



Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church
Solemnity of the
Nativity of the Lord — Christmas
December 25, 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.

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

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT MASSES

Sat. 12-23	4:00 PM	++ Norma & Bill O'Hearn
Sun. 12-24	8:30 AM	The Parish
	10:30 AM	+ Thomas Gerard Stanley

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Sun. 12-24	4:00 PM	+ Allen Noble Cates
	8:00 PM	+ Fred Clyncke
Mon. 12-25	12:00 AM (Midnight)	The Parish
	9:00 AM	+ Phil Klebba
Tues. 12-26	9:00 AM	Carol Moler
Wed. 12-27	9:00 AM	+ Vince Haley
	5:30 PM	Deceased Minahan & Hughes Families
Thurs. 12-28	9:00 AM	+ Jack Blomstrom
Fri. 12-29	9:00 AM	John & Nancy Blomstrom
Sat. 12-30	9:00 AM	Laura Diesburg
Sat. 12-30	4:00 PM	John Stearns
Sun. 12-31	8:30 AM	The Parish
	10:30 AM	+ Marie 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>

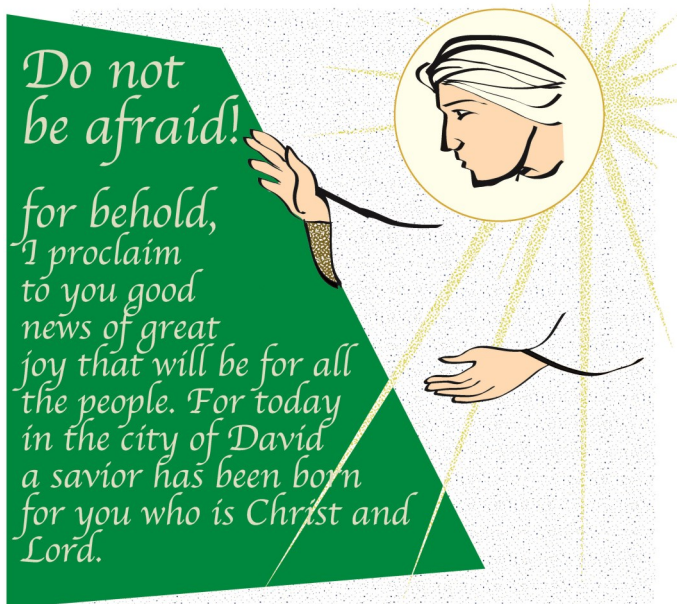


The names of those who need prayers will be listed on the *Bulletin Prayer List* for one month. You may call the office to re-add a name after one month if desired.

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,
 Sandy Cole



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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



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

Have a Blessed Christmas!

CONTRIBUTIONS

December 16-17, 2023
 Regular — \$6,646.10
 Charity — \$70.00

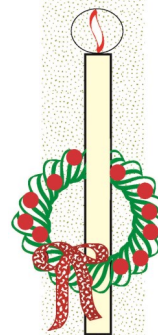
Thank you for your donations.

January 1 is the *Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God*. This year it is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be only one Mass, at 9 AM on January 1.



YEAR OF EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

January—Fr. Clark will offer a 30-minute talk on the practicalities of Eucharistic Adoration on Monday, **January 29 (6pm)**. Topics to be addressed will include: posture, exposition vs. adoration, the rite, dealing with distractions, contemplative prayer. We will meet in the main body of the church. 30 minutes of Exposition will follow the talk.



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February—Parishioners are invited to join a book review with Fr. Clark in the month of February. We will consider the text, *The Blessed Eucharist: Our Greatest Treasure* (pp. 270). Session #1 (Tuesday, **February 6 at 6:00pm**) will cover chapters 1-9 and Session #2 (Tuesday, **February 20 at 6:00pm**) will cover chapters 10-18. Classes will be held in Fatima Hall. Books will be available for purchase in January (\$10).



Epiphany Celebration
January 6, 2024
after the 4 PM Mass

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>





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

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 (4 PM)
12/24 (8:30 AM),
12/24 (10:30 AM)

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord:

12/24 (4 PM & 8 PM)
12/25 (Midnight & 9 AM)

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. Contact Mary Anne at 307-266-5718. New colors are available, and shawls are in gift bags ready for giving.



Peace on Earth

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There will be **NO Religious Education** classes until January 10, 2024.

The 5:30 PM Mass on Wednesdays will continue as usual.



There are no donuts and coffee this Sunday, December 24, or December 31. We will resume January 7, between the 8:30 and 10:30 AM Masses. Thank you to those volunteers who so consistently give of their time and energy to keep this hospitality ministry going!

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.



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

TAX TIME

Donations must be either delivered to the church or mailed and postmarked on or before December 31st, 2023, to be included in 2023 giving records.

Checks that are placed in the church offering during the first worship service in 2024 will not qualify for a charitable contribution deduction in 2023, even if the check is postdated to 2023 or was actually written in 2023.

Please contact your accountant if you have any questions.

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 **Religious Goods Store** at Our Lady of Fatima will be closed this Sunday, December 24.

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



The community of St. Anthony Tri-Parish Catholic School wishes you a Blessed and Merry Christmas. We are grateful for the gifts of all our supporters.

Save the date: Join us on Wednesday, January 10 from 1 – 4 p.m. for an Open House to learn about enrolling for the 2024-2025 school year. Enrollment for parishioners interested in joining our school community will begin during Catholic Schools Week, January 28.

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

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

THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of December 24, 2023



The True Meaning of Christmas | Lukas Storyteller

Christmas is coming and our friends Peter, Agnes, Paul and Anna expect to receive many gifts, but when they caught in one of their antics, Lukas and Noah will help them understand the true story of Christmas and how the birth of the Son of God should change our hearts.



Christmas | Sacred Art

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they look at the painting Adoration of the Shepherds by Gerard van Honthorst to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord. This famous painting reveals the Christ Child as the light that has come into the world and also depicts the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, and the shepherds to be models of adoration to our humble Lord who came as a helpless baby.



The 12 Days of Christmas

We are excited to announce our series of FORMED Now! Christmas and New Year special episodes. In these episodes, professors from the Augustine Institute Graduate School will lead us in reflections throughout the season.

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

An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and gracitas press



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.