



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, January 6 – 9am Mass – Children's
 Christmas program
 10am Knights' breakfast

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

Wednesday, January 9 – 3:45 & 7pm CCD

Wednesday, January 16 – 7pm *The Ripple*

Effect; a survivor of suicide movie

Sunday, January 27 – 5:30pm Foundation dinner
 in the parish hall; all invited to attend

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

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 5, 2019

Altar Assistants:

SATURDAY, Jan. 13, 5pm

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteer

CUP: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Matt Harrison, Asher/Kieran Murray

SUNDAY, Jan. 13, 9am

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteer

CUP: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Michael/James Ihnat, Ben/Bryce

Camino

Homebound Ministry, Friday, January 11

Liz Ramsey

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK Dec. 30, 2018

St. John's	\$	2,685.75	YTD \$	108,727.51
St. Mary's	\$		YTD \$	3,373.00
St. Hubert's	\$		YTD \$	2,309.00
Poor Donations	\$	55.00		
Online Donations	\$	338.75		

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon.	01.07	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	01.08	8:00 a.m.	+Gene Antognazzi
Wed.	01.09	8:00 a.m.	+Gene Antognazzi
Thu.	01.10	8:00 a.m.	+Gene Antognazzi
Fri.	01.11	8:00 a.m.	+Jackie Perry
		8:30 a.m.	Adoration until 9:30 a.m.
Sat.	01.12	5:00 p.m.	+Jackie Perry
Sun.	01.13	9:00 a.m.	+Bill Gibbs
		2:00 p.m.	Kaycee: for the parishes

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon-1	John 3:22—4:6; Gospel: Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25
Tue-1	John 4:7-10; Gospel: Mark 6:34-44
Wed-1	John 4:11-18; Gospel: Mark 6:43-52
Thu-1	John 4:19—5:4; Gospel: Luke 4:14-22a
Fri-1	John 5:5-13; Gospel: Luke 5:12-16
Sat-1	John 5:14-21; Gospel: John 3:22-30

FR. PETE:

Many thanks to those who came to the Christmas Potluck Dinner. The weather certainly didn't help, but it was so nice to see those who came stay and visit. The food was marvelous!

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

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. There aren't many left...so when they're gone, they're gone!

An ancient hymn composed by St. Romanos the Melodist. St. Romanus was born in what is modern day Syria toward the end of the fifth century. He was raised in a Jewish family and converted to the Faith when he ventured to Constantinople. There he became a deacon and earned a reputation for composing beautiful hymns that more often than not were magnificently chanted sermons! We currently have about 100. Romanus used both the Scriptures and the accounts of those who were martyred for his hymns. Arguably his most famous hymns were composed for Christmas and Mary's lament at the foot of the cross which captures a conversation between the Blessed Virgin and her suffering Son. Romanus died in 555.

*The Unapproachable
Light Has Come*

Today You have appeared to the inhabited world, and Your light, O Lord, has been signed upon us, Who, with knowledge, sing Your praise, "You have come, You have appeared, the unapproachable Light."

In Galilee of the nations, in the country of Zevulun and the land of Naphtalim, as the prophet said, a great light has shone - Christ. For the darkened, a shining beam has appeared, blazing out of Bethlehem, or rather, out of Mary - the Lord, the sun of justice, has made His rays dawn on the whole inhabited world.

Therefore, let us all, Adam's naked children, put Him on that we may be kept warm; for as a covering for the naked and a light for the darkened You have come, You have appeared, the unapproachable Light.

God did not despise the one who was robbed by trickery in Paradise and lost the garment woven by God, for He came towards him calling to the disobedient once again with His holy voice, "Adam, where are you? From now on, do not hide from Me; I want to see you. Though you are naked, though you are poor, do not be ashamed, for I have become like you. Though you desired it you did not become a god, but now, by My own will, I have become flesh. Draw near me then and recognize Me, that you may say, 'You have come, You have appeared, the unapproachable Light.'"

FREE 2019 Calendars are available at the front entrance of the Church. Please take one!

"Fr. Pete...Were there more than three wise men? Could we get more for the creche set?" Most likely there were more than three. The number three was adopted based on the number of gifts given to the Christ child. There is a very ancient

tradition from the Church in Syria that there were twelve Magi. We simply don't know.

It would be logical to think there were more than three. The Magi were universally regarded as the intellectual elites of their time. They were generally accorded ambassadorial status and treated with the hospitality one would accord to heads of state. We have non-Biblical records of Magi visiting Jerusalem overwhelming the population with the size and lavish display of their entourage. And it seems they often had military escorts for protection from thieves or any group that might consider plundering their caravan.

Whether there were only three, twelve, twenty or whatever number the historical reality of the Magi requires us moderns to consider that God can work with any culture, any religion, any form of human knowledge to lead people to Himself. God designed man for truth and it is part of his very nature to seek the truth. The Magi represent the best of the ancient world, the best of reason applied to seeking the truth. It is interesting to note an historical reality: once the truth was found, that God became flesh, the Magi rapidly lost their reputation and in less than one generation were considered quacks, magicians and charlatans.

As for obtaining more Magi for our creche set you are more than welcome to purchase one and donate it to the parish. The parish, however, will not purchase any additional figures.

“Fr. Pete...When does Christmas end?”

Christmas ends at sunset on Sunday, January 13, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Ordinary time begins and will last until Ash Wednesday on March 6. It is so sad to think that all the decorations have to be removed

from the Church. It is one of the saddest days of the year for me.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

WEEKEND: Do you and your spouse need to reconnect after the busy Christmas Season? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is the perfect opportunity to reconnect, improve communication and fall more deeply in love. This weekend has something powerful to offer every married couple! Upcoming dates are: Billings, MT Jan. 25-27, 2019 and Thermopolis, WY Feb. 22-24, 2019. For more information and to apply, visit www.wwme.org or call Paul and Tracy 307-689-2820.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATION

from Judi Semroska for Deceased of the Semroska, Fry & Serres Families.

PRO-LIFE WEEKEND: The annual Wyoming Pro-life weekend will begin Friday, Jan. 18 with a Holy Hour at St. Mary's Cathedral in Cheyenne at 7pm. On Saturday, Jan. 19, Mass will begin at the Cathedral at 9am. Followed by a free breakfast in Hartmann Hall. We will gather at the Cheyenne Depot at 11am for presentations and then silently march to the Supreme Court building at noon. Beginning at 12:45pm the Knights Council 801 will begin serving a free lunch at 507 W 28th St in Cheyenne. The Celebrate Life Banquet will begin at 5:30pm at Little America Hotel in Cheyenne. This year's speaker is Brad Stine. Tickets for the banquet are \$75-single; \$125-couple; \$35-child. For tickets and more information please call Rachael at 307-287-6355.

ST. JOHN'S FOUNDATION dinner set for Sunday, Jan. 27 at 5:30pm. All are invited ☺