



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. 17 – 11am-12:30pm Youth group
Monday, Dec. 18 – 5pm Parish hall used
Tuesday, Dec. 19 – 6:30pm Knights of Columbus
Wednesday, Dec. 20 - 3:45pm & 7pm CCD
Saturday, Dec. 23 – 7pm RCIA
Sunday, Dec. 24 – 8am & 10am 4th Sunday of
Advent Masses
5pm & 7pm Christmas Eve Mass
Monday, Dec. 25 – 9am Christmas Day Mass

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

3RD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Dec. 17, 2017

Altar Assisters:

SATURDAY, Dec. 23, 5pm

Lector: Janelle Gonzales

EM: Phil Gonzales, Mary Smith, Donna Nelson

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, Dec. 24, 8am

Lector: Blaine Horn

EM: Rick Andersen

Altar Servers: Andrew Snyder, Aaron Seeman,

Aaron Thiele

SUNDAY, Dec. 24, 10am

Lector: Mary Ann Cummins

EM: Kathy Johnson

Altar Servers: Tye Tanachion, Adam Belus

Homebound Ministry, Friday, Dec. 22

Valerie Spanos

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK OF Dec. 10, 2017

St. John's	\$ 3,826.00	YTD \$ 94,287.59
St. Mary's	\$ 177.00	YTD \$ 2,340.15
St. Hubert's	\$	YTD \$ 2,359.50
Poor Donations	\$ 320.00	
Online Donations	\$	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon.	12.18	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	12.19	8:00 a.m.	+Alice McClain
Wed.	12.20	8:00 a.m.	+Alice McClain
Thu.	12.21	8:00 a.m.	+Alice McClain
Fri.	12.22	8:00 a.m.	+Alice McClain
		8:30 a.m.	Adoration until 9:30 a.m.
Sat.	12.23	5:00 p.m.	+Alice McClain
Sun.	12.24	8:00 a.m.	+Dave and Joyce Larkin
		10:00 a.m.	for the parishes
		12:30 p.m.	Clearmont: Fr. Pete's intention

Christmas Eve Masses:

Sun.	12.24	5:00 p.m.	for the parishes
Sun.	12.24	7:00 p.m.	Fr. Pete's intention

Christmas Morning Mass:

Mon.	12.25	9:00 a.m.	+Dave and Joyce Larkin
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon-Jeremiah 23:5-8; Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25
Tue-Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a; Gospel: Luke 1:5-25
Wed-Isaiah 7:10-14; Gospel: Luke 1:26-38
Thu-Song of Songs 2:8-14; Gospel: Luke 1:39-45
Fri-1 Samuel 1:24-28; Gospel: Luke 1:46-56
Sat-Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24; Gospel: Luke 1:57-66

FR. PETE:

An Advent Meditation from St. John Paul II who reigned as pope from 1978 to 2005.

"Blessed are you who believed it!" It is Elizabeth who addresses this blessing to Mary. Not at the moment of the Annunciation, but several weeks afterwards, when Mary came to Ain Karem. And these words of Elizabeth, who was the person closest to her spiritually, brought forth in Mary a new response of faith: "Magnificat!..."

It is certainly the Spirit that gives such transparency to her heart - this simple, humble heart of a girl from Nazareth - thanks to the promises made to "Abraham and to his posterity forever" (Lk. 1:55). God is also mysteriously present in the whole history of men, of the generations that succeed one another, of peoples, capable of bringing forth, in a marvelous way, a transparency, a hope, a call to holiness, a purification, a conversion. In this sense, He is present in the history of the humble...and of the powerful; yes, in the history of the hungry, the oppressed, the underprivileged, who know they are loved by Him and find again with Him courage, dignity, and hope; in the history also of the rich, of

oppressors, of men sated with everything, who do not escape the judgment of God and are also urged to humility, justice and sharing, in order to enter His kingdom.

God is present in the history of those who are responsible for the consumer civilization which is spreading, and in that of its victims. He wishes to set man free from the slavery of things and to put him back continually on the way of love of persons - love of God and love of his brothers - with the spirit of purity, poverty and simplicity.

Please note that Mass will not be celebrated from Tuesday, December

26 until Saturday, December 30.

There will not be Adoration on

Friday, December 29.

Thank you to Terry and Lynn Ridgeway, Clay and Leah Miller and Travis Anderson for all their hard work in getting much of the Sanctuary decorating done. While it is certainly premature to decorate the Church, people's schedules are so hectic and their free time so limited that we have a very narrow timeframe to get everything done. Your work is much appreciated. The final touches will be added on Thursday, December 21.

Thank you to Honey Harriet who helped to make sure the hall was open, the heat turned on and everything was set for the bread / soup dinner we had last Sunday before the Advent Parish Mission began. I also thank her for cleaning up afterwards. We had a wonderful

turnout! And thank you to all who made the various soups for the dinner! Everything was delicious.

Please note that we are obligated to attend one of the Masses for the Fourth Sunday of Advent and one of the Masses of Christmas. This was

made quite clear in a directive all priests received from Bishop Biegler.

There is no "two for one" deal here! ☺

Thank you to all who ordered poinsettias.

There are some left if you wish to order one in memory of a loved one. Please call Mary Ann at the office (684-7268) and let her know what kind of plant you would like and the name of the loved one it is being purchased for. A list of those being remembered will be published in next weekend's bulletin which will also serve as the Christmas bulletin.

The plants available are: 1 ivy, 3 eight-inch poinsettias, and 8 six-inch poinsettias.

Many thanks again to Larry Vignaroli. Larry made sure to install track lighting in both entrances of the Church which has helped immensely to make those areas much brighter and put focus on the statues. Larry is also responsible for all the outdoor lighting as well.

An update...Up to this point the parish has been using Spectrum for phone, internet and television service. You might recall that at first it was Bresnan, which was bought out by Charter and then bought out by Spectrum.

When I arrived, the account was put in my name and I covered this bill and a few others out of my money since collections were quite small that first year here. This, however, meant that it was a "residential" account. I have chosen to remove my name from the account and transfer it under the parish's name. This in turn required setting up a "business" account which is more expensive. I did this in the event I am transferred so that

things would be a bit easier for the new priest. I am not anticipating being moved, but the bishop has recently asked all the priests if they were open to being moved, desired to be moved or did not want to be moved. I see no other way of interpreting this than new assignments are being considered. While I think I am reasonably "safe" to remain until I retire (4 years, nine months and 15 days from now), one never knows for sure what the future has in store. It is always best to be prepared.

This weekend is the last opportunity to purchase a ticket for the prime rib dinner on Sunday, December 31, New Year's Eve at 6:00 p.m. We will have Mass at 5:00 p.m. to fulfill the Holy Day obligation for the Feast of Mary, Mother of God.

Want to get real news about what is going on in the Church? Go to the Catholic News Agency website at catholicnewsagency.com. No fake news. The information is as accurate as anyone can hope for. *Be very suspicious of believing anything the secular media puts out about the Church or religion in general.*

Advance notice... "TEACHING MASS"... At the request of the Confirmation teachers and students I will hold a "Teaching Mass" on Wednesday, January 10, at 7:00 p.m. at the Church. The goal of this Mass is to provide some answers to why we do what we do. Needless to say this Mass will be longer than an hour. You are welcome to ask questions during this Mass. While this is designed for the Confirmation students and their parents, it is also open to any

parishioner who would like to learn a bit more about the gift of our Faith.

MEALS-ON-WHEELS volunteers still needed from our parish for January! Need volunteers for Mondays and Fridays specifically.

THANK YOU to Nolcha Fox for the prayer shawls and crocheted rosaries for parishioners who are suffering from a serious illness or a death of a spouse.

Wednesday, Dec. 20 is the last CCD class session until January 3, 2018!

Tuesday, Dec. 19 is the date for the annual Knights of Columbus holiday party. All Knights and their spouses are invited! 6:00pm is the time for this event.

The annual CCW Progressive Dinner will be held at the home of Arnette Tiller on January 9, 2018 beginning at 5:00pm (carpool from church) with appetizers, followed by dinner and dessert – all at Arnette's home. No moving around this year 😊 Please sign up with Lori Zink, 620-5133 or Mary Ann Cummins, 684-7268 to bring an appetizer, main dish or dessert.

"Awaken the Voice: Sing as One to the Lord" Southwest Liturgical Conference Study Week is January 16-19, 2018 in Cheyenne, WY. Registration is \$200. Join Catholics from throughout Wyoming and the Southwest U.S. in praise, worship and study. Keynote speakers include Valimar Janse, Bishop Mark Seitz, Dr. Steve Janco, Carmen Florez-Mansi, and Marty Haugen will also be in concert and serve as a workshop presenter. There are also Spanish-language workshops and a full day for Hispanic Pastoral musicians. To register or check out all the opportunities, go to visitcheyenne.regfos.com/swic-2018.

"Celebrate Life" March and Banquet in Cheyenne January 13, 2018. 11am is the beginning program. 12noon is the silent march. 5:30pm is the social hour/silent auction before the 6:30p.m. banquet. Lisa Robertson is the featured speaker (Duck Dynasty Family).