



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



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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.

March 9, 2025 First Sunday of Lent

RESISTING TEMPTATION

On every First Sunday of Lent the Church provides one of the Gospel passages of the Temptation of Our Lord. Our Lord not only teaches us how we are to live, He shows us too.

What follows is a brief excerpt from the spiritual masterpiece “The Imitation of Christ” by Thomas à Kempis (d. 1471), dealing with the inevitability of temptation *in our lives* and how best to win more of those spiritual battles. May we all have a fruitful Lent.

Many people try to escape temptations, only to fall more deeply. We cannot conquer simply by fleeing, but by patience and true humility we become stronger than all our enemies. The man who only shuns temptations outwardly and does not uproot them will make little progress; indeed they will quickly return, more violent than before.

The beginning of all temptation lies in a wavering mind and little trust in God, for as a rudderless ship is driven hither and yon by waves, so a careless and irresolute man is tempted in many ways. Fire tempers iron and temptation steels the just. Often we do not know what we can stand, but temptation shows us what we are.

Above all, we must be especially alert against the beginnings of temptation, for the enemy is more easily conquered if he is refused admittance to the mind and is met beyond the threshold when he knocks.

Someone has said very aptly: "Resist the beginnings; remedies come too late, when by long delay the evil has gained strength." First, a mere thought comes to mind, then strong imagination, followed by pleasure, evil delight, and consent. Thus, because he is not resisted in the beginning, Satan gains full entry. And the longer a man delays in resisting, so much the weaker does he become each day, while the strength of the enemy grows against him.

Some suffer great temptations in the beginning of their conversion, others toward the end, while some are troubled almost constantly throughout their life. Others, again, are tempted but lightly according to the wisdom and justice of Divine Providence Who weighs the status and merit of each and prepares all for the salvation of His elect.

We should not despair, therefore, when we are tempted, but pray to God the more fervently that He may see fit to help us, for according to the word of Paul, He will make issue with temptation that we may be able to bear it. Let us humble our souls under the hand of God in every trial and temptation for He will save and exalt the humble in spirit.

In temptations and trials the progress of a man is measured; in them opportunity for merit and virtue is made more manifest.

When a man is not troubled it is not hard for him to be fervent and devout, but if he bears up patiently in time of adversity, there is hope for great progress.

Some, guarded against great temptations, are frequently overcome by small ones in order that, humbled by their weakness in small trials, they may not presume on their own strength in great ones.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 9

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Dt 26:4-10 / Rom 10:8-13 / Lk 4:1-13

Vocation Intention - Spirituality Year Seminarians

7:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Clinton, +Lucille, +Connie, & +Joni Armstrong**

9:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Joe Sewald & +Nanna Flesch**

12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Sp Mass **Parishioners of all 3 parishes**

Monday, March 10

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 / Mt 25:31-46

Vocational Intention - 1st & 2nd Year Philosophy Seminarians

12:00p.m. St. Anthony Mass **Joan Wilder**

Tuesday, March 11

Is 55:10-11 / Mt 6:7-15

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 Etl**

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

Wednesday, March 12

Jon 3:1-10 / Lk 11:29-32

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 **+Rock Roche**

Thursday, March 13

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25 / Mt 7:7-12

Vocation Intention - Vocations Ministry

12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Jerry Atkin**

Friday, March 14

Ez 18:21-28 / Mt 5:20-26

Vocation Intention - Pastoral Year Seminarians

12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Walt, +Mary, +Vin Unrein**

Saturday, March 15

Dt 26:16-19 / Mt 5:43-48

Vocation Intention - 1st & 2nd Year College Seminarians

8:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Pauline Gallamore**

5:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Leona Haberkorn**

Sunday, March 16

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18 / Phil 3:17—4:1 / Lk 9-28b-36

Vocation Intention - Spirituality Year Seminarians

7:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Anita Kiolbasa**

9:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Larry Howard**

12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Sp Mass **+Samuel Marquez Cruz**



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, & 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:

Jeanne Klernt, Cynthia Boren, Joyce Lambrecht, Vanessa Connor, Ken Koester, Jan Cristello, John Loos Sr., John Loos, Jr., Bob Magus, Toribio Tanche Jr., Cindy Curtis, Denton Thompson

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

March 2 offertory: \$7,688.00

March 2 maintenance: \$4,219.00

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



Catholic Daughters will be collecting baby wipes for the whole 40 days of Lent. You can leave them in the back of the church & we will distribute them to Caring Pregnancy Resource Center, Marisol House, & Under The

Umbrella. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Stock up on baby wipes for this great cause.

Catholic Daughters Court Saint Teresa



Prayers and Condolences are offered to the families of Jim Devie and Micky Szabo. May they rest in peace.



Stations of the Cross schedule:

Mar 7-7:00pm Legion of Mary

Mar 14-7:00pm Knights of Columbus

Mar 21-7:00pm Spanish Ministry

Mar 28-7:00pm Fr. Enrique's Rel. Ed. Class

Apr 4-7:00pm Catholic Daughters

Apr 11-7:00pm Kaus Family

April 18(Good Friday)-3:00pm Father Michael



The Knights of Columbus have been busy fishing and now have enough to start their annual Fish Fry Fridays. It is every Friday through April 11, 5:00pm to 7:00pm in the parish center cafeteria. To go with the fish, there will be fries, macaroni/cheese, cornbread, coleslaw, and so many dessert choices. Dine in, carry out, or pick up are available for you to choose. Please call Mike Miller(970)520-0362 or Carol Miller(970)520-7841 to place your order. A free will offering is suggested.



Please join us, **Saturday March 15, 8:30am-9:30am in Hagus Hall.** Carol Miller will be sharing her "Faith Journey". All women are invited and encouraged to bring a friend! Coffee will be served.



The following information is a summary of expenses and income received for St. Anthony's. These figures were compiled using information from November 1, 2024, through February 1, 2025.

Expenses: \$13,381.12

Income received: \$11,912.73

Difference: **-\$1,468.39**

St. Catherine of Siena, Iliff

www.saintcatherinesiliff.org



March 2 offertory: \$926.00

Sunday, March 16 10:00 am

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18 / Phil 3:17—4:1 / Lk 9-28b-36

Mass Intentions for the Parishioners of all 3 parishes

Sacristans: Ashley and Jeri

Lector: Jodi

Servers: Aly, Joey, and Tayten

EMHC: Jonna, Naomi, and Peggy

Gift Bearers: Herman and Linda Gerck

Coffee and Rolls 4th Sunday of the month after Mass

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

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www.sacredheartpeetz.org



March 2 offertory: \$1517.00

Sunday, March 16 8:00 am

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18 / Phil 3:17—4:1 / Lk 9-28b-36

Mass Intentions for the Repose of the Soul of Dennis Roelle

Sacristan: Melinda

Lector: Mary Uhler

Servers: Cole Meier, Parker & Preston Reker

Gift Bearers: Larry Roelle Family

Coffee & Donuts 1st Sunday of the month after Mass

Church Potluck 4th Sunday of the month after Mass

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