



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

Religious Education / Meeting

Sunday, Dec. 3 – 11am-12:30pm Youth group
Tuesday, Dec. 5 – 12 noon CCW meeting in hall
7pm rectory class
Wednesday, Dec. 6 - 3:45pm CCD & 7pm
Confirmation class
7pm rectory class
Thursday, Dec. 7 – 6pm Holy Day Mass
Friday, Dec. 8 – 7am Holy Day Mass
Saturday, Dec. 9 – 7pm RCIA
Sunday, Dec. 10 – NO Youth group
11am Confirmation Retreat
7pm Mission begins

Parish Staff

Pastor	<i>Fr. Pete Johnson</i>	684-7268
Parish Administrator	<i>Mary Ann Cummins</i>	684-7268
CCW Leaders	<i>Lori Zink</i>	620-5113
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

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 307-660-4936 for meeting place

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

1ST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Dec. 13, 2017

Altar Assisters:

SATURDAY, Dec. 9, 5pm

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, Dec. 10, 8am

Lector: Volunteers

EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Andrew Snyder, Aaron Seeman,

Aaron Thiele

SUNDAY, Dec. 10, 10am

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Adam Belus, Michael/James Ihnat

Homebound Ministry, Friday, Dec. 8

Kathy Smith

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK OF Nov. 26, 2017

St. John's	\$ 3,083.49	YTD \$ 85,971.59
St. Mary's	\$ 168.00	YTD \$ 2,103.15
St. Hubert's	\$ 25.00	YTD \$ 2,139.50
Poor Donations	\$ 141.00	
Online Donations	\$ 668.80	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon.	12.04	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	12.05	8:00 a.m.	+Brittany Smithers
Wed.	12.06	8:00 a.m.	for the CCW
Thu.	12.07	8:00 a.m.	+Russell Maxwell
		6:00 p.m.	Feast of the
			Immaculate Conception
Fri.	12.08	7:00 a.m.	Feast of the
			Immaculate Conception (+Leona Money)
		8:30 a.m.	Adoration until 9:30
			a.m.
Sat.	12.09	5:00 p.m.	+Joe Tiller
Sun.	12.10	8:00 a.m.	intention of the donor
		10:00 a.m.	for the parishes
		12:30 p.m.	Clearmont: intention
			of the donor

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon-Isaiah 2:1-5; Gospel: Matthew 8:5-11

Tue-Isaiah 11:1-10; Gospel: Luke 10:21-24

Wed-Isaiah 25:6-10a; Gospel: Matthew 15:29-37

Thu-Isaiah 26:1-6; Gospel: Matthew 7:21, 24-27

Saint Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Fri-Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12; Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

Sat-Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Gospel: Matthew 9:35—

10:1, 5a, 6-8

FR. PETE:

Poinsettias are for sale! If you wish to purchase a poinsettia for the altar in the name of a loved one, please call Mary Ann at the parish office (684-7268). A list of donors and those for whom the plants were purchased will be published the last weekend of Advent.

The cost for poinsettias are: There are 46 six-inch poinsettias at \$21 each; 8 eight-inch poinsettias for \$38.50; 3 eight-inch ivy plants for \$28.

Make this Advent the best you have ever

had! Look at the bulletin insert from Dynamic Catholic. A free email service is offered to all to help us not get sucked into the mindless secular nonsense and stay focused where we should: Jesus Christ. The free email service offers *short* inspirational videos, *practical* tips and *real-life* stories of hope. Simply go to BestAadventEver.com/BeautifulHope It really is just that simple. No groups to attend. Never have to leave the comfort of your home. What a deal! Enjoy!

Time to make the Advent Wreaths for the Church. We are making ten wreaths from scratch! We will make the wreaths on **Saturday, December 9, starting at 9:00 a.m.** at the parish hall. If you have never made a wreath don't let that bother you! Come and learn and have some fun with your fellow parishioners. It is a great activity for the family. You should bring a pair of gloves with you and maybe a pair of wire cutters if you have them.

The Advent Parish Mission will be held from Sunday, December 10 to Thursday, December 14. Our Mission will be led by Fr. Ricardo Pineda of the Fathers of Mercy.

Fr. Ricardo was born on August 4, 1987 into a Catholic family of both Salvadoran and Mexican descent. Born and raised in San Diego, California, he attended the University of

Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana playing trumpet in the marching band of the Fighting Irish. It was during his second year at Notre Dame that Fr. Ricardo accepted God's call to the priesthood.

He joined the Fathers of Mercy in 2008 and was ordained a priest in 2013. He is currently serving as an associate pastor for St. Helen's Church in Glasgow, Kentucky, Our Lady of the Caves Church in Horse Cave, Kentucky, Holy Cross Church in Burkesville, Kentucky and Emmanuel Catholic Church in Albany, Kentucky.

Fr. Ricardo and Fr. Pete will hear confessions each night of the mission. This is a wonderful way to keep the season of Advent as a time of prayerful preparation for the Feast of Christmas.

On Sunday, December 10, at 6:00 p.m. the parish will offer a soup, bread and meat / cheese dinner. The hope is that families will come to a simple dinner, enjoy a time of fellowship and then go to the first night of the Advent Parish Mission with Fr. Ricardo. In order to get some idea of how many might attend so we can make sure there is enough food there will be a sign-up sheet at the front entrance of the Church.

If you would like to prepare a soup to share there will also be a sign-up sheet or you can call Kelly Buckingham at 307-751-7440.

This is being sponsored by your Parish Council.

Confirmation students and their parents. There will be a mandatory retreat on Sunday, December 10 from 11:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. led by Fr. Ricardo. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend with their children.

An Advent Meditation from St. Bernard, abbot.

We know that there are three comings of the Lord. The third lies between the other two. It is invisible, while the other two are visible. In the first coming He was seen on earth, dwelling among men; He Himself testifies that they saw Him and hated Him. In the final coming "all flesh will see the salvation of our God," and "they will look on Him Whom they have pierced." The intermediate coming is a hidden one; in it only the elect see the Lord within their own selves, and they are saved. In His first coming our Lord came in our flesh and in our weakness; in this middle coming He comes in spirit and in power; in the final coming He will be seen in glory and majesty.

Because this coming lies between the other two, it is like a road on which we travel from the first coming to the last. In the first, Christ was our redemption; in the last, He will appear as our life; in this middle coming, He is our rest and consolation.

In case someone should think that what we say about this middle coming is sheer invention, listen to what our Lord Himself says: "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and we will come to him." There is another passage of Scripture which reads: "He who fears God will do good," but something further has been said about the one who loves, that is, that he will keep God's word. Where is God's word to be kept? Obviously in the heart, as the prophet says: "I have

hidden Your words in my heart, so that I may not sin against You.”

Keep God’s word in this way. Let it enter into your very being, let it take possession of your desires and your whole way of life. Feed on goodness, and your soul will delight in its richness. Remember to eat your bread, or your heart will wither away. Fill your soul with richness and strength.

If you keep the word of God in this way, it will also keep you. The Son with the Father will come to you. The great Prophet Who will build the New Jerusalem will come, the One Who makes all things new. This coming will fulfill what is written: “As we have borne the likeness of the earthly man, we shall also bear the likeness of the heavenly man.” Just as Adam’s sin spread through all mankind and took hold of all, so Christ, Who created and redeemed all, will glorify all, once He takes possession of all.

A hick-up with coffee and donuts after the Masses last Sunday. Honey took on this ministry some time ago and has been happy to do it. She regularly consults with those who utilize this gift of her time. Recently she asked people if there should be coffee and donuts the weekend before Thanksgiving. Honey thought most people would have other things to do. People asked that it be offered that weekend. Few, however, came. The result was that we had over eight dozen donuts left over. Honey and I discussed the matter and decided that this ministry will be suspended until after the Christmas season knowing that people will be busy with so many other family activities. We simply can’t afford to waste food that way.

Altar Servers. The schedule for this month and the first weekend of January has been sent to your homes. Please check the times you are scheduled to serve. Thank you!

Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors. The Ministry Schedule for this month and the first week of January can be located in the front entrance of the Church. Please sign up to volunteer for the weekend Masses.

All Masses for the month of November were offered for those undergoing purification. Mass intentions are now being accepted.

“Fr. Pete.....Will there be a Beast Feast this year?” Well...not in 2017 but there will be in 2018. The Beast Feast is an opportunity for hunters and cooks to come together and share their wild game dishes. People are welcome to bring pictures of their hunts and to share their recipes. ***The Beast Feast will be held on Sunday, January 28, at 6:00 p.m. at the parish hall.***

What if you don’t have a wild game dish to share? Bring some mashed potatoes or rice! Bring a vegetable dish if you like.

The Beast Feast is not only an opportunity to enjoy the wonderful flavors of wild game dishes, but it allows an opportunity for those who have never hunted to visit with hunters, hear their stories and sign up for instruction. Money has been set aside from a generous grant to help cover the costs of a “newbie’s” training and to help process his or her first kill. More details will follow.

This is a great opportunity for those new members in the parish to meet others! Come and enjoy!

ANNUAL GRAY LADIES CHRISTMAS COOKIE distribution to the shut-ins in our community. Claudia Elliot, 620-0850, is looking for cookie volunteers to donate 2 dozen cookies and drop them off on Dec. 13 during CCD hours. Cookie plates will be made the next morning and distributed.

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGERS needed on Tuesdays & Fridays until Christmas. Call Dawn at the Crisis Center, 684-2233 to sign up. Thanks in advance!

CCW MEETING on Tuesday, December 5 at 12 noon in the parish hall. Progressive dinner and Christmas dinner plans to be made.

THANK YOU to our Confirmandi & families who distributed Meals-on-Wheels on Thanksgiving Day ... Hazen Camino & Marko Glassock!!