



SAINT ANTHONY

Our Mission: May Christ's grace renew us to exercise His gifts. (see Rom 12:4-6)

Reverend Joseph Onyango Oiyee, I.M.C.
Reverend Martin Frias-Guardado
Deacon Bernard Schwartz

Parish office address: 326 S. 3rd St.
 Sterling, Colorado 80751
 (970)522-6422

For Sacramental Emergencies or serious illness please call (970)522-6422 then press 1

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.
 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 19, 2026 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus explains the Kingdom of Heaven today through several parables but leaves questions unanswered. Have you ever wondered what Jesus really meant by the Kingdom? He established the Kingdom of Heaven on earth but in the Our Father we ask for the Kingdom to come. Is it here now or is it coming in the future and why does He use parables about seeds and yeast?

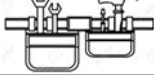
So many questions but let's start with what is the Kingdom of Heaven or maybe better, who? The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that the Kingdom of God (of Heaven) is "The reign or rule of God: 'the kingdom of God is righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit' (Rom 14:17)...it is the messianic Kingdom, present in the person of Jesus, the Messiah; it remains in our midst in the Eucharist....and through the Holy Spirit forms his people into a priestly kingdom, the Church, in which the Kingdom of God is mysteriously present, for she is the seed and beginning of the Kingdom on earth."

The quote from the Catechism answers a lot of questions. The Kingdom of Heaven is the messianic Kingdom and is Jesus Christ (autobasileia, that is, the Kingdom in person, Origen). It is also in the people of God, the Church, which is the seed of the Kingdom on earth. So, the Kingdom of God is already here on earth and is to come in the future since it has not reached its fullness, "its final glorious appearance..." which is what we pray for in the Our Father, "thy kingdom come".

The Church is the seed and the beginning of the Kingdom of God which comes from the parables in the Gospel today. The first two talk of seeds that grow and the last parable talks of yeast that leavens bread. The thread that runs through all three parables is that seeds and yeast must be planted and tended for change and growth, they must develop to reach their full potential. As Pope Benedict XVI says "...an answer to this gift [Kingdom of Heaven] is demanded of man: conversion and faith." We must change and grow to be part of the Kingdom of God. How? The answer is in the second reading; we must learn to pray for the Holy Spirit to intercede for us with the Father. As Pope Benedict XVI tells us from Origen's writings "The 'Kingdom of God' ...is located in man's inner being. It grows and radiates outward from that inner space." Have we planted seeds and tended the garden to grow the Body of Christ, the Church?

For all these things to happen there must be change. Positive change. Change in our inner most beings, change in our hearts and in our lives resulting in increasing love of God, of others, how we interact in our world and in our ministries. Jesus welcomes and demands change from His followers. This positive inner change results in continuing development of the reign and rule of God and increasing righteousness peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. The Kingdom of Heaven here on earth.

Deacon Bernie

 David Lorenzo RPH Professional Pharmacy - Compounding Pharmacy 306 Main Street, Sterling, CO 80751 970-522-0828	CHANEY-REAGER FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORY 522-2111	PLATTE RIVER TIRES INC. SCOTT BITTLER 313 E CHESTNUT ST. / HY6 STERLING CO. 80751 (970) 521 - 6500 SCOTT_BITTLER@HOTMAIL.COM PLATTERIVERTIRES.COM	Devonshire Acres Since 1979 Rehab. Therapy/Skilled Nrsng Assist. Living/Aparments 970-522-4888	 970-522-2904 217 S. 3rd Ave-Sterling, CO
HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING SERVICE & REPAIR  STERLING HVAC SERVICE LLC GERRY SCHAEFER (970) 521-0821	MARI BROS. INC. Merino, CO. GoldenHarvest® (970) 520-6528 Bob 2383 County Road 29 (970) 520-6877 Rod Merino, CO 80741 maribrosfarms@gmail.com	MIKE'S STORAGE LLC Containers & Trailers (for lease or sale) Mini Storage (various sizes) Mike Weingardt - Owner 803 S. 10th • Sterling, CO 80751 (970) 466-0118 or (970) 522-3565 (Evenings & week ends)	WASSON ENTERPRISES, LLC Handy Man Services Mike Wasson 17801 Westwood Ct 720-308-6682 Sterling, CO 80751 mwasson1234@gmail.com 	
 H - R TIRE CO., INC. 522-4829	 All Cuisine & Daily Specials Lunch & Specialty Dinner Buffets and Salad Bar See us for your banquet & catering needs. Carlos and Cecilia Caro 100 Broadway, Suite #1B 970-522-1721 Sterling, CO 80751 jimmyssterling@yahoo.com	ARK PET CREMATORY 522-7344	WINDSHIELD EXPERT INSTALLATION SMART PARTS Jim & Troy Gerk 375 Charnony Frontage Rd. 522-5399 Sterling CO	 970-522-5097 www.rodine.com
A & A RENTAL, LLC Contractors/Homeowners Rental Center Lawn & Garden Equipment Skid Steer loaders-Backhoes-Trenchers U-HAUL RENTALS 918 Sidney Ave 522-2937 Matt Krier	BETTER Electric, Inc. 970-521-1030 Tom Kiel Jason Koester Kevin Wagner	 Cell Phone (970) 520-1621 KOEHLER DRAIN SERVICE Doug Koehler - Owner 13721 CR 37 P.O. Box 444 Sterling, CO 80751 Voice: (970) 522-4874 Pager: (970) 521-1630	S & S Auto Repair, LLC Trey Becker, Owner 970-526-2668 115 Broadway St Sterling, CO 80751 sandsrepair.com s-repair@hotmail.com	McDonald and Keil Physical Therapy 970-522-7743 Rose & Mark McDonald
HERZOG AUTOMOTIVE Your Complete Automotive Care Center 415 S. 10th Ave. Sterling, CO 522-0957	Culligan Water Dan Sutter / Ty Baseggio 970-522-0414	Bayley Mechanical Heating & A/C Service, Repair, Replace, Install 522-0471	 <i>Thank you to all the Bulletin Sponsors!</i>	
Sterling MEDCARE Home Health, Inc. The Art and Heart of Caring 614 S. 10th Ave. Sterling, CO 80751 Locally Owned Michelle Cox, Admin. 522-6807	We repair all Makes and Models of Trailers COLT TRAILER SERVICE LLC 515 East Chestnut (970) 522-4830 (970) 522-2899 fax SUPPLIES REPAIR colttrailer@gmail.com P.O. Box 529, Sterling, CO TOM SHELTON (PARTS) TIM CARLETON (SERVICE MGR.)	The J-L Cafe 423 N. Third St., Sterling, CO 970-522-3625 OPEN 5:15 AM - 8 PM	Remember St. Catherine Parish in your will	Remember Sacred Heart Parish in your will
St. Anthony's Religious Goods Store The store has a great selection of religious goods available for your needs as well as gift giving. Located in the parish library. Open during normal parish office hours.		CARPET COMFORT CENTER® Residential & Commercial All Types of Flooring Sandie Kerr Owner Serta Mattress Sets (970) 522-0373 100 Broadway Suite 9 FAX: 522-4632 Sterling, CO 80751 7:30-5:00 or by appt. M-S	Knights of Columbus Sterling Council No. 1559 Grand Knight, Mike Miller Financial Sec., Dennis Boren Meeting Nights are the 2nd & 4th Thursday, Rosary at 7:00 PM & Meeting at 7:30 PM at the KC Hall	SCHLENZ BUILDERS, INC 1026 N Division Ave. 522-4535
	B & J Plumbing & Heating 236 North Second St. Sterling, CO 970-522-3828	Remember St. Anthony Parish in your will	Please name The Catholic Foundation in your will for the benefit of our parishes.	Northeast Plains Home Health Care, LLC Rose & Mark McDonald, owners 522-3045
FLEMING AUTO SALES Sterling, Colorado 522-5242 Serving you Since '72	Pregnant? Need help? Call Project Gabriel 1-800-713-3021	Great Western Tire 1020 West Main St. Sterling, CO 80751 970-522-4141 gwtsterling@st-tel.net	High Plains Diesel Service Sterling, Colorado (970) 521-9682	TENNANT FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY 522-3544