

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2023



WATCH FOR THE LORD!

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Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church
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OLF Office hours: 9:30 AM—5 PM Monday—Thursday
Closed during noon hour.

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. 12-02	4:00 PM	+ Fr. Bob Fox
Sun. 12-03	8:30 AM	++ Fred & Marge Uhrich
	10:30 AM	The Parish
Tues. 12-05	9:00 AM	+ Pat Freiberg
Wed. 12-06	9:00 AM	+ John Stanley
	5:30 PM	+ Ellen Rohrich
Thurs. 12-07	9:00 AM	+ Dorothy Glynn
(Vigil of Immaculate Conception)	5:30 PM	+ Janeth Stearns
Fri. 12-08	9:00 AM	+ John Moler
	5:30 PM	+ Janice Dona
Sat. 12-09	9:00 AM	+ Amy Cisneros
Sat. 12-09	4:00 PM	+ Pete Martinez Jr.
Sun. 12-10	8:30 AM	The Parish
	10:30 AM	+ Betty & Ralph Kalian

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.

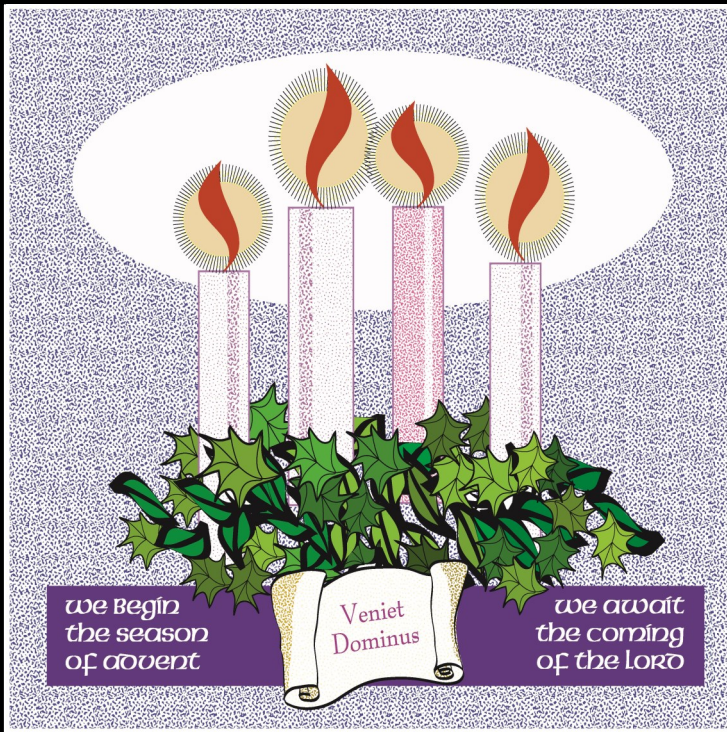
*Godparents must be Baptized, Confirmed, and practicing Catholics. One Godparent is required. If for good reason the Godparent is from out of town, or another Catholic church in town, a letter from his/her pastor is required stating that he/she is a practicing member in good standing.

*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.

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



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The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is Friday, December 8. It is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Masses are: Vigil Mass, Thursday, Dec. 7 — 5:30 PM
Friday, Dec. 8 — 9:00 AM and 5:30 PM

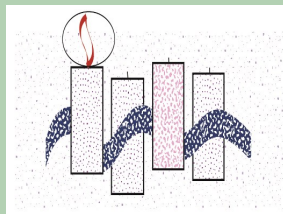
Online Giving for Regular and Charity Contributions is available for Our Lady of Fatima Church by going to our website, fatimaincasper.org and clicking on "Giving" on the main menu. You may also access the giving site directly by going to:

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

CONTRIBUTIONS

November 25-26, 2023
Regular — \$5,669.62

Thank you for your donations.



Religious Education

Wednesday evenings
Mass at 5:30 PM Dinner at 6 PM
Classes 6:30 PM

BIBLE STUDY

The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation.

Wednesday, December 6 — Lesson 12
Friday December 1 — Lesson 11

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:

Margie Valdez 307-265-4253
Marlene Axlund 307-265-8186

Let us pray for:

Sandy Cole, Vince Mockensturm, Louise Machan, Sharon Horton, Kathryn Kiernan, Don & Sue Allen



Flower Memorial Fund

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

Christmas Mass Schedule

Sunday evening — Dec. 24 — 4 PM
Sunday evening — Dec. 24 — 8 PM
Midnight — Dec. 25 — 12 AM
Monday morning — Dec. 25 — 9 AM

Tri-Parish Advent Penance Service

Monday, Dec. 18 — 7 PM
St. Patrick's Church

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 deliver 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!



Helpers are needed for the Apostolic Ministry.

This ministry provides a meal for families and friends after funeral Masses. You may assist with set up or clean up, or by providing a desert. Please contact Ferne at 307-234-8116 or Kay at 307-234-6234.



Livestreamed Mass

Sunday Masses for our diocese are being livestreamed. You can access the Mass on **Sundays by 11 am** on the Diocese of Cheyenne website <https://dcwy.org/>



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

Looking for a gift for a loved one who is homebound, in a care facility, or struggles during the holiday season? A prayer shawl is the perfect gift idea to wrap your love ones in prayer this holy season. Shawls are available for a donation in the religious good store downstairs in Fatima Hall. It is open between the Sunday 8:30 and 10:30 am Masses, or contact Mary Anne at 307-266-5718. New colors are available, and shawls are in gift bags ready for giving.



Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting
Monday, Dec. 4
1-3 PM
Parish Center

For those who are active Lectors at our weekend Masses, there is a copy of the 2024 Workbook for Lectors available for you in the altar servers' sacristy. Please take your copy, and check your name off the list. Thank you to those who have picked up their workbook.



The Diocese of Cheyenne, Catholic Charities of Wyoming, St. Joseph's Society, St. Joseph's Childrens Home, St. Paul's Newman Center and Wyoming Catholic Ministries Foundation are rallying together in one consolidated end-of-year request to

support key ministries. With one gift you can support any or all of these ministries. **100% of your donation goes directly to the ministries you select.** Please prayerfully consider generously supporting the work of the Church throughout the Diocese of Cheyenne in addition to your normal parish support. Questions: Visit wycmf.org or call us at 307-631-4084. Thank you!

CCW Board Meeting
Thursday, December 7, after the 9 AM Mass
Marian Room

The Religious Goods Store at Our Lady of Fatima is open between the 8:30 and 10:30 AM Sunday Masses.

For questions about items, please call Mary Anne at 266-5718.



YEAR OF EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Sunday, December 10 — after the 10:30 AM Mass
Saturday, December 16 — after the 4 PM Mass.
Two shows (1 hour total):



This is My Body-This Is My Blood: Miracles of the Eucharist

Blessed Carlos Acutis, the Teen who Found Jesus

(These videos will be shown in Fatima Hall.)

This year, children grade 3 and higher who would like to sing at a Christmas Mass will be joining the regular Christmas choirs.

Parents, please call Mary at the office, 265-5586, ext. 6, if your child would like to sing, and at which Christmas Mass, so that choir books may be prepared.



There will be 2 practices:

Sunday, Dec. 10 — 2 PM

Thursday, Dec. 21 — 4:30 PM

Parents, you are encouraged to attend both practices with your child, and join with them to sing in the choir if you wish!

CCW Mary's Fund

Framed Print

"Secret Saved For Cana", by Randy Friemel



Every year the Wyoming Council of Catholic Women establishes Mary's Fund to support worthwhile causes. This year we will have two recipients of this fund: Prakasam Development Social Service Society (PDSSS) in India and Community Action for Productivity and Economic Emancipation (CAPE) in Nigeria.

The print shows the sweetness of the Christ Child and the calm eyes of Mary, as she softly tells him not

to touch the water. This secret knowledge of Jesus and his power would remain with her until the wedding feast at Cana, where she implores him because she knows what he can do. The print is an excellent reproduction of the original oil on canvas painting.

Raffle tickets will be sold following weekend Masses through December 10th. Tickets are \$5 each and 5 for \$20. Checks can be made out to OLF CCW. Tickets are also available in the OLF Gift Shop or by contacting Mary Ann Valentine at 307-266-5718. The drawing will be held December 13, during the Religious Education dinner at Our Lady of Fatima.

Seven Sorrows of Mary Rosary

Tuesdays at 11 AM
Our Lady of Fatima Church



St. Anthony Tri-Parish Catholic School is excited to announce that our annual **Holiday Craft Fair** will take place on Saturday, **December 9th from 9am - 3pm** in our warm and beautifully decorated commons (1145 West 20th St.). We are currently seeking vendors for this event. The cost is \$45 for an 8' x 6' booth space plus a raffle prize donation. Please email heather@kustommfg.com if you'd like to reserve a spot or call the school at 234-2873. We look forward to you joining us!

**ST. ANTHONY
TRI-PARISH
CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

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

We are so grateful for all of the support given to us by our parishes. We continue to hold you in prayer. Thank you for making a Catholic education possible to so many families.

“Bishop Steven Biegler has requested that people do not give funds for deposit in the personal checking account of Father Thomas George or any other priest or deacon for any project because it is bad financial practice and contrary to diocesan norms. There is no mechanism to assure that funds will be utilized as specified. Also, such donations could not be claimed for tax purposes since they would not be donated to a non-profit entity. Finally, channeling monies through Fr. Thomas’s or any other priest’s or deacon’s personal checking account could create a taxable event for them and trigger some financial transactions issues, particularly when funds are transferred abroad.”

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**

'Come to the Table'

Catholic Charities of Wyoming is sponsoring the **“Creating on the Margins Multimedia Contest”** for grades 6-12. All media forms accepted! Entries must be submitted by **December 12, 2023**. Email Leah Albro for the Contest Pack and information. lalbro@ccwy.org. Winners will be identified after judging occurs in January – Poverty Awareness Month.



Week of December 03, 2023



What Is the Immaculate Conception?

Join Drs Tim Gray and John Sehorn as they examine Mary under her title of the Immaculate Conception. This dogma of the Catholic faith, promulgated in 1854 by Pope Pius IX, speaks of Mary’s conception and what it means to the Church.



St. Nicholas Day | Catholic All Year at Home w/ Kendra Tierney

Kendra shares her favorite recipes and traditions for celebrating the feast of St. Nicholas (a.k.a. Santa!). Learn how to make mulled wine and cider, speculaas cookies, and deep-fried Dutch meatballs



Shalom/Peace | Advent: Word Studies | The Bible Project

"Peace" is a very common word in English, that means different things to different people. It's also a very important word in the Bible that refers not only to the absence of conflict but also to the presence of something else.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.
Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.

An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and CATHOLIC PRESS

PROJECT RACHEL — healing after abortion



Confidential, compassionate help is available in Wyoming through the Diocese of Cheyenne Project Rachel Ministry. Call or text (307-222-8430 to speak to someone who will listen to you and connect you with resources. Visit www.dcwyo.org/project-rachel for more information.

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.