



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 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.
Thursday.....6:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

30 minutes before weekday Masses and
Saturday from 3:30-4:30 p.m.



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.

July 12, 2026 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUFFERING

We read in today's second reading: "Brothers and sisters: I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us" (Romans 8:18).

Meaning of suffering

In Catholic teaching, suffering is not meaningless; when united with Christ's suffering, it can become redemptive, a path to holiness, and a source of hope.

Origin of suffering

Suffering entered the world through human sin, but God did not leave it without purpose. God created humanity in a state of original justice, free from pain or death; but original sin introduced disorder, disease, and suffering into human existence "but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die" (Genesis 2:17). "Sin came into the world through one man and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all men sinned" (Romans 5:12). Therefore, "suffering is a consequence of sin, which broke the harmony between humanity and God" (CCC 1505).

Why God allows suffering?

The question of why God allows suffering is one of the most difficult and profound questions that humans face. It's a question that has troubled believers throughout history and continues to challenge our understanding of a loving and all-powerful God. Suffering is a mystery that we cannot fully understand, but it also offers insights that can help us to find meaning and hope in the midst of pain. Understanding why God allows suffering is essential for maintaining our faith during difficult times and for helping others who are struggling with this question. The Catholic perspective on suffering is complex and multifaceted. It recognizes that suffering is a result of sin and the brokenness of our world, but it also sees suffering as having redemptive value when united with Christ's suffering. Suffering entered the world as a consequence of sin. When Adam and Eve chose to disobey God, they introduced sin and its consequences into the world. This original sin affected not only human beings but also the entire created order, which is why we experience natural disasters, disease, and other forms of suffering. The Church teaches that God does not cause suffering, but He can bring good out of it when we cooperate with His grace. This understanding helps us to see suffering not just as something to be avoided, but as an opportunity for growth and transformation. God's response to suffering is not to eliminate it immediately, but to enter into it with us. In The Incarnation, God becoming human in Jesus Christ, shows us that God does not remain distant from our suffering, but comes to share in it. Jesus experienced hunger, thirst, pain, rejection, and ultimately death on the cross. He knows what it means to suffer. "I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us" (Romans 8:18).

Blessings, Fr. Martin Frias-Guardado

SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA
WEEKLY SCHEDULE
SUNDAY, July 12
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 55:10-11/Rom 8:18-23/ Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9
Vocation Intention - Spirituality Year Seminarians
7:00am St. Anthony Mass **+Joe & +Lou Dugosh**
8:00am St. Catherine Mass **+Peggy Zink**
9:00am St. Anthony Mass **+Deceased members of Etl Family**
10:00am Sacred Heart Mass **+Jack Hume**
12:00pm St. Anthony Sp. Mass **+LaVern Lambrecht**
MONDAY, July 13
St. Henry
Is 1:10-17/ Mt 10:34-11:1
Vocational Intention - 1st & 2nd Year Philosophy Seminarians
8:00am St. Anthony Mass **+Dorothy Blach**
TUESDAY, July 14
St. Kateri Tekakwitha
Is 7:1-9/ Mt 11:20-24
Vocational Intention - 1st & 2nd Year Theology Seminarians
8:00am St. Anthony Mass **+John McMahon**
WEDNESDAY, July 15
St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Dr. of the Church
IS 10:5-7/Mt 11:25-27
Vocational Intention - 3rd & 4th Year Theology Seminarians
8:00am St. Anthony Mass **+Grace Robirds**
THURSDAY, JULY 16
Our Lady of Mount Carmel
IS 26:7-9, 12,16-19/Mt 11:28-30
Vocation Intention – Vocations Ministry
8:00am St. Anthony Mass **+Mary Hurd**
6:00pm St. Anthony Mass **+ Linda Schiel**
FRIDAY, JULY 17
Is 38:1-6,21-22, 7-8/Mt 12: 1-8
Vocation Intention - Pastoral Year Seminarians
8:00am St. Anthony Mass **+Anne Kerchal**
SATURDAY, JULY 18
St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest
Mi 2:1-5/Mt 12:14-21
Vocation Intention - 1st & 2nd Year College Seminarians
8:00am St. Anthony Mass- **Retirement Mass for Carole Quint**
5:00pm St. Anthony Mass **+Joe,+Lillian,+Gerald Cucarola**
SUNDAY, JULY 19
Sixteenth SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Wis 12:13,16-19/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30
Vocation Intention - Spirituality Year Seminarians
7:00am St. Anthony Mass **+Virginia Stieb-Yahn**
8:00am Sacred Heart Mass **+Norma & +Les Smith**
9:00am St. Anthony Mass **+Jim & +Rose Talbott**
10:00am St. Catherine Mass **+Ed & +Dorothy Lechman**
12:00pm St. Anthony Sp. Mass **+Marcella Rios**

Did you Know?
July is dedicated to the **Precious Blood of Jesus**, and it is also celebrated during **Ordinary Time**. Ordinary Time reminds us that our faith is lived not only during great celebrations but also in the everyday moments of life. Jesus experienced ordinary life too. He grew up in a family, learned a trade, worked as a carpenter, and lived the daily rhythms of life. When the ordinary feels heavy, remember that Jesus understands our daily joys and struggles and invites us to find rest in Him.

Parish Office Hours
Mon - Thurs 8:00am – 3:00pm
Friday 8:00am – 12:00pm
Horario de la Oficina Parroquial
Lunes a jueves: 8:00 a. m. – 3:00 p. m.
Viernes: 8:00 a. m. – 12:00 p. m.
(970)522-6422

Let us remember those who are sick & suffering:
Darlene Roche, Corey Godsey, Alice Folladori,
Roberta Rosas, Jabel Gutierrez, Cindy Boren,
Russ Clodfelder

To add someone to the prayer list please contact the parish office at (970)522-6422. Names will remain a minimum of two weeks.

St. Anthony collection totals
July 6 offertory: \$ 8,339.00
July 6 :Maintenance: \$ 5192.49

New!
OFFICE HOURS
A friendly reminder that our office hours have changed to Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

To help us serve everyone well, we kindly ask if you are planning a parish event or meeting, you contact the parish office or stop by to complete a door request form. This helps us make sure your event is added to the parish calendar and that the church or parish facilities are unlocked and ready for your scheduled time.

Beginning Thursday, July 2, Saint Anthony's will once again offer a **weekly evening Mass**. Mass will be celebrated **every Thursday at 6:00pm** with the Sacrament of Reconciliation available at 5:30pm. Please note that our regular Thursday morning Mass at 8:00 am will continue as usual. Thursday was chosen because Thursday traditionally has been associated with the Holy Eucharist, commemorating the day on which Jesus instituted the Eucharist at the Last Supper.

Kids' Corner 
This Week's Challenge:
Say one kind word, help someone at home, and thank God for one blessing each day.
"Let the little children come to me." — Matthew 19:14


Father Joseph will celebrate a special Mass in honor of Carole Quint on **Saturday, July 18, 2026, at 8:00 a.m.** Please join to celebrate Carole's many years of dedicated service and wish her all the best in her retirement.

Knights of Columbus Beer Garden Volunteers Needed
The **Knights of Columbus** will once again be hosting the Beer Garden at the **Logan County Fair**, and they are in need of volunteers. If you are **21 years of age or older** and would like to help, please sign up outside the church beginning the weekends of **July 4–5** and continuing through **July 25–26**. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Religious Education Teachers Needed
We are still in need of teachers for this year's Religious Education classes. If you are interested in sharing your faith and making a difference in the lives of our students, we would love to have you join our team. Please contact the parish office for more information or to volunteer. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and support of our Religious Education program.


If you or someone you know is unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact the parish office. We would be happy to add you to our homebound Communion ministry list so that a minister can bring the Eucharist to you.


Planning a Sacrament or Celebration?
If you are planning a **wedding** or **quinceañera**, please contact the parish office **at least one year in advance**. This allows enough time to complete all required paperwork, preparation, and classes. If you are planning a **baptism**, please contact the parish office **at least six months in advance** to ensure there is sufficient time to complete the necessary paperwork and baptismal preparation.

Come out and cheer on our Religious Education students as they showcase their hard work and dedication at the Logan County Fair! Students from all three of our parishes will be exhibiting animals and displaying general projects. Show them your support as they celebrate all they've accomplished!
Fair Schedule:
 Horse Show – July 25 – July 28
 General Projects on Display – Beginning July 29
 Livestock Shows – July 29–31
 Livestock Sale – Saturday, August 1 at 12:00 p.m.
We hope to see you at the fair!

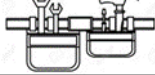
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www.saintcatherinesiliff.org
July 6 offertory: \$1311.00
SUNDAY, JULY 19 10:00 am
Sacristan: Ashley & Jeri
Lector: Jodi
Servers: Cam, Aly, Joey
EMHC: Peggy, Jonna, Nick
Gift Bearers: Tom & Sandy Wirges
Coffee & Rolls 4th Sunday of the month after Mass
St. Catherine Fin. Council: Tim Anderson, Randy Gerk, & Tom Huss

Sacred Heart, Deetz
www.sacredheartpeetz.org
July 6 offertory: \$917.00
SUNDAY, JULY 19 8:00am
Sacristan: Mary
Lector: Mary Uhler
Servers: Tyler Wanberg, Ike Roelle, Landon Fehringer
Gift Bearers: Dr. Kelly Casey Family
Coffee & Rolls 1st Sunday of the month after Mass
Church potluck 4th Sunday of the month after Mass
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A Friendly Reminder: The church doors at Saint Anthony's are set to require the handle to be turned before opening, rather than simply pulling on the door. This helps prevent the wind from catching the doors and causing damage. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation, and we apologize for any inconvenience.


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