



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>	278-0193
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. 31 – NO Youth group

5pm Mass for Holy Day

Monday, January 1 – 9am New Year's Mass

Wednesday, January 3 - 3:45pm & 7pm CCD

7pm Confirmation

Saturday, January 6 – 7pm RCIA

Wednesday, January 3 – 3:45pm CCD

7pm CCD & Confirmation

Sunday, January 7 – 10am Christmas pageant

Knights' breakfast afterward

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

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

Dec. 31, 2017

Altar Assisters:

SATURDAY, Jan. 6, 5pm

Lector: Marilyn Maxwell

EM: Dennis Lawrence

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, Jan. 7, 8am

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, Jan. 7, 10am

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Homebound Ministry, Friday, Jan. 5

Kathy Smith

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK OF Dec. 24, 2017

St. John's	\$ 1,679.11	YTD \$ 98,833.66
St. Mary's	\$ 186.00	YTD \$ 2,551.15
St. Hubert's	\$ 25.00	YTD \$ 2,384.50
Poor Donations	\$ 13.00	
Online Donations	\$ 415.60	
Christmas	\$ 20,745.00	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mass schedule and intentions:

Sat.	12.30	5:00 p.m.	+Dave and Joyce Larkin
Sun.	12.31	8:00 a.m.	Andy Stevens family
		10:00 a.m.	for the parishes

Holy Day Masses: Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Sun.	12.31	5:00 p.m.	Carol DeLois
Mon.	01.01	9:00 a.m.	for the parishes

Last week of Christmas:

Tue.	01.02	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Wed.	01.03	8:00 a.m.	+Jeanette Maxwell
Thu.	01.04	8:00 a.m.	+John Esponda
Fri.	01.05	8:00 a.m.	+Whitey Maxwell
		8:30 a.m.	Adoration until 9:30 a.m.

The Last Masses of Christmas: The Epiphany of the Lord

Sat.	01.06	5:00 p.m.	+Russell Maxwell
Sun.	01.07	8:00 a.m.	+Dominica Esponda
		10:00 a.m.	For the parishes Children to perform their skit
		2:00 p.m.	Kaycee: Fr. Pete's intention

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon-Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Gospel: Luke 2:16-21 ***Solemnity of Mary***

Tue-1 John 2:22-28; Gospel: John 1:19-28

Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

Wed-1 John 2:29—3:6; Gospel: John 1:29-34

Thu-1 John 3:7-10; Gospel: John 1:35-42

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

Fri-1 John 3:11-21; Gospel: John 1:43-51

Saint John Neumann, Bishop

Sat-1 John 5:5-13; Mark 1:7-11

FR. PETE:

From Fr. Pete...I hope that you had a wonderful celebration of Christmas whether you were here in Buffalo or away to be with family and friends. I was very fortunate to have my good friend, Fr. Larry Bailey, with me this Christmas. Fr. Larry has retired as an active chaplain with the Air Force and has retired from the Archdiocese of Seattle.

Usually I am alone when the last person leaves the Church after the last Christmas Mass and I confess that I enjoy the quiet and solitude, but this year was a pleasant change. Fr. Larry and I were able to catch up on what has been going on in our lives both as friends and brother priests. He has also given me some good advice of what I can do when I retire and what I can look forward to.

May it please God that we can keep the message of Christmas alive in our souls throughout the year; i.e. that God became one with man, so man can become one with God. We are so deeply loved by Him if only we will allow ourselves to be still for a moment and be bathed in that love. There is nothing in this world that can give us that peace, that reassurance, that hope. And there is nothing in this world that can ever take it away from us...unless...we are so foolish as to allow it.

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God is normally a Holy Day of Obligation but since it falls immediately after a Sunday it is not, though the reasoning escapes me. The common-sense God gives to a door knob would lead one to believe that if a Feast of the Church is a Holy Day of Obligation it remains one regardless of when

it happens to fall. Nevertheless, it is only fitting and proper to honor the Blessed Virgin whose unconditional "yes" to God brought about our salvation and changed the course of human history. The Masses will be on Sunday, December 31, at 5:00 p.m. and Monday, January 1, at 9:00 a.m. All are welcome. What greater way is there to usher in a new year than worshipping God?

Sunday, January 7, is the last Sunday of Christmas. It is the saddest day of the year. The decorations in the Church start coming down quickly. I must start putting away the decorations in the rectory. But to bring the Christmas season to a memorable close, we will have our CCD children perform their annual re-enactment of the Christmas Story at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Afterwards everyone is invited for a Christmas Breakfast prepared by the Knights of Columbus. This will end our Christmas season until next year.

The following is a reflection on "The Motherhood of Mary" by a British mystic, Caryll Houselander, who passed from this world in 1954. He was also a poet and a spiritual teacher. He offers some tantalizing insights.

That which stands out in the divine infancy is how completely dependent the infant Jesus was on His Mother for His life and for everything. Born as He was far from home, in a strange town, in a cold rough stable, He had not even those comforts which most babies have, even the poorest, and which in fact His Mother had prepared for Him: His cradle, for example, waiting for Him in the little home of

Nazareth and destined to wait there, empty, until He had outgrown it.

In Bethlehem, in the desert, what had Christ to sustain His life, but His Mother? She was so much more to Him than one who wrapped Him in swaddling bands, one who rocked His cradle and prepared His food. She was herself His warmth, His cradle, His food.

The Mother is the trustee of God's love to her baby. Yes, but she is even more than that - she is God's love to Him. Giving her to Him, God gives Himself.

What a mystery it is, as unimaginable as the Blessed Sacrament, that Christ as man was first given God in this world by a woman!

Motherhood is an intimate contemplation of God. How could anyone learn more of Him that she does who learns, not from books and sermons and meditations, not from the secret manifestations or from the blindness and uncertainty of human thought, but from the secret manifestations of God's love in her own being?

Many people think that in order to be contemplative we must be unnatural... Those who think in this way have not yet

*pondered the showing forth of
God in all that is closest at hand
in everything that is around us,
above all in human nature.*

*Human nature is made in
God's image. That image burns
in its dark heart as the distant
star burns in a deep well far
below it.*

*In so far as human beings
retain or recover the primitive
purity of their human nature,
they learn the secrets of God from
their own hearts.*

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST to follow the Masses next weekend. Donations are always welcome 😊

CCD classes resume on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at 3:45pm and 7pm with the Confirmation class also meeting at 7pm. Remember to bring your "service hours" to class.

"Teaching the Mass" class will be held on Wednesday, January 10 at 7pm. Father Pete will teach the kids that go to CCD at 7pm and invites parents and anyone else interested to please feel free to come to this Mass.

CCW Progressive Dinner will be held on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at the home of Arnette Tiller, 22 Bobwhite Dr. All ladies of the parish are invited. Please call Lori Zink, 620-5113 or Mary Ann Cummins, 620-9656, to volunteer to bring an appetizer, main dish, or dessert. Deadline to RSVP will be Friday, January 5, 2018!

Planning ahead...the Beast Feast will be held at St. John's on Sunday, January 28, 2018 at 6pm. Get your favorite "wild game" recipe out and plan to attend and bring a friend!

THANK YOU to everyone who volunteered to deliver Meals-on-Wheels for our parish in January! We will begin on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 as the Senior Center is closed on New Year's Day. Dress warm!

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped to decorate for the Christmas season inside of our church! It is stunning!

A HUGE THANK YOU to Valerie Spanos and her crew for organizing, preparing and serving a fabulous New Year's Eve dinner to the parish! The "return" of the Polyester Blends was a joy 😊

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE PAST YEAR will be sent to each registered parishioner family later this month of January. If you wish to receive parish envelopes and are not, please contact Mary Ann Cummins in the parish office.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ONE AND ALL!



*Let's resolve to have a blessed
parish family this year... serving
one another in LOVE.*