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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.

October 20, 2024 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mind Our Own Business?

I must preface this reflection by admitting that I am no scholar of the U.S. Constitution. So, I am willing to stand corrected, if, *IF* it can be proven that what I write below is wrong.

No doubt that most of us have heard the expression “Separation of Church and State.” What does that mean? Is that expression (no!) or even that concept (if so, where?) included in our nation’s Constitution?

I believe that the closest that the U.S. Constitution comes to stating that concept is the First Amendment, which states with regard to religion:

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.

Sounds pretty clear to me. Most of our nation’s founders or their ancestors arrived on our shores from England, where there was and is a State church, the Church of England. Some faiths, including Catholics, faced serious persecution in England. So, our Founding Fathers learned from experience that the State doesn’t do very well in *establishing a religion* for all the people of a nation. State-established religions tend to suppress or even persecute other religions. Such situations exist even to this day. Therefore, I wholeheartedly embrace the First Amendment. What I wholeheartedly reject are its misapplications to our daily life.

Some people, often the loudest, demand that we leave our religion inside the church building. People of faith, especially Christians, are basically told to mind our own business, often with the spurious mantra of “separation of church and state,” “separation of church and state,” ad nauseum.

All people bring their values into daily life, including into the voting booth. Atheists bring their values into daily life and into the voting booth. They have the freedom to do so. Catholics, other Christians, and men and women of goodwill must keep our values to ourselves? Wrong. We too have the God-given freedom to bring our values into the world and into the voting booth, and as baptized Catholics our values are formed by our Catholic faith, not by opinion polls.

My understanding is that the Church may not endorse one candidate over another. So, I endorse no one in this reflection. Here I address voting on the proposed amendments to the Colorado constitution: 79 (life), 80 (school choice), and J (marriage).

For love of God & for love of neighbor, for the overall good of our nation, let us vote with a well-formed Catholic conscience, formed not only by Church teaching (applicable to Catholics), but also informed by Natural Law (applicable to all people), the Law imprinted on every human heart.

Fellow Catholics and all men and women of goodwill, let us bring our values into the public square, and into our daily lives, and into the voting booth.

May Christ shine through us, for love of self and for love of neighbor. Invite Jesus into our daily lives and into the voting booth, especially as we vote on these proposed amendments to the Colorado constitution: proposed amendments - 79 (No), 80 (Yes), and J (No).

God bless you and may He heal our nation.

—Fr Michael

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

Monday, October 21

Eph 2:1-10 / Lk 12:13-21

Vocational Intention - 1st & 2nd Year Philosophy Seminarians

12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass Pat Rieb

Tuesday, October 22

Eph 2:12-22 / Lk 12:35-38

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 +Harold Unrein

Wednesday, October 23

Eph 3:2-12 / Lk 12:39-48

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 +Joanne Devie

Thursday, October 24

Eph 3:14-21 / Lk 12-49-53

Vocation Intention - Vocations Ministry

12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass +Bill & +Jerry Manuella +Rose Shank (1 yr anniv)

Friday, October 25

Eph 4:1-6 / Lk 12:54-59

Vocation Intention - Pastoral Year Seminarians

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

Saturday, October 26

Eph 4:7-16 / Lk 13:1-9

Vocation Intention - 1st & 2nd Year College Seminarians

8:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass +Anita Kiolbasa

5:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass +Nick Mildenberger & +Marilyn Mallory

Sunday, October 27

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jer 31:7-9 / Heb 5:1-6 / Mk 10:46-52

Vocation Intention - Spirituality Year Seminarians

7:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass All Souls Day

8:00 a.m. St. Catherine Mass All Souls Day

9:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass All Souls Day

10:00 a.m. Sacred Heart All Souls Day

12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Sp Mass All Souls Day



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 Wiggitt, Becky Reyes, Jan Cristello, Pat Rieb, Bill Johnson, Bill & Dorothy Dobson, John Loos Sr., Sue Whited, Skeet Lawler, Rose Zubiata

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: \$6,002.00

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



The Knights of Columbus Council #1559 is sponsoring the food drive to benefit Cooperating Ministry. Grocery sacks are available in the church for you to pick up. A flier lists items requested. Please give what you can & return your sack to church October 26-27.



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.

KIDS! Face painting, bouncy houses, & bouncy putt-putt golf are FREE Sunday, November 3, at St. Anthony's bazaar!



Court Saint Teresa would like to welcome all ladies of the parishes to join us **after 9 am Mass Sunday, October 20, in Hagus Hall** to celebrate Catholic Daughter Sunday. Court St. Teresa has been serving our parishes for 98 years and we would love to have you as a member. Look for the ladies in purple to hear all about us. Carol Drury-Regent



Young at Heart will meet **October 21, 2024, in the Knights of Columbus Hall, at 6:00pm.** Come join the fun & have some good food. Bring what you would like to share to eat.



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.



Please join us for Holy Hour and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament **Sunday, November 3, at 3:00pm** in Saint Anthony Church.



The Knights of Columbus would like to invite everyone to their Annual Memorial Mass **Thursday, November 7, at 5:30 pm**, in St. Anthony's church. This Mass is to recognize those members of all 3 parishes who have departed in the last year. A Soup Dinner will be served following the Mass in Hagus Hall. Everyone is welcome & encouraged to attend this beautiful Mass. Please call (970)580-8522 if you would like to attend the supper.

Eucharistic Adoration

With Friday, November 1st being a Holy Day, our First Friday Eucharistic Adoration will be on Friday, November 8, after the noon Mass.

St. Catherine of Siena, Iliff

www.saintcatherinesiliff.org

Last week's collection: \$661.00

Sunday, October 27, 2024 8:00am

Coffee and Rolls after Mass

Sacristans – Gerks and Strombergers

Lector – Tom

Servers – Austin, Ethan, and Jordan

EMHC – Jonna, Naomi, and Peggy

Gift Bearers – Jeffrey & Kelsey Huss Family

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: \$831.00

Sunday, October 27, 2024 10:00am

Church Potluck after Mass

Sacristan – Melinda

Lector – Evelyn Gardiner

EMHC – Kevin

Servers – Parker Reker,

Colton and Grayson Sintler

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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



All Bazaar tickets can be purchased outside the church after each weekend Mass through October, in the parish office during normal business hours, & at the door Saturday night & Sunday morning. **Need your spaghetti dinner delivered? Please call the parish office (970)522-6422 ext 223 NO later than 4:00pm Thursday, October 31.**

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Our 90th Annual Bazaar will be November 2 & 3, 2024

Volunteer Opportunities

Sunday, November 3 - Come at 4:00 am to make meatballs! Please use the west white door to enter the kitchen. If you have any questions, call Marlene Masin at (970) 522-6467.

Tuesday, November 5 - starting at 9 am we need help cleaning up. Please join us and lend us your hands. Questions can be answered by calling the office at (970)522-6422.

Bazaar Happenings

Saturday, November 2

The Chicken Noodle Soup and Chili Soup Supper will be in the parish center cafeteria after Mass Saturday night. Supper is \$7.00 for an endless bowl of soup! The Dessert Auction will begin at approximately 6:30 pm.

Sunday, November 3

The Spaghetti Dinner starts at 11:00 am on Sunday, November 3, 2024 in the parish center cafeteria.

If you would like home delivery of the spaghetti dinner, please leave your name, address and how many dinners at (970)522-6422 ext. 223. Please place your home delivery orders by 4 pm October 31. No orders will be accepted after this date. You can pay when your meal is delivered, and each meal is \$12.00.

The Dessert Auction, Dessert Wheel and Candy Booth could use donations from the talented bakers of our parishes. We will have a baking rack just inside the middle doors of the parish center for you to place your desserts on. Please label your goodies with what booth you want them to be in. The doors will be open at 3 pm on Saturday, and at 6:00am on Sunday. If you want to bring your goodies with you on Sunday, please deliver them directly to the Dessert Wheel or Candy Booth.

If you want to volunteer or have any other questions, please call the parish office at (970)522-6422 during normal business hours.

All proceeds from this year's bazaar will benefit the Religious Education Program at Saint Anthony's.

Thank you and we are looking forward to seeing you at the Bazaar!

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