



Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2023

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!

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. 12-16	4:00 PM	Nancy Blomstrom
Sun. 12-17	8:30 AM	+ Bonnie Thompson
	10:30 AM	The Parish
Tues. 12-19	9:00 AM	Casey Brechtel
Wed. 12-20	9:00 AM	Dianne Stearns
	5:30 PM	+ Michael Howard
Thurs. 12-21	9:00 AM	+ Charles Ripperger
Fri. 12-22	9:00 AM	+ Dianne Jacobson
Sat. 12-23	9:00 AM	+ Jonathan Vantrease
Sat. 12-23	4:00 PM	++ Norma & Bill O'Hearn
Sun. 12-24	8:30 AM	The Parish
	10:30 AM	+ Thomas Gerard Stanley

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>



The SPIRIT of the LORD GOD is upon me because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the lowly, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to captives, release to the prisoners, and to announce a year of favor from the LORD.

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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:

Kaden Brechtel, Sharon Horton, Ken Johnson Jr., Sandy Cole

And for the repose of the soul and comfort of the family of Jerry Byrne.



Tri-Parish Advent Penance Service / Mercy Night

Monday, Dec. 18 — 6:30 PM
St. Patrick's Church



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.

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

CONTRIBUTIONS

December 9-10, 2023

Regular — \$7,155.12

Charity — \$113.00

Immaculate Conception
\$984.00

Thank you for your donations.

Our Lady of Fatima CCW would like to sincerely thank everyone who purchased tickets for the Mary's fund raffle for the print, "Secret Saved for Cana". The money will go to help women and children in India and in Nigeria. We raised \$935.00. The winner of the print was Anna Studer. Congratulations to Anna!



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!



Church offices will be closed Friday, December 22 through Tuesday, December 26, and will reopen on Wednesday, December 27.

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>

A reminder from the Diocese: "The faithful are obligated to assist at (attend) one Mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent and one for the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord."

4th Sunday of Advent: 12/23 (4PM), 12/24 (8:30AM), 12/24 (10:30AM)

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord: 12/24 (4pm & 8pm), 12/25 (Midnight & 9AM)



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



YEAR OF EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL
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.



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 coffee and donuts after the 8:30 AM Mass Sunday 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.

The final practice is Thursday, Dec. 21 — 4:30 PM

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

REJOICE
for the LORD is near!

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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

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



Please help Our Lady of Fatima celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany by sharing your gifts with the mothers and babies who benefit from the ministry of True Care Women's Resource Center. The parish will provide the opportunity for individuals and families to participate in the Procession of Gifts during all three Masses on January 6 and 7, 2024. True Care is always in need of newborn baby clothes, blankets,

baby bottles, baby toiletries, disposable diapers and cash donations for the purchase of baby formula. Our Lady of Fatima hopes to continue its contributions to this pro-life ministry with the help of its generous parishioners.

Epiphany Celebration
January 6, 2024
after the 4 PM Mass
Fatima Hall

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

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.



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/>

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

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

**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.

Due to the generosity of two school families, your contributions to St. Anthony School Foundation are **MATCHED \$1 for \$1!** Every gift of prayer, time, talent, and treasure is truly appreciated. Thank you!



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 FACT VALUE CARD CONTRIBUTES TOWARDS FAMILY FUNDRAISING AND DIRECTLY BENEFITS ST. ANTHONY TRI-PARISH CATHOLIC SCHOOL!

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THIS WEEK ON
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Week of December 17, 2023



Agape/Love | Advent: Word Studies | The Bible Project

The word "love" is one of the sloppiest words in our language, as it primarily refers to a feeling that happens to a person. In the New Testament, "love" refers to a way of treating people that was defined by Jesus himself: seeking the well-being of others regardless of their response.



Mary of Nazareth

What would it have been like to have known the Mother of God? Watch this beautiful film portraying the life of Mary in order to contemplate Mary's profound faith and the mysteries of her life.



O Holy Night, The King is Born: What Christmas Is About | Brother Francis

Celebrate the wonder and joy of Christmas with Brother Francis in this heartwarming presentation of the birth of God's Son! Witness the moving submission of Mary, Joseph, and others as they make way for our Savior.

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**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.

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!

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.