



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

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

Religious Education / Meeting

Sunday, Jan. 14 – NO Youth group
Tuesday, Jan. 16 – 12noon CCW mtg. for convention
Wednesday, Jan. 17 - 3:45pm & 7pm CCD
Saturday, January 20 – 7pm RCIA
Sunday, January 21 – 11:15am Youth group
Tuesday, January 23 – 7:30pm Knights of Columbus

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jan. 14, 2018

Altar Assisters:

SATURDAY, Jan. 20, 5pm

Lector: Mary Smith

EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, Jan. 21, 8am

Lector: Marilyn Maxwell

EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Andrew Snyder, Aaron Seeman,

Aaron Thiele

SUNDAY, Jan. 21, 10am

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Adam Belus, Michael/James Ihnat

Homebound Ministry, Friday, Jan. 19

Mary Ann Dahl

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK OF Jan. 7, 2017

St. John's	\$ 4,057.00	YTD \$ 109,012.66
St. Mary's	\$ 10.00	YTD \$ 2,651.15
St. Hubert's	\$ 282.00	YTD \$ 2,691.50
Poor Donations	\$ 663.00	
Online Donations	890.60	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon.	01.15	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	01.16	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Wed	01.17	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Thu.	01.18	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Fri.	01.19	8:00 a.m.	Fr. Pete's intention
		8:30 a.m.	Adoration until 9:30 a.m.
Sat.	01.20	5:00 p.m.	Fr. Pete's intention
Sun.	01.21	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-1 Samuel 15:16-23; Gospel: Mark 2:18-22

Tue-1 Samuel 16:1-13; Gospel: Mark 2:23-28

Wed- 1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Gospel: Mark 3:1-6

Saint Anthony, Abbot

Thu-1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Gospel: Mark 3:7-12

Fri-1 Samuel 24:3-21; Gospel: Mark 3:13-19

Sat-2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Gospel: Mark 3:20-21

FR. PETE:

Bishop Biegler will be coming to St. John's to celebrate the Masses on Sunday, February 4, weather

permitting. Please make every effort to come and welcome our new bishop. This will be his first visit to our parish. After the Sunday morning Masses, you will have an opportunity to visit with him at breakfast provided by the Knights of Columbus. Bishop will also preside at Mass at St. Hubert's in Kaycee that afternoon.

The flu season is upon us. If you have the flu do not come to Mass. Do not come to parish events, functions or classes. Do not go to work or school. Do not visit those in the hospital or the nursing homes. Do not go near young children.

The dominant influenza strain this year seems to be the H3N2 A subtype although there is another strain, influenza B, that is spreading as well. The first is considered to be one of the more severe strains. As of mid-December, 106 people have died from complications from influenza. In California alone some 27 people under the age of 65 have died. States are reporting higher than average emergency room visits and hospital admissions.

Some simple things that can be done:

---avoid touching your eyes, mouth or nose with your hands.

---be a little obsessive about disinfecting your hands either by using soap and water or if that is not possible use a hand sanitizing gel.

--if you are sick stay home so you do not spread the virus to others, especially the elderly and the very young who tend to suffer most from the complications of flu.

Until the flu season is over the distribution of the Precious Blood in common chalices will be suspended.

Lenten Parish Mission will be held from Sunday, March 18 to Thursday, March 22.

The mission will begin each evening at 7:00 p.m. with confessions heard afterwards. It will be led by Fr. William Casey of the Fathers of Mercy. You may have seen Fr. Casey on EWTN. One of the topics that Fr. Casey will address is the reality of personal sin and the need for sincere conversion and repentance.

Last class on Boethius' Consolation of Philosophy will be on Tuesday, January 23.

Please note that there are no Masses on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Clergy are supposed to attend the January Institute in Cheyenne.

Please....do not bring any more palm branches to the Church. We have all we need to make the ashes for Ash Wednesday. Please either burn the palms at home or bury them this spring. Do not throw them out. Thank you.

Donuts will be offered after Masses starting this Sunday. It was decided that donuts will be suspended during Lent and resume after Easter. It was further decided that since so many did not care to have bagels after Mass during Lent this too will be suspended.

Many thanks to all the wonderful folks who helped to take down and store the Christmas decorations! It was so well organized that it took only an hour.

Many thanks to Carol Gagliano and all the CCD teachers and staff and the CCD children. They did a wonderful job putting on the Christmas Nativity play. And many thanks as well to the Knights of Columbus for providing breakfast afterward. What a great way to end the Christmas Season.

My health situation. It was obvious to many of you last weekend that I had trouble moving around. The knees are simply getting worse. I see my surgeon this Monday. My friend, Fr. Larry, who was here for Christmas, is able to cover but not until Holy Week at the earliest. Hopefully I can hold out until then. I will keep you informed once I know what the "battle plan" is.

A meditation from St. John of Avila. St. John was a Spanish priest, a mystic, a preacher and a scholar. He is also a doctor of the Church. He died in 1569.

The demons envy our well-being so much that they try all sorts of ways to keep us from enjoying what they have lost. When, in a battle, they are overcome by us, or to put it better, by God in us, they stir up other battles to see if at some time they can find someone careless to devour. They change their weapons and strategies, thinking that those they cannot overcome in one way, they will overcome in another.

Christian doctrine teaches us to place ourselves within the most just will of the Lord and to suffer patiently what He sends us, interior or exterior. When they have seen that, because of this, they have been unable to ruin us by cunning they try more open war, in which the one that was before a hidden dragon becomes a ferocious lion (cf. 1 Peter 5:8). No longer does he tempt in one thing in order to end up in another, but rather, he clearly wants to make himself feared and plans to achieve by fear what he could not achieve by cunning. Here he will not be seen as a fox but as a fierce lion that wants to inspire fear by his roaring....

When a soul, by the love of God that is the life of faith, despises the prosperity and adversity of the world, and believes and trusts in God, Whom it does not see, there is no way by which the demon may enter. Also, the light of faith teaches us to trust in

God's mercy when there are dangers. If the one under attack wants to take advantage of this mercy, he may gain a lot of courage to struggle against the demon, a thing that is very necessary for this war.

“Fr. Pete...Is it just me or was Christmas very confusing this year?” It's not you. Even some clergy were having problems adjusting to the schedule since Christmas Eve Masses fell on the heels of the regular Sunday Masses and then there were the Masses on Christmas day. Fortunately, this does not happen very often and next year Christmas falls on a Tuesday.

“Fr. Pete...Would it be inappropriate to bring a hand cleaning gel to Mass and clean my hands after the sign of peace? I don't want to offend anyone.” I think it is quite appropriate and would encourage you to do so until the flu season is behind us. I can't imagine anyone being offended and if they are, too bad. I routinely dart into the sacristy where I slather my hands up after shaking the hands of the servers and Eucharistic Ministers.

CCW noon meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 16 in the parish hall to begin working on plans to host the Wyoming Council of Catholic Women (WCCW) convention on Sept. 23-25, 2018. All are welcome to bring ideas and help with all the little details that are necessary.

NO SCHOOL Monday, so **NO Youth Group.**

END OF YEAR FINANCIAL DONATION statements will soon be available.