



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. 24 – NO Youth group
5pm & 7pm Christmas Masses
Monday, Dec. 25 – 9am Christmas Mass
Wednesday, Dec. 27 - NO CCD
Saturday, Dec. 30 – 7pm RCIA
Sunday, Dec. 31 – NO Youth group
5pm Holy Day Mass
Monday, January 1, 2018 – 9am Holy Day Mass
Wednesday, January 3 – 3:45pm CCD
7pm CCD & Confirmation
Sunday, January 7 – 10am Christmas pageant
Knights' breakfast afterward

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

4TH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Dec. 24, 2017

Altar Assisters:

SATURDAY, Dec. 30, 5pm

Lector: Dennis Lawrence

EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, Dec. 31, 8am

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, Dec. 31, 10am

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Homebound Ministry, Friday, Dec. 29

OPEN

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK OF Dec. 17, 2017

St. John's	\$ 2,866.96	YTD \$ 97,154.55
St. Mary's	\$ 25.00	YTD \$ 2,365.15
St. Hubert's	\$	YTD \$ 2,359.50
Poor Donations	\$ 1070.00	
Online Donations	\$	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

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: Carol DeLois

Christmas Eve Masses:

Sun.	12.24	5:00 p.m.	for the parishes
		7:00 p.m.	+Dave and Joyce Larkin

Christmas Morning Mass:

Mon.	12.25	9:00 a.m.	Carol DeLois
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Weekday and weekend Masses:

Tue.	12.26	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Wed.	12.27	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Thu.	12.28	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Fri.	12.29	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
		8:30 a.m.	No Adoration
Sat.	12.30	5:00 p.m.	+Neil Rogers
Sun.	12.31	8:00 a.m.	+Neil Rogers
		10:00 a.m.	for the people
		5:00 pm	Feast of the Mother of God offered for Carol DeLois
Mon.	01.01	9:00 am	Feast of the Mother of God +Dave and Joyce Larkin

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon-Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-6; Gospel: John 1:1-18
Christmas Day

Tue- Acts of the Apostles 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Gospel:

Matthew 10:17-22 ***Saint Stephen, 1st Martyr***

Wed-1 John 1:1-4; Gospel: John 20:1a, 2-8

Saint John, Apostle & Evangelist

Thu-1 John 1:5—2:2; Gospel: Matthew 2:13-18

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Fri-1 John 2:3-11; Gospel: Luke 2:22-35

Sat-1 John 2:12-17; Gospel: Luke 2:36-40

FR. PETE:

May you and your family and friends have a blessed Christmas. May the true meaning of this Holy Day; that God became one with man, so man can become one with God, be at the core of all your celebrations. Then everything you have before you can be seen as it truly is: a gift from an all loving God.

An update on the health condition of our chancellor, Carol DeLois. This past summer Carol was diagnosed with a very aggressive brain cancer. Despite treatments her condition has declined. She is currently at her home under hospice care.

Carol was a wonderful person to have known. Despite the intense pressure of her work in the chancery office she always kept a cheerful perspective. She served every bishop faithfully and she loved the priests. She would do whatever she could to help any priest. She understood, like few do, the relentless grind and unrealistic expectations parish priests are subjected to.

Please pray that the Lord will take this good servant home. And for those who might think that this should not be in a bulletin for the Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas.... think again. Why did the Lord become flesh? He did so to die in our flesh so that we might live with Him for eternity. Christmas, after all, is the necessary condition for the possibility of the Cross and the Resurrection.

Many thanks to all who purchased a flower to help decorate the Sanctuary. We purchase flowers only for Christmas and Easter to help make the Church as beautiful as possible. A list of names of those who contributed flowers and the names of those in whose memory they were offered is included in this bulletin.

A Christmas mediation from Pope Francis.

I know it is a bit long, but trust me....it is worth taking the time to read and ponder over.

Henceforth and forever, the infinite and eternal God is "God with us." He is not far off. We need not search for Him in the heavens or in mystical notions. He is close at hand. He became man and He will never withdraw from our humanity, which He has made His own....

In order to meet Him, we need to go where He is. We need to bow down, to humble ourselves, to make ourselves small. The newborn Child challenges us. He calls us to leave behind fleeting illusions and to turn to what is essential, to renounce our insatiable cravings, to abandon our endless yearning for things we will never have. We do well to leave such things behind, in order to discover, in the simplicity of the Divine Child, peace, joy, and the luminous meaning of life...

The Mystery of Christmas, which is light and joy, challenges and unsettles us, because it is at once a mystery of hope and sadness. It has a taste of sadness inasmuch as love is not accepted, and life discarded. Such was the case with Joseph and Mary, who met with closed doors, and placed

Jesus in a manger, "because there was no place for them in the inn." Jesus was born rejected by some and regarded by many others with indifference. Today, too, that same indifference can exist, whenever Christmas becomes a holiday with ourselves at the center rather than Jesus....

Yet Christmas has above all a taste of hope because, for all the darkness in our lives, God's light shines forth. His gentle light does not frighten us. God, Who is in love with us, draws us to Himself with His tenderness, by being born poor and frail in our midst, as one of us. He is born in Bethlehem, which means "house of bread." In this way, He seems to tell us that He is born as bread for us; He enters our life to give us His life; He comes into our world to give us His love. He does not come to devour or to lord it over us, but instead to feed and serve us. There is a straight line between the manger and the Cross where Jesus will become "bread that is broken." It is the straight line of love that gives and saves, the love that brings light to our lives and peace to our hearts...

Let us approach Him with trust, starting from all those things that make us feel

marginalized, from our limitations and our sins. Let us be touched by the tenderness that saves. Let us draw close to God Who draws close to us. Let us pause to gaze upon the crib, and relive in our imagination the birth of Jesus: light and peace, dire poverty and rejection. With the shepherds, let us enter into the real Christmas, bringing to Jesus all that we are, our alienation, our unhealed wounds, our sins. Then, in Jesus, we will enjoy the taste of the true spirit of Christmas: the beauty of being loved by God. With Mary and Joseph, let us pause before the manger, before Jesus Who is born as bread for my life. Contemplating His humble and infinite love, let us simply tell Him: Thank You. Thank You because You have done all this for me.

Meals-on-Wheels – still need a few slots filled on Mondays in January! Call the parish office to volunteer.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM by our CCD youth will take place during the 10am Mass on Sunday, January 7, 2018. The KNIGHTS will have a breakfast following Mass. Donations are always accepted 😊

The CCW ladies will have their annual PROGRESSIVE DINNER on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 5:30pm at the home of Arnette Tiller. We will carpool from the church at 5:00pm. Everyone who is attending needs to call Lori Zink, 620-5133 or Mary Ann Cummins,

684-7268 at the church office to RSVP and indicate if you will bring an appetizer, main dish or dessert. We will do all three courses at the Tiller home 😊

CCD classes will resume on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at 3:45pm. The Confirmation class will meet at 7pm.

MERRY CHRISTMAS from your staff at St. John the Baptist Church!

CAT needs home – gentle, neutered male cat with shots. Good around kids and dogs. Vanessa Vogel is the one to call if you'd like to help her out and rescue this very nice cat, 217-5435.

