

# Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

## *Second Sunday of Advent*

December 10, 2023

*A herald's voice in the desert, crying*

Prepare the way of the LORD, make straight his paths

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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. 12-09	4:00 PM	+ Pete Martinez Jr.
Sun. 12-10	8:30 AM	The Parish
	10:30 AM	+ + Betty & Ralph Kalian
Tues. 12-12	9:00 AM	+ J.C. Robertson
Wed. 12-13	9:00 AM	+ Cesar Trevizo
	5:30 PM	Dana Seth
Thurs. 12-14	9:00 AM	Sally Blomstrom
Fri. 12-15	9:00 AM	Roybal Family
Sat. 12-16	9:00 AM	Bryan Millmore
Sat. 12-16	4:00 PM	Nancy Blomstrom
Sun. 12-17	8:30 AM	+ Bonnie Thompson
	10:30 AM	The Parish

### 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.

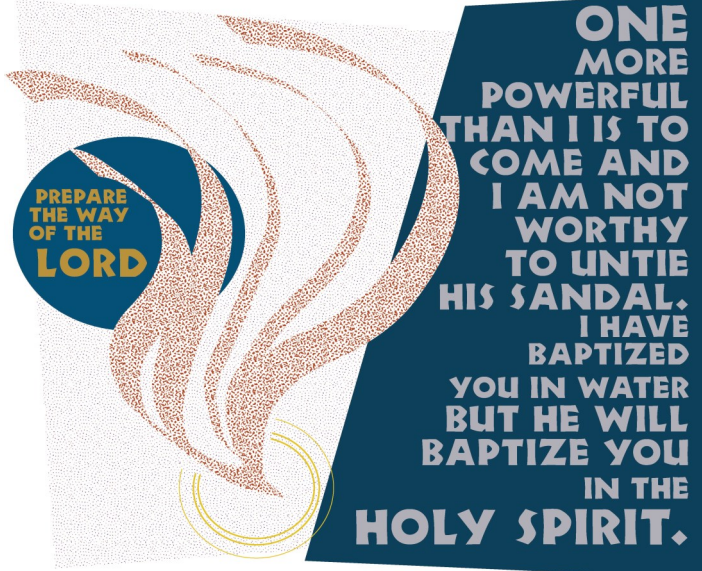
\*Godparents must be Baptized, Confirmed, and practicing Catholics. One Godparent is required. If for good reason the Godparent is from out of town, or another Catholic church in town, a letter from his/her pastor is required stating that he/she is a practicing member in good standing.

\*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 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:

Sharon Horton, Ken Johnson Jr., Sandy Cole, Vince Mockensturm, Don & Sue Allen

And for the repose of the souls and comfort of the families of Ed Schultz, Elizabeth Schauss, Dianne Jacobson, and Leo Garcia



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



**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.

Donations need to be received in the office by Tuesday, **December 19**, so that names of your loved ones may be included in the Christmas Flower Memorial page at Christmas.

Tri-Parish Advent Penance Service / Mercy Night

Monday, Dec. 18 — NOTE TIME CHANGE — **6:30 PM**  
 St. Patrick's Church

**THANK YOU!**

Everyone involved with the Holy Cross Center thanks Knights of Columbus Council 9917 for the delicious Thanksgiving dinner on Nov. 11. Jim Pieper and the crew worked diligently to provide great food. We also thank all of you who were able to come and eat. Holy Cross Center received a \$2,500 donation from the Knights. Thank you!

The number of people needing food continues to rise with 1,649 people served in October, and 56 new sign-ups. Please consider Holy Cross Center for your end-of-year giving!

Merry Christmas from Holy Cross Center's manager, staff, volunteers, and board members.

**CONTRIBUTIONS**

December 2-3, 2023  
 Regular — \$8,191.60  
 Charity — \$2,390.33

Online giving for November, 2023  
 Regular — \$3,219.50  
 Charity — \$245.00

Thank you for your donations.

**Quarterly Report (7/1/2023 - 9/30/2023)**

<b>General Account</b>	
Income	\$ 133,769.53
Expenses	\$ 120,447.74
<b>Charity Account</b>	
Gifts Received	\$ 7,995.97
Distributions	\$ 13,170.77



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

**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/>

Online Giving for Regular and Charity Contributions is 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 Chaplet of Divine Mercy is prayed Fridays at 3 PM at Our Lady of Fatima Church. All are welcome.



**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.)

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

*The "O Antiphons"*  
 Please join us for the praying of these special Advent Vespers beginning Sunday, December 17, at 4 PM through Friday, December 22, at 4 PM in the church.



Please join us for biscuits and gravy, coffee and donuts after the 8:30 AM Mass this Sunday, December 10, 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.



**HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEETING**  
 after the 8:30 AM Mass  
 Sunday, Dec. 10  
 Marian Room



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!

**'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. [labro@ccwy.org](mailto:labro@ccwy.org). Winners will be identified after judging occurs in January – Poverty Awareness Month.

**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.

Raffle tickets will be sold following weekend Masses through **December 10<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

**Religious Education**

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

*Seven Sorrows of Mary Rosary*  
 Tuesdays at 11 AM  
 Our Lady of Fatima Church



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](http://wycmf.org) or call us at 307-631-4084. Thank you!

**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.





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

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

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.).

**Help us Reach New Heights during the Season of Giving!**

God has called us to lean on our faith and climb to new heights. With your help, we can continue our journey to the pinnacle by enriching our academics, nurturing spiritual growth, maintaining our beautiful building and improving teacher compensation.



“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.”



**KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

**Consecration to the Holy Family Prayer**

The Consecration to the Holy Family will be celebrated at Masses on **December 31**. The Knights of Columbus invites each family to consecrate themselves to the Holy Family and devote themselves to the ideal model of familial love set by Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Knights will be handing out prayer cards after all Masses the weekend of December 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.

The following is the Holy Family prayer:

*O Lord Jesus, you lived in the home of Mary and Joseph in Nazareth. There you grew in age, wisdom and grace as you prepared to fulfill your mission as our Redeemer. We entrust our family to you.*

*O Blessed Mary, you are the Mother of our Savior. At Nazareth you cared for Jesus and nurtured him in the peace and joy of your home. We entrust our family to you.*

*O Saint Joseph, you provided a secure and loving home for Jesus and Mary, and gave us a model of fatherhood while showing us the dignity of work. We entrust our family to you.*

*Holy Family, we consecrate ourselves and our family to you. May we be completely united in a love that is lasting, faithful and open to the gift of new life. Help us to grow in virtue, to forgive one another from our hearts, and to live in peace all our days. Keep us strong in faith, preserving in prayer, diligent in our work, and generous toward those in need. May our home, O Holy Family, truly become a domestic church where we reflect your example in our daily life. Amen. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!*

**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

**TRUE CARE**

True Care is Hiring a Director of Education who mentors pregnant moms and their significant others through our Baby & Me Program while also recruiting and training Baby & Me Advocates for the program. This is a part-time position. Contact Jessica for more information at 307-472-2810 or [Jessica@TrueCareCasper.org](mailto:Jessica@TrueCareCasper.org)  
True Care is seeking compassionate, outgoing volunteers who desire to invest in the lives of young moms and dads-to-be through our Baby & Me Program. A 1-year commitment is requested.  
If you are interested, please reach out to True Care for more information. 307-472-2810

**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](http://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.