



# 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

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>	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

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

Wednesday, January 2 – 3:45pm/7pm CCD  
6:30pm Confirmation

students at Cotant Dentistry for service project

Sunday, January 6 – 9am Mass – Children's

Christmas program

10am Knights' breakfast

**Baptisms** – Please call Fr. Pete

**Marriage** – Planning and preparation 6 months  
in advance

**Prayer line Requests** – Jan Edgcomb –  
[jimpe@wyoming.com](mailto:jimpe@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

## **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**DECEMBER 23, 2018**

**Altar Assisters:**

**SATURDAY, Dec. 29, 5pm**

Lector: Dennis Lawrence

EM: Janelle Gonzales

CUP: Phil Gonzales

Altar Servers: Matt Harrison, Asher/Kieran Murray

**SUNDAY, Dec. 30, 9am**

Lector: Mary Ann Cummins

EM: Volunteer

CUP: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Adam Belus, Michael/James Ihnat,

Bryce/Ben Camino

**Homebound Ministry, Friday, December 28**

Valerie Spanos

## **COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK Dec. 16, 2018**

St. John's	\$	3,184.25	YTD \$	90,464.65
St. Mary's	\$		YTD \$	3,132.00
St. Hubert's	\$		YTD \$	1,619.00
Poor Donations	\$	30.00		
Online Donations	\$	357.50		

## **MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:**

Mon.	12.24	<i>Christmas Eve 5:00 p.m.</i>	
			+Bernadette Arno
	12.24	<i>Christmas Eve 7:00 p.m.</i>	
			+Bernadette Arno
Tue.	12.25	<i>Christmas Morning 9:00 a.m.</i>	for the
			parishes
Wed.	12.26	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Thur.	12.27	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Fri.	12.28	8:00 a.m.	+Bernadette Arno
		8:30 a.m.	Adoration until
			9:30 a.m.
Sat.	12.29	5:00 p.m.	+Bernadette Arno
Sun.	12.30	9:00 a.m.	+Tom Borgialli

## **READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

Mon-2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Gospel: Luke 1:67-79

Tue-Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-6; Gospel: John 1:1-18

Wed-Acts of the Apostles 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Gospel:

Matthew 10:17-22 ***Saint Stephen, 1<sup>st</sup> Martyr***

Thu-1 John 1:1-4; Gospel: John 20:1a, 2-8

***Saint John, Apostle & Evangelist***

Fri-1 John 1:5—2:2; Gospel: Matthew 2:13-18

***The Holy Innocents, Martyrs***

Sat-1 John 2:3-11; Gospel: Luke 2:22-35

## **FR. PETE:**

**Christmas Eve Mass – 5pm**

Lector-Marilyn Maxwell

EM-Donny Camino

Cup-Sheila Camino & Donna Nelson

**Christmas Eve Mass – 7pm**

Lector-Mary Smith

EM-Rick Andersen

Cup-Janelle/Phil Gonzales

**Christmas morning Mass – 9am**

Lector-Dennis Lawrence

EM-Mike Scarlett

Cup-Doug/Yolanda Graslie

*Please note the times for the Christmas Masses: Christmas Eve at 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. and Christmas Morning at 9:00 a.m. If that schedule does not meet your needs, you are encouraged to call Holy Name in Sheridan and St. Matthew's in Gillette for their schedules.*

## **Christmas Potluck Parish Dinner is Sunday, December 30!**

Have a favorite recipe for your Christmas leftovers you would like to share? Bring it to the dinner! Coffee and water will be provided. The great thing about potlucks is that you never know what there will be and there is always plenty to choose from. This is a great way to continue our communal celebration of the Christmas season! If you will be having out of town friends or family, bring them along!

**Men of St. Joseph will meet on Thursday, December 27 at our regularly scheduled time.** All men in the parish are welcome to attend. We meet promptly at 6:30 a.m. and end promptly at 7:30 a.m.

**A brief meditation on the meaning of Christmas by St. Isaac of Syria from his Christmas sermon, The Tree of Life:**

*This Christmas night bestowed peace on the whole world; so, let no one threaten; this is the night of the Most Gentle One - let no one be cruel; this is the night of the most Humble One - let no one be proud. Now is the day of joy, - let us not revenge; now is the day of good will, - let us not be mean. In this day of peace let us not be conquered by anger... Today the Bountiful impoverished Himself for our sake; so, the rich one, invite the poor to your table. Today we received a gift, for which we did not ask; so, let us give alms to those who implore and beg. This present day cast open the heavenly door to our prayers: let us open our door to those who ask our forgiveness. Now the Divine Being took upon Himself the seal of humanity in order for humanity to be decorated by the seal of Divinity.*

**A brief meditation on the meaning of Christmas from St. Athanasius of Alexandria, from his work entitled "On the Incarnation".**

*If a man should wish to see God, Who is invisible by nature and not seen at all, he may know and apprehend Him from His works, so let him who fails to see Christ with his understanding at least apprehend Him by the works of His body, and test whether they be human works or God's works. And if they be human, let him scoff; but if they are not human, but of God, let him recognize it, and not laugh at what is no matter for*

*scoffing: but rather let him marvel that by so ordinary a means things divine have been manifested to us, and that by death immortality has been reached to all, and that by the Word becoming man, the universal providence has been known, and it gives an artificer the very Word of God. For He was made man that we might be made God; and He manifested Himself by a body that we might receive the idea of the unseen Father; and He endured the insolence of men that we might inherit immortality... Now this is proof that Christ is God the Word, and the Power of God. For whereas human things cease, and the Word of Christ abides, it is clear to all eyes that what ceases is temporary, but that He Who abides is God, and the true Son of God, His Only Begotten Word.*

**Many thanks to all those who helped put up the Christmas trees, install the creche and decorate the Church.** A lot of work goes into making our Church as beautiful as possible to celebrate the birth of our Savior.

**Many thanks to all who purchased a poinsettia in the memory of a loved one.** Hopefully they will last for the duration of the Christmas season.

**The CCD children will perform the Christmas Story on Sunday, January 6 at the 9:00 a.m. Mass.**

This promises to be a fun event not only for the children but their parents as well. The kids have been working on the play for weeks now. Immediately after Mass all are invited to a breakfast prepared by the Knights of

Columbus (this is a free will offering). *For those parishioners who don't like crowds, it is suggested you consider coming to the Saturday 5:00 p.m. Mass.*

**JANUARY MEALS ON WHEELS**  
**VOLUNTEERS** needed! Still need help on Mondays and Fridays 😊

**Confirmation students** needing service hours are offered the opportunity to gain church hours through raking Fr. Pete's backyard and through the parish dinner on Sunday, December 30. Please let Mary Ann Cummins know what you can do, 620-9656.

**CONFIRMATION STUDENTS** will be doing community service together on Wednesday, January 2 at 6:30pm at Dr. Cotant's Dentist office by packing backpacks of food for those children who get them each weekend. We will meet there (end of south Main St) and then have parents get everyone back to the parish hall for class and pizza.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who helped with the funeral luncheon for Bill Gibbs! You all are greatly appreciated 😊

**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ONE AND ALL!**  
**MAY YOU HAVE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS!**

