



# 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

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>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 / Meeting

Sunday, Jan. 8, 2017 – 10am CCD Christmas program  
9am to noon KC Breakfast  
5pm Youth Group meets

Tuesday, Jan. 10 – 6am & 10am classes  
7:30pm Knights' meeting

Wednesday, Jan. 11 – 6am & 10am Judges study  
3:45pm CCD  
7pm Confirmation class and CCD

Thursday, Jan. 12 – 6:30am Men of St. Joseph  
Sunday, January 15 – 4:30pm, 5:30pm and 6:30pm  
CCW Progressive dinner

**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 8:30am to 10am; call 217-0150 or 307-660-4936 for place

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

## **EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**JANUARY 8, 2017**

**Altar Assisters:**

**SATURDAY, Jan. 14, 5pm**

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Volunteers

**SUNDAY, Jan. 15, 8am**

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Andrew Snyder, Aaron Seeman,

Aaron Thiele

**SUNDAY, Jan. 15, 10am**

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Lance Rabel, Adam Belus, Michael

Ihnat, Carter Zink

**Homebound Ministry, Friday, January 13**

Mary Ann Dahl

## **COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK OF JAN. 1, 2016**

St. John's	\$ 2,991.00	YTD \$ 109,195.72
St. Mary's	\$ 25.00	YTD \$ 3,118.00
St. Hubert's	\$	YTD \$ 2,295.00
Poor Donations	\$ 718.00	
Online Donations	\$ 125.60	

## **MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:**

Mon.	01.09	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	01.10	8:00 a.m.	in honor of the Seraphim
Wed.	01.11	8:00 a.m.	in honor of the Cherubim
		9:00 a.m.	time to take down Church decorations
Thu.	01.12	8:00 a.m.	in honor of the Thrones
Fri.	01.13	8:00 a.m.	in honor of the Dominations
Sat.	01.14	5:00 p.m.	in honor of the Virtues
Sun.	01.15	8:00 a.m.	in honor of the Powers
		10:00 a.m.	for the people
		2:00 p.m.	Kaycee: in honor of the Principalities

## **READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

Mon-Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

Tue-Hebrews 2:5-12; Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

Wed-Hebrews 2:14-18; Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

Thu-Hebrews 3:7-14; Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

Fri-Hebrews 4:1-5, 11; Gospel: Mark 2:1-12

Sat-Hebrews 4:12-16; Gospel: Mark 2:13-17

## **FROM FR. PETE:**

**This Sunday, the Feast of Epiphany, is the last Sunday of Christmas.** Christmas officially ends on Monday, January 9. It is the saddest day of the year for me because all decorations in our homes and Churches are taken down. We return to what is called Ordinary Time until Ash Wednesday, March 1, when we begin Great and Holy Lent.

**This Wednesday, January 11, we need all the help we can get.** We need to take down all the wreaths (saving the frames and decorative items), taking down the Christmas tree ornaments, taking down the trees and returning them to the rectory basement, thinning out the poinsettias, and dismantling and storing the nativity crèche.

**Rumors of my having surgery.** I am visiting with a surgeon this Wednesday to determine the condition of my knees.

If it is concluded that surgery is required I will consult with the Diocese to arrange for a retired priest or several priests to cover only the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Sunday Masses for at least three weeks, possibly four. Since many of our retired priests are restricting their ability to help out, getting replacements may prove difficult. The Saturday evening Mass and the parish mission Masses will be cancelled to reduce the work load and stress of traveling on the retired priests as well as to reduce the costs of coverage and mileage the parish will have to assume during my recuperation. There will be no daily Masses. We will have to arrange for a priest to come in to cover any funerals and weddings.

If surgery is the only option I hope to delay it until the middle of May so that I can be fully active during Lent, the Lenten Parish Mission, Holy Week, First Confessions, First Communion and Confirmation. Parish activity tends to die down from Mother's Day through the summer months.

I will keep the congregation informed.

**A reflection from Pope Saint Leo the Great (died November 10, 461). "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."**

*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.*

*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 those who helped me shovel out the Church last Saturday.** The drifts were high and the snow was heavy! I was at it from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Thank God Mick Camino and John Camino lent a helping hand. Rick Andersen brought in a machine and for several hours methodically plowed away all the snow that had accumulated on Lobban Avenue from the corner of Lobban and the highway to Lobban and Snider. Kim Bolinger has been faithfully plowing out our parking lot and the sidewalks along Lobban and Snider.

Any help you can offer this winter is appreciated. Shovels are kept outside at the front entrance of the Church and in the rectory garage.

If you do help, please make sure to push snow that is on the Lobban Avenue sidewalk toward the Church lawn and not into the street.

Otherwise the snow builds up by the curb and is compressed into ice by cars parking there, making entering and exiting from cars difficult for parishioners.

**“Fr. Pete.... had enough snow? Ready to stop praying for it?”** No! We need every flake we can get, most especially in our mountains to make sure we have adequate water for the spring and summer months.

**“Fr. Pete.... Why doesn't the parish invest some of its money in a four-wheeler with a plow attachment to help shovel out the Church?”** Several have suggested it. Thank you. It will be presented to the Finance Council for consideration as we discuss next year's budget.

**“Fr. Pete.... What is the anniversary of Fr. Bill Espenshade's death?”** It is January 31, 2001. Mass will be said for him that day.

**“Fr. Pete.... What was the Christmas collection?”** Some is still coming in. Thus, far it is \$22,387.00 which, praise God, is over what we projected for this year's budget. As promised, it has gone into savings.

**CONFIRMATION CLASS, coupled with regular CCD class** on Wednesday, January 11 at 7pm. Remember to have your homework on your confirmation saint done!

**CCW PROGRESSIVE DINNER** on Sunday evening, January 15 beginning at 4:30pm at the home of Nancy Gillespie (263 S Wyoming Ave) for appetizers/drinks; 5:30pm at the home of Barb Mueller (171 N Wyoming Ave) for the main course; and 6:30pm for desserts at the home of Nolcha Fox (83 E Gatchell St). Call parish office, 684-7268 to RSVP with what food you will bring to which home!

**Great job** to Matthew Harrison, Ben Camino, Isabelle Camino, Elizabeth Farris, Sydney Hall, Bella Johnson, Coy Johnson, Gabe Lopez, Julia Maertens, Katelyn Sutton and Olivia Zink! They prepared 17 gallons of taco soup for our soup kitchen that went to the food pantry! A big thank you to them and their families who, with the help of the church, sent an additional 3 gallons of fruit, 7 lbs. of cheese, 14 bags of chips, and enough canned goods to make an additional 13 gallons of taco soup! Also, a big thank you to Honey Harriet, Rick Andersen, Mike Scarlett, Jason Sutton, and Seth Hostetler who volunteered their time for the event and helped the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade CCD team make this possible! –Katie Farris, teacher