

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 1, 2024



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Office hours: 9:30 AM—5 PM Monday—Thursday
Closed during noon hour.

Diocese of Cheyenne — <http://dcwy.org>

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: Tuesday—Friday at 8:30 AM

Mass Intentions

Sat. 11-30	4:00 PM	++ Dorothy & Gerald Josten
Sun. 12-01	8:30 AM	++ Con & Nancy Murphy
	10:30 AM	The Parish
Tues. 12-03	9:00 AM	+ Jim Minahan
Wed. 12-04	9:00 AM	Fr. Clark Lenz
	5:30 PM	Prayer Chain Ministry
Thurs 12-05	9:00 AM	Heidi Rutar
Fri. 12-06	9:00 AM	+ Dianne Jacobson
Sat. 12-07	9:00 AM	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sat. 12-07	4:00 PM	+ John Moler
Sun. 12-08	8:30 AM	++ Fred & Marge Uhrich
	10:30 AM	The Parish

As a 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.

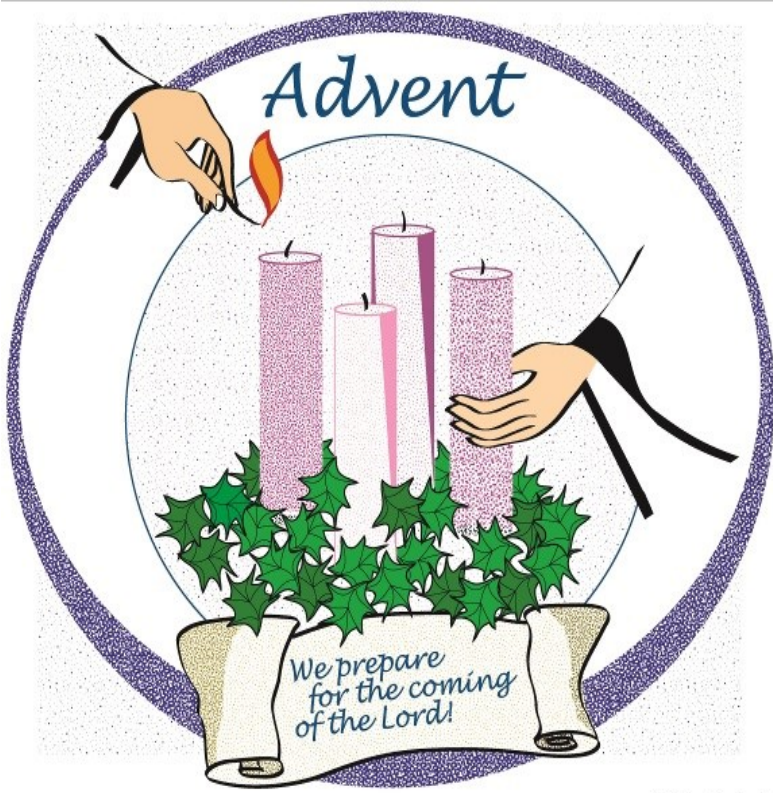
*If this is the first child, the parent (s) must attend a Baptismal Preparation class.

*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.



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CONTRIBUTIONS

Nov. 23-24, 2024
Regular — \$8,387.99

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Online Giving

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 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception has been transferred from December 8 to December 9.

It is a Holy Day of Obligation.

We will have Masses on December 9 at 9 AM and 5:30 PM.

Weekly Calendar of Events

Friday 11/29/24

8:30 AM—Rosary
9:00 AM—Mass
3 PM—Divine Mercy Chaplet
HOLY HOUR OF REPARATIONS CANCELLED

Saturday 11/30/24

8:00 AM—Confessions
9:00 AM—Mass
1:30-3:30 PM—Confessions
4 PM—Mass **OCIA RITE OF ACCEPTANCE**

Sunday 12/01/24

8:30 AM—Mass
COFFEE & DONUTS CANCELLED
10:30 AM—Mass

Monday 12/02/24

1:00 PM—PRAYER SHAWL MEETING (PC)

Tuesday 12/03/24

8:30 AM—Rosary
9 AM—Mass
9:30 AM—Spirituality Group Discussion (FH)
9:30 AM—Patriotic Rosary
11:00 AM—Seven Sorrows of Mary Rosary

Wednesday 12/04/24

8:30 AM—Rosary
9:00 AM—Mass
9:30 AM—Adoration
5:30 PM—Mass
6:00 PM—Dinner (FH)
6:30 PM—Adult Faith Formation (FH)
6:30 PM—Children Faith Formation (RE)
6:30 PM—Youth Group (PC)

Thursday 12/05/24

8:30 AM—Rosary
9:00 AM—Mass
9:30 AM—CCW BOARD MEETING (MR)
7 PM—OCIA (PC)

Friday 12/06/24

8:30 AM—Rosary
9:00 AM—Mass
3:00 PM—Divine Mercy Chaplet
6:00 PM—Holy Hour of Reparations

FH—Fatima Hall

MR—Marian Room

RE—Religious Education (Faith Formation) Building

PC—Parish Center

O.C.I.A.



The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults classes take place in the Parish Center on Thursday nights at 7 PM. Classes are for any unbaptized adults interested in joining the Catholic Church. This class is also open to those baptized Catholics who have yet to make either their First Holy Communion or Confirmation.

Anyone interested in sponsoring a perspective Catholic or in simply learning more about the faith is also invited to attend.

For more information, please contact Randy Hall (307-258-8195) or Fr. Clark (clenz@dcwy.org).



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Looking for a gift for a loved one who is homebound, in a care facility, or who 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. Due to the continuing increase in

the price of yarn, we ask for a minimum donation of \$25, up from the previous donation of \$20 in order to continue this comforting and healing ministry.

ADVENT



The Tri-Parish Advent Penance Service will take place on December 16 at 6:30 PM at St. Patrick's Church.

Please join us to pray the "O Antiphons" on December 17, 18, and 19 at 4 PM in the church.

The final Religious Education night before Christmas vacation will be December 18. A special party for the children will take place in Fatima Hall that evening.

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Readers of the Word

Please pick up your copy of the *Workbook for Lectors 2025* from the Altar Servers' sacristy, and write your name on the clipboard list.

Thank you for your ministry!

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

- 4 PM CHRISTMAS EVE — DEC. 24
- 8 PM CHRISTMAS EVE — DEC. 24
- 12 AM MIDNIGHT — DEC. 25
- 9 AM CHRISTMAS DAY — DEC. 25

There will be two Christmas Choir practices:
Sunday, December 15 at 2 PM
Sunday, December 22 at 2 PM

If you would like to join the regular choir members just to sing at a Christmas Mass, please call Mary at 265-5586, ext. 6.

Help us keep the Christmas carols alive and not forgotten! Children grade 3 to adults are welcome. Parents must attend practices with their child.



The names of those who need prayers will be listed on the *Bulletin Prayer List* for one month. You may call the office, 265-5586, ext. 6, 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:

Nydia Cochran, Donna Griesch, Louise Machan, Jennifer Frausto

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 are delivered for Thanksgiving, and we plan to be delivering 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!



OLF Religious Goods Store

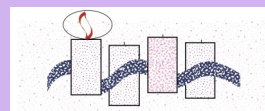
For questions about items, please call Mary Anne at 266-5718.

FAITH FORMATION

All Casper youth are now Confirmed by the Bishop in the 8th Grade and must undergo a two-year preparation process. The last day to register in Faith Formation class for children starting the first year of the 2-year Confirmation classes is **JANUARY 8, 2025**. You may access the registration form on the OLF website or at osvhub.com/fatimaincasper/forms/register.

Wednesday evening schedule resumes Dec. 4.

Mass at 5:30 PM
Dinner at 6 PM
Classes from 6:30—7:30 PM





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

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



Holiday Craft Fair

The St. Anthony Tri-Parish Catholic School holiday Craft Fair is Saturday, December 7 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Please join us for a day filled with holiday cheer as well as great merchandise from local vendors.

ST. ANTHONY'S THRIFT STORE

JAMES 2:14-26

Please read these verses and allow your heart to hear the call of the Holy Spirit. Pray on this urging to discern how you can give of yourself to the wider community. ST. ANTHONY'S THRIFT STORE was established in 1965 as St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store and will celebrate its 60th year serving the people of Casper in 2025. The "works" of this small treasure located at 301 E. H Street are only possible because of the generosity of our Christian sisters and brothers who have given of their time, talents and donations. This gift of self has provided financial support to Holy Cross Center, Interfaith and Seton House annually. Several other non-profits have also benefited from this outpouring of love. Another gift to those in need is the "voucher" system that provides clothing and household items at no charge to help them restart their lives.



VOLUNTEER — IT IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL!
Call 307-237-2607 or stop by the store Tuesday through Saturday from 10 AM to 2 PM. God bless you.

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