

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 12, 2021



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 Retired Deacon—Rev. Mr. Edward McCarthy
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Church Office 265-5586
 Religious Education Office 473-2076
 St. Anthony Tri-Parish Catholic School 234-2873
 Hospital Chaplain Fr. Phil Vaske 262-3701

Saturday Mass of Anticipation: 4:00 PM
 Sunday Masses: 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM

Watch bulletin for updates on liturgies during the week.

Holy Days of Obligation: 9 AM and 5:30 PM

Rosary is prayed Mon. — Fri. at 8:30 AM
 Hour of Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament — Wed. 9:30 AM

Reconciliation: Saturdays 2:45-3:45 PM

Mass Intentions

Sat. 12-11	4:00 PM	Kathy Wilkinson
Sun. 12-12	8:30 AM	++ Sally & Howard Neubauer
	10:30 AM	The Parish
Wed. 12-15	9:00 AM	+ John Roybal
Sat. 12-18	4:00 PM	+ Virginia Brunelli
Sun. 12-19	8:30 AM	+ Steve Stewart
	10:30 AM	The Parish

There will be no Services on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday at Our Lady of Fatima. For those who would like to attend daily Masses, St. Anthony Church has 6:30 AM Masses, and St. Patrick Church has 9:00 AM Masses.

Scripture Readings

Third Sunday of Advent
 Dec. 12—Zep 3:14-18a (Ps) Is 12:2-6 Phil 4:4-7 Lk 3:10-18
 Dec. 15—Is 45:6b-8,18,21b-25 Ps 85:9ab,10-14 Lk 7:18b-23

Fourth Sunday of Advent
 Dec. 19—Mi 5:1-4a Ps 80:2-3,15-16,18-19 Heb 10:5-10
 Lk 1:39-45

Our Lady of Fatima Mission Statement



We the faith community of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, through the intercession of our Blessed Mother, commit to celebrating the sacraments, following the teaching of Jesus Christ, and living the Gospel. Strengthened by God's grace, we will seek to serve the needs of others and evangelize our community and the world.

This weekend, December 11-12, there will be a second collection for the St. Joseph Society for Retired Priests of the Diocese of Cheyenne. Thank you in advance for your prayerful and generous consideration.

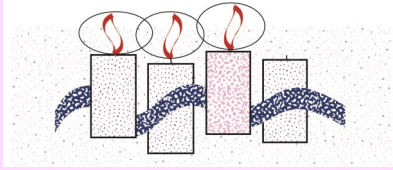


Please call the parish office, 265-5586, to re-move names from our BULLETIN PRAYER LIST of individuals who are now well. Thank you to those who keep us updated on their loved ones' progress.

BULLETIN PRAYER LIST

George Hoffman, Pace Clyncke, Phil Santisteven, Colleen Trotter, Bernie Schneider, Isaac Epperly, Olive Kiernan, Nancy Woitaszewski, Jim Minahan, Donna Tidler, Becky Byron, Judith Tucker, Stephanie Hawley, Butch Ironshell, Sandra Martinez Dixon, Brenda Galindo, Olivia Hawley, Sam Evans, Asher Pettry, Mike Boyd, Michael Schulz, Mary Shirk, Chuck Burd, Jasper Eaton, Erica Avery, Pat McCarthy, Kathleen Dougherty, Audrey Benson, Bryan Jones, Fr. Bob Fox, James Feiler, Tami Santisteven, Katherine Williams, Natalie Follensbee, Robert Meyer, Dwight Craig, Randy Craig, and for the repose of the souls and comfort of the families of Albert Garcia and Marilyn "Mike" Bolender

The Holy Name Society at Our Lady of Fatima is currently accepting donations for Holiday Food Baskets for needy families in the Casper area at Christmas. Your continued financial support of this worthy cause is very much appreciated. Please make your checks to Our Lady of Fatima, with the notation, **"Holiday Food Baskets"**, and drop them into the weekend collection or mail them to the office, 1401 CY Ave., 82604 Thank you so much!



TAX TIME

Donations must be either delivered to the church or mailed and postmarked on or before December 31st, 2021, to be included in 2021 giving records.

Checks that are placed in the church offering during the first worship service in 2022 will not qualify for a charitable contribution deduction in 2021, even if the check is postdated to 2021 or was actually written in 2021.

Please contact your accountant if you have any questions.

REJOICE
Daughter Jerusalem
Be glad with all your heart

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Casper Catholic Community
City Wide Advent Penance Service
Monday, December 20, 2021
7:00 PM
at St. Patrick's Church

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Dec. 24 — 4 PM — Children's Christmas Eve Mass
Dec. 24 — 7 PM — Christmas Eve Mass
Dec. 25 — 8:30 AM — Christmas Day Mass

For those whose tradition has always been to attend a Christmas Midnight Mass, St. Anthony's Church will have a Midnight Mass at 12 AM on Christmas, Dec. 25.

There will be **NO** afternoon Confessions on Saturday, Dec. 25, and **NO** 4 PM Mass of Anticipation on Dec. 25.

There will be the regular 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM Sunday Masses on December 26.

Please join us for Coffee & donuts on Sundays after the 8:30 Mass in Fatima Hall.

The **Sunday TV Mass** may be viewed locally on KTWO-TV at 9 AM on Sunday mornings.

Fr. Steve Titus is Celebrant for December TV Masses, except for the Christmas TV Mass, which will be celebrated by Bishop Steven Biegler.

The Cheyenne-based station, KKTQ, also carries the televised Masses, which are sponsored by the Diocese of Cheyenne, at 9 AM Sunday mornings. EWTN Daily Masses may be viewed on EWTN daily at 10 AM.



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Donations are being accepted for the FLOWER FUND. Please use the envelope in your packet, and note on it who you would like to remember with your donation, and drop it in the regular collection, or mail it to the office, 1401 CY Ave., Casper, WY 82604.



FLOWER FUND donations must be received in our office by Tuesday, December 21, so that we can list the names of the loved ones you wish to remember this Christmas with flowers on the Christmas Flower Memorial page.

For your convenience, here are regularly scheduled Reconciliation times available in our neighboring Catholic churches:

St. Anthony Church — Saturdays 3-4:30 PM
Sundays 4-5 PM
Wednesdays 7-8 PM

St. Patrick Church — After the 4 PM Saturday Mass
Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 PM

Note: this may be different for Christmas weekend. These times apply to the rest of the year. Contact each parish if needed.

Our Lady of Fatima Gift Store
Great quality items at a reasonable price.
Questions: call the office 265-5586

EMHC, Reader, and Altar Server Scheduler:
Tonya Johnson — tsjwolf@gmail.com — 307-256-9811

SYNOD 2021-2023

The ultimate goal of the Synod is to teach faith communities how to live together on our faith journey, working together toward the mission of living and sharing the Gospel.



We would like to invite you to attend one of our parish's gatherings this weekend, December 11 and 12, which will take place after each of the Masses, in Fatima Hall. These gatherings are to offer information on the Synod, and gather information, and should last no longer than 45 minutes.



RCIA

Office Conference Room
Wednesday Nights 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is an opportunity for all those interested in the Catholic faith to investigate the teachings, traditions, prayers, practices and sacraments of the Catholic Church. RCIA is a process to explore the Catholic Faith, have any and all questions answered, and finally, make a free decision whether or not to become Catholic. The gatherings are open to those of other faiths, those who are unbaptized, and those adult Catholics who are not confirmed and have been away from the Faith. Sponsors and spouses of inquirers are welcome to attend as well. If you know an adult who is interested in our Catholic faith, invite them to join us. Anyone who has questions can contact the parish office at 265-5586 or Randy Hall at 258-8195.

CONTRIBUTIONS

December 4-5, 2021

\$10,047.01

Charity

\$3,018.38

Thank you for your donations.

*Adult Faith Formation and
Faith Formation for K- 8th*
Wednesday, December 15, will be the
last evening of classes before Christmas break.

Questions: call Carol in the RE Office:
307-473-2076



Please join us to pray the Rosary for our country and Church in this time of dire need for holiness, unity under God, and religious freedom. Gather in the church by the Sacred Heart statue Mondays 9:35-10:00 AM following daily Mass at Our Lady of Fatima parish. All are welcome!



As a Catholic Christian Community we bring forth these guidelines regarding the Sacrament of infant Baptism. Since this is a sacrament of initiation (introduction) to the Catholic Community the following must take place:

- *The parents must be registered at Our Lady of Fatima, and be consistently seen attending Mass in this church.
 - *If this is the first child, parent (s) must attend a Baptismal Preparation class.
 - *Godparents must be Baptized, Confirmed, and practicing Catholics. One Godparent can be of a Protestant denomination. If for good reason God-parents are from out of town, or another Catholic church in town, a letter from their pastor is required to state they are practicing members in good standing.
 - *A visitation with the priest is necessary before scheduling a date for the Baptism of the child.
 - *Those not registered in our parish must have written permission from their pastor to have their child Baptized in our church.
- These guidelines are given in order to insure continued growth and participation in the Catholic faith and the Church community.

SYNOD Prayer —

Adsumus Sancte Spiritus

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us
down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.
Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together
to eternal life and not stray
from the way of truth and what is right.
All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever. Amen



Worldwide Marriage Encounter Section 9

Advent is about preparing and listening. You can listen to what the Lord wants for your marriage when you attend a marriage encounter experience in person or virtually. Upcoming dates: Billings, MT Feb 4-6, 2022, Gillette WY Feb 18-21, 2022, Elk Mountain April 22-23, or visit the website at www.wwme.org for more dates. For more information and to apply visit www.wwme.org, email montana.dooleys@gmail.com, or call Dan & Clare Dooley 406-697-3275.

PRAYER CHAIN

Please call Margie Valdez at 265-4253, or Marlene Axlund, 265-8186 to add someone to the Prayer Chain.



**Position Title: Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry,
Holy Spirit Catholic Community, Rock Springs, WY**

Holy Spirit Catholic Community is seeking to hire a Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. The Youth Minister will focus on building and growing youth ministry efforts. The Youth Minister is responsible for 6-12 Grade Youth Ministry (junior high youth group, high school youth group, and working with a 2-year Confirmation preparation. Other programs as needed and desired can be added). Focus would be needed to create a vibrant young adult ministry that encompasses the needs of young adults in all walks of life (single, newlyweds, and families).

Candidate must be an active, practicing Catholic in good standing, with excellent communication and organizational skills. Be able to organize and recruit a team of volunteers to assist with the development of programs and events. A BA in Theology/Faith Formation or parish experience is preferred. Ability in Spanish is preferred. Salary DOE

Submit a cover letter, resume and three references to: Michele Harris at micheleharris@theholyspiritparish.com

OLF Historian

Mary Riis is the Our Lady of Fatima parish historian.
Her email address is: historian@fatimaincasper.org



ST. ANTHONY SCHOOL
ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR
 SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11
 9 AM - 2 PM
 SAS School Commons
 1145 W. 20th Street
 Casper, WY

SANTA (NOON-1PM)
 UNIQUE RAFFLE PRIZES
 MORE THAN 25 VENDORS
 CHILI & CINNAMON ROLLS AVAILABLE

ST. ANTHONY
 TRI-PARISH
 CATHOLIC SCHOOL
 1145 W. 20th St
 Casper, WY 82604
 307-234-2873

Advent Penance Service
 for S.A.T.C. S.

December 14

10:30 AM

and

1:30 PM

Our Lady of Fatima Church



LOOKING FOR A SCHOOL HOME
 FOR THE 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR?

Join us at
 St. Anthony Tri-Parish Catholic School's
WINTER JAMBOREE
 photos with santa, lasagna dinner,
 sugar cookie decorating, ornament making, raffle
 prizes and fun activities throughout the building!

DEC. 11, 2021 • 4-6 PM
 1145 W. 20TH STREET

COME AND SEE!
 Now accepting applications for preschool 3's through 5th grade.

Little Saints Storytime
 Friday, December 17th
 Tinkertime 8:30-8:45
 Storytime 8:45-9:45

Please RSVP to aradosevich@yahoo.com
 RSVP by Tuesday, December 14th



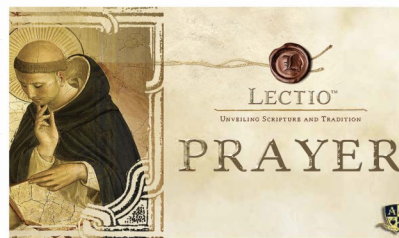
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PICK OF THE WEEK

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WATCH

**SAINT TERESA OF ÁVILA:
 A STUDY IN PERSEVERANCE**
 Both St. John of the Cross and his dear friend St. Teresa of Ávila lived heroic lives of prayer. In honor of these spiritual masters, enjoy this film depicting the Carmelite way of life and the virtue of perseverance.



LECTIO: PRAYER—AN INTIMATE DIALOGUE

St. John of the Cross, Doctor of the Church, had a deep desire to help others grow in prayer. In honor of this mystical saint, join Dr. Gray as he dives into the simplicity and mystery of prayer.

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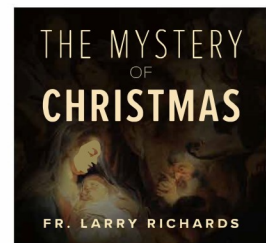
Our children and schools need our prayers. There is a special rosary every Thursday throughout the school year at NOON at St. Patrick's Church's School & Ministry Center Building. It's only 20 minutes. For more information call Carol 307-259-4765.

Hours open for Adoration at St. Patrick's Church:
 Mondays 1-2 PM
 Mondays 2-3 PM
 Wednesdays 11 AM-noon

If you are interested in covering one of these hours, call Johnnie Dean at 307-262-2570 or email johnnie@stpatricks-casper.com

LISTEN

THE MYSTERY OF CHRISTMAS BY FR. LARRY RICHARDS
 In this talk, Fr. Larry Richards reminds us that in the mystery of Christmas, God gives humanity his greatest gift—the gift of his Son to the world.



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