

# Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 15, 2024

REJOICE  
Daughter Jerusalem  
Be glad with all your heart

©Religious Graphics, Ltd.

**Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church**  
1401 CY Avenue, Casper, WY 82604-3511

**Church Office 307-265-5586**  
e-mail: [church@fatimaincasper.org](mailto:church@fatimaincasper.org)  
Parish web-site: [www.fatimaincasper.org](http://www.fatimaincasper.org)

**Pastor**  
Rev. Clark Lenz  
307-265-5586, ext. 5 [clenz@dcwy.org](mailto:clenz@dcwy.org)

**Retired Deacon**  
Rev. Mr. Edward McCarthy  
307-267-7217

**Parish Secretary / Music Ministry**  
Mary McMains  
307-265-5586, ext. 6

**Director of Faith Formation**  
Carol O'Hearn  
307-473-2076

**Bookkeeper**  
Terry Burgess  
307-265-5586, ext. 7

**Director of OCIA**  
Randy Hall  
307-258-8195

**Youth Ministry**  
Aaron O'Hearn  
[servustuus@outlook.com](mailto:servustuus@outlook.com)

**St. Anthony Tri-Parish Catholic School**  
Dr. Melissa Whelan, Principal 307-234-2873

**EMHC, Reader, and Altar Server Scheduler**  
Tonya Johnson  
[tsjwolf@gmail.com](mailto:tsjwolf@gmail.com) 307-256-9811

**Prayer Chain**  
Margie Valdez 307-265-4253  
Marlene Axlund 307-265-8186

**Our Lady of Fatima Gift Store**  
Mary Anne Valentine 307-266-5718

**Parish Historian**  
Mary Riis [historian@fatimaincasper.org](mailto:historian@fatimaincasper.org) 307-265-5586

**Tri-Parish Nursing Home & Hospital Chaplain**  
Fr. Philip Vaske  
307-262-3701

**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. 12-14	4:00 PM	+ John Patrick Kaney
Sun. 12-15	8:30 AM	The Parish
	10:30 AM	+ Kathy Pritchard
Tues. 12-17	9:00 AM	Catherine Shearer
Wed. 12-18	9:00 AM	+ Jim Minahan
	5:30 PM	Oakland Brown
Thurs. 12-19	9:00 AM	Dianne Stearns
Fri. 12-20	9:00 AM	+ Steve Stewart
Sat. 12-21	9:00 AM	Casey Brechtel
Sat. 12-21	4:00 PM	Glenn & Cathie Speiser
Sun. 12-22	8:30 AM	+ Mary DeLuca
	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.



©Religious Graphics, Ltd.

### CONTRIBUTIONS

Dec. 7-8, 2024  
 Regular — \$6,871.00  
 Charity — \$655.24

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception  
 \$1,597.00

Thank you for your donations.

### Diocese of Cheyenne Year of Jubilee 2025 Opening Mass



All are welcome to attend the Opening of the Jubilee Year Mass, presided by Bishop Steven, at the Cathedral of Saint Mary (Cheyenne) on Saturday, December 28, 2024, at 4 PM.

### 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 Thursday, **December 19**, so that names of your loved ones may be included in the Christmas Flower Memorial page at Christmas.

### Weekly Calendar of Events

- Friday 12/13/24**  
 8:30 AM—Rosary  
 9:00 AM—Mass  
 3 PM—Divine Mercy Chaplet  
 6:00 PM—Holy Hour of Reparations
- Saturday 12/14/24**  
 8:00 AM—Confessions  
 9:00 AM—Mass  
 1:30-3:30 PM—Confessions  
 4 PM—Mass
- Sunday 12/15/24**  
 8:30 AM—Mass  
 9:30 AM—Coffee & donuts,  
 10:30 AM—Mass  
**2:00 PM—CHRISTMAS CHOIR PRACTICE**
- Monday 12/16/24**  
**6:30 PM—TRI-PARISH PENANCE SERVICE AT ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH**
- Tuesday 12/17/24**  
 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  
**4:00 PM—ADVENT VESPERS**
- Wednesday 12/18/24**  
 8:30 AM—Rosary  
 9:00 AM—Mass  
 9:30 AM—Adoration  
**4:00 PM—ADVENT VESPERS**  
 5:30 PM—Mass  
 6:00 PM—Dinner (FH)  
**CHRISTMAS PARTY / CHILDREN'S SERVICE PROJECT (FH)**  
 6:30 PM—Youth Group (PC)
- Thursday 12/19/24**  
 8:30 AM—Rosary  
 9:00 AM—Mass  
**4:00 PM—ADVENT VESPERS**  
 7 PM—OCIA (PC)
- Friday 12/20/24**  
 8:30 AM—Rosary  
 9:00 AM—Mass  
 3:00 PM—Divine Mercy Chaplet  
**4:00 PM—ADVENT VESPERS**  
 6:00 PM—Holy Hour of Reparations
- FH—Fatima Hall, MR—Marian Room, PC—Parish Center  
 RE—Religious Education (Faith Formation) Building

### 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](mailto: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.

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:  
Tom Kaiser, Dr. Melissa Whelan, Mary Riis, Nydia Cochran, Louise Machan, Jennifer Frausto



©Religious Graphics, Ltd.

## ADVENT



Please join us to pray the "O Antiphons" December 17 — 20 at 4 PM in the church.

The Tri-Parish Advent Penance Service will take place on December 16 at 6:30 PM at St. Patrick's 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. Classes resume Jan. 8, 2025.

### OLF Religious Goods Store



**MYSTIC MONK COFFEE** makes the perfect stocking stuffer, hostess gift, white elephant gift or treat for yourself on Christmas morning. Roasted by Wyoming monks. Available at Our Lady of Fatima gift store after 8:30 AM Sunday Mass or call Mary Anne 266-5718

### 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. A parent is asked to attend practices with their child.

The Holy Name Society is planning to make deliveries for Christmas also, and are accepting donations to meet the costs for the Christmas Food Baskets. **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!



Rejoice  
Your God is near!

©Religious Graphics, Ltd.

### FAITH FORMATION

All Casper youth are now Confirmed by the Bishop in the 8<sup>th</sup> 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](https://osvhub.com/fatimaincasper/forms/register).

### Online Giving

Online Giving for Regular and Charity Contributions is available for Our Lady of Fatima Church by going to our website, [fatimaincasper.org](https://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>

### Wednesday December 18 schedule

Mass at 5:30 PM  
Dinner at 6 PM for all  
followed by Children's Service Project



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

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



**Help Ignite a Passion for Learning in  
St. Anthony Students!**

At St. Anthony Tri-Parish Catholic School we are led by the Spirit to enkindle the fire of God's love, ignite a passion for learning and encourage a desire to serve. With your help, we can continue to provide curricular support and enrichment activities, nurture our spiritual growth and maintain our building.

Due to the generosity of supporters, 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 FACE-VALUE CARD COUNTS TOWARDS FAMILY FUNDRAISING AND DIRECTLY BENEFIT ST. ANTHONY TRI-PARISH CATHOLIC SCHOOL!

**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.



SHOP FOR GIFTS &  
EARN FUNDRAISING CREDIT !

1145 W. 20TH STREET 307-234-2873 WWW.SASCASPER.COM



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



**MARY'S FUND 2025**

**Livestreamed Mass**

Sunday Masses for our diocese are being livestreamed. You can access the Mass by 11 am on Sundays on the Diocese of Cheyenne website <http://dcwy.org>



Our Lady of Fatima Council of Catholic Women along with other CCW groups in our diocese have chosen to support **MERCY SHIPS** for Mary's Fund 2025. Since 1978, **MERCY SHIPS** has been bringing hope and healing to children and adults who have little or no access to medical care. Please consider donating to this worthy cause. Checks can be made payable to OLF CCW with the notation Mary's Fund 2025. There are Mary's Fund envelopes at the entrances of the church for your convenience. They may be placed in the regular collection on the weekends, or mailed or brought to the church office at 1401 CY Ave., Casper, WY 82604. Thank you!