



**SAINT ANTHONY**

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

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**Eucharistic Celebrations:**

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 8:00 a.m. Mass



**SACRED HEART**

Physical Address: 621 Logan St., Peetz, Colorado

**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, Colorado

**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.



February 15, 2026

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
(formerly known as Quinquagesima Sunday)

**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
First Day of Lent



For those of us over 60, we may remember the Sunday before Lent began was known as Quinquagesima Sunday. This celebration had a double meaning. A feast day to celebrate with great joy our Savior Jesus Christ before the season of Lent began and, we were 50 days from Easter (count both Sundays to get to 50).

Today it is a way to remember that Lent begins this coming Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, and that we should be ready for its arrival. Are we ready? Do we know what we will give up for Lent? Do we know when to fast and abstain? What additional prayers will we give our God and what about additional almsgiving? All these are acts of repentance.

We as Catholics realize that repentance during Lent means a conversion of heart through three acts of faith: fasting, almsgiving and prayer. These three acts equate to love of self, love of others and love of God. Aelred of Rievaulx reminds us that the greatest of these is love of God, then love of neighbor for love of God and that love of self is the lowest or least love, but essential for the other two. Let's look at all three acts of faith.

Fasting and abstinence – according to the USCCB, Catholics, ages 18 to 59, must fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by eating only one full meal and two smaller meals that do not add up to another full meal, health permitting. Catholics should also abstain from eating meat on all Fridays during Lent, age 14 onward, again health permitting. We also abstain or give up something during Lent as well. Why? And how is fasting love of self? Fasting and abstinence build Christian virtues, strengthens fortitude and temperance and provides us a means of detachment from material things allowing us a stronger dependence on God. Fasting and abstinence also honor the suffering and death of Jesus on the Cross to better prepare us for celebrating His Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Almsgiving – by donating money, goods and/or performing acts of mercy, i.e. volunteering, visiting homebound etc. we can serve those in need, love our neighbor and echo God's love for us, fulfilling the second greatest commandment, "...you shall love your neighbor as yourself." Mt 22:39.

Prayer – the foundation of our relationship with God. "During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture..." (USCCB) Through scriptural prayer we look for a deeper conversion of heart to the teachings of Jesus so we can follow His Will more closely. This is an invitation to take that dusty old bible off the bookshelf and spend some time reading and praying about how the bible passages speak to our hearts today. (Or for the younger crowd, open that bible app and see how it speaks to the heart.)

Lent is an opportunity to bring oneself closer to God through fasting and abstinence, almsgiving and prayer. All these acts of our living faith are intended to bring Christians closer to the God they love, and the God that loves them. A true conversion of the heart.

Deacon Bernie



**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, February 15, 2026**

**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Sir 15:15-20 / 1Cor 2:6-10 / Mt 5:17-37**

*Vocation Intention - Spirituality Year Seminarians*

- 7:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass +**Susie Gertge**
- 8:00 a.m. Sacred Heart Mass +**Marcella Schumacher**
- 9:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass +**Bill, +Jody, & +Dan Etl**
- 10:00 a.m. St. Catherine Mass +**Larry Huss**
- 12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Sp Mass **Parishioners of all 3 parishes**

**Monday, February 16, 2026**

**Jas 1:1-11 / Mk 8:11-13**

*Vocational Intention - 1st & 2nd Year Philosophy Seminarians*

8:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass +**Susie Gertge (1yr anniv)**

**Tuesday, February 17, 2026**

**Jas 1:12-18 / Mk 8:14-21**

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

- 8:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass +**Irene Jackson**
- 5:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Hours—Associates of the Sisters of St. Francis-All welcome (lift door - Parish Center)

**Wednesday, February 18, 2026**

**Ash Wednesday**

**Jl 2:12-18 / 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 / Mt 6:1-6, 16-18**

*Vocational Intention - 3rd & 4th Year Theology Seminarians*

- 7:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass
- 7:00 a.m. St. Catherine Mass
- 9:00 a.m. Legion of Mary *cancelled*

- 12:00p.m. St. Anthony Mass
- 6:00p.m. Sacred Heart Mass
- 6:00p.m. St. Anthony Bilingual Mass

**Thursday, February 19, 2026**

**Dt 30:15-20 / Lk 9:22-25**

*Vocation Intention - Vocations Ministry*

8:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass +**Joseph Haberkorn**

**Friday, February 20, 2026**

**Is 58:1-9a / Mt 9:14-15**

*Vocation Intention - Pastoral Year Seminarians*

8:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass **Dollie and +Larry Huss**

**Saturday, February 21, 2026**

**Is 58:9b-14 / Lk 5:27-32**

*Vocation Intention - 1st & 2nd Year College Seminarian*

3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Confessions in St. Anthony Church  
5:00 p.m. St. Anthony Mass +**Carolyn Harley Brooks**

**Sunday, February 22, 2026**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**Gn 2:7-9: 3:1-7 / Rom 5:12-19 / Mt 4:1-11**

*Vocation Intention - Spirituality Year Seminarians*

- 7:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass +**Clinton, +Lucille, +Connie, and +Joni Armstrong**
- 9:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass +**Lorrie Frick**
- 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](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)466-1006 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**  
Open Mon - Fri 8:00 am – 4:00 pm CLOSED 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm (970)522-6422

**Let us remember those who are sick and suffering:**  
Eddie Baughman, Doug Koehler, Marci Sanders, Mike Roelle  
George Hernandez Don Syper, Paula Abbott, Michael Salmon  
Pat Simpson John Loos Sr., Bob Mogus, Kolbe Godsey  
Jan Cristello, Maddox Piel  
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**  
**February 8 offertory: \$6,422.00**  
**February 8 maint: \$1,290.00**  
**Please use a separate check for maintenance contributions, as those go into a different bank account than offertory. Thank you**

 The church directory rough draft is available for proofreading. There is a copy by each door at the back of the church. **Please take some time to verify your information and if corrections are needed, please take a blank form (forms are next to the draft) and list your correct information on it.** You can return your form to the office or place it in the offertory basket when you are at church. If you have questions concerning the directory, please call the parish office(970-522-6422) during regular business hours.



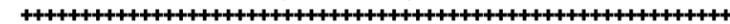
The parish office will be **closed Monday, February 16**, in honor of Presidents' Day. We will reopen Tuesday, February 17, at 8:00am.



Young at Heart will meet **Monday, February 16** in the Knights of Columbus Hall at 6:00pm. Come join the good food and fellowship. Bring what you would like to share to eat.



Legion of Mary **will not** be meeting Wednesday, February 18. The next meeting is on Wednesday, February 25.



**February 18, 2026**

Mass schedule for all three parishes  
7:00am St. Anthony, Sterling – Father Joseph  
7:00am St. Catherine, Iliff – Father Martin  
12:00pm St. Anthony, Sterling – Father Martin  
6:00pm Bilingual St. Anthony, Sterling – Father Joseph  
6:00pm Sacred Heart Peetz – Father Martin



Stations of the Cross will be held each Friday evening starting Feb. 20 through Mar. 27. Stations in English with Fr. Martin will start at 5:15pm and Stations in Spanish with Fr. Joseph will start at 6:00pm



It's that time of the year! The Knights of Columbus will once again be serving those wonderful fish dinners **starting Friday, Feb. 20 through Friday, Mar. 27 from 5 to 7:00pm.** For more information, please call the parish office at (970)522-6422 during regular business hours.



Hello everyone! The Women's Ministry is excited to announce that Amber Beeson has graciously accepted our invitation to share with us her heart & her journey of being "Called, Chosen, and Sent". We will meet **Saturday, February 21st from 8:30 to 9:30am in Hagus Hall.** All ladies from Saint Anthony, Sacred Heart & Saint Catherine parishes are welcome & encouraged to attend. Refreshments & fellowship will be provided.

*"He need not fear anything, nor be ashamed of anything, who bears the Sign of the Cross on his brow."*  
*St. Augustine*

**St. Catherine of Siena, Iliff**  
[www.saintcatherinesiliff.org](http://www.saintcatherinesiliff.org)  
**February 8 offertory: \$514.00**  
**Wednesday, February 18 7:00am**  
**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
**Jl 2:12-18 / 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 / Mt 6:1-6, 16-18**  
**Sacristans: Gerks and Strombergers**  
**Lector: Jodi**  
**Servers: Aniston, Faye, and Jenna**  
**EMHC: Jeri, Jonna, and Naomi**  
**Gift Bearers: Benji and Sonny Zink**  
**Sunday, February 22 8:00am**  
**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**Gn 2:7-9: 3:1-7 / Rom 5:12-19 / Mt 4:1-11**  
**COFFEE & ROLLS AFTER MASS**  
**Mass intentions for the repose of the souls of St. Catherine Parishioners**  
**Sacristans: Husses**  
**Lector: Sarah**  
**Servers: Bailey, Easton, and Evan**  
**EMHC: Jeri, Sonny, and Tim**  
**Gift Bearers: Joe and Sherrie Yahn**

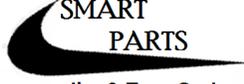
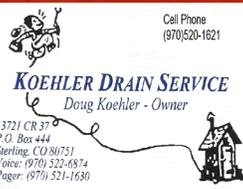


**Sacred Heart, Peetz**  
[www.sacredheartpeetz.org.org](http://www.sacredheartpeetz.org.org)  
**February 8 offertory: \$1559.00**  
**Wednesday, February 18 6:00pm**  
**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
**Jl 2:12-18 / 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 / Mt 6:1-6, 16-18**  
**Sacristan: Mary**  
**Lector: Volunteer**  
**Servers: Volunteers**  
**Gift Bearers: Volunteers**  
**Sunday, February 22 10:00am**  
**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**Gn 2:7-9: 3:1-7 / Rom 5:12-19 / Mt 4:1-11**  
**POTLUCK AFTER MASS**  
**Mass intentions for the repose of the soul of Paul Fehringer**  
**Sacristan: Melinda**  
**Lector: Kelly Casey**  
**Servers: Landon Fehringer, Cole Meier, and Conrad Roelle**  
**Gift Bearers: Alex Sinnett Family**



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