



St. John the Baptist Church

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

Office and Rectory

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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>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>Jason Sutton</i>	217-0468
Choir Director	<i>Mary Finney</i>	278-0137
Organist	<i>Judi Semroska</i>	684-2171
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. 4 – 5pm Youth Group
Monday, Dec. 5 – 12 noon CCW meeting
Tuesday, Dec. 6 – 6am & 10am Book study
Wednesday, Dec. 7 – 6am & 10am Judges study
3:45pm CCD
6pm Anticipatory Mass
7pm Confirmation
Thursday, Dec. 8 – NO Men of St. Joseph
7am Immaculate Conception Mass
Saturday, Dec. 10 – 9am Wreath making in hall
Sunday, Dec. 11 – 5pm Parish Advent dinner
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

Rosary Guild – Thursdays at 8:30am to 10am; 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 4, 2016

Altar Assistors:

SATURDAY, Dec. 10, 5pm

Lector: Mary Smith

EM: Janelle/Phil Gonzales

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, Dec. 11, 8am

Lector: Steve Reimann

EM: Vexie Reimann

Altar Servers: Andrew Snyder, Aaron Seeman,

Aaron Thiele

SUNDAY, Dec. 11, 10am

Lector: Mary Ann Cummins

EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Lance Rabel, Adam Belus, Michael

Ihnat, Carter Zink

Homebound Ministry, Friday, December 9

Jim Fitzsimmons

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK OF NOV. 27, 2016

St. John's	\$ 5,420.00	YTD \$ 94,901.72
St. Mary's	\$ 10.00	YTD \$ 2,785.00
St. Hubert's	\$ 205.00	YTD \$ 1,820.00
Poor Donations	\$ 178.00	
Online Donations	\$ 254.60	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon.	12.05	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	12.06	8:00 a.m.	+Becky Marsh
Wed.	12.07	8:00 a.m.	+Gene Jordan
		6:00 p.m.	for the parishes
Thu.	12.08	7:00 a.m.	+Bonalee Johnson
Fri.	12.09	8:00 a.m.	+Brittany Smithers
Sat.	12.10	5:00 p.m.	+Christina Trevino
Sun.	12.11	8:00 a.m.	+Aawir Klian
		10:00 a.m.	for the parishes
		12:30 p.m.	Clearmont: Fr. Pete's intention

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon-Isaiah 35:1-10; Gospel: Luke 5:17-26

Tue-Isaiah 40:1-11; Gospel: Matthew 18:12-14

Wed-Isaiah 40:25-31; Gospel: Matthew 11:28-30

Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor

Thu-Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12;

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

Fri-Isaiah 29:17-24; Gospel: Matthew 9:27-31

Sat-Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Gospel: Matthew 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

FROM FR. PETE:

Many thanks to all those who helped to take down all the fall decorations and got all the missals and hymnals changed out. It was accomplished in record time.... only 35 minutes.

Did you enjoy the Advent Parish Mission? I did. Very often pastors take the opportunity to get away if they have a substitute priest around. But I find the Mission talks to be very instructive. I hope you did as well. There will be a Lenten Parish Mission the last week of Lent, although at this time I do not know who the priest will be.

Catching up with Mass Intentions. As you know I did not take any Mass intentions for the month of November, offering all the Masses for the Holy Souls undergoing purification. I am now beginning to catch up on your intentions.

December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, is a Holy Day of Obligation. An anticipatory Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, December 7 at 6:00 p.m. and the Mass of the Day will be December 8 at 7:00 a.m. Those are the only Masses that will be offered.

ITEM ONE TO PUT IN YOUR APPOINTMENT

BOOK: Time to make the Christmas wreathes for the Church. We will meet at the parish hall on Saturday, December 10, 9:00 a.m. If you have never made a wreath from scratch before, come and learn! It would be a good idea to bring a pair of work gloves and a set of wire cutters if you have them. The wreathes will be hung in the Church when completed and remain throughout the Christmas Season. Everyone who has come these last nine years has enjoyed the experience of working with other parishioners to help make our Church as festive as possible. So.... if you have never done something like this or are new to the parish, come on over!

ITEM TWO TO PUT IN YOUR APPOINTMENT BOOK: Advent Parish Dinner is set for Sunday, December 11, 5:00 p.m.! All are invited! Having guests? Bring them with you. The parish is providing roast turkey and potatoes. You are welcome to bring a salad, veggie, appetizer or dessert to share. This is a wonderful time for fellowship, especially if you are new or relatively new to the parish. If anyone goes away hungry, it is his or her fault!

If the Lord decided that today is the time of His Second Coming, in which all the dead shall be raised and initiate the Day of Judgment, are you ready?

Common themes through Advent are “stay awake” and “be prepared.” No one....and I mean no one.... can predict when the Lord shall come. If any religious leader claims that he or she has a special revelation and knows the date he or she is a beer or two short of a six pack.

The “End Times” began when Jesus died on the Cross, descended into hell, rose from the dead and ascended into heaven from where He will come at the appointed time. We are now in the End Times.

Our problem is that we get so accustomed to the comforting rhythm of daily life that we are easily seduced into thinking that this is all there is. In a certain sense this is why tragedies can be a blessing, reminding us that everything about this life is transitory. Everything one has, everyone one knows must be left behind, oftentimes without warning, whether we like it or not. This reality can compel one to grow in wisdom and go beyond a

superficial relationship with the Lord to cultivate a genuine relationship with Him.

Advent is a time for preparation for the Lord’s coming. Yes, we are indeed gearing up to celebrate the First Coming of our Lord in time and history, the Feast of the Nativity, Christmas. But Advent is also about preparing for His Second Coming which will bring time and history to an end. And this reality should offer a healthy reflection: am I ready?

May it please God that we each use this season of Advent wisely.

You might be interested in this. When I first came to the parish nine years ago, the “Poor Collection” contributions were deposited with the regular collection in the parish’s general account. This is typical of many parishes. And while the “Poor Collection” was usually shown to be a separate amount on the computer, my experience in other assignments was that it was not kept segregated from the general account.

When people give money for a specific purpose there is a moral obligation to make sure that money is used for that purpose only. So, I changed things very quickly after moving in. I set up an account separate from the general account and called it the “Parish Emergency Assistance Fund.” All funds earmarked for the poor go directly into the “Parish Emergency Assistance Fund.”

Over nine years our parish has, assuming I added everything correctly, distributed \$183,186.40 or approximately \$20,354.04 per year to people in need in Johnson County. That is quite a bit of money for a small parish like ours. Now.... add that to what other parishes in our community have given and you get a sense of two things: how great the needs are in our community and how generous the people of our town are.

Records of each transaction are kept: the person's name, the vendor to whom the check is made to, a copy of the check if possible, and any receipts.

We do not give cash.

After nine years, I would very much like to get out from underneath this responsibility. I would like to see a committee that would handle requests, determine the legitimacy of the need, make checks out to the vendors, keep accurate records and work with Mary Ann to make sure the statements balance with the check book. Maintaining confidentiality is critical. If you are interested in doing this, please contact me at the office at 684-7268.

During this time of the year I am often asked if I know someone who could use cash during the Christmas season. I am very hesitant in giving cash. A much better solution is to visit with the Family Crisis Center and offer a contribution that will cover a gift card from one of the local supermarkets so people can purchase food for their families, cleaning items or personal hygiene items. You can also make a contribution to the Family Crisis Center for a gift card from one of the local gas stations, an ideal gift for those who must travel for medical treatment for themselves or for a loved one and may be short of funds. You can reach the Family Crisis Center at 684-2233. Ask for Mary Kay. She is a parishioner.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS in memory of loved ones – 6 inch (34 of them) poinsettias=\$21.00; 8 inch (8 of them) poinsettias=\$38.50. Call the parish office to reserve yours now, 684-7268.



FOOD PANTRY seeking \$30 donations for Christmas dinner for those in need. Send your donation to Bread of Life Food Pantry / 178 S Main / Buffalo, WY 82834.

MOTHER TERESA Advent reflection booklets at church entrances. Please take one; compliments of St. John's CCW☺

The aluminum can drop off wagon is in the alley east of the church. If you are new to our parish and unaware, please consider depositing your aluminum cans there. The money we gain from this project benefits the youth of our parish for trips, food expenses and other youth activities.

CCW meeting on Monday, Dec. 5 in the parish hall at 12 noon. Bring your lunch and come plan the Advent dinner, the January progressive dinner and other parish activities that the women are involved in the next few months. Let us know if you would like to assume officer responsibilities in the spring. Be on a committee to choose new leadership.

YOUTH GROUP Sunday at 5pm in the parish hall. Plan to attend☺

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST this Sunday from 9am to noon. This is always a fun fellowship time with good food! Everyone come and donations are most welcome☺

CONFIRMATION CLASS will be after the Holy Day anticipatory Mass of the Immaculate Conception on Wednesday, Dec. 7 at 7pm. (Mass at 6pm). Rumor...there might be food at class.

