



# 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

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 12:30pm

## St. Hubert Church, Kaycee

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 2:00pm

**Confessions** Saturday 11:00am  
Saturday after 5pm Mass  
By Appointment

## Parish Staff

Pastor	<i>Fr. Pete Johnson</i>	278-0193
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, Jan. 7 – 10am Christmas pageant @ Mass  
9am & 11am Knights' breakfast  
11am Youth group

Tuesday, Jan. 9 – 5:15pm CCW Progressive Dinner;  
meet in parking lot at 5pm.  
7:30pm Knights of Columbus

Wednesday, Jan. 10 - 3:45pm & 7pm CCD  
7pm Teaching Mass

Saturday, January 13 – 7pm RCIA

Sunday, January 14 – NO 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](mailto: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

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Jan. 7, 2018

Altar Assisters:

SATURDAY, Jan. 13, 5pm

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, Jan. 14, 8am

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, Jan. 14, 10am

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Homebound Ministry, Friday, Jan. 12

Lynn Ridgeway

### COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK OF Dec. 31, 2017

St. John's	\$ 3,211.00	YTD \$ 104,955.66
St. Mary's	\$	YTD \$ 2,551.15
St. Hubert's	\$ 25.00	YTD \$ 2,409.50
Poor Donations	\$ 260.00	
Online Donations	\$ 204.35	
Christmas	\$ 705.00	

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon.	01.08	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	01.09	8:00 a.m.	+Vern Maxwell
Wed.	01.10	8:00 a.m.	+Bertha Maxwell
Thu.	01.11	8:00 a.m.	+Jeanette Maxwell
Fri.	01.12	8:00 a.m.	+Bertha Maxwell
		8:30 a.m.	Adoration until 9:30 a.m.
Sat.	01.13	5:00 p.m.	+Whitey Maxwell
Sun.	01.14	8:00 a.m.	+Jeanette Maxwell
		10:00 a.m.	for the parishes
		12:30 p.m.	Clearmont: Fr. Pete's intention

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon-Isaiah 55:1-11; Gospel: Mark 1:7-11

The Baptism of the Lord

Tue-1 Samuel 1:9-20; Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

Wed-1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20; Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

Thu-1 Samuel 4:1-11; Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

Fri-1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a; Gospel: Mark 2:1-12

Sat-1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Gospel: Mark 2:13-17

### FR. PETE:

"Teaching Mass" to be held on Wednesday, January 10 at 7:00 p.m. While originally designed for the Confirmation students and their parents, others have asked if it would be open to the congregation. The answer is yes. All are welcome to come.

**An update on our parish Foundation.** As you know the parish has a foundation: the St. John the Baptist Church Foundation. It was established during the pastorate of the late Fr. Joe Daley. The Foundation income has grown substantially these last ten years and the parish regularly receives a check on the interest earned from its investments without ever touching the principle. Just a few days ago the parish received a check for \$16,000.00. Not bad, hey? The check has been deposited in savings, specifically in our Building / Maintenance Fund. Please consider leaving the St. John the Baptist Church Foundation in your Will or Estate Planning.

**An ancient meditation on the Mystery of the Epiphany from Saint Caesarius of Arles.** St. Caesarius was a monk, an archbishop and a well-respected preacher. He died in the year 543.

*The blessed embassy wonders that it has been led to the holy cradle by a ray of light streaming from above; the farthest nation is the first to enjoy the common good. What a wonderful favor! He Who embraces heaven and earth is held within the embrace of His Mother; He Who left the Kingdom of His Father lies hidden in the bosom of His Mother. Through a simple service the spiritual treasure is revealed: humanity is perceived, but divinity is adored. Those who offer gold, frankincense, and myrrh show*

*more in mystery than they offer in knowledge. In the gift of gold, royal dignity is indicated, in the smoke of the frankincense divine majesty, and in the appearance of myrrh humanity which is destined for burial. Thus, the number of their offering bespeaks the Trinity, while their single devotion gives evidence of unity.*

*Following this example, if we wish to reach Christ, let us endeavor to behold heaven with the ever-watchful attention of our heart. May the star of justice direct the path of a perfect life for us. Let us offer the gold of fidelity, the spices of devotion, and the burnt offering of chastity to Him Who said: "No one shall appear before Me empty-handed." May we possess spiritual myrrh within us to temper our souls in such a way that it may keep them unharmed by the corruption of sin. Let us change our life, if we desire to reach our true country, that is, the heavenly one. Let there be this exchange between the two so that we may prepare for ourselves the substance of that future life by our use of this present one. Just as the eternal life will be the reward of this life, let us labor in such a way that this one may be the price of that.*

**Sincere thanks to all who made the Christmas Feast one of the best dinners our parish has ever had.** Much of the credit goes to Val Spanos who suggested the idea in September and organized, with Bambi Johnston, everything from the purchase of the meat to getting volunteers. Many thanks go to Honey Harriett for all her work. Thanks to Tony Fox for assuming the role of MC.

Additional thanks to Gene Gagliano for decorating the hall for the banquet and to the Polyester Blends for the wonderful entertainment. And we are all indebted to the many who helped to cook, serve the wonderful meal and wash the dishes. And finally, a hearty "thank you" to all who stayed to stack up the tables and chairs.

No one could have possibly left hungry! Some were shocked at seeing how the prime rib overflowed the edges of their plates! Not a bad deal for \$1.00, hey?!

Plans are already in gear for next year's Christmas Feast, knowing that the great turnout and the quality of the food from this one has set a high bar indeed.

**Alas...the saddest day of the year has come: the last day of Christmas.** The Christmas Season ends at sunset on Monday, January 8. The season of Ordinary Time begins the next morning and will last until Ash Wednesday, February 14, when Great and Holy Lent begins. All the decorations in the Church will be quickly coming down.

### **Are you reading the Sunday bulletin?**

People are asking questions that are covered in the bulletin. When I ask, "Have you read the bulletin?" the answer is "No." Most weekends we have so many copies left over. It is rather frustrating.

Please recall that the majority of you voted to keep the bulletin. And so, we have. But if you're not taking it home with you and reading it how can I justify the expense and waste of all that paper, the costs of toner and the wear and tear it puts on the office copier? The bulletin material is found on our website ([www.sjbc-buffalo.com](http://www.sjbc-buffalo.com)) and on the parish app for those who have a smart phone.

So...if you want a hard copy of the Sunday bulletin my best advice is take it home and read it. Otherwise, I cannot in good conscience allow this waste to continue.

**“Fr. Pete...How much did the Christmas dinner cost?”** We are still waiting for all the receipts to come in but thus far it looks like it ran about \$3,600.00. We budgeted \$7,000.00 for “Parish Events” which includes such dinners.

**“Fr. Pete...Will you offer a noon Mass on Ash Wednesday?”** No. I have done so for two years and the turnout has been very poor. That tells me the noon Mass is not valued. We will stay with the two Masses that day at 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

**“Fr. Pete...Who makes your vestments? I really liked the purple one. Does the parish pay for them?”** There is a woman in Toronto, Canada, named Vesna of Vesna Vestments (you can look her up on You Tube). She makes vestments for the clergy of the Orthodox Churches but has branched out to make vestments for priests of the Catholic Church as well. She uses the best materials for ecclesiastical garments. Her work is very good and detailed.

The parish has never and never will pay for my personal vestments. Like my books and my computer, my vestments are the “tools of my trade” and I budget myself to purchase them. Nor does the parish pay when I have to bring them to the dry cleaners.

When I leave the parish for a new assignment, or when I retire, my vestments will go with me. If, however, I should die while pastor, it is in my Will that my vestments will remain the property of the parish to be used by future priests but always remain the property of the parish. That should save the parish a considerable amount of money. When you think of it...I'm worth more to you dead than alive.

**“Fr. Pete...What was the total for the Christmas collection?”** Christmas envelopes are still coming in and we are not able to give an accurate figure until next week at the earliest. Thus far, however, the Christmas collection has exceeded \$21,000.00. We budgeted for \$23,500.00. It is slated to go into savings, particularly into the Building / Maintenance Fund.

**“Fr. Pete...Will there be a Parish Lenten Mission?”** Yes. I recently spoke with Fr. William Casey of EWTN fame. He will be our visiting priest from the Fathers of Mercy. He will preach the weekend of March 17 and 18 and begin the Mission on Sunday, March 18 at 7:00 p.m. It will be held every evening, Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup> to Thursday the 22 at 7:00 p.m. After each presentation Fr. Casey and I will hear confessions. Please note that the Mission will take place on the Fifth Week of Lent, just before Palm Sunday weekend. It will be one of the last opportunities to get to confession before Holy Week.

**“Fr. Pete...Will there be a St. Patrick's Day Dinner this year?”** Yes. We will follow a similar format to the Christmas dinner, i.e. ask people to purchase a ticket for \$1.00 with the money going to door prizes. More details will be provided in the next couple of weeks.

**CCW PROGRESSIVE DINNER** to be held on Tuesday, Jan. 9 at the home of Claudia Elliot, 903 Klondike Dr at 5:15pm. We will carpool from the parking lot of the church at 5pm. Bring your food and have some fun!

**NO Youth Group** on Sunday, Jan. 14.

**Help needed** to take down Christmas on Tuesday, Jan. 9 after morning Mass ☺