



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 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. 16 – 4:30pm CCW dinner-Tiller's
Tuesday, Dec. 18 – 6pm KC social
Wednesday, Dec. 19 – cookies for Gray Ladies
3:45pm & 7pm CCD
Monday, December 24 – 5pm & 7pm Christmas
Masses
Tuesday, December 25 – 9am Christmas Mass
Sunday, December 30 – 5pm Parish potluck

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 16, 2018

Altar Assisters:

SATURDAY, Dec. 22, 5pm

Lector: Janelle Gonzales

EM: Phil Gonzales

CUP: Dennis Lawrence, Mary Smith

Altar Servers: Lance/Lane Rabel

SUNDAY, Dec. 23, 9am

Lector: Steve Reimann

EM: Vexie Reimann

CUP: Mary Ann Cummins

Altar Servers: Aaron Thiele, Gio Monterastelli, Tye

Tanachion, Carter Zink

Homebound Ministry, Friday, December 21

Mary Ann Dahl

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK Dec. 9, 2018

St. John's	\$	2,985.00	YTD \$	87,280.40
St. Mary's	\$	474.00	YTD \$	3,132.00
St. Hubert's	\$	317.00	YTD \$	1,619.00
Poor Donations	\$	135.00		
Online Donations	\$	545.00		

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon.	12.10	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	12.18	8:00 a.m.	Bill & Darlene Huddleston
Wed.	12.19	8:00 a.m.	+Tom Borgialli
Thu.	12.20	8:00 a.m.	+Tom Borgialli
Fri.	12.21	8:00 a.m.	+Bernadette Arno
		8:30 a.m.	Adoration until 9:30 a.m.
Sat.	12.22	5:00 p.m.	+Bernadette Arno
Sun.	12.23	9:00 a.m.	for the parishes
		12:30 p.m.	Clearmont: Fr. Pete's intention

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon-Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Gospel: Matthew 1:1-17

Tue-Jeremiah 23:5-8; Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25

Wed-Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a; Gospel: Luke 1:5-25

Thu-Isaiah 7:10-14; Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

Fri-Song of Songs 2:8-14; Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

Sat-1 Samuel 1:24-28; Gospel: Luke 1:46-56

FR. PETE:

Many thanks to all who came last Saturday to make the Christmas wreaths! It was very kind of you to have them finished in time for Jackie Perry's funeral Mass.

Christmas Potluck Dinner is scheduled for Sunday, December 30 at 5pm. Everyone is invited to bring something to share. December is the Feast of the Holy Family. What better way to celebrate this Feast of Christmas than having families come together to share food as a parish family.

A moving meditation by Rev. Martin

Niemoller, a Lutheran pastor. Rev. Niemoller was arrested by the Nazis and sent to Dachau prison camp. There he preached a series of sermons in a chapel that was set up by his co-prisoners: three Roman Catholic priests. Rev. Niemoller survived the tortures of the camp and died in 1984.

But if we now look deeper and ask what the human helplessness and earthly homelessness of the Infant Jesus can tell us, then the tidings of great joy begin precisely here: God, the eternally wealthy and almighty God, enters into the most extreme human poverty imaginable. No man is so weak and helpless that God does not come to him in Jesus Christ, right in the midst of our human need; and no man is so forsaken and homeless in this world that God does not seek him, in the midst of our human distress.

Here the situation is therefore not as in the manmade religions. These require that we human beings set out to go to a distant deity, throned in its

majesty above us in unattainable heights, on which we must laboriously climb – but without ever reaching the goal because our strength is simply not adequate. Here, conversely, God comes down to us and cares for us; and He does not single out the strong and good, in order to abandon to Himself and to His fate the feeble and ill. Here, out of the swaddling clothes and the manger, comes this call unto us: “Come onto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest” (Matt 11:28).

This is what is so singularly peculiar in the Christian message of salvation, which tells us, “You need not go to search for God; you should not imagine that He is far from you! He is here and is close to you in the man Who, as a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, was lying in the manger. All your need is so far from being alien to Him that on the contrary He gave Himself freely in order to bear it with you...”

Let us seek, in the Babe of Bethlehem, the One Who came to us in order to bear with us everything that weighs heavily upon us. Then we will undoubtedly become aware of the great joy that is announced to us; and out of the brilliance that surrounded the shepherds a shining ray will fall into our darkness.

In Christ, God Himself brings the deliverance which we are unable to secure for ourselves: He not only inclines toward us, but lifts us toward Himself.

The glad tidings of Christmas proclaim: “God is near to help you; Jesus Christ, your brother and your Savior, is hear; fear not, only believe!”

Thank you to those who are calling in to order poinsettias for Christmas! If you are interested in ordering a plant to decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas, in honor of a loved one, please call the parish office at 684-7268.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS in memory of loved ones – We have 17 6-inch red poinsettias for \$21.00; six 6-inch white poinsettias for \$21.00; five 8-inch poinsettias for \$39.50 and one 8-inch ivy for \$32.50



Many thanks to all the ladies who prepared and served the food for John Arno and Jackie Perry’s funeral dinners. More and more parishes are abandoning this ministry of hospitality or they are charging fees. I am very proud of the women who see this as an act of mercy at a time when families are under tremendous stress. Thank you for your generosity.

I hope you enjoyed the Advent Parish Mission with Fr. Wade. I know I did!

“Fr. Pete...Can you do something about all the noisy babies at the Sunday morning Mass! It is distracting.” Thank God the Church is packed with the future generation of Catholics! Most of our parents are very good about removing a fussy child from the main body of the Church. We need to be patient and allow the normal teaching process to take effect. Eventually children learn. So, when you get frustrated, offer it up.

“Fr. Pete...At Jackie Perry’s funeral Mass you wore purple vestments. I thought priest had to wear white vestments.” White is the usual color worn for a funeral Mass, but the priest has the option to wear purple or black vestments. The Perry family indicated that their mom was very traditional and when offered the possibility of purple vestments they opted for that.

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS SOCIAL to be held Tuesday, December 18 at 6pm in the parish hall. All Knights and their wives are invited and encouraged to attend and bring an appetizer or dessert. Call Jason Sutton, 217-0468, with questions.

CHURCH DECORATING for Christmas will be on Saturday, Dec. 22 at 9am.



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! We need 2 more routes on Wednesdays and all of Mondays and Fridays (4 routes each day).

From Cheyenne –

The Society of Jesus (Jesuits) has released a list of members in their Missouri and New Orleans Provinces credibly accused of having abused a minor. The list includes two men that served at St. Stephen’s Mission. They are:

- **Paul C. Pilgram, SJ** was assigned at ST. Stephen’s Mission, St. Stephen’s (1964-1966). He was restricted from ministry with minors in 1991 and removed from ministry in 2003. He currently lives under supervision.
- **Anthony J. Short, SJ** was assigned at St. Stephen’s Mission, St. Stephen’s (1974-1977 and 1981-1986). He was removed from ministry in 2008. He currently lives in a skilled nursing facility under supervision.

Anyone who has experienced abuse as a minor by a Jesuit is urged to please contact the Coordinator of Pastoral Support and Outreach, Carol Brescia, at 314-915-7168 or UCSOutreach@jesuits.org

As always, you should contact your local law enforcement agency or the Department of Family Services if you suspect abuse of a minor.

If you or someone you know has been the victim of sexual abuse by a member of the clergy, or an employee or volunteer of a parish or the Diocese of Cheyenne, and would like to report or discuss this, please contact Patti Loehrer, Chancellor of the Diocese of Cheyenne, at 307-638-1530 or at ploehrer@dioceseofcheyenne.org. Please understand that the Diocese of Cheyenne is bound by civil and canon law to report sexual abuse of a minor to civil authorities. Anyone who believes that they have been sexually abused is strongly encouraged to report as well.