



# 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

## Religious Education / Meeting

Sunday, December 8 – 5pm Parish Advent Dinner; NO YOUTH  
Sunday, December 15 – 5pm YOUTH GROUP  
Tuesday, December 17 – 5pm Finance Council meeting  
 6pm Knights' Mass & dinner following  
Tuesday, December 24 – Christmas Eve Masses at 5pm and 7pm  
Wednesday, December 25 – 9am Christmas Day Mass

## 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

**Baptisms** – Please call Fr. Pete, 684-7268

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

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

## **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**DECEMBER 8, 2019**

### **Altar Assisters:**

**SATURDAY, Dec. 14, 5pm**

Lector: Dennis Lawrence

EM: Mary Smith

CUP: Julie Seeman

Altar Servers: Adam Belus, Lance/Lane Rabel,

Ryan Merritt

**SUNDAY, Dec. 15, 9am**

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Jenn Schroefel

CUP: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Cortlan/Luken Smith, Redic Mader,

Gio/Marco Monterastelli

**Homebound Ministry, Friday, Dec. 13**

Carleen Cosner

### **COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK Dec. 1, 2019**

St. John's	\$ 4,412.56	YTD \$ 70,348.83
St. Mary's	\$	YTD \$ 2,524.00
St. Hubert's	\$	YTD \$ 2,120.00
Poor Donations	\$ 949.00	
Online Donations	1765.00	

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

Mon.	12.09	8:00 a.m.	Tom Casey
Tue.	12.10	8:00 a.m.	+Boyd and Wanda Hall
Wed.	12.11	8:00 a.m.	+Robert "Bob" Maxwell
Thu.	12.12	8:00 a.m.	+Boyd and Wanda Hall
Fri.	12.13	8:00 a.m.	+Bonnie Ginsbach
		8:30 a.m.	Adoration
		9:30 a.m.	Reposition
Sat.	12.14	5:00 p.m.	+Bonnie Ginsbach
Sun.	12.15	9:00 a.m.	+Bill Gibbs
		2:00 p.m.	Kaycee: for the parishes

### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

Mon-Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12;

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38 ***Immaculate Conception***

Tue-Isaiah 40:1-11; Gospel: Matthew 18:12-14

Wed-Isaiah 40:25-31; Gospel: Matthew 11:28-30

Thu-Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Gospel: Luke

1:39-47 ***Our Lady of Guadalupe***

Fri-Isaiah 48:17-19; Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19

***Saint Lucy, Virgin & Martyr***

Sat-Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Gospel: Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

***Saint John of the Cross, Priest & Church Doctor***

### **FR. PETE:**

**An Advent meditation from Catherine de Hueck Doherty.** She was born in Russia and became the foundress of Madonna House in Combermere, Canada. She passed into eternal life in 1985. The meditation is entitled, "The One Who is Coming."

Advent is a strange word. It means "coming." An advent is something that is "arriving soon." When we have something coming, when we expect an event, an advent, we are usually alert inside. We are listening. My family is coming for Christmas and I am in the country, and I am listening for the sound of a car. It is a special car, and I am filled with a special listening.

Advent is such a beautiful season. It is a time for renewal; it is especially a time for forgiveness because God brings His forgiveness to us in the shape of His Son. The Church year begins with Advent. And every time it comes around, my heart thrills anew...

The word "advent" has a double connotation. It means the arrival of a new liturgical season, the preparatory time for Christmas, for "the coming of Our Lord" as a Child on earth, for His Incarnation in time. But it also means that *other* advent - the *parousia*, the Second Coming of Christ, in glory, at the end of the world. That is an advent which Russian hearts long for and expect. They hope it will happen in their lifetime, but even if it doesn't, they rejoice that it will happen in someone else's lifetime.

These two Advents blend in my soul, mind and heart. They bring a hunger and a longing that beggars words, for they are the seasons of *expectation*. Expectation of what? Of Whom? To me, of the Tremendous Lover, of the Lord, Christ.

**NO COFFEE AND DONUTS THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8.** The hall is being decorated for the Advent Pot Luck Dinner.

**Come to the Advent Pot Luck Dinner, this Sunday, December 8 at 5:00 p.m.** Please bring a dish to share! Bring a friend! The Knights are supplying the baked potatoes and the CCW is supplying the ham. The rest is left up to us!

St. Nicholas will be making a visit for the little ones a bit after dinner begins. Then the children will be escorted to the large CCD classroom so parents can finish their meal and socialize. The children will be supervised by the Confirmation students.

Hopefully you will be in the mood to do some caroling!

**Many thanks to the Knights of Columbus for putting on a wonderful breakfast last Sunday.** Not sure what happened to all the people though. The Church was full for Mass but not that many came for breakfast. I suggested to the Knights that it might be best not to offer breakfast in December, especially when it is a Sunday that follows on the heels of Thanksgiving and folks may still have family or guests at home.

**Knights of Columbus Past Grand Knight Dinner.** Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, December 17 at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner at the Parish Hall.

**Many thanks to Greg Smith and Steve Reimann for making their presentations on the St. John the Baptist Church Foundation and for the generous gift of \$35,000.00** that the Foundation made to the parish. The money paid for the Church's parking lots resurfacing and striping. Please remember the Foundation in your Last Will and Testament or estate planning.

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** Please note that December 8 is the Second Sunday of Advent

which takes precedence over the Mother of God. The Feast Day has been transferred this year to the following Monday, December 9. But since the Feast Day follows a Sunday it is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. Please don't ask me why. I don't make the rules. In any event I will offer Mass for the Mother of God on Monday, December 9 at 8:00 a.m. for those who wish to attend.

**Many thanks to the estate of Madeline Harriet.** The family gave the parish a check for \$1,500.00. It was deposited into our savings account. Please consider leaving the parish in your Last Will and Testament or estate planning. Thank you!

**The Church welcomes Paul Foster.** After a long time of serious study and preparation Paul was received into the Catholic Church on December 3. He will receive the Holy Eucharist for the first time this weekend.

**Adult Faith Formation Courses to begin next week.** *"How the Church Has Changed the World"* on Tuesdays, starting December 10, 10:00 a.m. at the Parish Hall and 7:00 p.m. at the rectory and *"The Sacraments: Discovering the Treasures of Divine Life"* on Wednesdays, starting December 11 (10:00 a.m. at the Hall and 7:00 p.m. at the rectory). Start reading!

**An important message from our Diocese.**

"Wyoming Catholic Ministries Foundation (WCMF) and your parish invite you to make a *Qualified Charitable Donation* (QCD) tax free out of your retirement account if you are over 70 ½ years of age and are required to take distributions. If you have not taken all your Required Minimum Distribution, you can make a direct contribution to a charity. By making a QCD, you will avoid paying income tax on the distribution and the 50% excise tax penalty from the IRS. But this must be done before December 31.

If interested in making an end of year contribution to WCMF or have any

questions regarding WCMF, please contact Esther McGann at [emcgann@bresnan.net](mailto:emcgann@bresnan.net) or 307-745-7039. Until further notice, she is the contact person for WCMF."

**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!



**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS** – 36 available as 6-inch poinsettias for \$21; 2 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.



**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.

**URGENT CARE**, located at 496 Fort St is OPEN for business. Leesa Belus and Sandy Bidonde are the Nurse Practitioners staffing the facility. Business hours are 8am to 6pm daily! This is a walk-in clinic. Call 307-278-0290 or Fax 307-278-0160.

**FINANCE COUNCIL** meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 17 at 5pm in the rectory.

**CONFIRMATION STUDENTS** have class Wednesday, Dec. 11 at Clear Creek Middle School (CCMS) at 7pm with Mr. Scarlett.

**THANKS** to the Gampetros for their hospitality serving donuts on Dec. 15.

**HOMEMADE DONUTS** by Marian Sarantha on Dec. 22 after 9am Mass! Please come by and have a cinnamon roll and coffee and thank this wonderful new member of our parish family 😊

**CHRISTMAS BOX** for our seminarian Seth Hostetler is in the back of the church for any cards/notes you wish to give him. He will be home for Christmas and we will get it to him. Thanks, everyone 😊

**CCW CHRISTMAS PARTY** set for Thursday, January 9 in the parish hall. All ladies of the parish are invited! Bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Bring your pennies for a fun game. Bring a canned or boxed food item to give to the food pantry. Let's relax after a busy season and have fun and fellowship with some food & drink 😊

**SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGERS** coming to our parish...