



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.

MAY 17, 2026



THE ASCENSION OF
THE LORD

“HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN AND IS SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER.”

These words are found in both the Apostle’s Creed and the Nicene Creed and we proclaim them every time we say a Rosary or the Profession of Faith at Mass. So, all Catholics believe these words devoutly, but what do these words really mean and why are they so important?

The Ascension readings from Acts and Ephesians tell us what happened when Jesus ascended into heaven “...as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight.” (Acts) and “...which he worked in Christ...seating him at his right hand in the heavens...” (Ephesians). And in Matthew, we see Jesus giving the Apostles the Great Commission “Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit...” But these historical events didn’t just happen 2,000 years ago, they have great significance and relevance for us today and that is why they are so important.

Heaven, as we know from the Catechism, is “Eternal life with God, communion of life and love with the Trinity and all the blessed. Heaven is the state of supreme and definitive happiness, the goal of the deepest longings of humanity.” Or in other words heaven is a state of being, not a place, and when we say that Jesus ascended into heaven, we are describing His return to the Father and that communion of life and love within the Trinity. Also, to be “...seated at the right hand of the Father...” isn’t literal but “...we understand [it to be] the glory and honor of divinity...” (Saint John Damascene). These quotes emphasize Jesus’ divinity as one of the persons of the Holy Trinity.

But the key to all of this, for believers, lies in the definition and our understanding of the Ascension itself. The Catechism defines the Ascension as “The entry of Jesus’ *humanity* [italics and bold added] into divine glory in God’s heavenly domain....” So, Jesus has returned to the Father in both His divinity and His humanity which opens the door for us, His children, to be included in the heavenly kingdom. As the Catechism tells us “Left to its own natural powers humanity does not have access to the “Fathers house,” to God’s life and happiness. Only Christ can open to man such access that we, his members, might have confidence that we too shall go where he...has preceded us.” (Roman Missal). Jesus is unquestionably “...the way and the truth and the life” (Jn 14:6), which is not just a slogan. The end of Matthew gives us additional assured hope in the future, “And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”

This is the importance of the Ascension, the relevance for us today and why at the end of the Nicene Creed we can say with confidence “We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.” Deacon Bernie

**SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA
WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

Sunday, May 17, 2026

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Acts 1:1-11 / Eph 1:17-23 / Mt 28:16-20 *Vocation Intention - Spirituality Year Seminarians*

7:00am St. Anthony Mass **+LaVern Lambrecht**
8:00am Sacred Heart Mass **+Margaret & +Windy Johnson**

9:00am St. Anthony Mass **+Robert Quint**
10:00am St. Catherine Mass **+Rudy Hernandez**
12:00pm St. Anthony Sp. Mass **Storm Sutherland**

Monday, May 18

Acts 19:1-8 / Jn 16:29-33

Vocational Intention - 1st & 2nd Year Philosophy Seminarians
8:00am St. Anthony Mass **+Zella Miller**

Tuesday, May 19

Acts 20:17-27 / Jn 17:1-11a

Vocational Intention - 1st & 2nd Year Theology Seminarians
8:00am St. Anthony Mass **+Ron Weingardt**
5:00pm Liturgy of the Hours—Associates of the Sisters of St. Francis—All welcome (lift door - Parish Center)

Wednesday, May 20

Acts 20:28-38 / Jn 17:11b-19

Vocational Intention - 3rd & 4th Year Theology Seminarians
8:00am St. Anthony Mass **+Anne Kerchal**
9:00am Legion of Mary (lift door - parish center)

Thursday, May 21

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 / Jn 17:20-26

Vocation Intention - Vocations Ministry
8:00am St. Anthony Mass **+Bill, +Jody, +Dan, & +Paula Etl Abbott**

Friday, May 22

Acts 25:13b-21 / Jn 21:15-29

Vocation Intention - Pastoral Year Seminarians
8:00am St. Anthony Mass **Don DalPonte Family - Living & Deceased**

Saturday, May 23

Gn 11:1-9 / Rom 8:22-27 / Jn 7:37-39

Vocation Intention - 1st & 2nd Year College Seminarians
5:00pm St. Anthony Mass **+Jake and +Alice Mari**

Sunday, May 24, 2026

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Gn 11:1-9 / Rom 8:22-27 / Jn 7:37-39

Vocation Intention - Spirituality Year Seminarians
7:00am St. Anthony Mass **+Irene and +John Dreitz**
9:00am St. Anthony Mass **John and Carol Lambrecht**
12:00pm St. Anthony Sp. Mass **+Ethen Rivas**



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
Mon - Fri 8:00am – 4:00pm **CLOSED 12:00pm to 1:00pm**
(970)522-6422

 **St. Anthony of Padua, Sterling**
May 10 offertory: **\$5,132.99**
May 10 maintenance: **\$435.00**

Let us remember those who are sick and suffering:
Norman Speaker, 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 a minimum of two weeks.



A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who supported our Spring Luncheon, whether by providing the wonderful food to choose from, volunteering to serve that delicious food, or by purchasing tickets to taste the amazing food & enjoy the fellowship. We served 242 people & will be donating \$1,753.17 to the remodeling of the rectory. The winners of the \$25 prize drawings were Georgina Kirby, Bonnie Klobberdanz, & Matt Zen.

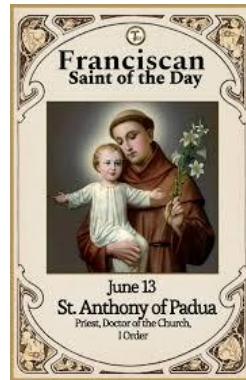


YOUNG AT HEART will meet **Monday, May 18, at 6:00 pm**, in the Knights of Columbus Hall. Come enjoy the food and good company. Bring what you would like to share to eat.

“Our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven; let our hearts ascend with him.”
~ St. Augustine



On Thursday, June 11, the US Catholic Bishops will consecrate the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, in anticipation of our country's 250th birthday on Saturday, the 4th of July. Legion of Mary will have Sacred Heart consecration packets for your home available on our table at the St. Anthony's Feast Day celebration! Join our bishops in consecrating your family to the Sacred Heart of Jesus!



Saint Anthony of Padua Feast Day
“Pray together, eat together, play together.”

Join us for a celebration of faith and community at Saint Anthony's Church on **Saturday, June 13**.

We will start our Feast Day celebrations by gathering in front of the parish center, then proceeding with a procession honoring Saint Anthony around the parish center,

beginning at 11:15am, followed by the celebration of Holy Mass in the church. After Mass, everyone is invited to a potluck in the north parking lot. Meat, drinks, and place settings will be provided. **Please bring a dish to share if you are planning to attend.**

Have fun in the bounce houses, play various yard games, or play in the playground.

Our various ministries will have manned tables set up to answer questions and provide information about the different ways you can become involved with our parish. Spread the word to your families, neighbors, and your coworkers, **Catholic or non-Catholic. All are welcome to join us for this parish celebration.**

This will be wonderful opportunity to meet new people, reconnect with one another, and to give thanks for the many blessings God has given us.

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St. Catherine of Siena, Iiff

www.saintcatherinesiliff.org

May 10 offertory: **\$585.00**

Sunday, May 24, 2026 8:00am

Coffee and Rolls after Mass

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Gn 11:1-9 / Rom 8:22-27 / Jn 7:37-39

Vocation Intention - Spirituality Year Seminarians

Mass intentions for the repose of the soul of Virginia Stieb Yahn

Sacristan: Sandy

Lector: Alan

Servers: Aly, Joey, and Tayten

EMHC: Jonna, Naomi, and Peggy

Gift Bearers: Mark and Rose McDonald

Coffee & Rolls 4th Sunday of the month after Mass

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



Sacred Heart, Deetz

www.sacredheartpeetz.org

May 10 offertory: **\$1425.00**

Sunday, May 24, 2026 10:00am

Church Potluck after Mass

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Gn 11:1-9 / Rom 8:22-27 / Jn 7:37-39

Vocation Intention - Spirituality Year Seminarians

Mass intentions for the repose of the soul of Grace Robirds

Sacristan: Melinda

Lector: Linnae Brown

Servers: Landon Fehringer, Conrad Roelle,

and Tyler Wanberg

Gift Bearers: Gage Roelle Family

Coffee & Rolls 1st Sunday of the month after Mass

Church potluck 4th Sunday of the month after Mass



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