



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
Church Website: www.saintanthonyssterling.org

Eucharistic Celebrations:

Saturday Vigil5:00 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 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, Colorado

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.

February 22, 2026 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

This past weekend I had the privilege of taking sixteen teenagers to the Mountain Madness Conference in Estes Park. Throughout the weekend we celebrated Mass, went to Confession, participated in Adoration, listened to a keynote speaker, and gathered in small groups. Although the conference is designed for teens, it leaves room for an encounter with Christ for the adults as well.

One of the scriptures and topics presented at length was the First Sin and the Fall of Man. The big question was: *Why did God put the Tree of Knowledge in the Garden in the first place? The answer given was **free will**. Had God not placed the tree there, Adam and Eve would not have had a choice. We might still be living in the Garden of Eden—but without the ability to choose. However, that is not what God desired. God wants us to choose Him freely. Our keynote speaker said it this way: "If you can't say no to a relationship, it is not a relationship; it is a dictatorship".*

This is one of the foundational principles of our faith—the ability to choose. God has always given a choice. Adam and Eve were given a choice. Even Satan, before his fall, was given a choice: to choose God or to reject Him and be cast from Heaven.

In the Gospel reading, Jesus is led into the desert to be tempted by Satan. He is tempted three times. First, Satan says, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." Jesus chooses God: "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God." Second, Satan places Him on the pinnacle of the temple and says, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down..." Again, Jesus chooses God: "You shall not tempt the Lord your God." Third, Satan takes Him to a high mountain and says, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Once more, Jesus chooses God: "Begone Satan!! It is written you shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only shall you serve." Then Satan left Him, and the angels ministered to Him.

In all things, God gives us the choice. As we begin Lent, God gives us the choice to serve Him, to love Him, and to follow Him. And even when we choose sin, God in His mercy always gives us a way back. Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we are given the opportunity to once again choose God—to repent, to receive His mercy, and to be restored to grace.

As you enter into this Lenten season, remember that choosing God leads us toward eternal Heaven, where we will reap the reward of that choice. Choosing sin and wrongdoing leads us away from Him and toward eternal separation. May this Lent be a season of choosing God—again and again.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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**

8:00 a.m. St. Catherine Mass **Departed St. Catherine parishioners**

9:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Lorrie Frick**

10:00 a.m. Sacred Heart Mass **+Paul Fehringer**

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

Monday, February 23, 2026

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

Vocational Intention - 1st & 2nd Year Philosophy Seminarians

8:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass **Presiding Priest's Intentions**

Tuesday, February 24, 2026

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

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

8:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Alex & +Betty Sewald**

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

Wednesday, February 25, 2026

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

Vocational Intention - 3rd & 4th Year Theology Seminarians

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

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

Thursday, February 26, 2026

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

Vocation Intention - Vocations Ministry

8:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Bill, +Jody, & +Dan Etl**

Friday, February 27, 2026

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

Vocation Intention - Pastoral Year Seminarians

8:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Jim Devie**

5:00 p.m. Fish Fry (parish center-middle doors)

5:15 p.m. St. Anthony Stations of the Cross

6:00 p.m. St. Anthony bilingual Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 28, 2026

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

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 **+Edward McMahon**

Sunday, March 1, 2026

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Gn 12:1-4a / 2 Tm 1:8b-10 / Mt 17:1-9

Vocation Intention - Spirituality Year Seminarians

7:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass **+John Ertle**

9:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass **Elsie Sweet**

12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Sp Mass **+Sally Torres**



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)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, & mBobbi 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:

Jaclyn Diel, Eddie Baughman, Doug Koehler, Marci Sanders, Mike Roelle, George Hernandez, Don Sypert, Paula Abbott, Michael Salmon, 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 15 offertory: \$5,691.00
February 15 maint: \$200.00

Please use a separate check for maintenance contributions, as those go into a different bank account than offertory. Thank you



Prayers and Condolences are offered to the family of Paul Fehringer. May he rest in peace.



If you have graciously brought food for a funeral dinner, potluck, or other event and you've forgotten about your pan or dish, come see us in the parish center. We have several bowls, cake pans, casserole dishes, and loaf pans waiting to be claimed. The items are in the cafeteria on the table along the inside wall. The parish center is open Monday through Friday, from 8am until noon and 1pm until 4.



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.



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.



Guidelines for Fasting & Abstinence during Lent

People aged 18 to 59 are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and everyone over the age of 14 are to abstain from eating meat on Fridays during Lent. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may be taken instead, but they are not to equal a full meal.

The CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

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St. Catherine of Siena, Iliff

www.saintcatherinesiliff.org

February 15 offertory: \$746.00

Sunday, March 1 10:00am
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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

Mass intentions for the repose of the soul of Rudy Hernandez

Sacristans: Luecks

Lector: Pam

Servers: Austin, Cam, and Ethan

EMHC: Brenda, Nick, and Tom

Gift Bearers: Tim & Maureen Anderson, Emily Dennis Family

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



Sacred Heart, Deetz

www.sacredheartpeetz.org.org

February 15 offertory: \$2075.00

Sunday, March 1 8:00am
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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

COFFEE & DONUTS AFTER MASS

Mass intentions for the parishioners of all 3 parishes

Sacristan: Mary

Lector: Tyler Wanberg

Servers: Henry Sinnett, Colton & Grayson Sintler

Gift Bearers: Religious Education students

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



"The purpose of Lent is not to force on us a few formal obligations, but to 'soften' our heart so that it may open itself to the realities of the spirit, to experience the hidden 'thirst' for communion with God." Pope John Paul II

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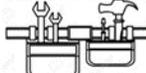
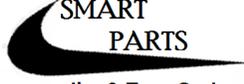
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