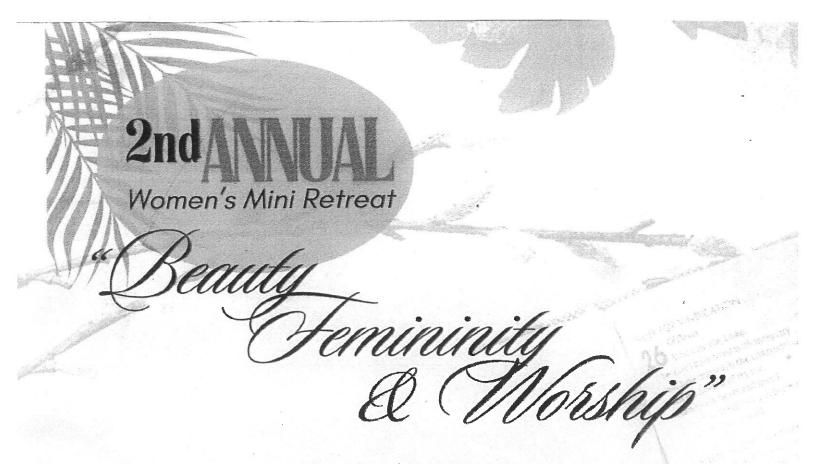
And if, in addition to your vote, you would like to support the campaign against this horrendous amendment, please visit www.RightToKnowCO.com, because Coloradans have a right to know what this damaging amendment will do to generations to come.

Yours in Christ,

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Most Reverend Samuel J. Aquila Archbishop of Denver

To join the campaign against the "Right to Abortion" amendment, please visit this website: www.RightToKnowCO.com.



Saturday, October 19th 8:00 am - 12:00 pm St. Anthony's Mass Hagus Hall Breakfast & Presentations St. Anthony's Adoration & Reconciliation

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