

THE REIGN OF  
GOD IS LIKE  
THE MUSTARD  
SEED

WHICH IS THE  
SMALLEST OF ALL  
SEEDS YET GROWS  
TO BE THE LARGEST  
OF PLANTS



## Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

### *Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

July 23, 2023

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church  
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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>

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  
or by appointment call 265-5586, Ext. 5

Rosary: Mon—Sat at 8:30 AM

#### Mass Intentions

Sat. 7-22	4:00 PM	+ Peter Martinez Sr.
Sun. 7-23	8:30 AM	The Parish
	10:30 AM	+ Stephen Fleming
Tues. 7-25	9:00 AM	Poor Souls in Purgatory
Wed. 7-26	9:00 AM	Chris & Julie Perry
	5:30 PM	Brent Greene Family
Thurs. 7-27	9:00 AM	+ C.J. Swenson
Fri. 7-28	9:00 AM	Steve & Trese Sanchez
Sat. 7-29	9:00 AM	+ Jack Amen
Sat. 7-29	4:00 PM	John Blomstrom
Sun. 7-30	8:30 AM	The Parish
	10:30 AM	+ Mike Keim

#### 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.



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.

Our Lady of Fatima Parish Prayer Chain contacts are:  
 Margie Valdez 307-265-4253  
 Marlene Axlund 307-265-8186

Let us pray for:  
 Kathryn Kiernan, Olive Kiernan, Maria Bulkow, Jim Minahan, Jerry Byrne, Paul Neubauer, and for the repose of the souls and comfort of the families of Charles Ripperger and Joan Leff

As the evil in our world seems to be growing, it is important to remember the urging of our Blessed Mother to pray for the conversion of sinners and the salvation of souls. To this end, on **Fridays at 6:00 pm**, Fr. Clark is holding a weekly Holy Hour of Reparations with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome. The purpose of this holy hour is to offer our prayer in reparation for sins committed against the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.



**The Wyoming Catholic Men's Retreat** is an opportunity to get away from all the stress of the outside world and enjoy all that God has to offer. This retreat concentrates on fellowship, music, and most importantly growing in your faith.

This year's Speaker is Bart Schuchts. Bart Schuchts is the founder of Church on Fire and has been associated with the John Paul II Healing Center since its inception. Bart travels the country presenting at conferences and retreats, bringing thousands into an intimate and powerful encounter with the Father's love, transforming lives, and equipping people to live more fully into Christ's mission.

We hope you will join us on **August 11-13, 2023 at St. Patrick Catholic Church Commons.**

**CONTRIBUTIONS**

July 15-16, 2023  
 Regular — \$7,512.26  
 Charity — \$30.00

Thank you for your donations.



There is a group rate this year. Get some family, friends, parish members to join you and save \$15 per person.

**Church Picnic**



August 12 after the 4 PM Mass, in the grotto.

If your last name begins with A-K, please bring a dessert.  
 If your last name begins with L-Z, please bring a salad.

*Chicken, beverage, and dinnerware will be provided.*

The Religious Goods Store is closed for the summer, but if you need an item, please call Mary Anne at 266-5718.

**America needs Fatima** Summer Rosary has begun at St. Anthony's Church Grotto (between the church and Shepherd Staff office) 604 So. Center Street, Casper every WEDNESDAY at 10:30 AM.

The rosary will continue all summer long, weather permitting. There are some benches but you can bring a folding chair for comfort. We have extra rosaries and "How to" pamphlets. All are invited. This special Fatima Rosary is enjoyed in the Grotto's sunshine & beauty. We celebrate its 9th year. Bring your non-Catholic friends to this beautiful event.

Questions: Call Carol at: 307-259-4765 or write Mary at: rm\_crivello@msn.com

Online Giving for Regular and Charity Contributions is now available for Our Lady of Fatima Church by going to our website, [fatimaincasper.org](http://fatimaincasper.org) and clicking on "Giving" on the main menu.

You may also access the giving site directly by going to:  
<https://osvhub.com/fatimaincasper/giving/funds>

The Celebrant for July TV Sunday Masses is Fr. Drew Duncan. The Masses are aired at 9 AM Sunday mornings on KTWO-TV.

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



If you have been praying at the Wellspring clinic site for one hour each week, we invite you to continue to do so. If you are not currently signed up, please contact Bob at 307-251-7920 or [his-tress@hotmail.com](mailto:his-tress@hotmail.com). We also invite you to continue to pray for an end to abortion in Wyoming each Thursday from 5 to 6 pm at the clinic site, 918 East Second Street in Casper.

**Job Opening at St. Anthony Church — Director of Liturgy**

**Position Description:** Responsible for facilitating the liturgical life of the parish community by coordinating quality liturgical experiences, and offering formation for liturgical ministers.

Please contact Fr. Ray Rodriguez or Gloria at St. Anthony Church, 307-266-2666, for a detailed job description of requirements including abilities, skills, key responsibilities, salary and position benefits.



**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.

The Council of Catholic Women (CCW) is establishing a new group at Our Lady of Fatima. We are seeking women who would be interested in joining our St. Elizabeth CCW group. One of our main focuses will be welcoming new families into our parish community. Please join us in the church basement on Tuesday, August, 8th at 6pm for our first meeting. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Emily Axlund (720) 732-0248.



The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is prayed Fridays at 3 PM at Our Lady of Fatima Church.

All are welcome.

**Religious Education**  
Registration is now open online for the Fall Religious Education classes.



Please register your children

at:  
<https://osvhub.com/fatimaincasper/forms/register>

### YEAR OF EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

July: Video on Eucharistic Miracles

Final Showing: Friday, July 21 @ 9:30am in Fatima Hall

August: Book Club: "*Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist: Unlocking the Secrets of the Last Supper*"

Books (240 pages) are available at the parish office for \$5. Course consists of 4 classes (Thursday, August 3, 10, 17 & 24) @ 6pm in Fatima Hall. Fr. Clark will lead the book review.

**NOTE: Books for the above class will be sold after the Masses this weekend in the foyer of the church. \$5 per book.**

September: Group study of the USCCB's document *The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Church*

Group discussions will be led by Father Clark on Sunday, September 10, following the 10:30am Mass & another opportunity on Saturday, September 16, following the 4pm Mass, both in Fatima Hall. The document and companion video are both free and available for access at: <https://www.usccb.org/resources/mystery-eucharist-life-church>

### SECULAR ORDER OF DISCALCED CARMELITES

The Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites (OCDS) are lay men and women in the Catholic Church who, under the protection of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and inspired by St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross, and St. Therese of Lisieux, make a commitment to the Discalced Carmelite Order. The Secular Order Carmelite strives to seek God through prayer and service for the good of the Church and the needs of the world. For more information on the Secular Carmelites in Casper email Missi Frank, OCDS, at [mandkfrank@q.com](mailto:mandkfrank@q.com) or call Tulip Titus, OCDS, 307-262-6791.



## Living and Giving In Christ 2023

Thank you to all who made a gift to the Diocese of Cheyenne 2023 annual appeal, *Living and Giving in Christ: Unity through Diocesan Ministries!* Your gifts serve our sisters and brothers in Christ and build up the Church. Thank you to those who offered the gift of prayer. Your prayers unite with others across the Diocese of Cheyenne to bring about positive change throughout the world.

For those who have not yet turned in their pledge forms, please do so this week. You also may donate online at: <https://dcwy.org/living-and-giving-in-christ>

**Our Lady of Fatima 2023 Goal — \$76,564.00**

**Pledged as of July 7, 2023 — \$41,705.00**

Thank you to all who have contributed toward our goal.

### ST. ANTHONY TRI-PARISH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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

Summer office hours at the school:  
9 AM—1 PM Monday—Thursday

**Enroll Today-** At St. Anthony Tri-Parish Catholic School, we seek to enable our students to achieve academically, grow spiritually, and live a life rooted in the gospel message of Jesus. Our school community of teachers, volunteers, staff, parents, pastors and students work together to create a nurturing environment that fosters scholastic, social and spiritual growth. Consider how we can partner with your family to educate your child in the faith. Tours are available by calling the school office 234-2873. Applications and financial aid information is available on the school website [sascasper.com](http://sascasper.com).

**Preschool Enrollment-** We are accepting applications for our preschool classes. Children ages 3 –5 are eligible for our half day and full day programs. Space is limited, so don't delay in offering your child an engaging environment to explore, learn and grow. Our preschool students benefit from music, art, physical education, library and Spanish classes. The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program allows students to explore their faith in this Montessori based environment in our Atrium.





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July 17, 2023

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am writing with concerns about recent developments in the state of Wyoming regarding abortion. During the 2023 legislative session, two laws, which would have outlawed most abortions, passed, and now are enjoined by the 9th District Court, temporarily preventing them from taking effect. Meanwhile, the Wellspring Health Access Abortion Clinic opened in Casper on April 20, 2023.

I am grateful to the individuals in the Casper area who gather peacefully every Thursday to pray at the location of the Casper abortion facility. Their initiative began in Lent 2022, while the facility was being developed, and it continues today. This kind of advocacy and prayer ministry is not easy, in part due to counter-protesters. During the construction of the facility, a woman, who was not part of this prayer group, set fire to the structure, undermining the peaceful efforts of those who were meeting to pray. She was arrested and appeared before a federal judge in March 2023.

The Abortion Clinic in Casper advertises that it “is strategically located so that people in areas of low access states” will be able to obtain surgical abortions, as well as chemical/pill abortions, more easily from 6 to 23 weeks. The clinic website states that it serves the larger region with clients from Wyoming, Nebraska, South Dakota, and Montana.

The work of the prayerful protesters gives witness to our belief in the dignity of every human person at every age and stage in life. As disciples, they are caring for the least among us as Christ taught. Also, their activities serve as a reminder that human rights always demand shared responsibility. Therefore, I am asking Catholics in the Diocese of Cheyenne to join in solidarity and to renew our commitment to be advocates for the least among us by striving to protect unborn children and to support pregnant mothers or any mother in need. On the first Friday of each month, please pray, fast, and do works of mercy for the following intentions:

- That Christians and people of goodwill protect and nurture human life at every age and stage.
- That the Spirit would inspire every person to recognize that the unborn are living human persons and show us a pathway toward justice for all, both the unborn and their mothers.
- That endeavors like The Gabriel Project of Wyoming, Walking with Moms in Need, and life affirming pregnancy centers be supported by all who seek to protect and nurture human life.
- For the safety of volunteers advocating for the dignity of the unborn and mothers in need.
- That post-abortive mothers and fathers may find healing and peace.

Questions may be sent to Legislative Liaison Deacon Mike Leman at [mleman@dcwy.org](mailto:mleman@dcwy.org). For outreach to anyone suffering from the aftermath of abortion, call or email Maria Ward, Project Rachel coordinator for the Diocese of Cheyenne, at 307-222-8430, [mward@dcwy.org](mailto:mward@dcwy.org).

Peace in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steven Biegler".

Bishop Steven Biegler