



SAINT ANTHONY

Our Mission: May Christ's grace renew us to exercise His gifts. (see Rom 12:4-6)

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Church Email: parish@saintanthonyssterling.org
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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.
Tues., Wed., Thu., Fri...... 8:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday..... 9:00 a.m.



SACRED HEART

Reverend Martin Frias-Guardado

Physical Address: 621 Logan St., Peetz, CO

Eucharistic Celebrations:

Sunday8:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Sunday7:30 a.m.

Office hours for Father Martin

Wednesday & Friday 10:00am—2:00pm

St. Anthony parish center

(970)522-6422 x228

Sacramental emergencies/serious illness after hours
(970) 334-2227



SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA

Reverend Martin Frias-Guardado

Physical Address: 111 S. 5th St., Iliff, CO

Eucharistic Celebrations:

Sunday.....10:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Sunday9:30 a.m.

September 14, 2025

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross



The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, also known as the Feast of the Triumph of the Cross, commemorates three events: the discovery of the True Cross in 326, its exaltation for public veneration in 335, and the recovery of the Cross from the Persians in 628. Today, this feast also celebrates the boundless impact of Christ's Cross upon all of creation.

The Edict of Milan, issued in 313, granted religious freedom across the Roman Empire. After the Edict was signed, from 314 to 324, there was continual conflict between Roman Emperors Constantine I in the West and Licinius in the East. Tensions escalated when Constantine accused Licinius of plotting against him. In 324, Constantine defeated Licinius in battle and executed him on charges of conspiracy. Constantine became sole ruler of the Roman Empire, including Jerusalem, which had previously been under Licinius's control.

In 326, Constantine's mother, Saint Helena, a devout Christian, embarked on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land to identify significant sites from Christ's life and establish a church at each. In Jerusalem, she hoped to find the True Cross and to build a church over the sites of Mount Calvary and Jesus' tomb, known as the Holy Sepulchre. Upon identifying Mount Calvary and the empty tomb, she discovered three buried crosses. After an investigation, the local bishop confirmed they were the crosses used to crucify Jesus and the two thieves. Since Helena did not know which cross was Christ's, she arranged for a sick woman to touch all three. The woman was immediately healed upon touching one of them, indicating that it was the True Cross.

Emperor Constantine ordered the construction of a church to encompass Mount Calvary and Christ's tomb and to house the True Cross. The Church of the Holy Sepulchre was erected and dedicated on September 13, 335. Legend says that the following day—September 14, 335—Christ's Cross was brought outside the church for the faithful to venerate. Over the next three centuries, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross was celebrated annually in Jerusalem and varied elsewhere.

In 614, the Persians invaded Jerusalem, taking the True Cross as a trophy. The Persians, followers of the ancient religion of Zoroastrianism, were not Christians. Allowing the Holy Cross to remain in their possession was seen as sacrilegious. In 622, Eastern Roman Emperor Heraclius initiated military campaigns to recapture Jerusalem and the True Cross. In 628, he triumphed, and the following year, Emperor Heraclius entered Jerusalem with the True Cross, restoring it to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. After that, the Feast of the Holy Cross became a universal celebration within the Church, starting in Rome and subsequently spreading throughout the empire.

Although we commemorate three historical events today, the celebration's core is not the Cross's wood or the holy sites where Jesus died and was buried. The primary focus is the infinite love shown through the Son of God's selfless and perfect Sacrifice and the boundless mercy that has poured forth upon the world as a result. The Cross, a cruel instrument of torture and death, is now the symbol of God's perfect love, further magnifying that love and showcasing God's infinite power to use the worst for the best: to use death to bring life and to transform the greatest act of cruelty ever known into the greatest act of mercy ever bestowed upon the world.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 14

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Nm 21:4b-9 / Phil 2:6-11 / Jn 3:13-17

Vocation Intention - Spirituality Year Seminarians

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

8:00 a.m. Sacred Heart Mass **Presiding Priest's Intentions**

9:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Mel Fritzler**

10:00 a.m. St. Catherine Mass **+Joe Cucarola**

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

Monday, September 15

Our Lady of Sorrows

8:00 a.m. St. Anthony Communion service

1 Tm 2:1-8 / Jn 19:25-27

Vocational Intention - 1st & 2nd Year Philosophy Seminarians

Tuesday, September 16

Sts. Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

1 Tm 3:1-13 / Lk 7:11-17

Vocational Intention - 1st & 2nd Year Theology Seminarian Pts

8:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Harry & +Larry Kochan, Juli Kochan Schneider**

5:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Hours—Associates of the Sisters of St. Francis-All welcome (lift door - Parish Center)

Wednesday, September 17

1 Tm 3:14-16 / Lk 7:31-35

Vocational Intention - 3rd & 4th Year Theology Seminarians

8:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass **Shirley & +Jerry Manuella**

9:00 a.m. Legion of Mary (lift door - Parish Center)

Thursday, September 18

1 Tm 4:12-16 / Lk 7:36-50

Vocation Intention – Vocations Ministry

8:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass **Father Enrique Salazar**

Friday, September 19

1 Tm 6:2c-12 / Lk 8:1-3

Vocation Intention - Pastoral Year Seminarians

8:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Frances Wedermyer**

Saturday, September 20

Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, & Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions, Martyrs

1 Tm 6:13-16 / Lk 8:4-15

Vocation Intention - 1st & 2nd Year College Seminarian

9:00 a.m. **Confessions** - St. Anthony Church

5:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Carolyn Harley-Brooks**

Sunday, September 21

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Am 8:4-7 / 1 Tm 2:1-8 / Lk 16:1-13

Vocation Intention - Spirituality Year Seminarians

7:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Marcella Schumacher**

9:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass **Tyler Torres**

12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Sp Mass **Presiding Priest's Intentions**



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 those who are sick and suffering:

Irene Jackson, Maddox Piel, Traudi Torres, Jenny Schneider, Marci Sanders, Ron Devie, Teresa Butcher, Jeremy Burgess, Kellie Geck, Jimmy Schneider, Mary Koehler, Cindy Boren

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

September 7 offertory: \$7,731.20

September 7 maintenance: \$3,711.00

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



Legion of Mary will be leading the Rosary of Our Lady of Sorrows **Monday, September 15, at 7:15 am, in St. Anthony Church.** Everyone is invited.



Safe Environment class, required for new religious ed. teachers, is **Monday, September 15, at 6:00pm** in the parish center. Contact Jennifer Rodine (970)522-6422.



The Knights of Columbus are hosting a blood drive for Vitalant on **Wednesday, September 17**, from 10:00am to 2:30pm in the Knight's Hall. Anyone who donates blood between September 8th & 30th will automatically be entered into a drawing for two prizes, \$10,000 gift cards! Please call Bob Schell (970)520-2404 for more information.



The Bazaar Committee is asking for monetary donations for this year's Bazaar Prize drawing. If you would like to donate, please contact Connie Uhrein (970)466-6221, Dorea Sewald (970)520-0818, or Marlene Masin (970)520-6274 by phone call or text. The **deadline for donations is September 18.**



The 3rd annual Women's Mini Retreat, "Called...Chosen...Sent" will be **Saturday, September 20 from 8:30am to 11:30am** in Hagus Hall. Deacon Bernie will share his amazing witness on being Called, Chosen, and Sent. Join us for refreshment, fellowship, & faith. Please sign up at the back of the church to help us provide enough refreshments for everyone attending. Remember to bring a friend!



YOUNG AT HEART will meet **Monday, September 22** instead of Monday, September 15, due to a conflict. Come enjoy the good food & fun. Bring what you would like to share to eat.



The Columbian Auxiliary will hold their annual planning meeting **Monday, September 29 at 5:30 pm** in the Knights Hall. Pizza, salad & dessert will be provided at the beginning of the meeting. All members are asked to attend. We would welcome any new members who would like to join us.



Catholic Daughters is approaching their **one hundredth anniversary in January** and we are in need of memorabilia.

Please take a minute to look in storage for anything from mom, grandma, or even great grandma. If you have any Catholic Daughter pictures, newspaper clippings, photo albums, or other items pertaining to Catholic Daughters, and you would let us have or you would let us copy please contact any Catholic daughter. It would be greatly appreciated.



The Piel family, Andrew, Kati, Maddox & Macklin have been overwhelmed by the generosity from the parishioners of St. Anthony's. Maddox has been handling his treatments like the brave warrior he has become. The road ahead will get more difficult and the Piel's could use our prayers and assistance if you are able. If you would like to donate, please bring or mail your donation to the parish office. Thank you everyone.

St. Catherine of Siena, Iliff

www.saintcatherinesiliff.org

September 7 offertory: \$669.00

Sunday, September 21 10:00am

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Am 8:4-7 / 1 Tm 2:1-8 / Lk 16:1-13

Mass intentions for the repose of the soul of Peggy Zink

Sacristans: Gerks and Strombergers

Lector: Jodi

Servers: Evan, Faye, and Jenna

EMHC: Jonna, Naomi, and Peggy

Gift Bearers: Randy and Jaci Gerk Family

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



Sacred Heart, Peetz

www.sacredheartpeetz.org.org

September 7 offertory: \$1149.00

Sunday, September 21 8:00am

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Am 8:4-7 / 1 Tm 2:1-8 / Lk 16:1-13

Mass intentions for the parishioners of all 3 parishes

Sacristan: Kristy

Lector: Mary Uhler

Servers: Landon Fehringer, Eli & Tyler Wanberg

Gift Bearers: Adam Wanberg 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



"I used to pray that God would feed the hungry, or do this or that, but now I pray that he will guide me to do whatever I'm supposed to do, what I can do. I used to pray for answers, but now I'm praying for strength. I used to believe that prayer changes things, but now I know that prayer changes us and we change things." Mother Teresa

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