

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 31, 2023

JESUS, MARY, JOSEPH

pray for us!

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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. 12-30	4:00 PM	John Stearns
Sun. 12-31	8:30 AM	The Parish
	10:30 AM	+ Marie Stanley

(Mary, the Holy Mother of God — NOT a holy day of obligation)

Mon. 1-01	9:00 AM	+ Ellen Rohrich
Tues. 1-02	9:00 AM	Justin Stearns
Wed. 1-03	9:00 AM	+ Dianne Jacobson
	5:30 PM	+ Mike Brelsford
Thurs. 1-04	9:00 AM	+ Dorothy Glynn
Fri. 1-05	9:00 AM	+ Steve Beasley
Sat. 1-06	9:00 AM	Jim Minahan

Sat. 1-06	4:00 PM	Ernie Trujillo Family
Sun. 1-07	8:30 AM	+ Betty Holmest
	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>



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:

Don & Sue Allen, Kaden Brechtel, Sharon Horton

CONTRIBUTIONS

December 23=24, 2023
(Fourth Sunday of Advent Masses)
Regular — \$6,776.11

December 24-25, 2023
(Christmas Masses)
Regular — \$10,227.22

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.

Consecration to the Holy Family Prayer

The Consecration to the Holy Family will be celebrated at Masses on **December 30-31**. 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 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!



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

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:

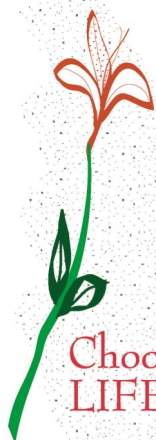
<https://osvhub.com/fatimaincasper/giving/funds>

There will be no Chaplet of Divine Mercy or evening Holy Hour on Friday, January 5.

Both will resume January 12.



There are no donuts and coffee this Sunday, December 31. We will resume January 7, between the 8:30 and 10:30 AM Masses.



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ministry with the help of its generous parishioners.

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.

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.



The Religious Goods Store at Our Lady of Fatima will be closed this Sunday, December 31.

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

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.

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 are available for purchase at the church office for \$10 during office hours.**


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CCW BOARD MEETING
Thursday, Jan. 4
after the
9 AM Mass
Marian Room



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

There will be **NO Religious Education** classes until January 10, 2024.
The 5:30 PM Mass on Wednesdays will continue as usual.

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/>





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



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.



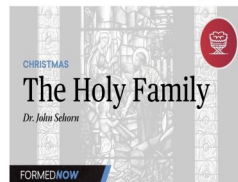
THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of December 31, 2023



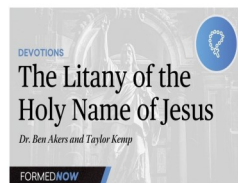
New Year's Resolutions | The Augustine Institute Show

What's your resolution this year? Dr. Tim Gray welcomes Dr. Scott Hefelfinger, Assistant Professor of Theology in the Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology, to celebrate one year of the Augustine Institute Show!



The Holy Family

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!



Litany of the Holy Name of Jesus

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as we celebrate the feast of The Most Holy Name of Jesus with this litany prayer of the Holy Name.

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Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.

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MARCH FOR LIFE

Saturday, January 13, 2024, 9:30 AM
St. Anthony's Catholic Church
644 S. Center Street
Casper, WY

TOGETHER, WE GATHER TO CELEBRATE LIFE

The right to life is a human right. Our defense of that right is a joyful witness to the beauty and dignity of every human person. We celebrate life from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death, and every moment in between.

9:15 Gather in the basement of St. Anthony's Catholic Church.

Route: North on the sidewalk to Collins Drive, east on Collins Drive to 2nd Street, and east on 2nd Street to the abortion facility at 918 East 2nd. Return to St. Anthony's Church using the same route.

After the walk, hear from pro-life advocates while warming up with coffee, hot chocolate, and doughnuts.

Note: A Mass for Life will be held at St. Anthony's Church at 8:00 am. All are welcome!

For more information, contact Norm at (307) 333-3589

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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.