



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, 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
Tuesday, January 8 – 7:30pm Knights' mtg

Baptisms – Please call Fr. Pete

Marriage – Planning and preparation 6 months in advance

Prayer line Requests – Jan Edgcomb –
impe@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

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

DECEMBER 30, 2018

Altar Assisters:

SATURDAY, Jan. 5, 5pm

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteer

CUP: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, Jan. 6, 9am

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteer

CUP: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Homebound Ministry, Friday, January 4

Volunteer

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK Dec. 23, 2018

St. John's	\$	15,577.11	YTD \$	106,041.76
St. Mary's	\$	241.00	YTD \$	3,373.00
St. Hubert's	\$	690.00	YTD \$	2,309.00
Poor Donations	\$	930.00		
Online Donations	\$	200.50		

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon.	12.31	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
		6:00 p.m.	Mary, Mother of God For the parishes
Tue.	01.01	9:00 a.m.	Mary, Mother of God +Mary Ann Jennings
Wed.	01.02	8:00 a.m.	+Mary Ann Jennings
Thu.	01.03	8:00 a.m.	+Rudie Frankovic
Fri.	01.04	8:00 a.m.	+Rudie Frankovic
		8:30 a.m.	Adoration until 9:30 a.m.
Sat.	01.05	5:00 p.m.	+Rudie Frankovic
Sun.	01.06	9:00 a.m.	for the parishes
		2:00 p.m.	Kaycee: Fr. Pete's intention

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon-1 John 2:18-21; Gospel: John 1:1-18

Tue-Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Gospel: Luke
2:16-21 ***Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God***

Wed-1 John 2:22-28; Gospel: John 1:19-28

Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

Thu-1 John 2:29—3:6; Gospel: John 1:29-34

Fri-1 John 3:7-10; Gospel: John 1:35-42

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

Sat-1 John 3:11-21; Gospel: John 1:43-51

Saint John Neumann, Bishop

FR. PETE:

**Parish Christmas Potluck
Dinner this Sunday,**

December 30 at 5:00 p.m.

This is a marvelous way of celebrating the Christmas season with fellow parishioners by sharing favorite dishes.

Bring what you wish to share!

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be on New Year's Eve at 6:00 p.m. and New Year's Morning at 9:00 a.m. If those times are not convenient for you, please call the parishes in Sheridan and Gillette to see what times they have.

Many thanks to all the parishioners who were generous to the parish in their Christmas donations! The money went into savings.

There were a lot of compliments after the Christmas Masses from parishioners and visitors alike about how beautiful the Church looks. This is due to the work of Leah and Clay Miller, Gene Gagliano, Josh Dube, and Honey Harriett.

There are a few copies left of the book The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity. They can be found at the front entrance of the Church. This was a gift from the parish to all who attended the Christmas Masses. If you didn't get a copy, please help yourself. We hope you enjoy this wonderful work by Matthew Kelly.

A meditation on “How to Live Like the Holy Family” from Father Julian Carron, a Spanish priest and currently a professor of theology at the University of Milan.

The woman, with her limitations, awakens in the man, who is also limited, a desire for fullness out of proportion with her capacity to answer it. She awakens a thirst that she is unable to quench, a hunger she is unable to satisfy. This what gives rise to the anger and violence that married couples so often experience and the delusion they feel if they do not understand the true nature of their relationship.

If husband and wife do not encounter what the sign is pointing to, the place where they can find the fulfillment of the promise that the other has aroused, then they are condemned to be consumed by a pretension from which they cannot free themselves, and their desire for the infinite, which no one like the person loved arouses, is condemned to remain unsatisfied.

The German poet Rainer Maria Rilke identified very keenly this drama in loving relationships, sensing that ending up in this spiral cannot be the only way out: this is the paradox of love between man and woman: two infinities “meet two limitations,” two infinite needs to be loved meet two fragile and limited capacities to love. Only in the ambit of a greater love do they not consume themselves in pretension and not resign themselves, but walk together, each towards a fullness of which the other is a sign.

If you do not love Christ, Beauty made flesh, more than the person you love, the latter relationship withers, because Christ is the truth of this relationship, the fullness to which both partners point, and in Whom their relationship is fulfilled. Only by letting Him in is it possible for the most beautiful relationship that can happen in life

not to be corrupted and die in time. This is the audacity of His claim.

FREE 2019 Calendars are available at the front entrance of the Church. Please take one! Thank First Interstate Bank, Nick Smith and St. John’s for them.

“Fr. Pete...There are some who are disappointed that we no longer have a traditional Midnight Mass and would like to have it restored.” Please have them contact me. I would like to speak to them directly.

Here are the difficulties. First, young couples with little ones understandably do not want to be out that late considering all the family activities they have planned for Christmas. Second, our elderly parishioners, again quite understandably, do not want to be out at that hour driving especially if it is snowing. Third, it is difficult to get people to serve at that Mass as lectors, Eucharistic ministers, ushers, altar servers and musicians. Fourth, when we did have the traditional Midnight Mass the attendance was consistently poor with most preferring the earlier Christmas Eve Masses or Christmas Morning Mass. Fifth, I have reached the point where I no longer want to do it, then clean up the Church and get things ready for the Christmas morning Mass which means not getting to bed until around 2:00 a.m., if I’m lucky, and then have to be up by 6:00 a.m.

In one of my former assignments I saw reasons one, two and three being played out. Attendance at the Midnight Mass was horrible so I discontinued it. There was a bit of an uproar. The funny thing was that those who complained the most never attended

that Mass! So, I made a deal with the congregation: promise to attend that Mass and I will do it. They promised. I did it. Their commitment didn't last. I understand that last year the Midnight Mass at that parish had a total of ten people! The pastor rightly discontinued it. I suspect that this is a trend in many parishes that are served by only one priest.

Some want the nostalgia, but are unwilling to make the commitment.

“Fr. Pete...Is ours the only Church in town that offered a Mass on Christmas Morning?” No. According to the *Buffalo Bulletin* the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church and St. Luke's Episcopal Church each offered a Christmas Morning Service to their parishioners.

When I was growing up, the Protestant Church my family attended did not offer a Christmas Morning Service. Many Protestant Churches don't, allowing the pastor time off to spend with his wife and children on Christmas.

CCW -- Do you like to host large parties (with many helpers)? Do you find peace in making others feel comforted? Are you at ease with giving direction? Consider the CCW Funeral dinner ministry. The ladies that coordinate the funeral luncheons are looking for a Group Leader or Co-Leader. Training provided. Contact Lori Zink, 620-5113.

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 needy 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.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS donated by Gene/Carol Gagliano in memory of the Gagliano Family.

THE CCD CHILDREN will have their Christmas pageant on Sunday, January 6, Feast of the Epiphany during the 9am Mass. The church will be packed! If you don't want to be squeezed into a pew or stand, please consider the Saturday evening Mass.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will be offering a breakfast after the 9am Mass next weekend. All are welcome and a FREE WILL DONATION will be accepted 😊 Thanks to these men for doing this service for our parish!

THE NEXT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 8 at 7:30pm. Contact Jason Sutton, 217-0468, if you are interested in becoming a Knight.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST FOUNDATION is planning a parish dinner on Sunday, January 27 at 5:30pm in the parish hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

THANK YOU to all who are delivering Meals-on-Wheels this month of January for our parish every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. May God bless you for your service!

YOUNG ADULT SKI RETREAT – Young adults, ages 18-40, from across the Diocese are invited to a “ski retreat weekend” led by Fr. Brian Hess on January 11-13 in Cody, WY with skiing/snowboarding/snowshoeing in Red Lodge, MT. Registration is only \$10 and covers two nights of lodging and meals. Participants need to pay for their own lift pass and equipment rental fees. For more information visit:

<http://www.dioceseofcheyenne.org/retrat.html> or email mward@dioceseofcheyenne.org

BREAKFAST AT PAPA BINOS after Sunday Masses.