



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.

Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

30 minutes before weekday Masses and Saturday from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

First Friday Eucharistic Exposition begins Thursday after 8:00am Mass



SACRED HEART

Physical Address: 621 Logan St., Peetz, CO

Eucharistic Celebrations:

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Sunday 9:30 a.m.



SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA

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

Eucharistic Celebrations:

Sunday 8:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Sunday 7:30 a.m.



December

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2025



Christmas, just a few short days away. By now, we hope the house is decorated inside and out, the presents bought and under the tree, Christmas parties enjoyed, concerts attended, cookies baked, Christmas movies watched and Christmas music listened too. The best and busiest time of the year is finally reaching its climax. But why do we do all these things? What is the point?

If we do these things because of a sense of obligation or everyone else is doing them, we miss the entire point of both seasons, Advent and Christmas. Advent prepares us for Christmas as does all the things I listed above, and we must never forget that Christmas is a Season, not a day. But we Christians don't do these things from obligation or to mimic our neighbors. Our activity comes from, and should come from, a deep sense of love of God and love of neighbor.

Fundamentally, we Catholics live our faith. Our activities reflect what is deep in our hearts and reflects the love that God has for us, all of us, and in return our love for Him. We especially show this love for God at Christmas since once again Immanuel comes into our lives, God is with us. We live in a physical world, and we must act our faith in that physical world. And if a single person finds joy in how we decorated our house, finds happiness in one present that they unwrap on Christmas day, finds warmth and joy in our companionship at a party or concert, enjoys one cookie that we baked, they come closer to the joy of Christmas and in the end, closer to Jesus Christ. All this activity comes from and returns to what is in our hearts.

And all our activity, all our prayers and preparation during Advent, focus on what Isaiah told us over 700 years before Jesus Christ was born: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." And "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light....For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David, and over his kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this."

Isaiah foretold and Jesus fulfilled. The loving act of God sending his only begotten Son to become human, to become one of us in everything except sin. God acts from His great love for us, and He expects us to act from our Faith in Him, our Love for His Son, and Hope in His salvation. This year celebrate Christmas from your heart and in the coming year commit to act on your faith, to volunteer for a ministry, to give from your very soul to the God that loves you and believes in you. Believe and live our faith, Deacon Bernie



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 21

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 7:10-14 / Rom 1:1-7 / Mt 1:18-24

Vocation Intention - Spirituality Year Seminarians

7:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass +Virginia & +Bob Klobertanz

8:00 a.m. St. Catherine Mass +Peggy Zink

9:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass +Bill, +Jody, & +Dan EtI

10:00 a.m. Sacred Heart Mass +Marcella Schumacher

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

Monday, December 22

1 Sm 1:24-28 / Lk 1:46-56

Vocational Intention - 1st & 2nd Year Philosophy Seminarians

8:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass +Mary Koehler

Tuesday, December 23

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 / Lk 1:57-66

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

8:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass +Ray Hofmann

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

Wednesday, December 24

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 / Lk 1:67-79

Vocational Intention - 3rd & 4th Year Theology Seminarians

6:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass +Rosemary Lechman

6:00 p.m. Sacred Heart Mass

Thursday, December 25

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Vocation Intention - Vocations Ministry

12:00 a.m. St. Anthony

9:00 a.m. St. Anthony

10:00 a.m. St. Catherine

12:00 p.m. St. Anthony

Friday, December 26

Saint Stephen, the First Martyr

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 / Mt 10:17-22

Vocation Intention - Pastoral Year Seminarians

8:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass +Jay McCracken

Saturday, December 27

Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

1 Jn 1:1-4 / Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Vocation Intention - 1st & 2nd Year College Seminarian

3:30 – 4:30 p.m. St. Anthony Confessions

5:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass +John A. Mari

Sunday, December 28

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 / Col 3:12-21 / Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Vocation Intention - Spirituality Year Seminarians

7:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass Joe/Leona Haberkorn Family members-Living & Deceased

9:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass +Albert & +Agnes Brekel

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.

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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St. Anthony of Padua, Sterling

December 14 offertory: \$7,061.00

December 14 maintenance: \$2,760.00

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



Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Masses

Wednesday, December 24, 2025

Sacred Heart – 6:00 pm Fr. Joseph

Is 62:1-5 / Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 / Mt 1:1-25

St. Anthony – 6:00 pm Fr. Martin

Is 62:1-5 / Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 / Mt 1:1-25

Thursday, December 25, 2025

St. Anthony – Midnight Fr. Joseph

Is 9:1-6 / Ti 2:11-14 / Lk 2:1-14

9:00 am Fr. Martin

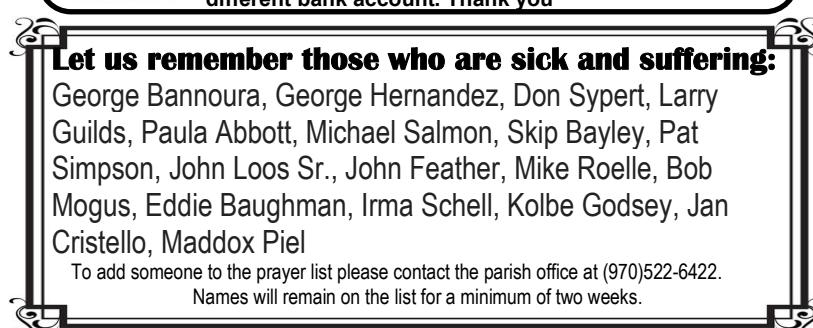
Is 52:7-10 / Heb 1:1-6 / Jn 1:1-18

12:00 pm(Sp) Fr. Martin

Is 52:7-10 / Heb 1:1-6 / Jn 1:1-18

St. Catherine – 10:00 am Fr. Joseph

Is 52:7-10 Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18



Legion of Mary will NOT be meeting on Wednesday, December 24 nor Wednesday, December 31. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year.



The parish office will be closing for the holidays at noon on Tuesday, December 23, and remain closed until Sunday, January 4, 2026. We will open at 8:00am Monday, January 5, 2026. We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas.



“And the word was made flesh and dwelt among us...”

The Women's Ministry will meet on

Saturday, December 20 from 8:30am

to 9:30am in Hagus Hall. Our souls yearn for simplicity.

Please join us this Christmastime as we turn off, dial down, and pull away from the frenzy of our complex, hyper programmed world to restore a fresh wonder of the gift of God's Grace and the true meaning of Christmas. All women of the parish are invited to attend and bring a friend! Coffee and refreshments will be served.

Merry Christmas!

The rosary is prayed 30 minutes before every Mass. Please join us for this wonderful time of prayer and reflection.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Mass times

Wednesday, December 31, 2025

St. Anthony 6:00 pm Fr. Martin

St. Catherine 6:00 pm Fr. Joseph

Thursday, January 1, 2026

St. Anthony 9:00 am Fr. Joseph

Sacred Heart 10:00 am Fr. Martin

St. Anthony 12:00 pm(Sp) Fr. Joseph



The staff of St. Anthony's, St. Catherine's, & Sacred Heart would like to extend our gratitude to the wonderful owners of Halouska Family Chaney Reager & Tenant Funeral Homes for their generosity. Every Christmas season they graciously pay for next year's calendars, allowing us to choose which themes & pictures best represent our faith & beliefs. As one owner famously said when we thanked him "You do all the hard work, I just pay the bill." Without their help, we would not be able to have such fine calendars available to you, our parishioners. If you happen to see them out & about, you may just want to say "Thanks."



St. Catherine of Siena, Iliff

www.saintcatherinesiliff.org

December 14 offertory: \$535.00

Thursday, December 25 10:00am

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Is 52:7-10 Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18

Vocation Intention - Vocations Ministry

Sacristans: Luecks Lector: Kelsey

Servers: Austin, Cam, and Ethan, plus two more

EMHC: Brenda, Nick, and Tom

Gift Bearers: Don and Teresa Stieb

Sunday, December 28 8:00am

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 / Col 3:12-21 / Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Vocation Intention - Spirituality Year Seminarians

Mass for the repose of the soul

of Lillian Cucarola

Sacristan: Sandy Lector: Tom

Servers: Aly, Joey, and Tayten

EMHC: Jonna, Naomi, and Peggy

Gift Bearers: Mark and Rose McDonald

Sacred Heart, Peetz

www.sacredheartpeetz.org.org

December 14 offertory: \$1210.00

Wednesday, December 24 6:00 pm

Is 62:1-5 / Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 / Mt 1:1-25

Vocation Intention - 3rd & 4th Year Theology Seminarians

Sacristan: Mary Lector: Ryan Dollerschell

Servers: Landon Fehringer, Eli & Tyler Wanberg

Gift Bearers: Jeff Long Family

Sunday, December 28 8:00am

Church Potluck after Mass

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 / Col 3:12-21 / Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Vocation Intention - Spirituality Year Seminarians

Mass intentions for the parishioners

of all 3 parishes

Sacristan: Melinda Lector: Mary Uhlir

Servers: Cole Meier, Parker & Preston Reker

Gift Bearers: Adam Wanberg Family

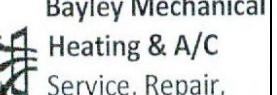
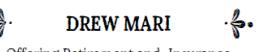
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