

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 11, 2022

Rejoice for
the Lord
is near.



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Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church
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Saturday Mass of Anticipation: 4:00 PM
Sunday Masses: 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM

Daily Mass: Tuesday thru Saturday: 9:00 AM
Wednesdays: also at 5:30 PM

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

Reconciliation: Saturdays: 8-8:45 AM, 1:30-3:30 PM,
7-7:45 PM,
or by appointment call 265-5586, Ext. 5

Rosary: Mon—Sat at 8:30 AM

Mass Intentions

Sat. 12-10	4:00 PM	Nancy Blomstrom
Sun. 12-11	8:30 AM	Cassidy Corey
	10:30 AM	The Parish
Tues. 12-13	9:00 AM	+ Mabel Cooper
Wed. 12-14	9:00 AM	+ Jack Amen
	5:30 PM	+ Pam Vikemyr
Thurs. 12-15	9:00 AM	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Fri. 12-16	9:00 AM	Gloria Soules
Sat. 12-17	9:00 AM	+ Lucile Krause
Sat. 12-17	4:00 PM	+ Pete Martinez Jr.
Sun. 12-18	8:30 AM	The Parish
	10:30 AM	+ Jamey Jurgens

Baptism of Infants

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, the parent (s) must attend a Baptismal Preparation class.

*Godparents must be Baptized, Confirmed, and practicing Catholics. One Godparent is required. If for good reason the Godparent is from out of town, or another Catholic church in town, a letter from his/her pastor is required stating that he/she is a practicing member in good standing.

*A visitation with the priest is necessary before scheduling a date for the Baptism of the child.

*Those parents 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.

OLF Office hours: 9:30 AM—5 PM Monday—Thursday
Closed during noon hour.
Fridays: Open 10 AM – noon

Diocese of Cheyenne web-site: <http://dcwy.org>



NOTE.....

The names of those who need prayers will be listed on the Bulletin Prayer List for one month. You may call the office to re-add a name after one month if desired.

Remember that once a name is put on a prayer chain, the prayers never end for your loved ones' intentions. Our Lady of Fatima Parish Prayer Chain contacts are Margie Valdez (307-265-4253) and Marlene Axlund (307-265-8186).

BULLETIN PRAYER LIST

Cheryl Jones, Bob Schaff, Maria Bulkow, Jack Blomstrom

(renewed: Tina Uhrich, Cassidy Corey)



The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed in Our Lady of Fatima Church at 3 PM on Fridays.

All are welcome.

TRI-PARISH PENANCE SERVICE

Monday, December 19, 2022

7:00 PM

St. Patrick's Church

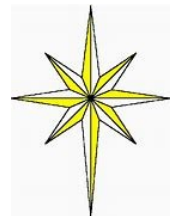
Holy Name Society

December 11, after the 8:30 AM Mass

Marian Room

STAR OF BETHLEHEM

Fr. will have an informative movie about the star of Bethlehem on Wednesday, December 21, at 6:15 PM. The movie will be shown in the church.



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Dec. 24 — 4:00 PM

Dec. 24 — 8:00 PM

Dec. 25 — 12:00 AM Midnight

Dec. 25. — 9:00 AM

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

(usual weekend Mass times)

Saturday, Dec. 31 — 4:00 PM

Sunday, Jan. 1 — 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM



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.

St. Joseph Circle

Monday, December 12

11:30 AM

Home of Ferne Freiberg



*Steady your hearts.
The coming of the Lord
is at hand!*

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CONTRIBUTIONS

Dec. 3-4, 2022

Regular — \$7,638.15

Charity — \$3,051.18

Thank you for your donations.

NEW! Online Giving for Regular Contributions is now available for Our Lady of Fatima Church at:

<https://osvhub.com/fatimaincasper/giving/funds>

Later, as our website gets updated, other options will be available.

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



Fr. Ray Rodriguez is Celebrant for the remaining Sundays of Advent TV Masses. Bishop Steven Biegler will celebrate the Christmas TV Mass.

The Cheyenne-based station, KKTQ, also carries the televised Masses, which are sponsored by the Diocese of Cheyenne, at 9 AM Sunday mornings.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR

We will once again have a CHILDREN'S CHOIR at the 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass! Children who are in 3rd grade and older (through high school) who are interested in singing at this Mass, please pick up a form from Mary (in the choir area) at any of the weekend Masses. Please fill out the form and bring it to the first practice. There will be 2 practice sessions, and children must attend both sessions. Practices are:

Sunday, December 11, at 2:00 PM

Sunday, December 18, at 2:00 PM

Each practice session will be about 45 minutes long, and parents are welcome to come and wait in the church while the children practice.

For questions, call Mary at 265-5586, ext. 6

Christmas Mass music practice for **adults** will be Sunday, December 18, at 3:00 PM. There will be only one practice for adults. For questions, call Mary at 265-5586, ext. 6



Our Lady of Fatima
Parish Goal: \$77,761.00
Pledged as of Dec. 5, 2022
\$72,296.00

Living and Giving
In Christ
 2022

“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace” (1 Peter 4:10). Each one of us has been blessed by God with varied graces. Good stewards are not passive recipients of grace; rather, they are intentional disciples of Jesus, embarking on a lifelong journey of conversion, continuing along that path without counting the cost. During this season of gratitude, if you haven’t already done so, please consider making a financial offering to *Living and Giving in Christ* at: <https://dcwy.org/living-and-giving-in-christ> Be sure to identify our parish when you contribute.



This Sunday, December 11, Chris and Brenda Morgan will be preparing biscuits and gravy, in addition to the usual donuts! Please join us after the 8:30 AM Sunday Mass in Fatima Hall.



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The Holy Name Society at Our Lady of Fatima is currently accepting donations for Holiday Food Baskets for needy families in the Casper area. Baskets were delivered for Thanksgiving, and we plan to be delivering again 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!

Our Lady of Fatima Religious Goods Store
 (located in Fatima Hall)
is open between the 8:30 AM
and 10:30 AM Sunday Masses

Coming soon! The OLF Gift Store will have the perfect Christmas gift.

- Mystic Monk Coffee
- Chant CD



Watch for Mystic Monk coffee sampling.

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.

WCCW Mary’s Fund
Framed *Virgin of Light* Raffle

Every year the Wyoming Council of Catholic Women establishes a fund, called **Mary’s Fund**, to support a worthwhile cause. This year the recipient of the funds collected is **Cross Catholic Outreach**. The money will be used to help Ukraine and Eastern Europe. Due to the ongoing war in Ukraine, millions of families have fled their homes and communities in a desperate attempt to survive. More than half of these displaced families include children and the elderly.

Your donation will help to bring food, water, sanitary kits, ambulances, and other relief where it is needed most.

To participate in the raffle, tickets are \$5 each and 5 for \$20. Checks need to be made out to OLF CCW and please designate the check goes toward Mary’s Fund. Tickets will be sold after Mass December 3 - 4 and December 10 – 11. You can also contact Mary Ann at 266 -5718 to purchase tickets.



Religious Education
Next Wednesday, December 14, is the last evening for Religious Education until after Christmas break.

The Benedictine Nuns of the Abbey of St. Walburga in Virginia Dale, Colorado, have an **“Abbey Wish List”**. They are in need of many items, including different kinds of cleaning supplies, and many food items. Some of the food items are black or green tea, coffee, orange juice, brown rice, canned fruit, cheese, olive oil, vinegar, canned tuna, dried fruit, and unflavored non-dairy coffee creamer. They also need such items as postage stamps, cat food, chicken layer feed, and bungee cords. If you wish to send them a care package, their address is: Abbey of St. Walburga, 1029 Benedictine Way, Virginia Dale, Colorado 80536-7633

You may also donate online at:

www.walburga.org “Donate/Wish List” page

News from Holy Cross Center

The Holy Cross Center has seen a 35%-40% increase of clients since May. We now average about 550 families per month. We sincerely thank all of our donors! **The center is in need of a few volunteers.** If you are interested and can commit to 2 or more hours per week, please contact Joseph at 577-1041.

GIFT CARDS ON-THE-GO!

it's time to start thinking about that holiday gift shopping!



GIFT CARDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE. A PERCENTAGE OF EVERY FACE-VALUE CARD COUNTS TOWARDS FAMILY FUNDRAISING AND DIRECTLY BENEFIT ST. ANTHONY TRI-PARISH CATHOLIC SCHOOL!



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EARN FUNDRAISING CREDIT!

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CATHOLIC SCHOOL**
1145 W. 20th St.
Casper, WY 82604
307-234-2873



Help Shine the Light during the Season of Giving! As believers in Jesus Christ we are called to shine our light (Matthew 5:16). We are called to action to use our gifts, talents, words and hearts to illuminate the goodness and glory of God.

St. Anthony Tri-Parish Catholic is a jewel in our community that shines His light. We need your help to continue to strengthen, polish and set our jewel so that it can continue to shine Christ's light brightly. Due to the generosity of a supporter and believer in Catholic education, your contributions are matched \$1 for \$1! Please consider a gift to the St. Anthony Tri-Parish Catholic School Foundation via mail at 1145 W 20th St Casper WY 82604, website (www.stanthony-school-foundation.org) or by scanning the QR Code. Every gift of prayer, time, talent, and treasure is truly appreciated. Thank you!



There are many options available on the GIFT CARDS ON-THE-GO, such as Visa, Walmart, local restaurants and movie theaters. Call the school office, 234-2873, for more information.

Prayer for Vocations

Lord Jesus, as you gave us your life you said,
"Do this in memory of me."
May all your disciples fulfill your command of love.
Raise up in our diocese
humble men to the Priesthood,
faithful people to the Consecrated Life,
and holy men and women to Married Life.
May all hear your call to holiness and have the
courage to respond with generous hearts.
Amen

WEEKLY ROSARY FOR SCHOOLS

Please join us each Tuesday at St. Patrick's Church at 1:00 p.m. in front of the Blessed Mother statue as we pray for children in our schools. For more information about the rosary please contact Karen or Thomas at 970-396-9888.



Patriotic Rosary

Please join us to pray the Patriotic Rosary for our country and Church in this time of dire need for holiness, unity under God, and religious freedom. The Patriotic Rosary is Tuesdays at Our Lady of Fatima Church by the Sacred Heart of Jesus statue at 9:35 AM.

Saint Patrick's Church presents:



Advent Community Wide Event & Youth Retreat

Featuring Christian Recording Artist
Josh Blakesley

December 16th - 7:00-8:30pm Open & free to all
at St. Patrick's Church

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December 17<sup>th</sup> - 9:00am-5:00pm — Youth retreat  
for grades 8-12  
\$35 per student  
at St. Patrick's Church

For more information call Karin 307-247-2902