



# Welcome

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**Our Lady of the Valley - Clark**

**St. Theresa of the Child Jesus - Meeteetse**

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## Mass Schedule:

Cody: Monday..... 8:30 a.m.  
 Tuesday thru Friday... 8:30 a.m & 12:15 p.m.  
 Saturday..... 8:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.  
 Sunday..... 9:00 a.m.  
 Holy Days..... 8:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.  
 Meeteetse: Sunday..... 8:30 a.m.  
 Clark: Sunday..... 11:00 a.m.  
 Latin Mass-Powell: Sunday..... 12:00 Noon  
 Yellowstone National Park - see page 3

## Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Cody: Wed. 6:30-7:30 p.m. & Saturday 3:00-4:p.m.  
 Meeteetse:..... Sundays @ 8a.m.  
 Clark..... Fridays @ 4 p.m.

**Baptism:** Class Required. Please call Office 587-3388

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Altar Servers	Deacon Rick	587-2567
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## Mission Statement:

We, the people of the Roman Catholic parishes of St. Anthony of Padua, Our Lady of the Valley, St. Theresa of the Child Jesus, and St. Francis of Assisi, always in union with our Bishop and the Magisterium of the Catholic Church, as disciples of Christ, realize that everything is a gift of God.

We serve the people of God through Sacramental and Liturgical celebrations and on-going faith formation. As grateful disciples, we cultivate, nurture and develop our gifts, expressed in spiritual and social events, enabling us to personally live the Gospel of Jesus as Catholic individuals and families in our communities.

Twenty-Second Sunday  
 in Ordinary Time  
 September 2, 2018

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Deut. 4:1-2, 6-8  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: James 1:17-18, 21b-22,27  
 Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15,21-23



**FOCUS: INNER FAITH, OUTER ACTIONS**  
**Throughout our history, the Church has experienced a tension between faith and actions. Rather than viewing these in tension, however, we truly follow Christ when they are united.**

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**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK  
Sunday - 09/02/2018**

**St. Anthony - Cody** 9:00 am Parishioners of St. Anthony,  
St. Theresa, Our Lady of the Valley  
**St. Theresa - Meeteetse** 8:30 Intention of Celebrant  
**Our Lady of the Valley - Clark** 11am † Joe Boydston  
by Stockwells  
**Latin Mass in Powell** - Priestly & Religious Intentions  
Mon. 09/03 8:30 am † Mary McCollum by Family  
Tues. 09/04 8:30 am Florence Meister by Deb Bank  
9:30 am LTCC - Joanne Hageman  
by St. Anthony Family  
12:15 pm † John Wilson  
by Luke & Whiteny Maslak  
Wed. 09/05 8:30 am † Joe Boydston  
by Jerry & Deb Bank  
12:15pm Celeste Pentilla by  
Special Intention  
Thurs. 09/06 8:30 am † Agnes Hynes by Family  
12:15 pm Veronica Reyes by Mosers  
Fri. 09/07 8:30 am † David Rodriguez by Mosers  
12:15 pm † Robert Meister  
by Florence Meister  
Sat. 09/08 8:30 am † Penny Miles by Bob Mazick  
5:00 pm † Walter Wajda by  
Paul & Marlene Sibley  
**Sun. 09/09 St. Anthony** Parishioners of St. Anthony, OLV  
& St. Theresa  
**St. Theresa - Meeteetse** 8:30 am † Kelly Riggs by Family  
**Our Lady of the Valley Clark** 11:00 am Intention of  
Celebrant  
**Latin Mass in Powell** - Noon- Intention of Donor

*Eucharistic Adoration*



*Could you not spend  
One hour with Me?*

“What you see is the bread & the chalice; that is what your own eyes report to you. But what your faith obliges you to accept is that **THE BREAD IS THE BODY OF CHRIST AND THE CHALICE IS THE BLOOD OF CHRIST.**

(St. Augustine) Available

**Hours for Eucharistic**

**Adoration:** Mon. @ 11am & 1pm;  
Tues. @ 10am, noon, 3pm, 5 & 6pm;  
Wed. @ 3pm; Thurs. @ 1pm & 2pm;  
Fri. @ 10am & 4pm.

**Please call Joyce @ 307-272-9722 to accept an Hour.**

\*\*\*\*NO ADORATION ON LABOR DAY\*\*\*\*

**THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON  
LABOR DAY.**

**WEEK AT A GLANCE @ ST. ANTHONY  
SEPT. 2nd - SEPT 8th, 2018**

**Mon. - Friday:** Exposition and Adoration of the  
9:00 - 7:00 pm Blessed Sacrament following Mass  
**Mon. 9/3** 7:30 pm Adult Choir Practice.  
**Wed. 9/5** 6:30 Reconciliation  
**Wed. 9/5 NO Eucharistic Adoration, Meeteetse**  
**Thur. 9/6** 3:50-4:50 Youth Choir Practice  
5:30 Cenacles of Life  
**Fri. 9/7** 2:00 Spiritual Motherhood Sodality

**MINISTERS FOR . . .Saturday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00pm**

**Altar Servers:** Christian Dudrick, Grosz Family  
**Lector:** Barbara Grant  
**Distribute the Sacred Species:** James Hernandez, Kathy Kamm, Eileen Kelly, Vi LaFave, Jackie Keating  
**Sunday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00am**  
**Altar Servers:** Boysen Family, Talich Family  
**Lector:** Howard Brown  
**Distribute the Sacred Species:** Rich Miller, Peg Paul, Fred & Joanne Pylant, Ed Reed

**Yellowstone National Park**

St. Francis of Assisi Mission is the ministry that our Parish provides during the summer in Yellowstone. It consists of 3 Masses every weekend from Father's Day to Labor Day! Retired priest, Father Mike Carr, has graciously been celebrating Masses for the last two weekends of the 2018 season.



**THANK YOU FATHER**

**CARR!!!!** We also extend our deep gratitude to George & Pat Morris, Dan & Kathleen Golder and Gary & Patsy Eyde, who, throughout the summer, have assisted with the Masses in the Park!  
**THANK YOU!!!! THANK YOU!!!!**

**Experience a Weekend that  
will truly change your life!!**



St. Anthony's will be offering their 5<sup>th</sup> Evangelization Retreat Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> - Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>. This Retreat is a Gift with a special grace that has helped us focus upon the role of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Catholic Community. The Retreat focuses upon the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist. Registration forms are on the table in the Vestibule or by calling the office @ 587-3388. Space is limited so call soon.





**CONFIRMATION DATE HAS CHANGED**

The Diocese just changed the date for our Confirmation. It will now be on Sunday, Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> instead of Saturday, Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>. Confirmation will still be at St. Barbara's in Powell and it will be at 5 pm. Confirmandi are to meet with Bishop Steven at 3:30pm.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** will meet on Wed. Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> in the parish library at 9:15am. If you like to knit or crochet, we would love to have you join us in making prayer shawls for those who are grieving, in recovery, having treatments, are caretakers or need special prayers. For information about this beautiful ministry, please call Dorothy @ 213-5195.

**LIVING & GIVING IN CHRIST: UNITY THROUGH DIOCESAN MINISTRIES:**

Thank you to all who have responded so generously to the 2018 annual diocesan appeal. **In case you haven't made your pledge yet, please prayerfully consider doing so soon.** As of August 21<sup>st</sup>, St. Anthony's remains at 90% of our goal with \$67,958; St. Theresa's has met their goal with \$3,224; Our Lady of the Valley has also met their goal with \$4,265. **Again, we want to express our gratitude for your generosity!!**

**LAST WEEK'S OFFERING TO THE LORD**

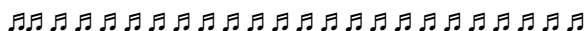
Envelope & Plate - Cody	\$ 6,809.73
Envelope & Plate - Clark	\$ 301.00
Envelope & Plate - Meeteetse	\$ 130.00
Yellowstone National Park	\$ 1,198.00

**"BEING CATHOLIC"**

Join us for a Lively and engaging Class and Discussion on our Faith. We will observe our faith from different angles and different horizons and observe how everything is interconnected. Our discussions are called "Being Catholic" and they cover what we believe, what we do and what we think. We do think differently! This discussion is open to everyone. There are many topics from various speakers, whom, we hope, will inspire you, teach you and sometimes blow your minds.



This coming week, September 6<sup>th</sup> will be a look-back and a review of the monumental encyclical, *Veritatis Splendor*, by Saint John Paul II. On this 25th Anniversary of the encyclical, the crisis of truth has only seemed to grow. We will also answer questions on the current crisis facing the Mystical Body of Christ. Moderated by Rev. Vernon Clark and Deacon Rick Moser @ 6:30 PM in the St. Joan of Arc Room in the Center. "See you there!"



"...the season of singing has come..." Song of Songs 2:12

We welcome all of you who want to share your gift and desire to praise our Lord in this music ministry. Our practice times; Monday at 7:30pm (for Adult Choir at Choir Loft). For Youth Choir, we practice on Wednesday and Friday 5:30pm (at Parish Center). **No Youth Choir practice on Friday, 9/7 and 9/14.** For further info, please contact Patricia Wormington (307 213 0229). Thank you and hope to see many of you joining us :)

"I will sing to the Lord as long as I live" Psalm 104:33  
**ONE CHURCH, ONE CHOIR FAMILY, NO DIVIDE, ALL ABILITIES**

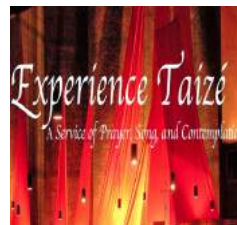
**Save the Date ... Saturday, September 29th at 6:30 pm Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage Experience™**



Our Lady of Lourdes Hospitality North American Volunteers will present a 2-hour Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage Experience™ at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church on **Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.** St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church is sponsoring this event. As part of this spiritual opportunity to draw nearer to God with Our Lady and St. Bernadette you will:

- immerse yourself in the Gospel Message of Lourdes as given by Our Lady to St. Bernadette
- have the opportunity to touch the Grotto Rock and to experience the healing grace of Lourdes Water
- receive a Eucharistic blessing and pray the Rosary
- receive a bottle of Lourdes Water
- prepare a petition to be placed in the Grotto in Lourdes, France

Come and encounter the healing grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ through His Immaculate Mother. Invite your family, children and friends! Our Lady extends her invitation to all! The next best thing to visiting Lourdes itself is a Pilgrimage journey without the travel! A Plenary Indulgence is granted to all the faithful, under the usual conditions, who attend this Experience! For more information, contact: Parish Office (307) 587-3888.



**St. Anthony of Padua** invites you to attend  
**a Taizé Prayer Service**  
 Wednesday, Sept 12th, 6:30pm  
 In the Church  
**Please join us!**

St. Anthony Singles will meet for dinner on Saturday, Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> after the 5pm Mass. Sunday, Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>, join us for breakfast at

Granny's. Lunch will be at Anny's at the Airport on Thursday, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>. We will have dinner at Wendy's on Sat, the 8<sup>th</sup>, again after 5pm Mass. Please call Phyllis at 587-5496 if you have any questions.



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### Parent's Prayer at the Beginning of School Year

We give you praise, O God,  
for everything that is new and beautiful,  
for everything which holds promise and brings us  
joy.

Bless us as we start this new year  
with our friends and **teachers**  
Help us to make the most of every chance we have to  
start afresh.

May we show love to one another and to all.  
May the new beginning of this school year  
remind us that you give us chances to start over  
again and again.

Help us to forgive others  
as we receive your forgiveness.  
Help us to learn and to work together.  
Help us to listen when we should  
and to know the best words when we speak  
and when it is better not to speak.

We thank you for our friends  
Help us to be good friends this year.

Help us to be patient  
with ourselves and with others.  
Bless our school and keep us safe.  
Be with us as we travel each day.  
Help us to be aware of your love  
shown to us in the people around us.

Bless all those who care for us  
In school and at home.

Help us show our care for them  
and to say sorry when we need to.  
May the Blessed Mother Mary protect us  
And help us to live as well as we can  
Giving thanks and glory to God as she did.

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### News from the Diocese

Bishop Steven invites Catholic high school students from across the Diocese of Cheyenne who graduate in 2019, 2020, or 2021 and their parents to participate in a pilgrimage to Italy. This pilgrimage will be a deeply spiritual trip and is designed to facilitate conversation and relationship development between the youth and parent. A parent of each youth is highly encouraged to attend. If the parent is unable to attend, please contact Maria Ward to determine chaperone availability prior to registering. Space is very limited and registrations will be accepted on a first come first serve basis. Please be sure that the youth and adult registering meet the following criteria for attending the pilgrimage. If you have questions, please contact Maria Ward at 307-638-1530.



**Thinking about Separation or Divorce?** - Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you feel helpless? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long I) is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on Sept. 7-9 2018 in Denver, call (303)-317-5111 or email [retrovaille.co@gmail.com](mailto:retrovaille.co@gmail.com) or visit the website at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com).

### Annual WCCW Convention

St. John the Baptist Church in Buffalo, WY is the site for the 65th Wyoming Council of Catholic Women (WCCW) convention on Sunday, Sept. 23 and Monday, Sept. 24. Registration fee is \$80 made payable to St. John's CCW, c/o Jennifer Schroefel, PO Box 1085, Buffalo, WY 82834. Sunday will feature breakout sessions with Deacon Leman, Joseph Stong of the Wyoming Catholic College, Mary Martin on Leadership, Mary Ann Cummins on Officer training and a tour of the Wool Mill. A business meeting, Mass at 5pm followed by a dinner prepared by the women of St. John's with speaker Monique Barron of Ranchester talking on the theme, "Reflecting God's Joy: Missionary Disciples - Mission Possible" will finish the day's events. Monday will feature our principal speaker, Dr. Katariina Rosenblatt, a victim of human trafficking and now advocate for trafficking victims and a lawyer. We will also have Mass, a purse auction and a banquet to end the evening. Contact Lori Zink, 307-620-5113 or Mary Ann Cummins, 307-620-9656 with questions.

**DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS IS  
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# Diocese of Cheyenne

Office of the Bishop

To be inserted in bulletins September 1-2, 2018

August 29, 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This week I sent out a Press Release regarding a third credible allegation in Wyoming of sexual abuse against retired Bishop Joseph Hart. I am saddened to communicate this information to you, and I know that it is disturbing news for you. I would like to help you understand the rationale for such public announcements.

As a diocese, we are making this announcement in accord with our obligations under the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* that calls for dioceses to be “open and transparent in communicating with the public about the sexual abuse of minors by clergy” (Article 7) and under the diocese’s own norms which specifies that “a public announcement will be made to the diocese as a whole, parishes, Catholic schools, other Catholic entities, and to the general public” after an “accusation has been investigated and determined to be credible” (Article XI). Thus, in every instance of finding an allegation to be credible through a canonical investigation, a public announcement is to be made.

On July 2, 2018, the Diocese of Cheyenne announced that it had conducted a canonical investigation and concluded that there was “credible and substantiated” evidence that retired Bishop Joseph Hart had abused two Wyoming boys. Following this announcement, a third individual reported that he, too, was sexually abused by Bishop Hart in 1980. The diocese reported this allegation to the Cheyenne Police Department and is cooperating with their investigation.

As required by Church law, the diocese conducted a canonical investigation which included notifying Bishop Hart and asking him for an interview to respond to the accusation. He declined to be interviewed. In accord with diocesan norms, the results of the investigation were given to the *Diocesan Review Board*, comprised of three men and four women. They are a seasoned group of professionals including parents, therapists, a psychologist, an educational administrator, the chancellor and a priest. The review board found the allegation credible and substantiated. Consequently, the diocese has forwarded the Initial Investigation to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith for its action.

I commend the victim for having the courage to contact us. If anyone has been abused, no matter how long ago, I encourage you to come forward. I want to listen to you and accompany you on a journey of healing. Pope Francis said of the sex abuse scandal, *‘We abandoned the little ones.’* As we move forward, we must heed the call of the Lord Jesus to be guardians of the least.

If anyone has suffered sexual abuse, contact your local law enforcement agency or the Department of Family Services. Upon notification of authorities or if you have questions, please contact the Chancellor Patti Loehrer at 307-638-1530, or the Diocesan Victim Advocate, Deacon Rollie Raboin at 307-532-4586. Please pray for our diocese and for the healing of all God’s people.

Peace in Christ,

Bishop Steven Biegler