



St. John the Baptist Church

St. Mary Church - Clearmont
St. Hubert Church - Kaycee

Office and Rectory

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The Mission of St. John the Baptist Church, in union with the Universal Church, is to faithfully spread the light of Christ through the teaching of Sacred Scripture, Sacred Tradition and the authority of the Magisterium. We seek to improve the spiritual and daily lives of all who come to us.

Mass Schedule

St. John the Baptist Church

Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:00 & 10:00 AM
Daily Mass T - F 8:00 AM
Holy Days
Anticipatory 6:00 PM
Day of... 7:00 AM

St. Mary Church, Clearmont

2nd & 4th Sunday 12:30pm

St. Hubert Church, Kaycee

1st & 3rd Sunday 2:00pm

Confessions Saturday 11:00am
Saturday after 5pm Mass
By Appointment

Religious Education / Meetings

Sunday, Dec. 7 – 9am Knights' breakfast
11am-1pm Confirmation retreat
4pm Choir group
5pm Youth group
7pm Mission
Monday, Dec. 8 – 7am Mass & **7pm Mission**
Tuesday, Dec. 9 – **7pm Mission**
Wednesday, Dec. 10 – 3:45pm & **7pm CCD/Mission**
6am, 10am & NO 7pm – Job
Thursday, Dec. 11 – 6:30am Men of St. Joseph
7pm Mission
Sunday, Dec. 14 – 11am Parish baby shower
5pm Parish dinner /NO youth group

Parish Staff

Pastor	<i>Fr. Pete Johnson</i>	684-7268
Parish Administrator	<i>Mary Ann Cummins</i>	684-7268
CCW Leaders	<i>Cristie Murray</i>	684-2143
	<i>Vickie Abbott</i>	307-737-2281
Finance Council Chair	<i>Steve Reimann</i>	684-7439
Janitor	<i>Mick Camino</i>	217-1575
K of C Grand Knight	<i>Blaine Horn</i>	217-1075
Choir Director	<i>Mary Finney</i>	278-0137
Organist	<i>Judi Semroska</i>	620-1964
Parish Council Chair	<i>Mike Ihnat</i>	684-7698
Religious Education	<i>Carol Gagliano</i>	684-7217
Trustees	<i>Jean Urruty</i>	684-7093
	<i>Phil Gonzales</i>	684-5920

Baptisms - Please call Fr. Pete

Marriage - Planning and preparation 6 months in advance

Prayer line Requests – Patty Myers, 684-9381 or Jan Edgcomb – jmpe@wyoming.com

Rosary Guild - Thursdays at 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM; call 217-0150 or 307-660-4936 for place.

Sacrament of the Sick - After first Sunday Masses or call the Parish Office

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 7, 2014

Altar Assistants:

SATURDAY, Dec. 13, 5:00pm

Lector: Janelle Gonzales

EM: Phil Gonzales, Dennis Lawrence

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, Dec. 14, 8:00am

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteer

Altar Servers: Joe Reimann, Matt Harrison, Ben Camino

SUNDAY, Dec. 14, 10:00am

Lector: Jude Mikal

EM: Paula Mikal, Mary Ann Cummins

Altar Servers: Wyatt/Eli/Cole Linden, Tom Fieldgrove

Homebound Ministry, Friday, Dec. 12

Jean Vignaroli

Collections for Week of November 23&30, 2014

St. John's	\$ 6,617.40	YTD \$	83,348.85
St. Mary's	\$ 474.00	YTD \$	2,946.00
St. Hubert's	\$ 50.00	YTD \$	1,935.00
Poor contributions	\$ 493.00		

Mass Intentions for the Week:

Mon.	12.08	7:00 a.m.	Feast of the Immaculate Conception: For the people
Tue.	12.09	8:00 a.m.	+Beatrice Rodriguez
Wed.	12.10	8:00 a.m.	+Beatrice Rodriguez
Thu.	12.11	8:00 a.m.	+Martin Michelena
Fri.	12.12	8:00 a.m.	+Domingo Anxalobehere
Sat.	12.13	5:00 p.m.	Beverly Rhodes
Sun.	12.14	8:00 a.m.	Beverly Rhodes
		10:00 a.m.	for the people
		12:30 p.m.	Clearmont; Fr. Pete's intention

Readings for the week:

Mon-Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12;
Gospel: Luke 1:26-38 *Immaculate Conception*
Tue-Isaiah 40: 1-11; Gospel: Matthew 18:12-14
Wed-Isaiah 40:25-31; Gospel: Matthew 11:28-30
Thu-Isaiah 41:13-20; Gospel: Matthew 11:11-15
Fri-Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Gospel:
Luke 1:39-47 *Our Lady of Guadalupe*
Sat-Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Gospel: Matthew 17:9a,
10-13 *Saint Lucy, Virgin & Martyr*

FROM FR. PETE:

The Feast of the Immaculate

Conception, Monday, December 8 is a Holy Day of Obligation. Priests are not permitted to offer an Anticipatory Mass on Sunday evening since that is a Sunday of Advent. Mass will be offered on Monday at 7:00 a.m. giving people plenty of time to get to work or school. I will ask our visiting priest, Fr. Louis, if he has time to offer an evening Mass on Monday. If he does I will announce it at this weekend's Masses. You might also check the Mass schedule in Sheridan.

An Advent meditation from St. Irenaeus, bishop and martyr.

The Lord, coming into His own creation in visible form, was sustained by His own creation which He Himself sustains in being. His obedience on the tree of the cross reversed the disobedience at the tree in Eden; the good news of the truth announced by an angel to Mary, a virgin subject to a husband, undid the evil lie that seduced Eve, a virgin espoused to a husband.

As Eve was seduced by the word of an angel and so fled from God after disobeying His word, Mary in her turn was given the good news by the word of an angel, and bore God in obedience to His word. As Eve was seduced into disobedience to God, so Mary was persuaded into obedience to God; thus the Virgin Mary became the advocate of the virgin Eve.

Christ gathered all things into one, by gathering them into Himself. He declared war against our enemy, crushed him who at the beginning had taken us

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captive in Adam, and trampled on his head, in accordance with God's words to the serpent in Genesis: "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; he shall lie in wait for your head, and you shall lie in wait for his heel."

The one lying in wait for the serpent's head is the One Who was born in the likeness of Adam from the woman, the Virgin. This is the seed spoken of by Paul in the letter to the Galatians: "The law of works was in force until the seed should come to whom the promise was made." He shows this even more clearly in the same letter when he says: "When the fullness of time had come, God sent His Son, born of a woman." The enemy would not have been born of a woman because it was through a woman that he had gained mastery over man in the beginning, and set himself up as man's adversary.

That is why the Lord proclaims Himself the Son of Man, the one who renews in Himself the first man from whom the race born of woman was formed; as by a man's defeat our race fell into the bondage of death, so by a man's victory we were to rise again to life.

**Welcome Father Louis Guardiola!
Fr. Louis comes to us from the
Fathers of Mercy located in
Kentucky. We have been blessed
to have the Fathers come to us for
Advent and Lent for the last six
years in a row.**

Fr. Louis will preach the weekend Masses and then begin our Advent Parish Mission on Sunday, 7:00 p.m. The mission will be held each evening, Monday thru Thursday, at 7:00 p.m. Among the topics he will address are: the power of the Eucharist and the Mass; the things that prevent us from experiencing the power of the Eucharist, the Eucharist as answer to our personal problems; how the Eucharist can transform our lives and how one should respond to Christ's invitation to "watch with Me one hour."

Many of you enjoyed Fr. Louis when he came to us a couple years ago. DVD's and CD's will be available. They make wonderful Christmas presents and "stocking stuffers."

If anyone wishes to invite Fr. Louis out for lunch / dinner please feel free to invite him.

Confirmation students. You have a retreat this Sunday with Fr. Louis from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend this retreat. The parish will provide lunch.

Knights of Columbus are offering breakfast this Sunday after the morning Masses. I am very grateful for this ministry of hospitality and fellowship! The men put on a great breakfast and it is wonderful to see increasing numbers of people take advantage of the opportunity to visit with others.

Many thanks to those who helped take down the fall decorations. The work and clean up were completed in just about an hour!

Want a chance to win a hand carved Nativity Set from Bethlehem? The Knights of Columbus purchased a beautiful 14 piece set

and are selling raffle tickets. You can purchase a ticket after the weekend Masses at the parish hall. The winning number will be selected at the Advent Dinner.

Many thanks to the women who are working hard at planning the Advent Parish Dinner.

There is a lot of work and expense involved but it is being well organized. The dinner will be held on Sunday, December 14, 5:00 p.m. Tickets will be available after the weekend Masses. There is no fee. This is just a way of trying to estimate how many plan on coming. If you do not plan on coming or are not sure.....please don't take a ticket.

Mark this down: time to make the Christmas wreathes for the interior of our Church, Saturday, December 13, 9:00 a.m. at the parish hall. Never made a Christmas wreath before? No problem! Come and learn! Perhaps it might encourage you to make a wreath for your home. The only things you need to bring are a pair of work gloves (pine needles can be sharp), possibly a pair of cutters for the pine branches and Christmas spirit! Leah and Clay Miller are supplying the pine boughs from the Paradise Guest Ranch in the mountains.

Knights of Columbus Advent Social. This will be held at the parish hall on Thursday, December 18, starting at 7:00 p.m. This is for all Knights and their wives or girlfriends. Each Knight is asked to bring a hors d'oeuvre to share. Beverages will be supplied by the Council. Come and enjoy a social evening with your brother Knights and their significant others during this time of preparation for the coming of our Lord!

Want to help decorate the Church for Christmas? Help will be needed on Tuesday, December 23 at 9:00 a.m. We have to put out the poinsettias, hang ornaments on the trees,

set up the crèche, and do a bit of clean up. Lots of work and lots of fun.

The Christmas Mass schedule. Christmas Eve, December 24, 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. (the "Midnight Mass" with choir. For the purists who insist that the Midnight Mass must be at Midnight, it is....Eastern time that is!). Christmas Morning, December 25, 10:00 a.m. There are no other Masses Christmas day.

Please keep our local Food Pantry on your Christmas list. As oil prices are dropping and production in our area is declining it is only logical to assume there will be an impact on the lives of some in our community. The Food Pantry is often a life line for people who are struggling to make ends meet.

Salvation Army Kettle. I have made it a practice to always drop at least one dollar every time I come across a bell ringer. The Salvation Army does a wonderful job assisting the poor. Please give what you can when you come across the iconic red kettle.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS – Six (6) 8-inch poinsettias are \$35 each; 52 mums and 6 ½-inch poinsettias are \$21 each. Please call the rectory, 684-7268 and reserve your plant for your loved one Tuesday-Friday!

CHRISTMAS COOKIES FOR THE GRAY LADIES – please bring 2 dozen of your favorite Christmas cookie to Claudia Elliot at CCD on Wednesday, Dec. 17 and they will be organized on the morning of Dec. 18 to share with those less fortunate in our community.

BABY SHOWER – Please come to meet our newest parishioners the morning of Dec. 14, Sunday at 11am in the large classroom with your gift of diapers and/or wipes....Katie Farris & Tobin; Jennifer Graslie & Caleb; Mallory Painter & Kinsley; Carolyn Kaiser & Grace; Meg Schmitt of Kaycee...possibly another one by then!