



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>	217-0119
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	Vacant	
Religious Education	<i>Carol Gagliano</i>	684-7217
Trustees	<i>Jean Urruty</i>	684-7093
	<i>Phil Gonzales</i>	684-5920
Choir	<i>Tony Fox</i>	310-339-9162

Religious Education / Meeting

Sunday, December 1 – 10am KC Breakfast
Tuesday, December 3– 12Noon CCW mtg
Wednesday, December 4 – 3:45pm CCD
7pm CCD/Confirmation
Sunday, December 8 – 5pm Parish Advent
Dinner; NO YOUTH
Sunday, December 15 – 5pm YOUTH GROUP

Baptisms – Please call Fr. Pete, 684-7268

Marriage – Planning and preparation 6 months in advance

Prayer line Requests –Jan Edgcomb –
jmpe@wyoming.com or Honey Harriet, 620-1890

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 1, 2019

Altar Assisters:

SATURDAY, Dec. 7, 5pm

Lector: Mary Smith

EM: Dennis Lawrence

CUP: Janelle/Phil Gonzales

Altar Servers: Matthew Harrison, Asher/Kieran Murray

SUNDAY, Dec. 8, 9am

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Mary Ann Cummins

CUP: Cece Ihnat

Altar Servers: Michael/James Ihnat, Ben/Bryce Camino, Will Finkle, Grady Mathson

Homebound Ministry, Friday, Dec. 6

Kathy Smith

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK Nov. 24, 2019

St. John's	\$ 3,438.00	YTD \$ 74,936.27
St. Mary's	\$ 211.00	YTD \$ 2,524.00
St. Hubert's	\$ 20.00	YTD \$ 2,120.00
Poor Donations	\$ 195.00	
Online Donations		

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sun.	12.01	9:00 a.m.	Mass: +Ann Bingham
		2:00 p.m.	Mass: Kaycee: for the parishes
Mon.	12.02	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	12.03	8:00 a.m.	Mass: +Ann Bingham
Wed.	12.04	8:00 a.m.	Mass: +Ann Bingham
Thu.	12.05	8:00 a.m.	Mass: +Ann Bingham
Fri.	12.06	8:00 a.m.	Mass: +Linda Friest
		8:30 a.m.	Adoration
		9:30 a.m.	Reposition
Sat.	12.07	5:00 p.m.	Mass: Linda Friest
Sun.	12.08	9:00 a.m.	Mass: +Bruce Young
		12:30 p.m.	Mass: Clearmont, for the parishes
		5:00 p.m.	Advent Pot Luck Dinner

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon-Isaiah 4:2-6; Gospel: Matthew 8:5-11

Tue-Isaiah 11:1-10; Gospel: Luke 10:21-24

Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

Wed-Isaiah 25:6-10a; Gospel: Matthew 15:29-37

Thu-Isaiah 26:1-6; Gospel: Matthew 7:21, 24-27

Fri-Isaiah 29:17-24; Gospel: Matthew 9:27-31

Sat-Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Gospel: Matthew 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8 **Saint Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor**

FR. PETE:

FR. BILL CASEY is unable to come this Advent. Due to the unpredictable weather patterns and the impact they have on flying out, Fr. Bill prudently chose to postpone the Mission. His suggestion, which I agree with, is to come out in September after school begins. This way weather should not be a problem. Consequently, there will not be a Confirmation retreat this Advent. There will, however, be one during the Lenten Parish Mission.

Those on the Advent Pot Luck planning committee. Please remember that we have our last meeting on Saturday, November 30, after the evening Mass. Thank you!

Many thanks to all those who offered their time and talent in making the Advent Wreaths for the Church! And special thanks to Leah and Clay Miller who arranged to get all the pine boughs from Story!

A meditation on Advent by Sister Mary Jean (entered into eternal life in 1988). She was a Dominican sister, author and illustrator, especially of children's literature. The reflection is entitled, "*As it was...so it will be*"

Nothing in all the world's literature is so full of joy as the prayers of the Church for Advent and for Christmas. Every nation has its heritage of beauty in art, poetry, and music: no matter what foreign tyrant takes power over the government; the people will cling to this last greatest wealth of literature. But the liturgy of the Church is a vast storehouse of wealth from which all may draw who possess one Faith. National differences disappear as all the earth cries out, today as two thousand years ago: *To Thee have I lifted up my soul; in Thee, O God, I put my trust...Show, O Lord, Thy ways to me and teach me Thy paths...*

There is a joy in the Advent prayers that nothing on earth can equal, because

they are so perfectly in accord with the spirit of those who did receive the Redeemer. They might be the very words of Mary, or Joseph, or the shepherds. Following these prayers yearly, as the Church urges us to do, makes us one in spirit with the humble ones who saw Him and understood. It makes the Incarnation a living thing, not an incident of the long ago but a tremendously important part of our lives which recurs again and again.

You and I were not at Bethlehem when His Mother wandered through the streets looking for a place where the Redeemer of the world could be born. We are present when He is born again each day in the Mass...He comes to us in Holy Communion to bring us joy and strength and holiness and peace...His Mother would teach us to be humble and obedient...Perhaps we are too busy to answer her knock, or we have the uneasy feeling that it must be uncomfortable to be holy - and if there is anything this generation asks of life, it is to be comfortable.

Two thousand years are nothing in the eyes of God, Who is eternal. Today we are as certainly given the opportunity of receiving or rejecting Him as were the people of Bethlehem on a starry night long ago when *the Word was made flesh and came to dwell among us.*

“Fr. Pete...Why do priests wear purple for Advent and Lent? Isn't purple meant to be a sign of mourning? Is there mourning during Advent?” Good questions. What many of us forget is that Advent used to have a penitential aspect to it. Not as severe as Lent, but still there was a sense that one ought to do some kind of penance. In some parts of the Church there was even the obligation to fast. This is still the practice among some monastic

communities of men and women. Ideally the priest is to wear “bluish hues” of purple for Advent to distinguish it from the deep purple of Lent though I don't think most priests can afford to have that many sets of vestments and simply wear whatever purple ones they have or what their parishes provide.

“Fr. Pete...Any responses to the request to install an altar rail?” There have been three so far.

“Fr. Pete...Instead of giving to the parish in the weekly collection, could I just give it to the Foundation?” Great question. While that would certainly help to reduce our tax burden to the Diocese it creates something of a cash flow problem for the parish. Somehow the electric and heating bills for the three churches need to be paid along with the maintenance costs, salaries, etc. Consider giving a portion of your contribution to the Foundation, but keep in mind that I still have to pay all the bills that come in.

“Fr. Pete... When are you going to do the interior of the Church?” I'm not. For nearly fourteen years there has been an incessant flow of projects. I can't have all the fun and will leave the renovation of the interior of the Church to your next pastor.

CCW meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 3 at 12noon. Salad luncheon provided; you can bring something to add if you'd like. Christmas decisions to make. Please come join us to make plans for our annual Christmas party for the women of the parish 😊

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGERS – wanted on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please call Dawn at 684-2223.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Anthony Graves**, son of Heidi Camino Borgialli, grandson of Jeanne Camino, Don & Sheila Camino on Top 25 high school football award 😊

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS – 46 available as 6-inch poinsettias for \$21; 8 8-inch poinsettias available for \$39.50. Call or stop by the rectory with your check & name of person you are remembering with this gift.



CCD resumes on Wednesday, December 4!

CONFIRMATION CLASS AT 7pm
Wednesday, Dec. 4! Please go to Clear Creek School to use the computers for "saint" research. 7pm to 8pm at CCMS.

NO YOUTH GROUP on Sunday, Dec. 8 because of the parish Advent dinner! Rescheduled to Sunday, Dec. 15.

CAROUSEL CHRISTMAS PARTY on Sunday, Dec. 8 needs high school age youth (or Confirmation youth) volunteers to help from 1-4pm. If you can and are willing, please show up at the Cowboy Carousel Center by 1pm. There will be crafts, movies and bingo. \$10 for kids with an adult present to be a part of this event.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST after 9am Mass today, Sunday, Dec. 1. Donations are greatly appreciated 😊



GRAY LADIES CHRISTMAS COOKIES – Please bring 2 dozen cookies to the parish hall on Wednesday, Dec. 18 from 3:30pm to 5pm if you are able. Claudia Elliot would be happy to pick them up if need be, 620-0850. They will be assembled the next morning onto plates and distributed to shut-ins of the community. Last year 70 plates of cookies were delivered! Extra cookies are shared with the Boys & Girls Club.

ADVENT PARISH DINNER surprise coming...

ADVENT PARISH POTLUCK – Sunday, December 8 at 5pm. Please bring a dish to share – vegetables, salads, appetizers or desserts. The CCW ladies will provide the ham; the Knights of Columbus will provide the baked potatoes. The Confirmation youth will help in all phases of the dinner.