



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

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

Religious Education / Meetings

Sunday, January 4 - NO YOUTH

Tuesday, January 6 - 4pm Kaycee classes

Wednesday, January 7 - 6am & 10am Job classes
3:45pm CCD
7pm Confirmation class

Thursday, Jan. 8 - 6:30am Men of St. Joseph

Friday, January 9 - 5pm CCW Progressive Dinner

Sunday, January 11 - 10am Christmas Pageant
9am & 11am Knights'
Breakfast

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY SUNDAY

JANUARY 4, 2015

Altar Assistants:

SATURDAY, Jan. 10, 5:00pm

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, Jan. 11, 8:00am

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Joe Reimann, Matt Scarlett, Matt Harrison, Ben Camino

SUNDAY, Jan. 11, 10:00am

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteers

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

Homebound Ministry, Friday, Jan. 9

Liz Camino-Ramsey

Collections for Week of December 28, 2014

St. John's	\$ 1996.50	YTD \$	99,748.61
St. Mary's	\$ 228.00	YTD \$	3,560.61
St. Hubert's	\$	YTD \$	2,185.00
Poor contributions	\$ 25.00		
Christmas collection	\$21,957.12		

Mass Intentions for the Week:

Mon.	01.05	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	01.06	8:00 a.m.	Joyce and Dave Larkin
Wed.	01.07	8:00 a.m.	+Wanda Nolan
Thu.	01.08	8:00 a.m.	+Wanda Nolan
Fri.	01.09	8:00 a.m.	Don and Vyonne Kraen
Sat.	01.10	5:00 p.m.	Don and Vyonne Kraen
Sun.	01.11	8:00 a.m.	+Vern Descombaz
		10:00 a.m.	for the people
		2:00 p.m.	Kaycee: Fr. Pete's intention

Readings for the Week:

Mon-1	John 3:22—4:6; Gospel: Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25	Saint John Neumann, Bishop
Tue-1	John 4:7-10; Gospel: Mark 6:34-44	
Wed-1	John 4:11-18; Gospel: Mark 6:45-52	
Thu-1	John 4:19—5:4; Gospel: Luke 4:14-22a	
Fri-1	John 5:5-13; Gospel: Luke 5:12-16	
Sat-1	John 5:14-21; Gospel: John 3:22-30	

FROM FR. PETE:

Come to the last celebration of Christmas! Next week is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. When the sun sets that day Christmas is over. Truly one of the saddest days of the year.

But...there is some good news!
Our children will be offering their Christmas Pageant on Sunday, January 11 at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. The Knights of Columbus have graciously offered to prepare breakfast after that Mass.

So come and enjoy what the children have prepared for us, and then have a wonderful breakfast! This will be the last communal celebration of Christmas!

Please pray for the soul of John Knebel who tragically passed away last Sunday in a house fire. May his soul rest in peace. And please pray for his mother, Kitty.

A meditation on the meaning of the Feast of the Epiphany from Pope Leo the Great.

The loving providence of God determined that in the last days He would aid the world, set on its course to destruction. He decreed that all nations should be saved in Christ.

A promise had been made to the holy patriarch Abraham in regard to these nations. He was to have a countless progeny, born not from his body but from the seed of faith. His descendants are therefore compared with the array of the stars. The father of all nations was to hope not in an earthly progeny but in a progeny from above.

FR. PETE (cont.)

Let the full number of the nations now take their place in the family of the patriarchs. Let the children of the promise now receive the blessing in the seed of Abraham, the blessing renounced by the children of his flesh. In the persons of the Magi let all people adore the Creator of the universe; let God be known, not in Judea only, but in the whole world, so that "his name may be great in all Israel."

Dear friends, now that we have received instruction in this revelation of God's grace, let us celebrate with spiritual joy the day of our first harvesting, of the first calling of the Gentiles. Let us give thanks to the merciful God, "who has made us worthy," in the words of the Apostle, "to share the position of the saints in light; who has rescued us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of His beloved Son." As Isaiah prophesied: "The people of the Gentiles, who sat in darkness, have seen a great light, and for those who dwelt in the region of the shadow of death a light has dawned." He spoke of them to the Lord: "The Gentiles, who do not know you, will invoke you, and the peoples, who knew you not, will take refuge in you."

This is "the day that Abraham saw, and rejoiced to see," when he knew that the sons born of his faith would be blessed in his seed, that is, in Christ. Believing that he would be the father of the nations, he looked into the future, "giving glory to God, in full awareness that God is able to do what He has promised."

This is the day that David prophesied in the psalms, when he said:

"All the nations that you have brought into being will come and fall down in adoration in your presence, Lord, and glorify your name." Again, "the Lord has made known his salvation; in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice."

This came to be fulfilled, as we know, from the time when the star beckoned the three wise men out of their distant country and led them to recognize and adore the King of heaven and earth. The obedience of the star calls us to imitate its humble service: to be servants, as best we can, of the grace that invites all men to find Christ.

Dear friends, you must have the same zeal to be of help to one another; then, in the kingdom of God, to which faith and good works are the way, you will shine as children of the light: through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with God the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

Many thanks to the crew that decorated the Church for Christmas. It was so beautiful that a professional photographer was brought in to take "architectural pictures" of the Church. What a shame that it must come down next week.

Many thanks to the choir, the altar servers the lectors, the Eucharistic ministers, the ushers and the Knights of Columbus who helped to make the Christmas Masses so beautiful. Well done!

2015 calendars still available. In another week whatever is remaining will be thrown out to reduce the clutter at the Church entrances. Get your calendar while you can.

Have the flu? Please do not go to work until you are better. Your wanting to work is

secondary to the danger of spreading the illness to others whose immune systems may not be able to fight off this nasty virus. The CDC has officially listed the flu as an epidemic. It has killed 15 children thus far.

Is your child sick? Do not send him or her to school. That will only pass the illness on.

If you are sick do not come to Mass.

There is no sin in missing Mass because you have the flu or you are taking care of someone in the family who has the flu. There certainly are instances when missing Mass is indeed a mortal sin such as sleeping in because one is lazy or because one stayed out late the night before and doesn't want to get up, or one preferred to go fishing, etc. Good luck on explaining that to God when you stand before Him on the day you die. But there is no sin in missing Mass because you are sick or because you had to care for a sick child or spouse.

If you are taking chemotherapy or radiation therapy it is very possible your immune system has been compromised and it may be necessary to avoid crowds until the flu season has run its course. Talk to your oncologist or primary care physician about what precautions you should take. There is no sin in missing Mass if that is your situation.

I am often asked if I will continue to offer the Precious Blood at Masses. If there are sufficient numbers of Eucharistic ministers I will. Some officials in the Church insist there is no danger contracting the flu virus by receiving from a common chalice. I beg to differ. If you subjected the edge of the chalice to an electron microscope you will notice all sorts of cracks where viruses can and do lodge. While the odds of becoming ill are small, there is still the chance. If you notice, I do not receive from a common chalice. Never have. Never will. Whether you do or not is for you to decide.

Your biggest opportunity for contracting a flu or cold virus is from shaking hands and then rubbing your hands against your eyes, mouth or nose. After I greet people before and after each Mass I use a hand sanitizer. I recommend you get a pocket size bottle and keep it with you so you can lather up after you exchange the sign of peace.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER – In today's Gospel the Magi came to present their

gifts to Jesus and to honor him. Your love as husband and wife is a gift to one another as well as a gift from God. Attend a WWME Weekend to receive the tools needed to make the most of this precious gift. Sign up today to attend the upcoming WWME Weekend in Billings, MT on Jan. 23-25, 2015. Contact Chris & Angie at 406-534-2391.

CCW PROGRESSIVE dinner set for Friday, January 9 beginning at 5pm at the home of Honey Harriet. Please sign up by calling Cristie Murray, 684-2143 and choose what you would like to bring! After the Harriet home, we will go to Kozisek's for the main course and then to Kraen's for the dessert. About 20 ladies of the parish are signed up so far☺

CONFIRMATION class will be Wednesday, January 7, 2015 at 7pm in the parish hall. Please come prepared with service hours and confirmation name and sponsor. Confirmation date is Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at 6pm Mass.

CCD classes resume this week on Wednesday, January 7, 2015 at 3:45pm. Practice will be held for the Christmas pageant by the kids on Sunday, January 11 at the 10am Mass!

YOUTH GROUP will next meet on Sunday, January 11, 2015 at 5pm in the parish hall. All 8th grade and high school youth invited to participate☺

KAYCEE classes resume on Tuesday, January 6 at 4pm.

CLASS ON ISLAM begins on Tuesday, January 13, 2015 in the parish hall as the group has gotten quite large. Have your books and the first 2 chapters read with study questions completed!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS next meet on Tuesday, January 13 at 7:30pm. Fish Fry plans are in the making....Tuesday, February 17 is Shrove Tuesday (Fat Tuesday)!