



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>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

Religious Education / Meeting

Sunday, Dec. 10 – 11am-1pm Confirmation retreat
7pm Parish Mission
Monday, Dec. 11 – 7pm Parish Mission
Tuesday, Dec. 12 – 7pm Parish Mission
Wednesday, Dec. 13 - 3:45pm CCD
Cookies for Gray Ladies
7pm Parish Mission
Thursday, Dec. 14 – 7pm Parish Mission
Saturday, Dec. 16 – 7pm RCIA
Sunday, Dec. 17 – 11:15am-12:30pm 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 307-660-4936 for meeting place

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

2ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Dec. 10, 2017

Altar Assisters:

SATURDAY, Dec. 16, 5pm

Lector: Marilyn Maxwell

EM: Janelle Gonzales, Julie Seeman, Mary Smith

Altar Servers: Kieran/Asher Murray

SUNDAY, Dec. 17, 8am

Lector: Steve Reimann

EM: Vexie Reimann

Altar Servers: Ben/Bryce Camino, Matthew

Harrison, Joe Reimann, Gio Monterastelli, Tye

Tanachion

SUNDAY, Dec. 17, 10am

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Mary Ann Cummins

Altar Servers: Jaxon/Jeron Sutton, Carter Zink

Homebound Ministry, Friday, Dec. 15

Claudia Elliot

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK OF Dec. 3, 2017

St. John's	\$ 4,490.00	YTD \$ 90,461.59
St. Mary's	\$ 35.00	YTD \$ 2,138.15
St. Hubert's	\$ 220.00	YTD \$ 2,359.50
Poor Donations	\$ 712.00	
Online Donations	\$ 790.60	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon.	12.11	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
		7:00 p.m.	Advent Parish Mission
Tue.	12.12	8:00 a.m.	Fr. Pete's intention
		7:00 p.m.	Advent Parish Mission
Wed.	12.13	8:00 a.m.	Fr. Pete's intention
		7:00 p.m.	Advent Parish Mission
Thu.	12.14	8:00 a.m.	Fr. Pete's intention
		7:00 p.m.	Advent Parish Mission
Fri.	12.15	8:00 a.m.	Fr. Pete's intention
		8:30 a.m.	Adoration until 9:30 a.m.
Sat.	12.16	5:00 p.m.	Fr. Pete's intention
Sun.	12.17	8:00 a.m.	Fr. Pete's intention
		10:00 a.m.	for the parishes
		2:00 p.m.	Kaycee: Fr. Pete's intention

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

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

Tue-Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Gospel: Luke 1:39-47 ***Our Lady of Guadalupe***

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

Saint Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

Thu-Isaiah 41:13-20; Gospel: Matthew 11:11-15

Saint John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor

Fri-Isaiah 48:17-19; Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19

Sat-Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Gospel: Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

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.

Welcome Fr. Ricardo Pineda! Fr.

Ricardo is a Fathers of Mercy priest who will lead us in our annual Advent Parish Mission. Last weekend a bulletin insert was distributed to tell a bit about the topics that Fr. Ricardo will speak on.

This Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. we will have a simple dinner of soup, bread, meat and cheese. Sign up and enjoy this time of table fellowship, meet Fr. Ricardo and then come to the Mission.

Many thanks to all the folks who came to make the wreaths for the Church! They are beautiful and fragrant. Many thanks to Clay and Leah Miller, Joan & Jim Gampetro for providing the pine boughs!

Advanced warning: because Christmas falls on a Sunday the Decorating Committee will be setting up the crèche set early, but only the crèche, not the figurines. Some may not like that but given how busy everyone is this is the best we can do.

Many thanks again to the Knights of Columbus for the wonderful breakfast they made last Sunday! I was very pleased to see

how many came. Nothing like good food and fellowship.

As indicated in last weekend's bulletin, coffee and donuts are temporarily suspended for the month of December. If there is a desire to continue the practice, we will do so in the middle of January.

“Fr. Pete: Since Christmas is on a Monday I don't have to go to Mass on the previous Sunday, right?” Wrong. The following article from Catholic News Agency, written by Mary Rezac gives the best explanation of why Catholics must attend both a Sunday Mass and a Christmas Mass.

Denver, Colo., Dec 1, 2017 / 05:00 pm (CNA/EWTN News).- In a newsletter issued earlier this year, the U.S. Catholic bishops addressed questions regarding whether Sunday and Holy Day Mass obligations can be fulfilled with a “two-for-one” Mass attendance at Christmas this year.

In a “relatively rare” situation which last occurred in 2006, Christmas Day this year falls on a Monday.

Because Catholics are obliged to attend Mass for Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, some have asked whether a Sunday evening Mass on Christmas Eve would fulfill both the obligation for a Sunday Mass and the obligation for a Christmas Day Mass.

The U.S. Bishop's Committee on Divine Worship has said the faithful should attend two Masses to fulfill their Sunday and Christmas Mass obligations.

Since the mid-twentieth century, the Church has allowed for Catholics to attend vigil, or anticipated, Masses for Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation as “a convenience for many of the faithful.”

“Most canon lawyers defer to Venerable Pope Pius XII's Apostolic Constitution Christus Dominus (January 6, 1953), which gave 4:00 p.m. as the earliest time

when anticipated Masses may be scheduled,” the bishops said in their 2017 letter.

This means that the Sunday obligation for Dec. 24 can be fulfilled on Sunday, or anytime after 4 p.m. on Dec. 23, and the Christmas Mass obligation can be fulfilled on Monday, anytime after 4 p.m. on Dec. 24.

In the case of two consecutive days of obligation, as at Christmas this year, the “prevailing view of many canon lawyers is that each obligation must be fulfilled with a separate Mass,” the bishops said.

“Thus, when consecutive obligations occur on Saturday-Sunday or Sunday-Monday, the faithful must attend Mass twice to fulfill two separate obligations.” According to the bishops, the question of whether such obligations could be fulfilled in one Mass has been raised before by bishops in what is called a “dubium”, which was “answered in the negative by the Sacred Congregation for the Clergy and approved by Blessed Pope Paul VI in 1970.”

“The Church's intention in extending the possibility of meeting Mass obligations through vigil Masses, while intended to make it easier to fulfill obligations, was never envisioned as a legal loophole, and, hence, separate obligations remain,” the bishops said.

The bishops emphasized that they hoped that Catholics “foster a love for the Sacred Liturgy and hold a desire to celebrate the holy days as fully as is reasonably possible.”

They also noted that pastors may grant dispensations to individuals or families “for a just cause and subject to any regulations laid down by the diocesan bishop.”

“At the same time, diocesan bishops may examine their regional circumstances and grant general dispensations or

commutations, while permitting their pastors to make judgments in individual cases.”

Please note: Bishop Biegler has written to all the priests reminding them to inform the faithful that they are expected to attend one of the Masses for the Fourth Sunday of Advent and one of the Christmas Masses. No dispensations were granted. *You are now informed.*

Advance Notice of the Christmas schedule:
Christmas Eve, December 24: 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Christmas Morning, December 25, 9:00 a.m. There are no other Masses.



New Year's Eve falls on a Sunday. It is the Feast of the Virgin Mary, Mother of God. A Sunday evening Mass for the Holy Day will

be offered at 5:00 p.m. followed by a prime rib dinner at the parish hall. Tickets will be sold after all the Masses this weekend and next for \$1.00 each. Please make sure to hang on to your ticket stub! We obviously cannot purchase all the prime rib that would be needed for people who may suddenly choose to "show up". We have to plan as best we can to feed those who chose to attend and made the effort to do so. The tickets will give us a good approximation.

MEALS ON WHEELS – need volunteers for every Monday, Wednesday & Friday in January! Call the parish office, 684-7268.

Changing to a business phone plan, so neither frpete@bresnan.net nor macummins@bresnan.net will work anymore. Use sjbc532@gmail.com or frpete307@gmail.com to contact him or Mary Ann Cummins at work.

Due to the busy season of Advent and Christmas the Finance Council and Parish Council will not meet in December.

COOKIES – bring your cookies for the Gray Ladies, c/o Claudia Elliot, on Wednesday, Dec. 13 between 3:30 and 5pm.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT – today, Sunday, Dec. 10 from 11am to 1pm in the parish hall. Parents are encouraged to attend!