



Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 22, 2024

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church
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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

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| Sat. 12-21 | 4:00 PM | Glenn & Cathie Speiser |
| Sun. 12-22 | 8:30 AM | + Mary DeLuca |
| | 10:30 AM | The Parish |
| Tues. 12-24 | 9:00 AM | + Fletcher Simons |
| Tues. 12-24 | 4:00 PM | Pat McCarthy |
| | 8:00 PM | The Parish |
| Wed. 12-25 | 12:00 AM | + Sharon Horton |
| | 9:00 AM | John & Jeanne Brodrecht |
| Thurs. 12-26 | 9:00 AM | + Jonathan Vantrese |
| Fri. 12-27 | 9:00 AM | + Vince Haley |
| Sat. 12-28 | 9:00 AM | + Jim Minahan |
| Sat. 12-28 | 4:00 PM | Carol Moler |
| Sun. 12-29 | 8:30 AM | The Parish |
| | 10:30 AM | Sue Blomstrom |

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.

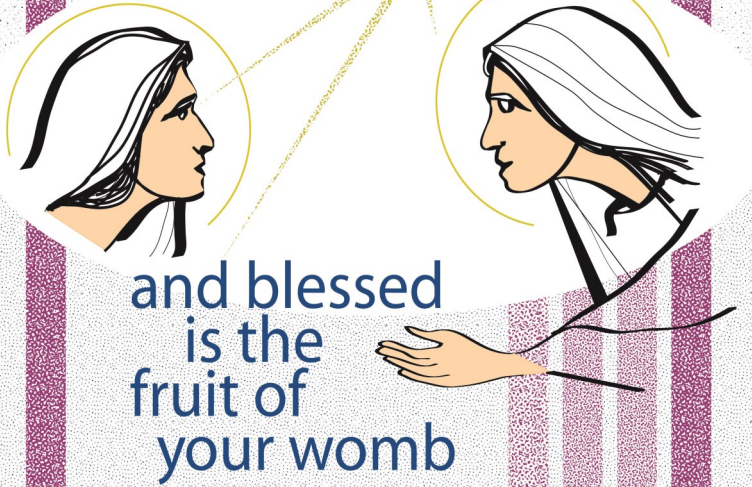
*Godparents must be Baptized, Confirmed, and practicing Catholics. One Godparent is required. If for good reason the Godparent is from out of town, or another Catholic church in town, a letter from his/her pastor is required stating that he/she is a practicing member in good standing.

*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.

Blessed
are you
among
women



and blessed
is the
fruit of
your womb

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Dec. 14-15, 2024
Regular — \$7,689.27
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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.

The Spirituality Group Discussion usually held on Tuesday mornings is cancelled on December 24 and December 31. It will resume on January 7, 2025 at 9:30 AM in Fatima Hall.

There will be no coffee and donuts on the Sunday after Christmas, December 29. Thank you to all who keep this hospitality ministry active throughout the year.



Weekly Calendar of Events

Friday 12/20/24
8:30 AM—Rosary
9:00 AM—Mass
3 PM—Divine Mercy Chaplet
4:00 PM—ADVENT VESPERS
6:00 PM—Holy Hour of Reparations

Saturday 12/21/24
8:00 AM—Confessions
9:00 AM—Mass
1:30-3:30 PM—Confessions
4 PM—Mass

Sunday 12/22/24
8:30 AM—Mass
9:30 AM—Coffee & donuts
10:30 AM—Mass
2:00 PM—CHRISTMAS CHOIR PRACTICE

Tuesday 12/24/24
8:30 AM—Rosary
9 AM—Mass
SPIRITUALITY GROUP DISCUSSION CANCELLED
9:30 AM—Patriotic Rosary
11:00 AM—Seven Sorrows of Mary Rosary
4:00 PM—CHRISTMAS EVE MASS
8:00 PM—CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

Wednesday 12/25/24
12:00 AM—CHRISTMAS MASS AT NIGHT
9:00 AM—CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

Thursday 12/26/24
8:30 AM—Rosary
9:00 AM—Mass
O.C.I.A. CANCELLED

Friday 12/27/24
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, PC—Parish Center
RE—Religious Education (Faith Formation) Building

Church offices will be closed for the Christmas holiday from Tuesday, December 24 to Monday December 30. Have a safe and Merry Christmas.

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).

O.C.I.A. is cancelled on December 26, and will resume January 2, 2025.



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, Jennifer Frausto



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**

His name shall be

EMMANUEL

GOD with US

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.

Classes resume January 8, 2025



Final Christmas Choir practice:
Sunday, December 22 at 2 PM

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



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!

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>

Join **Deacon Mike Leman, January 7, from 6:00pm-7:30, in the commons, (St. Patrick's) for a primer on the 2025 Wyoming Legislative Session.** The eight-week general session will begin the following Tuesday, January 14. Deacon Mike will discuss coming legislation, review the session calendar, and how to access important information from the legislature's website. He will also provide reminders for contacting legislators during the session. There are also plans to do a post session follow up in March, exact date yet to be determined.

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

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

Save the date: Join us on Wednesday, January 8 from 1 – 4 p.m. for an Open House to learn about enrolling for the 2025-2026 school year. Enrollment for parishioners interested in joining our school community will begin during Catholic Schools Week, January 26. Families who visit during the Open House are given an earlier enrollment date, which is helpful for classes with limited openings.



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.

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| <p>AVE, MARIA gratia plena Dominus tecum</p> | <p>Hail, Mary full of grace the Lord is with thee</p> | |
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MARY'S FUND 2025

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!



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**The Story of Christmas | Benjamin Cello
Christmas Special**

In this special hour-long television event, Benjamin Cello and his friends travel to Pennywhistle Park for a spectacular shadow puppet retelling of "The Story of Christmas" by Brother Joseph and "The Shadow of His Wings" puppet theater.

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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>