



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

Religious Education / Meeting

Sunday, Nov. 15 – 5:30pm Youth Group
Tuesday, Nov. 17 – 10am & 7pm Fr. Class
Wednesday, Nov. 18 – 3:45pm & 7pm CCD
Thursday, Nov. 19 – 10am & 7pm Fr.'s class

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 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

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 15, 2020

Altar Assisters:

SATURDAY, Nov. 21, 5pm

Lector:

EM:

CUP: None

Altar Servers:

SUNDAY, Nov. 22, 9am

Lector:

EM:

CUP: None

Altar Servers:

Homebound Ministry, Friday, Nov. 20

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK Nov. 8, 2020

St. John's	\$ 3496.00	YTD \$ 61,480.05
St. Mary's	\$ 230.00	YTD \$ 2267.00
St. Hubert's	\$	YTD \$ 7590.00
Poor Donations	\$ 171.00	
Online	\$ 1500.00	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon.	11.16	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	11.17	8:00 a.m.	souls in Purgatory
Wed.	11.18	8:00 a.m.	souls in Purgatory
Thu.	11.19	8:00 a.m.	souls in Purgatory
Fri.	11.20	8:00 a.m.	souls in Purgatory
		8:30 a.m.	Adoration
		9:30 a.m.	Reposition
Sat.	11.21	5:00 p.m.	souls in Purgatory
Sun.	11.22	9:00 a.m.	souls in Purgatory
		2:00 p.m.	Kaycee: for the parishes

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon-Revelation 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Gospel: Luke 18:35-43

Tue-Revelation 3:1-6, 14-22; Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

Wed-Revelation 4:1-11; Gospel: Luke 19:11-28

Thu-Revelation 5:1-10; Gospel: Luke 19:41-44

Fri-Revelation 10:8-11; Gospel: Luke 19:45-48

Sat-Revelation 11:4-12; Gospel: Luke 20:27-40

FR. PETE:

Many thanks to Deacon Jay for leading a Holy Hour for Life last Wednesday. This is something that Deacon will do for our parish on a regular basis.

Have you taken your flu shot yet? The first reported flu death happened on November 12 in Pennsylvania. Nearly 60,000 Americans die each year from flu complications.

The flu virus and the COVID-19 virus are respiratory viruses which means they follow similar avenues of infection that can be controlled with wearing a face mask, keeping social distance, and being serious about keeping one's hands clean. The effects of the flu virus can be greatly diminished with a flu shot. If you have a resource that gives you a reasonable chance to avoid getting sick, why wouldn't you take it? Why wouldn't you do whatever you could to prevent it from spreading to others?

Most hospitals in Wyoming are either at or nearing their capacity mostly to treat COVID-19 cases. The last thing our medical staff need are people having to be hospitalized from complications of flu that could have so easily been prevented if they had taken the flu shot.

On average it takes two weeks for the flu vaccine to provide one with immunity which lasts for approximately six months.

Please...get a flu shot. Make sure everyone in your family does (children from six months and up) unless your doctor advises you otherwise. It is a wonderful gift to yourself and everyone you come in contact with. Our community and our state are under enough stress as it is. Let's not add flu when there is a vaccine to prevent it.

Are there any folks who would be willing to play a musical instrument during Mass?

Please call Fr. Pete 684-7268. While it is true, we are prevented from singing, we can spice things up with some instrumental music.

A letter has gone out to all parishioners to keep them updated about the Living and Giving in Christ Campaign. As I noted in the letter, I am not asking those who have contributed to do so again. Thank you for your support. I am, however, asking those who have not given to reconsider and assist the parish in meeting its shortfall of \$35,000.00 so the parish will not have to pay out of its investments.

Another letter will be going out early in December to explain how we can offer everyone at least one opportunity to attend a Christmas Mass. It will require a great deal of cooperation from all of us but I think it is workable.

Bishop Steven has extended the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass to March 26, 2021. This means one is not required to attend Mass, though I would strongly suggest that if you are uncomfortable attending a weekend Mass you consider, for the time being, making a weekday morning Mass your "Sunday" Mass. *I might add that if you claim that you are not going to Mass to avoid crowds you should also avoid going to sporting events, public gatherings, shopping trips, going out to eat etc. to be consistent.*

Progress is being made on the new Church bathroom. Hopefully it will be operational by Christmas. Phil Gonzales is overseeing the project.

Joe Wotawa, Director of Pastoral Formation for Adult and Youth worked with two of our priests to develop what seems to be an exciting way of parishioners reaching out to those who have isolated themselves as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. It is called *Beacons of Hope in the Night: Advent Outreach*. It is amazingly simple, wonderfully evangelistic and not time consuming! It boils down to parishioners or parish organizations "adopting" 2 to 4 families using a very simple guide.

If there are people in the parish that would like to get involved with this project that lasts from November 29 to December 20

please call the parish office or email Fr. Pete (frpete307@gmail.com).

"Fr. Pete...There is a rumor that the bishop and the priests agreed to give themselves a pay increase. Why would they do that?"

Kindly inform that person who shared that rumor with you that he or she is an idiot.

All the clergy concurred that in the current climate it would be burdensome to the parishes to increase the clergy's salaries to say nothing of being insensitive to those who are financially struggling.

"Fr. Pete...Since you're not taking Mass intentions for this month and offering Masses for those being purified, what do you do with the Mass intentions people give you." I put them on "hold" and will begin to offer them December 1 when we are in Advent.

"Fr. Pete...Will the parish hall and CCD wing be used as a medical surge facility if things get worse with COVID?" Yes.

I spoke to Julia Bettinger of Johnson County Memorial Hospital on November 12. The hospital is holding its own thus far and we should be proud of all who work there. Things, however, can get very bad very quickly. The hospital would try to give me a 24 to 48-hour notice of its need to move beds and medical equipment into the parish hall to prepare for patients.

If this happens, I will need help in removing all furnishings from the classrooms to the fellowship hall, possibly moving medical and housekeeping equipment from trucks into the building, and setting up hospital beds. If you are willing to help please give me a call at 684-7268 ASAP so I can put you on a call list. If I'm not here please give Mary Ann your name and the best phone number to reach you at. Thank you!

Let us implore God that this does not happen, but let us also thank Him that if it

does, we are ready to roll up our sleeves and do what we can to help our neighbors.

“Fr. Pete...I am very disappointed that you are not offering a Thanksgiving Day Mass.” So am I, though historically it has never been a well-attended Mass. So, why am I not offering Mass on Thanksgiving Day?

The University of Wyoming is wisely testing its students for COVID-19 before they leave for home. I'm inclined to believe, however, that not all schools are as cautious, making it possible that students who are infected but without symptoms will bring the virus to their families and the larger community. Likewise, many people traditionally have family members come from out of state on Thanksgiving and though they may not have any symptoms of illness as they travel, they may, nonetheless, be carrying the virus. That means they will be highly contagious, spreading it wherever they stay or visit. Either scenario or both could result in a significant spike in COVID-19 cases after Thanksgiving.

Let's be honest: we are all getting fed up with the precautions: wearing a mask, keeping six feet apart, and washing our hands. I'm sick of it. *Our being fed up with them, however, does not change two essential facts: (1) they are effective, and (2) until a vaccine is available, they are really the only tools we have.* And yet because many are tired of them, they are ignoring them, risking not just their health but the health of others. This is not the time to be complacent.

I am not offering a Thanksgiving Day Mass to help, in what little way I can, to prevent the spread of this illness. I do not ask people to agree with me but I hope they can respect my reasons for doing so.

Now allow me to get you really upset. I advise people to seriously consider not having out of town family and guests for Thanksgiving and Christmas this year to protect them and your family.

I cancelled a four-day retreat here in Buffalo next week with my priest friends. As much as I looked forward to the camaraderie of my brothers, my primary family, now is just not the time. Neither will I have my friend, Fr. Larry, travel here for Christmas for his sake, yours and mine.

If my decision about Thanksgiving upsets you please call the Bishop. His number is 1-866-790-0014.

NOVEMBER FOOD DRIVE – please consider bringing your canned or boxed food items (current date of freshness) to church and put in a basket to be taken to the food pantry for those less fortunate. ALSO, consider a donation of \$32 per meal for a Thanksgiving dinner to someone in need. This dinner will include a 10-12 lb. turkey, stuffing, gravy, potatoes, yams, cranberries, dinner rolls, jello, pie and cool whip cream. Send your check to Bread of Life Food Pantry or go to the website and pay online. Your gift will be appreciated! You will be rewarded in your act of mercy – “feeding the poor”.

THANK YOU to everyone who filled a BOX OF JOY! Christmas will happen because of you 😊 Thanks to Jim Spanos for delivering 2 boxes of stuff to the regional center 😊 And thanks to Lori Zink for getting the last box to Casper 😊

MOTHERS OF BUFFALO meet Tuesday, Nov. 18 at 9am at Summit Church.

Check out thornygrace.com, an online site run by sisters who carry religious items for sale. One of the sisters is married to Ryan Kirven, son of Tom & Felicia Kirven, grandson of Ellen Kirven 😊