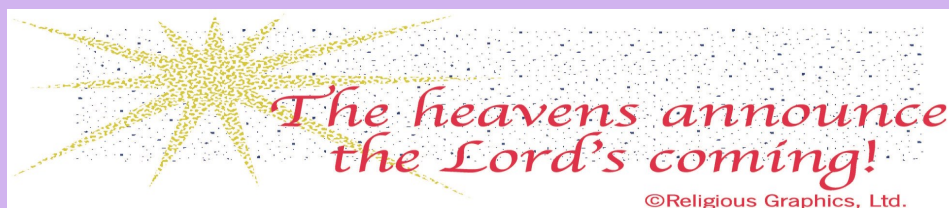


Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 18, 2022



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

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. 12-17	4:00 PM	+ Pete Martinez Jr.
Sun. 12-18	8:30 AM	The Parish
	10:30 AM	+ Jamey Jurgens
Tues. 12-20	9:00 AM	Dianne Stearns
Wed. 12-21	9:00 AM	Dolores Brandstetter
	5:30 PM	+ Vaughn Mettler
Thurs. 12-22	9:00 AM	Allan Gilloon
Fri. 12-23	9:00 AM	+ Johathan Vantrease
Sat. 12-24	9:00 AM	Carol Moler
Sat. 12-24	4:00 PM	+ Steve Stewart
	8:00 PM	+ Phil Klebba
Sun. 12-25	12:00 AM	The Parish
	9:00 AM	++ Sally & Howard Neubauer

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

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

CONTRIBUTIONS

Dec. 10-11, 2022

Regular — \$7,159.43

Charity — \$165.00

Immaculate Conception — \$617.00

Thank you for your donations.

TAX TIME

Donations must be either delivered to the church or mailed and postmarked on or before December 31st, 2022, to be included in 2022 giving records.

Checks that are placed in the church offering during the first worship service in 2023 will not qualify for a charitable contribution deduction in 2022, even if the check is postdated to 2022 or was actually written in 2022.

Please contact your accountant if you have any questions.



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.

So that the names of your loved ones whom you wish to remember can be included in the special Christmas bulletin insert, the last day for **FLOWER FUND** donations to be received in the office is TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20.

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.



NEW! Online Giving for Regular Contributions is now available for Our Lady of Fatima Church by going to our website, fatimaincasper.org and clicking on "Giving" on the main menu.

Later, other fund options will be available.

You may also access the giving site directly by going to:

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

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR



Final practice for children who have signed up to sing in the 4 PM Christmas Eve Children's choir is this Sunday, December 18, at 2:00 PM.

Practice is about 45 minutes long, and parents are welcome to come and wait in the church while the children practice.



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

Fr. Ray Rodriguez is Celebrant for the final Sunday of Advent TV Mass. Bishop Steven Biegler will celebrate the Christmas TV Mass, which will be aired at 12 AM Midnight December 25, and again at 9 AM Christmas Day.

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

Christmas Mass music practice for adults will be this Sunday, December 18, at 3:00 PM. There is 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. 12, 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.

There will be NO Saturday evening 7 PM confessions on December 24, Christmas Eve.



Please join us after the 8:30 AM Mass this Sunday in Fatima Hall for coffee and donuts.

There will be NO coffee and donuts on Christmas Day, or on the following Sunday, January 1.

Winner of the CCW Mary’s Fund picture raffle, “Virgin of Light”, was Caro Washut.

The Holy Name Society at Our Lady of Fatima is currently accepting donations for Holiday Food Baskets for needy families in the Casper area for 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.



Church offices will be closed
Friday, December 23 through
Monday, December 26.
Offices will reopen December 27.

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.



MARCH FOR LIFE

Saturday, January 14, 2023, 9:30 am

St. Anthony’s Catholic Church, 644 S. Center Street, Casper, WY

TOGETHER, WE GATHER TO CELEBRATE LIFE

The right to life is a human right. Our defense of that right is a joyful witness to the beauty and dignity of every human person. We celebrate life from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death, and every moment in between.

9:15 Gather in the basement of St. Anthony’s Catholic Church. We will begin with prayer and start walking at 9:30.

Route: North on the sidewalk to Collins Drive, east on Collins Drive to 2nd Street, and east on 2nd Street to the proposed women’s health clinic at 918 East 2nd. Return to St. Anthony’s Church using the same route.

After the walk, hear from pro-life advocates while warming up with coffee, hot chocolate, and doughnuts.

Note: A Mass for Life will be held at St. Anthony’s Church at 8:00 am. All are welcome!

For more information, contact Norm at (307)333-3589

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Councils #1563 & #9917
in partnership with Natrona4Life.



Natrona4Life

Religious Education

No Religious Education classes
until January 4.



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!

ST. ANTHONY TRI-PARISH 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.stanthonysschoolfoundation.org) or by scanning the QR Code. Every gift of prayer, time, talent, and treasure is truly appreciated. Thank you!



SHOP FOR GIFTS &
 EARN FUNDRAISING CREDIT!

1145 W. 20TH STREET 307-234-2873 WWW.SASCASPER.COM

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