



## 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.....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 Sunday .....8:00 a.m.  
 2nd and 4th Sunday.....10:00 a.m.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

1st, 3rd, and 5th Sunday .....7:30 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 Sunday .....8:00 a.m.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

2nd and 4th Sunday .....7:30 a.m.

# June 8, 2025 Pentecost Sunday

## That His Gifts May Bear Fruit

The prayer that follows is part of the Novena to the Holy Spirit, recalling the 7 Gifts that He imparts when we receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

While many of us, hopefully all of us, can list the 7 Gifts, just how well can we describe what each one is? To me that a main strength in this prayer. This helps clarify what each Gift is, and for me it helps me to better recognize and admit, with each Gift, "Yes, I need that, and the next one and the next one..."

### PRAYER FOR THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who, before ascending into heaven, did promise to send the Holy Spirit to finish Your work in the souls of Your Apostles and disciples, deign to grant the same Holy Spirit to me that He may perfect in my soul, the work of Your grace and Your love. Grant me the Spirit of **Wisdom** that I may despise the perishable things of this world and aspire only after the things that are eternal, the Spirit of **Understanding** to enlighten my mind with the light of Your divine truth, the Spirit of **Counsel** that I may ever choose the surest way of pleasing God and gaining heaven, the Spirit of **Fortitude** that I may bear my cross with You and that I may overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose my salvation, the Spirit of **Knowledge** that I may know God and know myself and grow perfect in the science of the Saints, the Spirit of **Piety** that I may find the service of God sweet and amiable, and the Spirit of **Fear [of the Lord]** that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards God and may dread in any way to displease Him. Mark me, dear Lord, with the sign of Your true disciples and animate me in all things with Your Spirit. Amen.

Permit me to make yet another admission. While I believe the Church's teaching that we do indeed receive these Gifts in the Sacrament, I have to say that they made little if any difference in my life. Why not? I wished that they would make a difference, but they did not...for the longest time. I took a wild guess 8-) and guessed that the problem was with me, not with the Holy Spirit.

Then, years before I applied to study for the priesthood, I was given the grace to come across a Bible passage that provided the answer for me. St. Peter in Acts: *God exalted him [Jesus] at his right hand as leader and savior to grant Israel repentance and forgiveness of sins. We are witnesses of these things, as is the Holy Spirit that God has given to those who obey Him.*" (Acts 5:31-32) What a grace to finally see this. Obedience is a necessary ingredient to make room for the Holy Spirit.

Maybe, just maybe, I wasn't experiencing the fruits of His Gifts because I wasn't obeying Him. Maybe? No maybe. I had to drop the "maybe" and admit that I was living more of "My will be done than Thy will be done. I wasn't in what the Church calls the state of grace, without mortal sin on my soul. Whenever we live in the state of mortal sin, we're spiritually dead and we block the operation of God's grace in our lives. That was me. Grace is operative in our lives provided we're in the state of grace and we strive to seek, find, and obey God's holy will for our lives. Under those circumstances we have a peace that no one or nothing can give us in this brief life on earth, leading to never-ending peace and joy in God's kingdom. Come Holy Spirit.

-Fr. Michael

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**  
**Sunday, June 8**  
**PENTECOST SUNDAY**  
**Acts 2:1-11 / 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 / Jn 20:19-23**  
*Vocation Intention - Spirituality Year Seminarians*  
 7:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Clinton, +Lucille, +Connie, & +Joni Armstrong**  
 9:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Rose Mary Lechman**  
 12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Sp Mass **Parishioners of all 3 Parishes**

**Monday, June 9**  
**The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church**  
**Gn 3:9-15, 20 / Jn 19:25-34**  
*Vocational Intention - 1st & 2nd Year Philosophy Seminarians*  
 12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass **+David Frenzl**

**Tuesday, June 10**  
**2 Cor 1:18-22 / Mt 5:13-16**  
*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 **+Ed Guerin**  
 7:00 p.m. Bingo - Knights of Columbus Hall

**Wednesday, June 11**  
**Saint Barnabas, Apostle**  
**Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 / Mt 5:17-19**  
*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 **+Gene & +Betty Smith**

**Thursday, June 12**  
**2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6 / Mt 5:20-26**  
*Vocation Intention – Vocations Ministry*  
 12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Betty Smith(1 yr anniv)**

**Friday, June 13**  
**2 Cor 4:7-15 / Mt 5:27-32**  
**St. Anthony of Padua, Priest & Doctor of the Church**  
*Vocation Intention - Pastoral Year Seminarians*  
 12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass **Father's Day Novenas**

**Saturday, June 14**  
**2 Cor 5:14-21 / Mt 5:33-37**  
*Vocation Intention - 1st & 2nd Year College Seminarians*  
 8:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass **Father's Day Novenas**  
 5:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass **Father's Day Novenas**

**Sunday, June 15**  
**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**  
**Prv 8:22-31 / Rom 5:1-5 / Jn 16:12-15**  
*Vocation Intention - Spirituality Year Seminarians*  
 7:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass **Father's Day Novenas**  
 9:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass **Father's Day Novenas**  
 12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Sp Mass **Father's Day Novenas**



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](http://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**  
**(970)522-6422**

**Let us remember those who are sick and suffering:**  
 Betty Buckmaster, Mary Koehler, Cindy Boren, Jaime Garcia, Jim Brammer, Jan Cristello, Alice Folladori, Lisa Bellendir, Lisa Mansuetti, John Loos Sr, Dave Willich, Bill Johnson  
 To add someone to the prayer list please contact the parish office at (970)522-6422.  
 Names will remain on the list for a minimum of two weeks.



**St. Anthony of Padua, Sterling**  
**June 1 offertory: \$7,360.00**  
**June 1 maintenance: \$4,304.00**  
 We ask that you PLEASE use a separate check for maintenance donations as those contributions go into a different bank account. Thank you



Novena envelopes for Father's Day will be in the back of all 3 churches this weekend. You may return your envelopes to the parish office or place them in the mailbox outside the middle doors. You may also put them in the offertory basket at Mass. **Father's Day Novena Masses begin Thursday, June 12.**



**To all the ladies in our parishes!**  
 Catholic Daughters would like to welcome you to join us at our June potluck at the Knights of Columbus Hall on **Monday, June 9, at 6 pm.** All ladies of the parish are welcome to join Catholic Daughters if over 18 and this event is for families. We will be having a taco bar and many desserts. Hope to see you there and that you will join Catholic Daughters.



The food drive for Cooperating Ministries kicks off this weekend. The bags, with a list of requested items attached, are located at the back of the St. Anthony's church. Please donate what you can and return the bag to St. Anthony's no later than Sunday, June 15.

GOODBYE

Hello

Be sure to mark your calendars for the "Goodbye, Hello" reception Tuesday, June 24, after 5:30pm Mass. Dinner will be served at 6:30pm in the cafeteria. We encourage everyone to come and bid a fond farewell to Father Michael and Father Enrique as they prepare for their next adventures, along with welcoming Father Timothy Hjelstrom and Father Martin Frias-Guardado to our parishes.



**Denver Archbishop calls for end to violence that 'only fuels hatred'**

Expressing his deep sadness at news of an antisemitic attack in Boulder, Colorado, the Archbishop of Denver, Samuel Aquila, calls for prayers for victims, saying, "This type of violence must come to an end, as it only fuels hatred." He invited prayers "for everyone affected by this horrific attack," saying, "We ask the Lord to bring comfort, healing, and peace in the face of such hatred. May we listen to the voice of God who calls us to love one another!" Archbishop Aquila's statement follows the teaching of the Second Vatican Council, which stated, "In her rejection of every persecution against any man, the Church, mindful of the patrimony she shares with the Jews, and moved not by political reasons but by the Gospel's spiritual love, decries hatred, persecutions, displays of anti-Semitism, directed against Jews at any time and by anyone." *Nostra aetate*, the Council's document on the Church and non-Christian religions, adds, "The Church reproves, as foreign to the mind of Christ, any discrimination against men or harassment of them because of their race, colour, condition of life, or religion."



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**June 1 offertory: \$650.00**

**Sunday, June 15 10:00 am**

**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

**Father's Day**

**Prv 8:22-31 / Rom 5:1-5 / Jn 16:12-15**

**Mass intentions for Father's Day Novenas**

**Sacristan: Sandy**

**Lector: Tom**

**Servers: Faye, Jenna, and Tayten**

**EMHC: Jeri, Sonny, and Tim**

**Gift Bearers: Tony & 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, Deetz**

[www.sacredheartpeetz.org.org](http://www.sacredheartpeetz.org.org)

**June 1 offertory: \$1164.00**

**Sunday, June 15 8:00 am**

**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

**Father's Day**

**Prv 8:22-31 / Rom 5:1-5 / Jn 16:12-15**

**Mass intentions for Father's Day Novenas**

**Sacristan: Kristy**

**Lector: Melinda Beyer**

**Servers: Conrad Roelle,**

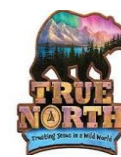
**Eli & Tyler Wanberg**

**Gift Bearers: Gage Roelle Family**

**Coffee and Rolls 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**



Don't forget! St. Anthony's vacation bible school, "True North" happens July 14-18. The week will have exciting activities, crafts, fun learning experiences, & maybe a water fight or two. (but I wasn't supposed to let that slip!)

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