



### 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.

## April 26, 2026 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Good Shepherd Sunday

### Confirmation What, and Why

First, I want to begin by saying congratulations to all of you who are receiving your First Holy Communion and Confirmation today. This is a beautiful and powerful moment—not just for you, but for your families and for our entire parish.

Today is a big day. But it's important that we understand why?

### What is Confirmation?

Let's be very clear: Confirmation is not graduation. Sometimes people treat it like the finish line—like once you are confirmed, you're done learning, growing and showing up. But that couldn't be further from the truth. **Confirmation is not the end. It is the beginning.**

It is a commissioning. Just like the Apostles were sent out at Pentecost, you are being sent out today—to live your faith boldly, to stand firm in what you believe, and to share Christ with the world.

### Why do we receive Confirmation?

Because we are not meant to live the Christian life on our own. Following Jesus takes courage. It takes strength to choose what is right, to stand firm in your faith, and to live differently from the world around you. That's why Jesus made this promise: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses." (Acts 1:8) Confirmation gives you that power.

The Church teaches: "By the sacrament of Confirmation, the baptized are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit." (CCC 1285)

### The Mission

So today is not the end—it is the beginning. You are not confirmed just to receive something. **You are confirmed to be sent**, as a witness, a disciple, and a light in the world.

### A Final Reminder

**Baptism** gave you new life. **Confirmation** strengthens you for the mission. The **Eucharist** nourishes you along the way.

Come, Holy Spirit  
Fill the hearts of your faithful  
And kindle in them the fire of your love.

Jennifer Rodine- Director of Religious Education and Evangelization



**SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA  
WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, April 26, 2026  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Acts 2:14a, 36-41 / 1 Pt 2:20b-25 / Jn 10:1-10**  
*Vocation Intention - Spirituality Year Seminarians*  
 7:00am St. Anthony Mass +Irene and +Bob Jackson  
 8:00am St. Catherine Mass Parishioners of all 3 parishes  
 9:00am St. Anthony Mass +Mel Fritzler  
 10:00am Sacred Heart Mass Parishioners of all 3 parishes  
 12:00pm St. Anthony Sp. Mass +Grace Robirds

**Monday, April 27**

**Acts 11:1-18 / Jn 10:11-18**  
*Vocational Intention - 1st & 2nd Year Philosophy Seminarians*  
 8:00am St. Anthony Mass +Betty Sewald

**Tuesday, April 28**

**Acts 11:19-26 / Jn 10:22-30**  
*Vocational Intention - 1st & 2nd Year Theology Seminarians*  
 8:00am St. Anthony Mass Janet and +Ron Weingardt  
 5:00pm Liturgy of the Hours—Associates of the Sisters  
 of St. Francis-All welcome (lift door - Parish Center)

**Wednesday, April 29**

**St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church**  
**Acts 12:24-13:5a / Jn 12:44-50**  
*Vocational Intention - 3rd & 4th Year Theology Seminarians*  
 8:00am St. Anthony Mass +Scott Erker  
 9:00am Legion of Mary (lift door - parish center)

**Thursday, April 30**

**Acts 13:13-25 / Jn 13:16-20**  
*Vocation Intention - Vocations Ministry*  
 8:00am St. Anthony Mass +Bill Manuello

**Friday, May 1**

**Acts 13:26-33 / Jn 14:1-6**  
*Vocation Intention - Pastoral Year Seminarians*  
 8:00am St. Anthony Mass +Dr. Lito Busmente  
 10:00am Devonshire Mass Leo Lechman

**Saturday, May 2**

**St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**  
**Acts 13:44-52 / Jn 14:7-14**  
*Vocation Intention - 1st & 2nd Year College Seminarians*  
 5:00pm St. Anthony Mass +Lillian Cucarola

**Sunday, May 3, 2026  
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Acts 6:1-7 / 1 Pt 2:4-9 / Jn 14:1-12**  
*Vocation Intention - Spirituality Year Seminarians*  
 7:00am St. Anthony Mass +Ed Guerin  
 9:00am St. Anthony Mass +Bill, +Jody, +Dan Etl, and  
 +Paula Abbott  
 12:00pm 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 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**  
 Mon - Fri 8:00am – 4:00pm CLOSED 12:00pm to 1:00pm  
 (970)522-6422

 **St. Anthony of Padua, Sterling**  
**April 19 offertory: \$4,982.95**  
**April 19 maintenance: \$240.00**

**Let us remember those who are sick and suffering:**  
 Keara Streeb, Caroline McCarty, Pat Klobberdanz,  
 Elizabeth Drury, Kyle Maez, Marci Sanders, George Hernandez,  
 Kolbe Godsey, 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.

 The online giving program through FaithDirect is no longer available & a replacement program hasn't been found yet. Once a new program is available, we will be posting the information in the bulletin.

 From Archbishop Golka's letter dated April 19, "...our archdiocese will once again host **Called by Name on Good Shepherd Sunday, April 25-26.** On that blessed weekend, I ask you to prayerfully consider nominating young men who demonstrate faith, generosity, and leadership – men who may be open to discerning God's will for their lives." Nomination cards are available in the pews. (Archbishop Golka's letter is available for download at: [denervocations.com/parishresources](http://denervocations.com/parishresources))

 Save the Date

Who: Ladies of St. Anthony  
 What: salad luncheon  
 Where: K of C Hall on S.10<sup>th</sup> Ave  
 When: May 6, 2026  
 Why: Because it's fun!



Mother's Day is May 10. Novena envelopes are available at the back of all 3 churches. Please take an envelope (or two) and list those women who mean so much to you.

Please return your envelopes to the parish office no later than May 7 so we can be sure to place them on the altar to receive prayers throughout the 9 days of Novenas.




A Caring Pregnancy Baby Bottle campaign will begin May 9-10, Mother's Day weekend. Bottles will be available at the back of the church. Please help by filling a bottle with your loose change & return it to the church by Father's Day.

**The CATHOLIC FOUNDATION**  
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**PS: A FREE online Will tool is now available. Check out the RESOURCES section on our website for details.**

 How bad are things getting for Planned Parenthood? So bad that America's leading abortion chain has resorted to doing odd jobs for extra cash. A recent *Wall Street Journal* report revealed that Planned Parenthood is now providing Botox & hangover care. "The organization faces a substantial revenue gap..." the *Wall Street Journal* reported. "Leaders said they hope that unconventional offerings such as Botox will generate enough revenue to subsidize the healthcare Planned Parenthood is best known for." A decade ago, this would have been unfathomable. Planned Parenthood appeared invincible. But it's a very different story in a post-Roe America with Planned Parenthood defunded and record demand for 40 Days for Life. **The impact of your peaceful, prayerful presence is BIGGER than ever** because the drag on both employee morale and the facilities' bottom line builds every day!

**St. Catherine of Siena, Iliff**  
[www.saintcatherinesiliff.org](http://www.saintcatherinesiliff.org)  
**April 19 offertory: \$677.00**  
**May 3, 2026 10:00am**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**Acts 6:1-7 / 1 Pt 2:4-9 / Jn 14:1-12**  
*Vocation Intention - Spirituality Year Seminarians*  
**Mass intentions for the repose of the soul of Peggy Zink**  
**Sacristans: Gerks & Strombergers**  
**Lector: Jodi**  
**Servers: Evan, Faye, & Jenna**  
**EMHC: Jonna, Naomi, & Nick**  
**Gift Bearers: Nick & Sarah Lueck Family**  
**Coffee & Rolls 4th Sunday of the month after Mass**  
 St. Catherine Finance Council: Tim Anderson, Randy Gerk, & Tom Huss

**Sacred Heart, Peetz**  
[www.sacredheartpeetz.org](http://www.sacredheartpeetz.org)  
**April 19 offertory: \$1205.00**  
**Donuts after Mass**  
**Sunday, May 3, 2026 8:00am**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**Acts 6:1-7 / 1 Pt 2:4-9 / Jn 14:1-12**  
*Vocation Intention - Spirituality Year Seminarians*  
**Mass intentions for those remembered in the Easter Lily**  
**Sacristan: Mary**  
**Lector: Tyler Wanberg**  
**Servers: Finn Casey, Landon Fehringer, and Eli Wanberg**  
**Gift Bearers: Dr. Kelly Casey Family**  
**Coffee & Rolls 1st Sunday of the month after Mass**  
**Church potluck 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month after Mass**  
 Sacred Heart Fin. Council: R Fehringer, E Gardiner, & P. Schumacher

"Easter is not just a day to celebrate; it is a season to live with renewed faith and hope." - Saint John Chrysostom

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