



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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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 15, 2026 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT Laetare or "Rejoice" Sunday

Catholics, we do the darndest things. We rejoice and celebrate right in the middle of the Season of Lent, the season of repentance, the season of fasting, abstinence, prayer and almsgiving. Yes, we celebrate this Sunday with great joy. Does this make any sense? For a Catholic, absolutely!

There is, of course, the pragmatic reason to celebrate. We are half way through Lent and Easter is only three weeks away. An opportunity to reflect on how we are doing spiritually this Lent, to celebrate our successes and recommit ourselves to repentance for the next several weeks.

A deeper reason to celebrate comes from our readings this Sunday. In the Gospel Reading from John Jesus tells us "While I am in the world, I am the light of the world". The Second Reading from Ephesians also talks of light, that we are "...light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth." The Verse before the Gospel tells us "... whoever follows me will have the light of life." The Responsorial Psalm says "...Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side...." The First Reading from 1 Samuel has God telling Samuel "Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart." This passage is key to understanding what Jesus means when He tells us that we "...will have the light of life." Or that He is "...the light of the world." This all has to do with the light in our hearts.

Jesus is the light of the world and heals the man blind from birth, giving him sight for the first time in his life, but that is only a sign of the more important act of bringing him into deeper faith by opening the man's heart to God. That is what Jesus means when He says he is the light of the world, that He is the light for our hearts that are dwelling in darkness. Just as we open our eyes to see what light can reveal, we must open our hearts to the light of the world, Jesus Christ, to see what God reveals to us: His forgiveness of our sins and enduring love for us. We repent by fasting, abstaining, praying and giving alms during Lent to prepare our hearts, to open our hearts, for our new life in Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday.

So why do Catholics rejoice in the middle of a season of repentance? Because of our great joy in the risen Christ who came to earth over 2,000 years ago, who is still with us today, who is still the light of the world and most importantly, because He still loves us, poor sinners that we are. We have a lot to rejoice about so rejoice and know that God loves you!

Deacon Bernie Schwartz

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 15, 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a / Eph 5:8-14 / Jn9:1-41

Vocation Intention - Spirituality Year Seminarians

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

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

9:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Robert Quint**

10:00 a.m. St. Catherine Mass **+Peggy Zink**

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

Monday, March 16, 2026

Is 65:17-21 / Jn 4:43-54

Vocational Intention - 1st & 2nd Year Philosophy Seminarians

8:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Don DeSoto**

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

Ez 47:1-9, 12 / Jn 5:1-16

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

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

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

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

Is 49:8-15 / Jn 5:17-30

Vocational Intention - 3rd & 4th Year Theology Seminarians

8:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Henry Rosas**

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

Thursday, March 19, 2026

SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 / Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 / Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Vocation Intention - Vocations Ministry

8:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Lois McMahon**

Friday, March 20, 2026

Wis 2:1a, 12-22 / Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Vocation Intention - Pastoral Year Seminarians

8:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Matt Montgomery**

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 21, 2026

Jer 11:18-20 / Jn 7:40-53

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 **+Don Mildenberger**

Sunday, March 22, 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Ez 37:12-14 / Rom 8:8-11 / Jn 11:1-45

Vocation Intention - Spirituality Year Seminarians

7:00 a.m. St. Anthony Mass **+Irene Jackson**

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

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 make an appointment with Fr. Joseph at least one year in advance of proposed date.

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:
Elizabeth Drury, Marie Slater, Kyle Maez, Eddie Baughman, Doug Koehler, Marci Sanders, Mike Roelle, George Hernandez, Don Sybert, 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
March 8 offertory: \$5,065.76
March 8 maint: \$ 555.00
Please use a separate check for maintenance contributions, as those go into a different bank account than offertory. Thank you



The Fourth Sunday of Lent marks the halfway point of the Lenten season. Known as Laetare or "Rejoice" Sunday, our focus should be on the joy we find in Christ. To this end the Young Adult Group would like to invite all parishioners to join us for coffee and donuts Sunday, March 15 in Hagus Hall after 7:00 and 9:00am Mass. Please come celebrate with us and find out what we're all about. Young Adults is open to anyone aged 18 to 25ish who would like to know more about our faith.



The Knights of Columbus fish dinners continue each Friday through March 27. Doors at the parish center open at 4:45pm, & they serve from 5 to 7:00pm.



Young at Heart will meet on **Monday, March 16**, in the Knights of Columbus Hall at **6:00pm**. Come join us for fun and games. We have a potluck before the games so bring what you would like to share to eat.



Saturday, March 14 & Sunday, March 15, the parish center middle doors will be open for **30 minutes after each Mass** to give parishioners an opportunity to check in the cafeteria for their missing pans & bowls.



Attention All St. Anthony's Altar Servers (New & Current)
There will be a mandatory meeting for Altar Servers in the church on **Monday, March 16 at 10:00am** **OR Monday, March 23 at 10:00am**

All servers must attend one of these meetings in order to continue serving.
Please come prepared knowing which Masses you would like to serve. The Mass time options are Saturday - 5:00pm, and Sunday - 7:00am, 9:00am, or 12:00pm. Per Father Joseph, there will be no exceptions for not attending one of these sessions. Thank you for your dedication to the Altar!



St. Anthony's Lenten Penance Service will be Thursday, March 19, at 6:00pm. Two additional priests will be present.



Join us! Mary Margaret Yula will share her witness to being "Called, Chosen, Sent", **Saturday March 21** from 8:30 to 9:30am in Hagus Hall. Coffee and tea will be provided.

ST. PETER'S HALL FUNDRAISER BINGO

Bingo 2:00 - 4:30
Sloppy Joe Meal 4:30 - 5:30
Free Will Donation
Silent Auction Items
Mark your calendars for an afternoon filled with fun!

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Sunday, March 22, 2026 Fleming Community Center
129 N Logan Ave., Fleming, CO

Questions Contact Phylis Helgoth 970-520-2258

St. Catherine of Siena, Iliff
www.saintcatherinesiliff.org
March 8 offertory: \$303.00
Sunday, March 22 8:00am
Coffee and Donuts after Mass
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
Ez 37:12-14 / Rom 8:8-11 / Jn 11:1-45
Vocation Intention - Spirituality Year Seminarians
Mass intentions for Kyle Maez
Sacristans: Ashley and Jeri
Lector: Tom
Servers: Aniston, Bailey, and Easton
EMHC: Brenda, Nick, and Tom
Gift Bearers: Randy and Jaci Gerck Family
Coffee & Donuts 4th Sunday of the month after Mass
St. Catherine Finance Council: Tim Anderson, Randy Gerck, & Tom Huss

Sacred Heart, Peetz
www.sacredheartpeetz.org.org
March 8 offertory: \$1334.00
Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 7 pm
Sunday, March 22 10:00am
Potluck after Mass
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
Ez 37:12-14 / Rom 8:8-11 / Jn 11:1-45
Vocation Intention - Spirituality Year Seminarians
Mass intentions for the parishioners of all 3 parishes
Sacristan: Melinda
Lector: Lainey Uhler
Servers: Henry Sinnett, Colton and Grayson Sintler
Gift Bearers: Jeff Long 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

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