



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.

December 15, 2024 Third Sunday of Advent

Gaudete Sunday reminds us that we are at the halfway point of Advent. In reality, we are past the halfway point with only ten more shopping days until Christmas. Okay, that may be true, but more importantly it means that we have only ten more days to prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ on Christmas morning. Hmmmm, how to do that.

When I look back on my youth, there is one Advent Season that stands out more than all the others. I went to Catholic School in Missouri and one year the teacher had us all put together an Advent Calendar made of candy. Now I am sure that some children took that Candy Calendar home and ate all the candy that day, but I did not. With fortitude and discipline, enforced by mom and dad, I ate only one piece of candy a day every day when I got home from school. I had the calendar hung next to my bedroom window, so I enjoyed looking out my window, watching the snow fall, as I ate my small piece of candy each day, dreaming of Christmas. As the candy disappeared off the calendar there was a growing joyful expectation of Christmas Day getting closer and closer. Maybe you have some similar fond memories and sharing an Advent Calendar with your children or grandchildren is a great way to share the Season of Advent with them.

The point of these reminisces is for us all to remember the childlike love and joy felt during the Advent and Christmas Seasons and Gaudete Sunday, literally Rejoice Sunday, is a great way to remember, once again, that joyful expectation we all felt as children for the coming of Christmas. All the readings today, except the Gospel, speak of this overwhelming joy because God is with us (Emmanuel) and even the Gospel Reading speaks of all the people filled with expectation at John the Baptist, who directed them to one mightier who was to come, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. And for us, Matthew 18:3, tells us "...unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven." What better time of the year than now to become like children once again, in awe and with open joyful hearts to the coming of Jesus at Christmas. And as many Christmas Songs remind us, in particular "The Christmas Song" that Christmas is for "...kids from 1 to 92...", kids of every age. I wonder where they got that idea from....

As we complete our preparations for Christmas over the next ten days, spend some time with children and the elderly and let their joy and reminisces of the season infect you, become a part of your Advent Season, let them fill your heart to overflowing for Jesus Christ and all the gifts He showers on us all year long. And let this joy in your heart translate into love of God and neighbor and guide and direct your activities in the year to come.

Oh, and one more thought from the Archdiocese of Denver that should fill your heart with joy and help you rejoice this upcoming Christmas Season, "Jesus' Reason for the Season is You!" Have a very blessed Gaudete Sunday and Advent Season. Deacon Bernie Schwartze



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 15

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Bar 5:1-9 / Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 / Lk 3:1-6
 Vocation Intention - Spirituality Year Seminarians
 7:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass +LaVern Lambrecht
 9:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass Leo Lechman
 12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Sp Mass Parishioners of all 3 Parishes

Monday, December 16

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a / Mt 21:23-27
 Vocational Intention - 1st & 2nd Year Philosophy Seminarians
 12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Sp Mass +Anita Kiolbasa

Tuesday, December 17

Gn 49:2, 8-10 / Mt 1:1-17
 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 +Clara Marie
 7:00 p.m. Bingo - Knights of Columbus Hall

Wednesday, December 18

Jer 23:5-8 / Mt 1:18-25
 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 +Fred & +Agnes Tucker

Thursday, December 19

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a / Lk 1:5-25
 Vocation Intention – Vocations Ministry
 12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass +Pam Clark

Friday, December 20

Is 7:10-14 / Lk 1:26-38
 Vocation Intention - Pastoral Year Seminarians
 12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass +Jerry & +Bill Manuello

Saturday, December 21

Sg 2:8-14 / Lk 1:39-45
 Vocation Intention - 1st & 2nd Year College Seminarians
 8:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass +Phyllis & +Dale Lebsock
 5:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass +Mel Fritzler

Sunday, December 22

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mi 5:1-4a / Heb 10:5-10 / Lk 1:39-45
 Vocation Intention - Spirituality Year Seminarians
 7:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass +Julio & +Mildred Marostica
 9:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass +Bill,+Jody, & +Dan Etl
 12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Sp Mass Parishioners of 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.

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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
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Let us remember these sick and suffering:
 Denton Thompson, Carole Quint, Carl Drury, John Ertle,
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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.

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 Last week's offertory: \$10,330.32
 Last week's maintenance: \$
 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 & 4th Degree Assembly 95 will host their annual Christmas Party Sunday, December 15 at 5:30pm in the Knights Hall. All Knights, Auxiliary members, & their families are invited. The turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes & gravy will be furnished by the Knights. Please bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share with others.

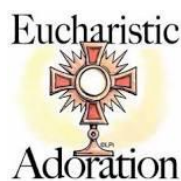


Young at Heart will **NOT** be meeting Monday, **December 16**. We plan to meet again Monday, January 20, 2025, at 6:00pm, in the Knights of Columbus Hall. We wish you all a blessed, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



The children of St. Anthony's Religious Education program will be presenting **A Dinner Theater - "The First Christmas"**, Wednesday, December 18. The special evening is being held in

the parish center cafeteria and will start with a buffet style dinner including hot roast beef, various sides & dessert. **The parish center middle doors will open at 5:30pm, with the performance starting at 6:15pm.** A free will donation is greatly appreciated.



ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH
 THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19
 12:30pm – 4:30pm



"Prepare the way of the Lord!" Please join us as we anticipate our Savior's birth in a tender journey of beauty & reflection through a unique perspective. Our meeting will held Saturday, December 21 from 8:30am to 9:30am, in Hagus Hall. Bring a friend-let's celebrate!



Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Masses
Tuesday, December 24, 2024
 St. Catherine – 5:00 pm
 St. Anthony – 5:00 pm & 7:00 pm (Spanish)
Wednesday, December 25, 2024
 St. Anthony – Midnight & 9:00 am
 Sacred Heart – 10:00 am



Mass times for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of Jesus are as follows:
Tuesday, December 31

Sacred Heart 6:00pm
 St. Anthony 6:00pm (Bilingual)
Wednesday, January 1, 2025
 St. Anthony 9:00am
 St. Catherine 10:00am



If you are thinking of donating to your parish, please remember to **date your check no later than December 31, 2024**, & have it postmarked as such, or place it in our mailbox before the end of the year. Doing this will make sure you can claim it on your taxes.

St. Catherine of Siena, Iliff
www.saintcatherinesiliff.org
 Last week's collection: \$989.00
Sunday, December 22, 2024 8:00am
Fourth Sunday of Advent
For the Repose of the Soul of Janine Moreno Roberts
Sacristans: Gerks and Strombergers
Lector: Sarah
Servers: Austin, Ethan, and Jordan
EMHC: Jeri, Sonny, and Tim
Gift Bearers: Tony and Ashley Marostica 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: \$1245.00
Sunday, December 22, 2024 10:00am
Fourth Sunday of Advent
For the Repose of the Soul of Nancy Fullerton
Sacristan: Melinda
Lector: Mary Uhler
Servers: Cole Meier, Parker Reker, and Preston Reker
EMHC: Kevin
Gift Bearers: Adam Wanberg Family
 Coffee & Donuts 1st Sunday of the month after Mass
 Church Potluck 4th Sunday of the month after Mass

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