



# St. John the Baptist Church

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

## Office and Rectory

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Sermon link – <https://soundcloud.com/st-johns-1>

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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

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 12:30pm

### St. Hubert Church, Kaycee

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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>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

## Religious Education / Meetings

Sunday, Dec. 20 – NO Youth group

Tuesday, Dec. 22 – 9am Decorate church  
7:30pm Knights of Columbus

Wednesday, Dec. 23 – 6&10 am St. John class  
NO CCD

Thursday, Dec. 24 – 6:30am Men of St. Joseph  
*KC Meals-on-Wheels – Kerry Money*

5pm Mass, Christmas Eve  
9pm Mass, Christmas Eve

Friday, Dec. 25 – 10am Christmas Day Mass

Sunday, Dec. 27 – NO Youth group

**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](mailto: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

## **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**DECEMBER 20, 2015**

**Altar Assistants:**

**SATURDAY, Dec. 26, 5:00pm**

Lector: Sarah Sandman

EM: Tim Sandman

Altar Servers: Volunteers

**SUNDAY, Dec. 27, 8:00am**

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Andrew Snyder, Aaron Seeman, Aaron Thiele

**SUNDAY, Dec. 27, 10:00am**

Lector: Mary Ann Cummins

EM: CeCe Ihnat

Altar Servers: Tom Fieldgrove, Adam Belus, Michael Ihnat, Carter Zink, Lance Rabel

**Homebound Ministry, Thurs, Dec. 24**

Mary Ann Dahl

### **Collections for Week of Dec. 13, 2015**

St. John's           \$ 4,483.11       YTD \$ 100,524.97

St. Mary's           \$ 420.00        YTD \$ 2,935.33

St. Hubert's       \$                YTD \$ 2,047.00

Poor contributions \$ 138.25

Online Donations \$ 607.90

### **Mass intentions for the week:**

Mon. 12.21 8:00 a.m. No Mass

Tue. 12.22 8:00 a.m. +Betty Johnson

Wed. 12.23 8:00 a.m. +Jim Tanner

### **Christmas Masses:**

Thu. 12.24 5:00 p.m. for all parishioners  
9:00 p.m. for all parishioners

Fri. 12.25 10:00 a.m. Fr. Pete's intention  
5:00 p.m. NO ADORATION

### **Feast of the Holy Family Masses:**

Sat. 12.26 5:00 p.m. +Joyce Larkin

Sun. 12.27 8:00 a.m. +Joyce Larkin  
10:00 a.m. for the parishioners  
12:30 p.m. Clearmont: Fr.  
Pete's intention

### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

Mon-Song of Songs 2:8-14; Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

Tue-1 Samuel 1:24-28; Gospel: Luke 1:46-56

Wed-Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24; Gospel: Luke 1:57-66

Thu-2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Gospel: Luke 1:67-79 and Christmas Eve options

Fri-Christmas Day

Sat-Acts of the Apostles 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Gospel: Matthew 10:17-22

### **FROM FR. PETE:**

#### **Mass intentions for the following week:**

Mon. 12.28 8:00 a.m. No Mass  
Tue. 12.29 8:00 a.m. +Joyce Larkin  
Wed. 12.30 8:00 a.m. +Joyce Larkin  
Thu. 12.31 8:00 a.m. +Joyce Larkin

#### **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God: Holy Day of Obligation:**

Thu. 12.31 6:00 p.m. for the parishioners  
Fri. 01.01 8:00 a.m. +Harvey Beattie  
5:00 p.m. Adoration until 6:00 p.m.

#### **Masses for the Epiphany of the Lord:**

Sat. 01.02 5:00 p.m. +Harvey Beattie  
Sun. 01.03 8:00 a.m. +Art Esponda  
10:00 a.m. for the parishioners  
2:00 p.m. Kaycee: Fr. Pete's intention

**My sincere thanks to all the people who were involved in making the Advent Parish Dinner such a success.** There are so many who donated their time and talent to the Feast that while I would like to mention all of them in print, I am afraid I might inadvertently leave someone out.

We had people who organized the event, set up the hall, cooked, served, waited on guests, played music, cleaned up, scrubbed pots and pans, cleaned the flatware, wiped down tables and hauled out garbage.

An event like this works well only when people work together and everyone did! Some 200 people were fed and many stayed on to visit which is just as important as the eating

And a sincere "thank you" to all who made the effort to speak to someone you didn't know.

**Eternal rest grant onto Marilyn Gibbons, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul rest in peace. Amen.** After a long and valiant battle with cancer, Marilyn passed away on Monday, December 14. Many in Buffalo and Kaycee knew and experienced her quiet approach and her compassion. Please pray for her soul and pray for her husband Ron who now must adjust to life without his best friend.

**The parish office will be closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.** There will not be a bulletin for the weekend of December 26 and 27, so you may wish to keep this one on hand.

## **FR. PETE (cont.)**

**Many thanks to Joan Gampetro.** Joan was the one that learned of the fir tree pine boughs needed and made them available for the wreaths.

**A meditation on how to look at Christmas and the Christmas Season.** The following comes from St. John of Kronstadt, a saint of the Russian Orthodox Church. He was born Ivan Ilyich Segiyev in 1829. He served as a priest at St. Andrew's Cathedral in Kronstadt from 1855 to the time of his death in 1908. He devoted his life to serving those who had fallen away from the faith. The following comes from his book *My Life in Christ*.

*And so, my brothers, the feast of the Nativity of Christ reminds us that we are born of God, that we are sons of God (1 John 3:1), that we have been saved from sin (Matthew 1:21) and that we must live for God and not sin; not for flesh and blood, not for the world which lies in evil (1 John 5:19). What does the Incarnation of the Son of God require of us? It requires of us to remember and hold in sacred honor the fact that we are born of God; and if we have sullied and trampled upon His birthright with sins, we must restore it by washing it with tears of repentance; we must restore and renew within us the image of God which has fallen and the union with God and blessedness, truth and holiness which has been destroyed. 'Now God became man, that He may make Adam a god' (Stichera for lauds of Annunciation).*

**Another meditation for Christmas from St. Augustine.** Born in Tagaste, near the ancient city of Carthage, Augustine lived the life of a well-bred Roman male. He received the best education possible but chose to keep away from the Christian Faith and Church for quite some time. He tells us in his book The

Confessions that he shackled up with a woman and fathered a child by her. Over much time he began to read and think about the Scriptures and slowly he began to realize the truths of the Faith. He was tutored by Bishop Ambrose of Milan and was baptized and turned his keen mind and energies to serving the Church. He was later ordained a priest and then a bishop, serving the people of Hippo in North Africa. He died in the year 430. The following comes from his Letters.

*There is no need to fear that God should seem to suffer constraint in the tiny body of a child: for God is not in size, but in moral power....That moral power, without changing for the worse, took to itself the rational soul, and through the human body, and the whole man, to change it for the better; in condescension taking from it the name of humanity, in generosity bestowing on it the name of divinity.*

**Looking for a Christmas gift?** Check out a local business called *Debby's Designs*, custom made gift baskets for any age or any occasion. You can check out the website at [www.debbysbaskets.com](http://www.debbysbaskets.com) or call 307-217-3517.

*Debby's Designs* is now offering 3 sizes of Christmas Baskets! Get your order in today! Cheeses, meats, sparkling cider, snacks and more. Items will vary on the size ordered. This offer is good only through December 31, 2015.

Other items are available year round. Please see the website or call Debby today.

Paypal offered.

Thank you for your patronage.

**Young Adult Ministry is having a pot luck dinner on Saturday, December 19, 6:00 p.m.** Babysitting will be provided. All our young couples with or without children are welcome to attend.

This is an excellent way to get to know one another and develop friendships with other couples that share a common set of moral and spiritual values.

This meal is a Pot Luck, so throw something together and bring it along to share!

**Third Annual "Beast Feast Dinner" is scheduled to take place at St. John's on Sunday, January 10.** This is a Pot Luck Dinner in which people in the community are invited to bring something made from wild game or fish. You are encouraged to bring a card that describes your dish. Feel free to bring copies of recipes, pictures of your hunt, trade stories and offer tips.

***If you don't hunt or fish no problem! Please come!*** Our hope is that you will sample some of the incredible meals that can be made from wild game caught in our "backyard." If you feel uneasy about coming "empty handed," bring some mashed potatoes or something sweet to share. But we really would like you to come and enjoy a good evening of fellowship while discovering the wonderful dishes that can be made from the animals we are blessed to have. Hunting can be a great way to stretch your family food dollars and provide nutritious meals.

For adults who would like to learn how to hunt or fish a registration form will be available and every effort will be made to line you up with a mentor to help you get started. Thanks to the generosity of Carrie Little, a Beast Feast Fund has been established to provide funding to help beginners learn how to use a

**gun or a bow, how to fish, get a license and conservation stamp and to get his or her first kill butchered. Checks are made to vendors only and receipts are required.**

**Those under the age of 18 must have written parental approval. All those who mentor young people under the age of 18 must have successfully passed a background check and provide proof. No exceptions.**

**The Beast Feast program and Fund is an independent entity that is not affiliated with, funded by, governed by or supervised by any religious, civic or government institution.**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SOCIAL** on Tuesday, January 5, 2016 beginning at 6pm. All Knights and their ladies and invited to attend.

**CCW Christmas Progressive Dinner** will be held on Thursday, January 7, 2016 beginning at 5:30pm carpooling in the church parking lot. Appetizers will be at the home of Kate Tanner, 1140 Eagle View Dr; dinner at the home of Angie Glasscock, 522 N Pinnacle Dr; and desserts at the home of Elena Fitzsimmons, 563 N Pinnacle Dr.

**CONFIRMATION STUDENTS** will meet on Wednesday, January 6, 2016 at 7pm. Please remember to bring your hours of service and your notebooks from Mass.

**CCD Christmas Program** at 10am Mass on Sunday, January 10, 2016. Knights of Columbus will offer breakfast after the Masses this day.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS** -- \$21 for 6" poinsettias and mums; \$37.50 for ivy and 8" poinsettias; \$30 for azaleas.