



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. 22 – 5:30pm Youth Group

Tuesday, Nov. 24 – NO Fr. Class

Wednesday, Nov. 25 – NO CCD

Thursday, Nov. 26 – NO Fr.'s class

Happy Thanksgiving!

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

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

November 22, 2020

Altar Assistors:

SATURDAY, Nov. 28, 5pm

Lector:

EM:

CUP: None

Altar Servers:

SUNDAY, Nov. 29, 9am

Lector:

EM:

CUP: None

Altar Servers:

Homebound Ministry, Friday, Nov. 27

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK Nov. 8, 2020

St. John's	\$	2829.94	YTD \$	64,309.99
St. Mary's	\$		YTD \$	2267.00
St. Hubert's	\$		YTD \$	7590.00
Poor Donations	\$	175.00		
Online	\$			

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon.	11.23	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	11.24	8:00 a.m.	souls in Purgatory
Wed.	11.25	8:00 a.m.	souls in Purgatory
Thu.	11.26	8:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving Day; no Mass
Fri.	11.27	8:00 a.m.	souls in Purgatory
		8:30 a.m.	Adoration
		9:30 a.m.	Reposition
Sat.	11.28	11:00 a.m.	Confession
		5:00 p.m.	Mass: souls in Purgatory
Sun.	11.29	9:00 a.m.	for the parishes

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon-Revelation 14:1-3, 4b-5; Gospel: Luke 21:1-4
Tue-Revelation 14:14-19; Gospel: Luke 21:5-11
Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest & Companions
Wed-Revelation 15:1-4; Gospel: Luke 21:12-19
Thu-Revelation 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Gospel: Luke 21:20-28
Fri-Revelation 20:1-4, 11-21:2; Gospel: Luke 21:29-33
Sat-Revelation 22:1-7; Gospel: Luke 21:34-36

FR. PETE:

Many thanks to those who have responded to my letter asking you to consider making a contribution to the Living and Giving in Christ Campaign. Some of you have told me that you had already given but are giving again to help the parish. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Every contribution helps to drive down what the parish will have to pay out of its savings.

If you registered for a weekend Mass but know you cannot make it please let us know. A number of people want to come to Mass but when we hit between 65 and 70 who have registered that Mass is "full." If something comes up and you can't make it to Mass (and life throws all kinds of curve balls!) please let the parish office know (684-7268).

CHAD RECKARD is working on the possibility of "**live streaming**" Mass from the parish hall. Once this is completed, more people can attend Masses.

No water in the Fellowship section of the parish hall. Water to the kitchen, woman's bathroom and the unisex bathroom has been turned off temporarily while construction is going on at the Church.

No Mass on Thanksgiving Day. I really hate to break from this tradition but considering that many will not heed the advice of the Center for Disease Control about limiting the number of people and guests in their homes for the holiday I think it best to not have Mass to help reduce the possibility of spreading the virus.

If you have a cold, the flu, or you're simply not feeling well, please do not attend Mass. The Bishop has continued the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass so there is no sin in missing the Divine Liturgy. There is a lot of illness out there and we each have a moral responsibility to do what we can to lessen the risk of spreading our illnesses to others.

If you are sick please do not go to work either.

If your child is sick please do not send him or her to school.

It is not too late to get your flu shot. If you haven't already done so please do yourself, your family, your employer and your friends a favor and get one so you have a much better chance remaining healthy and not spreading the flu to others.

Men of St. Joseph Prayer Group will not meet for the foreseeable future. Once again, we need to be careful about having groups. My hope is we can re-evaluate meeting somewhere around Christmas time.

Many thanks to Gene Gagliano for serving as a cantor at last Sunday's Mass! It was nice to hear someone sing.

Many thanks to those who volunteered to be "on call" to help transform the CCD into a hospital ward if it becomes necessary to do so. A dozen people have offered the gift of their time. I will be given a 24 to 48-hour advanced notice by the hospital. As soon as I hear anything, I will call you. Let us pray things don't get that bad.

A reflection for the Feast of Christ the King by Pope Pius XI. He served as pope from 1922 to 1939.

The feast of the Kingship of Christ sets the crowning glory upon the mysteries of the life of Christ already commemorated during the year...The faithful, moreover, will gain much strength and courage, enabling them to form their lives after the true Christian ideal. If to Christ our Lord is given all power in heaven and on earth; if all people, purchased by His Precious Blood, are by a new right subjected to His dominion...it must be clear that not one of our faculties is exempt from His empire. He must reign in our minds, which should

assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ. He must reign in our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God. He must reign in our hearts which should love God above all things, and cleave to Him alone. He must reign in our bodies which should serve as instruments for the interior sanctification of our souls, or to use the words of the Apostle Paul, as *instruments of justice unto God* (Romans 6:13).

If all these truths are presented to the faithful for their consideration, they will prove a powerful incentive to perfection. It is our fervent desire...that those who are without the fold may seek after and accept the sweet yoke of Christ, and that we, who by the mercy of God are of the household of the faith, may bear that yoke, not as a burden but with joy, with love, with devotion; that having lived our lives in accordance with the laws of God's kingdom, we may receive full measure of good fruit, and counted by Christ good and faithful servants, we may be rendered partakers of eternal bliss and glory with Him in His heavenly kingdom.

"Fr. Pete...Has the diocese given any instructions on which COVID-19 vaccines are ethical for us to use?" Not yet but I suspect that should be coming out rather soon considering the fast pace in vaccine development and testing thanks to President Trump's efforts.

From what I can read the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines do not use material from aborted fetus cell lines and would thus be ethical for us to use. So far these are the only two vaccines that have shown the most promise to be effective in triggering the body's immune system to recognize and kill off the COVID-19 virus.

Keep in mind that we are still in early days about the effectiveness and safety of these two vaccines and researchers are not sure how long they are effective. Still, the studies thus far are very promising.

“Fr. Pete...How long are we going to have to live with the Church restrictions?” My best guess is that we are not going to see any appreciable change until the summer of 2021 and that will be contingent on the success of the vaccines being tested and their distribution.

It is unlikely everyone will be able to get vaccinated right away. There will most likely be a priority list of who must: doctors, nurses, police, the elderly, first responders, teachers, people in government, fire fighters, those who oversee critical infrastructure in cities and towns, those in “essential businesses,” etc. and then the general public which makes perfect sense. And, of course, there will be the conspiracy theorists who will try to twist information and data to their own end to convince people not to take the vaccine. Remember how, not so long ago, there were idiots who insisted that vaccines are responsible for autism and a lot of parents believed them instead of their own doctors?

I suggest we all just steel ourselves for the long haul and, however begrudgingly, use the tools we know work: social distancing, face masks and frequent washing of hands to reduce infection rates. Until vaccines are available those are really the only tools we have.

Perhaps this crisis is a good thing for us. How? Remember that the Chinese Communist government knew how potent this virus was. That is why citizens of Wuhan, where the virus originated, were forbidden to travel anywhere else in China but were allowed to go to Europe and America! The Chinese government knew full well the damage a pandemic would do the west.

This has taught us some valuable lessons: we can survive if we are willing to cooperate, our scientists and industries have shown they can make rapid progress in finding therapeutics to alleviate the symptoms and develop vaccines to treat the disease, the deaths of over 250,000 Americans from COVID-19 has reminded that a pandemic is

only a plane flight away, and we must be vigilant for signs of the next pandemic (and it is inevitable there will be one) and rapidly shut down our borders as our first line of defense as President Trump did. It should also teach us that the Chinese government should never be trusted.

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.*

REMEMBER to call to register for Mass either Saturday at 5pm or Sunday at 9am. We still have spacing and mask requirements, especially as this virus gets worse with wintry, cold indoor days. No registering necessary if you attend a daily Mass at 8am. **KEEP YOUR FAITH ALIVE WITH** daily prayer.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL! May you be blessed with family, faith and food 😊 Thank you to all who are helping out with “check in” phone calls to parishioners, our medical and first responder parishioners and our continual praying parishioners!