



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.

March 1, 2026 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

During Lent, we are called up to return to our loving Father wholeheartedly. There are several things that might have isolated us from the love of God, it may be regrets, disappointments, wounds, family issues, hate, world's delusions etc. God calls us back to Him because He loves us and wants us to remain in His eternal love.

As St. Paul puts it, read Romans 8: 31-39.... "If God is for us, who can be against us? ... in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us..."

Every time when we recognize our sins and feel sorry for them, as Catholics, we immediately seek penance and reconciliation. The first statement we make during confession is that of apology to our loving father. "Forgive me Father for I have sinned". Which dad would condemn his son when the son uses such a statement? We carry our wounds, sorrows and sinful past to the lord asking to be freed from that yoke so that we may proceed with our Christian journey unburdened (Matthew 11:28).

We might have alienated ourselves from God because of disobedience, ingratitude or may be just laziness. However, we need to listen to the loving voice of our heavenly father calling us back to him. In the first week of lent, we read from the book of Genesis about the fall of man, how God created everything and put man in charge of it all. In fact, man lacked nothing. He already had both power and wealth; however, the devil implanted in the heart of man the attitude and feeling of dissatisfaction and disobedience. Don't we fall in the same trap by not being grateful to God and wanting to have more and more, even of what we don't need? Don't we fall into the temptation of accumulating?

This is an opportune time to silently go to the desert of our lives; the most profound part of our heart; that place of prayer, isolation and lacking. The Gospel of Mathew 4: 1-11, that we read on the first week of lent presents to us how the spirit of God led Jesus into the desert to pray and fast. We don't just decide to go to the deserts of our lives alone. We allow ourselves to be led by the Holy Spirit. In other words, we cannot journey throughout the forty days without the spirit of God.

It creates discomfort going to the deserts of our lives. This is because it removes us from our comfort zones and for sure, in silence, we listen a lot to our inner voice, the voice of God. However, this is the challenge we are all called to embrace during this Lenten season.

In a society full of noise (politics, social and ideological, economical, religious etc.), how prepared are we to isolate ourselves from all these and discern the voice of God alone?

Let's ask ourselves simple questions:

- How much time do we spend talking about socio-political affairs versus how much time do we spend in personal prayer?
- How much time do we spend on social media versus how much time do we spend before the blessed sacrament?
- How much time do we spend with our friends and relatives versus how often do we go for Mass?

We tend to fear silence. And we know the reason as to why. To be healed, we mostly need to isolate ourselves and be alone with our Lord. In silence, we probably get heard and we too hear better. I remember the episode of Jesus healing the deaf man (Mark 7:31-27), He had to him aside from the crowd privately. I may not have a response to why Jesus had to do that, but I think there must have been a reason for isolating him from that crowd and noise. Don't we want Jesus to remove us from this crowd and confusion and to walk with him alone to the cross?

Perhaps, we might have talked a lot; we might have said unnecessary or even hurtful words. Don't you think this is an opportune time to talk less and listen more; or simply just keep quiet and let God talk to us?

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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**

8:00 a.m. Sacred Heart Mass **Parishioners of all 3 parishes**

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

10:00 a.m. St. Catherine Mass +**Rudy Hernandez**

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

Monday, March 2, 2026

Dn 9:4b-10 / Lk 6:36-38

Vocational Intention - 1st & 2nd Year Philosophy Seminarians

8:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass +**Dorothy Blach**

Tuesday, March 3, 2026

Is 1:10, 16-20 / Mt 23:1-12

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

8:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass +**Micky Szabo**

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

Wednesday, March 4, 2026

Jer 18:18-20 / Mt 20:17-28

Vocational Intention - 3rd & 4th Year Theology Seminarians

8:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass +**Irene Jackson**

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

Thursday, March 5, 2026

Jer 17:5-10 / Lk 16:19-31

Vocation Intention - Vocations Ministry

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

Friday, March 6, 2026

Gn 37:3-4, 13-13a, 17b-28a / Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Vocation Intention - Pastoral Year Seminarians

8:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass **Will Loomis, +Wilmina Nicklas**

10:00 a.m. Devonshire Mass **John Lechman**

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, March 7, 2026

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 / Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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 +**Joe Cucarola**

Sunday, March 8, 2026

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Ex 17:3-7 / Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 / Jn 4:5-42

Vocation Intention - Spirituality Year Seminarians

7:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass +**Lavern Lambrecht**

9:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass +**Bill, +Jody, +Dan Etl**

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. 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:

Kyle Maez, 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 22 offertory: \$5,742.00

February 22 maint: \$40.00

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 families of Don Kippes and Sally Torres. May they rest in peace.



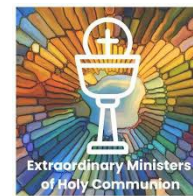
If you have graciously brought food for a funeral dinner, potluck, or other event and you've forgotten about your pan or dish, come see us in the parish center. We have several bowls, cake pans, casserole dishes, and loaf pans waiting to be claimed. The items are in the cafeteria on the table along the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



New votive candles are in boxes under the candle stand, along with an empty box for the used ones. If there aren't any candles to light, please remove the used one and place it in the box, then take a new one out to replace it.



Catholic Daughters' next meeting will be Monday, March 9, at 6:00pm in the Knights of Columbus Hall, located on S. 11th Ave. All Catholic women over 18 are welcome and encouraged to join us. Please come see what we are all about!



Extraordinary Ministers: There will be a mandatory meeting for all Extraordinary Ministers on Tuesday, March 10 at 6:00pm in Hagus Hall.



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 Knights of Columbus fish dinners happen each Friday through March 27. Doors at the parish

center open at 4:45pm, & they serve from 5 to 7:00pm. Meals include fried or baked fish, homemade mac-n-cheese, coleslaw, & cornbread. To finish it up, there are several deserts to choose from. Take out is available as well. 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.

St. Catherine of Siena, Iliff

www.saintcatherinesiliff.org

February 22 offertory: \$508.00

Sunday, March 8 8:00am

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Ex 17:3-7 / Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 / Jn 4:5-42

Mass intentions for the repose of the soul of Joseph Cucarola

Sacristan: Sandy

Lector: Alan

Servers: Aly, Joey, and Tayten

EMHC: Jonna, Peggy, and volunteer

Gift Bearers: Herman and Linda Gerk

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



Sacred Heart, Peetz

www.sacredheartpeetz.org.org

February 22 offertory: \$1595.00

Sunday, March 8 10:00am

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Ex 17:3-7 / Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 / Jn 4:5-42

Mass intentions for the repose of the soul of Paul Fehringer

Sacristan: Melinda

Lector: Melinda Beyer

Servers: Finn Casey, Eli & Tyler Wanberg

Gift Bearers: Gage Roelle 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



"Lent stimulates us to let the Word of God penetrate our life and, in this way, to know the fundamental truth: who we are, where we come from, where we must go, what path we must take in life..." *Pope Benedict XVI*

Advertiser of the week:



Bulletin announcements **MUST** be received by noon on Wednesday for that weekend's bulletin. Email to: parish@saintanthonyssterling.org

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