



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, Jan. 3 – NO Youth group

Tuesday, Jan. 5 – 6pm Knights' social

Wednesday, Jan. 6 – 6&10 am St. John class
3:45pm CCD
7pm Confirmation

Thursday, Jan. 7 – 6:30am Men of St. Joseph
KC Meals-on-Wheels –Gene Gagliano
5:30pm CCW Progressive dinner
6pm Intentional Disciples class

Sunday, Jan. 10 – Knights' Breakfast
5pm Feast
5pm Youth group

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

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

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 3, 2016

Altar Assistants:

SATURDAY, Jan. 9, 5:00pm

Lector: Volunteers

EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, Jan. 10, 8:00am

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, Jan. 10, 10:00am

Lector: Volunteers

EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Homebound Ministry, Friday, Jan. 8

Kathy Smith

Collections for Week of Dec. 27, 2015

St. John's \$ 1,427.25 YTD \$ 103,695.27

St. Mary's \$ 201.00 YTD \$ 3144.33

St. Hubert's \$ 55.00 YTD \$ 2102.00

Poor contributions \$ 2540.00

Online Donations \$ 413.87

Christmas \$ 19,247.00

Mass intentions for the week:

Mon.	01.04	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	01.05	8:00 a.m.	+Art Esponda
Wed.	01.06	8:00 a.m.	+Wendy Esponda
Thu.	01.07	8:00 a.m.	+Wendy Esponda
Fri.	01.08	8:00 a.m.	+Dave Rojo
		5:00 p.m.	Adoration until 6:00 p.m.
Sat.	01.09	5:00 p.m.	Forgotten souls
Sun.	01.10	8:00 a.m.	+Jeanette Mathis
		10:00 a.m.	for the parishes
		12:30 p.m.	No Mass in Clearmont

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon-1 John 3:22—4:6; Gospel: Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

Tue-1 John 4:7-10; Gospel: Mark 6:34-44

Saint John Neumann, Bishop

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 and see the play our children will put on in honor of Last Feast of Christmas, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This will take place next Sunday, January 10, at the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

The Knights of Columbus have graciously offered to make breakfast for a free will offering afterwards. Last year the Church was packed, so consider coming a bit early if you wish to sit up front. Feel free to take pictures.

The following meditation for the Feast of the Epiphany comes from Saint Leo the Great, pope from 440 to 461. Leo was a classic example of how God supplies when the Church's need is greatest. Rome was in an irreversible state of decline. The emperor and the senate were functionally useless. The army had exhausted itself. Barbarian tribes had invaded the Northern provinces. The emperor ordered Pope Leo to negotiate with Attila of the Huns and King Gaiseric of the Visigoths. In both cases the Pope was able to prevent the destruction of Rome. Believer and pagan alike looked to the Pope for help not only in the religious sphere but the secular as well and Leo did not disappoint them. In addition Leo had to deal with internal dissension with the Church and did so very clearly in his work called the Tome to Flavian that clarified once and for all the issues of "person" and "nature" in Christ that was adopted by the universal Church and maintained ever since even by Protestants. The following is one of Leo's sermons given for this Feast of Christmas:

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

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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.

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 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.

Come to the 3rd Annual Beast Feast Pot Luck, Sunday, January 10, 6:00 p.m. This is a Pot Luck affair of wild game. Bring copies of your recipes and share them. It is amazing what fantastic dishes can be made with the wild game and fish found in our “backyard.”

If you are not a hunter or a fisherman, come and sample what you could make if you took up hunting.

Want to learn how to hunt but not sure how to begin? Sign-up sheets will be available to help match you with a mentor who will show you the ropes. Funding exists to provide first time hunters with their hunting license, conservation stamp and cover the costs for processing their first kill.

Want to come but feel uncomfortable not bringing anything? No worries! Come anyway. If you are still uncomfortable coming empty

handed, bring some mashed potatoes! That always goes with anything! Or bring a vegetable dish to share.

This is a wonderful time to gather for fellowship, to share hunting stories, to talk to folks who supplement their family meat supply by hunting, to sample wonderful food and to bring an end to the Christmas Season.

Many thanks to all the people who helped to decorate the Church for Christmas. Most of us don't realize how much time and energy it takes. The Church looks exquisite every year, but this year the Church is particularly beautiful.

Special thanks to Gene Gagliano who so painstakingly arranged the flowers and to Darlene Huddleston who had the unpleasant task of watering them which was made difficult by different potting soils that had different watering needs.

Many thanks to Paul and Kim Prosinski. Paul came in to take pictures of the Church soon after it was decorated and created some stunning photos. Kim posted them on the internet. I hope we can get them onto the parish website.

Sadly, all the decorations will be taken down very quickly.

Many thanks to two of the parish families who have offered to purchase a new processional cross. I will be looking for one and hope to have a new one in the next few months.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SOCIAL is Tuesday, January 5 at 6pm, parish hall.

CCW Progressive dinner is Thursday, January 7 beginning at 5:30pm at the home of Kate Tanner, 1140 Eagle View Dr (carpool from the church parking lot); main course at the home of Angie Glassock, 522 N Pinnacle Dr; and dessert at the home of Elena Fitzsimmons, 563 N Pinnacle Dr. Call Vickie Abbott, 307-737-2281 by WEDNESDAY if you plan to attend and to sign up to bring one of the three options!!! All ladies of the parish are welcome and encourage to come have some fun☺