



St. John the Baptist Church

St. Mary Church – Clearmont
 St. Hubert Church – Kaycee

Office and Rectory

532 North Lobban Avenue
 Buffalo, Wyoming 82834
 307-684-7268
 Website: www.sjbc-buffalo.com
 Sermon link – <https://soundcloud.com/st-johns-1>

Email:

St. John's: sjbc532@gmail.com
 Fr. Pete: frpete307@gmail.com
 Mary Ann: sjbc532@gmail.com
 Carol Gagliano: Gagliano.carol@gmail.com

St. John the Baptist Church

Saturday 5:00 PM
 Sunday 9:00 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 Leader	<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
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. 9 – 10am Confirmation Retreat
 7pm Parish mission begins
Monday, Dec. 10 – 7pm Parish mission
Tuesday, Dec. 11 – 7pm Parish mission
Wednesday, Dec. 12 – 3:45pm CCD
 7pm Parish mission/CCD
 students attend
Thursday, Dec. 13 – 7pm Parish mission
Sunday, Dec. 16 – 4:30pm CCW dinner-Tiller's
Tuesday, Dec. 18 – 6pm KC social
Wednesday, Dec. 19 – cookies for Gray Ladies
 3:45pm & 7pm CCD

Baptisms – Please call Fr. Pete

Marriage – Planning and preparation 6 months in advance

Prayer line Requests – 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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 9, 2018

Altar Assisters:

SATURDAY, Dec. 15, 5pm

Lector: Mary Smith

EM: Dennis Lawrence

CUP: Janelle/Phil Gonzales

Altar Servers: Matt Harrison, Asher/Kieran Murray

SUNDAY, Dec. 16, 9am

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Mary Ann Cummins

CUP: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Adam Belus, Michael/James Ihnat,

Bryce/Ben Camino

Homebound Ministry, Friday, December 14

Mary Ann Dahl

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK Dec. 2, 2018

St. John's	\$	4,919.60	YTD \$	84,295.40
St. Mary's	\$		YTD \$	2,658.00
St. Hubert's	\$		YTD \$	1,302.00
Poor Donations	\$	732.00		
Online Donations	\$	410.00		

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon.	12.10	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	12.11	8:00 a.m.	Phyllis Estlund
Wed.	12.12	8:00 a.m.	+Darrell Joubert
Thu.	12.13	8:00 a.m.	Bill and Darlene Huddleston
Fri.	12.14	8:00 a.m.	Bill and Darlene Huddleston
		8:30 a.m.	Adoration until 9:30 a.m.
Sat.	12.15	5:00 p.m.	Bill and Darlene Huddleston
Sun.	12.16	9:00 a.m.	for the parishes
		2:00 p.m.	Kaycee: Fr. Pete's intention

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon-Isaiah 35:1-10; Gospel: Luke 5:17-26

Tue-Isaiah 40:1-11; Gospel: Matthew 18:12-14

Wed-Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Gospel: Luke
1:39-47 ***Our Lady of Guadalupe***

Thu-Isaiah 41:13-20; Gospel: Matthew 11:11-15

Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Fri-Isaiah 48:17-19; Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19

Saint John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor

Sat-Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Gospel: Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

FR. PETE:

A reflection on the Mystery of the Immaculate Conception by Saint Maximilian Kolbe. Fr. Kolbe was a Conventual Franciscan priest. He had a deep devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. He was arrested by the Nazis and sent to Auschwitz. He offered his life in exchange for the life of a fellow inmate. He died a horrible death in 1941.

Who is she? She is nothing in herself, like all other creatures, but thanks to God's work she is the most perfect among creatures. The most perfect semblance of the divine being in a purely human creature.

She derives, therefore, from the Father through the Son and the Spirit, as the Creator Who from nothing in the image of Himself, in the image of the Most Holy Trinity, calls finite beings into existence, out of love for his own finite likeness, which they reproduce.

Beings endowed with free will and reason know and acknowledge their provenance and are aware of having received from God all they are, all they can do, and all they possess at every instant.

They reciprocate with love, both for what they have received, and for the fact that He, as infinite perfection is worthy of infinite love. Consequently, as limited beings, unable to render unto Him infinite love, at least they overcome the constraints and efforts of such love.

The Immaculata never had any stain of sin, which means that her love was always full, without flaws. She loved God with all her being, and love untied her with God in this perfect fashion from the first instant of her life, such that on the day of the

Annunciation, the angel could address her saying: Full of grace, the Lord is with thee (Lk. 1:28).

She is therefore a creature of God, the property of God, the semblance of the image of God, the daughter of God, in the most perfect way possible for a human being.

She is God's instrument. In full awareness, she lets herself be guided by God. She conforms to His will. She desires only what He wants; operates in accordance with His will and in the most perfect way possible, without the slightest blemish, without any deviation of her will from His.

She is God's instrument in the perfect use of her faculties and privileges she was granted, in order to carry out always and in all things, solely and exclusively God's will, out of love toward God One and Triune.

Her union of love with God reaches such a point that she becomes the Mother of God.

The Father entrusts His own Son to her, the Son descends into her womb, while the Holy Spirit, from the body of her, shapes the most holy body of Jesus.

Many thanks to all who came on Saturday morning to make the wreathes that are now hanging in the Church. There is nothing like the smell of fresh evergreens to herald the coming of Christmas!

Advent Parish Mission begins this weekend! Welcome Fr. Wade

Menezes! Fr. Wade comes to us from the Fathers of Mercy to lead our Advent Parish Mission. The overall theme of the Mission is taken from St.

Paul's Letter to the Philippians 2:12, "Work Out Your Salvation!" Fr. Wade will speak on the following topics:

"Be Faithful to Daily Duty"

"Be Other-Centered"

"Understand the Reality of Vice and Virtue"

"Practice and Live the Sacraments"

"Live a Trinitarian Spirituality"

The Mission will be held Sunday through Thursday at the Church beginning at 7:00 p.m. each evening. Please make every effort to attend all or as much of the Mission as you can. You will be glad you did.

Confirmation Retreat after Sunday morning Mass in the parish hall at 10am. Parents are welcome to attend with their child! Food will be served ☺

It has been decided to change the name of the Social Committee to the Fellowship Ministries. Why the change? We need to do more than simply organize parish dinners. We need to invite people in the parish to a greater degree of participation. We envision folks who have specific skills like hunting and preparing wild game, baking, sewing, preserving food, making bread, how to use a computer, how to budget money, etc. offering their time giving workshops at the parish hall for those who would like to learn such skills. This in turn will help foster a greater sense of community within the parish.

There will be Christmas Pot Luck Dinner on Sunday, December 30 at 5:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to bring something to share! There has been a long tradition of Pot Luck Dinners at St. John's and many look forward to them.

Please remember that Advent is not Christmas. For reasons that are rather baffling everyone tries to cram in Christmas parties during Advent and more often than not these gatherings have nothing to do with the birth of Jesus or preparing for His Second Coming. By the time Christmas arrives folks are exhausted! Christians, however, have the season of Advent as a time of excited anticipation to celebrate the birth of the Holy Child and then have the Christmas Season that goes from December 25 to sunset on January 13! Consider having your Christmas party during the Christmas season.

The Christmas Mass schedule:

December 24, Christmas Eve, 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

December 25, Christmas Morning, 9:00 a.m.

The Feast of the Epiphany, Sunday, January 6 is the celebration of the Magi coming to adore the Christ child. The children of the parish will be performing their Christmas pageant that Sunday at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. The Knights of Columbus will make breakfast at the parish hall.

CCW LADIES – cookies wanted for the Gray Ladies Christmas Cookie distribution to the community shut-ins on December 20! Please drop your cookies off during CCD time on Dec. 19 and they will be assembled the next morning, Thursday, Dec. 20. Contact Claudia Elliot with questions, 620-0850.

CCW LADIES' progressive dinner to be held on Sunday, Dec. 16 at the home of Arnette Tiller, 22 Bobcat Dr beginning at 4:30pm. Appetizers, main course and desserts will all be at this one home. Please contact Lori Zink, CCW President, at 620-5113 with what you will bring. Carpool from church at 4:20pm.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS in memory of loved ones – We have 36 6-inch red poinsettias for \$21.00; six 6-inch white poinsettias for \$21.00; seven 8-inch poinsettias for \$39.50 and three 8-inch ivy for \$32.50. Please call the rectory (in December/in two weeks) or stop by with your request, payment and who you are remembering with this gift.



JANUARY MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEERS needed! We need 1 or 2 individuals for 4 routes each Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please call the parish office to volunteer your service!