



# 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-11:30am  
 By Appointment

## Religious Education / Meeting

Sunday, Dec. 4 – Knights of Columbus breakfast  
                     5pm Youth Group  
Monday, Dec. 5 – 5:30pm CCW White Elephant  
                     Party in the parish hall  
Wednesday, Dec. 7 – 3:45pm & NO 7pm CCD  
                     6pm Holy Day Mass  
Thursday, Dec. 8 – 7am Holy Day Mass, Feast  
                     of the Immaculate Conception  
Sunday, Dec. 11 – 4:30pm Parish Christmas  
                     dinner  
Tuesday, Dec. 13 – 6pm Communal Penance  
                     Service  
Thursday, Dec. 15 – Knights' social

## Parish Staff

|                        |                         |          |
|------------------------|-------------------------|----------|
| Pastor                 | <i>Fr. Jim Heiser</i>   | 684-7268 |
| Deacon                 | <i>Jay Garland</i>      |          |
| Parish Administrator   | <i>Mary Ann Cummins</i> | 684-7268 |
| CCW Leader             | <i>Nancy Garland</i>    |          |
| Finance Council Chair  | <i>Steve Reimann</i>    |          |
| Maintenance Technician | <i>Darin Gagliano</i>   |          |
| K of C Grand Knight    | <i>Danny Cosner</i>     |          |
| Parish Council Chair   | <i>Barbara Mueller</i>  |          |
| Religious Education    | <i>Carol Gagliano</i>   |          |
| Trustees               | <i>Phil Gonzales</i>    |          |
|                        | <i>Sheila Camino</i>    |          |

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

**Marriage** – Planning and preparation 6 months in advance- Mentors Jim/Lori Johnson and Jim/Darcie Gampetro

**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**

**Dec. 4, 2022**

### **Liturgical Ministers at Mass:**

**SATURDAY, Dec. 10. 5pm**

Lector: Bryan Bergstreser

EMHC: E Miura, Mary Smith

Altar Servers: Quentin Agyemang, Carson

Bergstreser

### **SUNDAY, Dec. 11, 9am**

Lector: Mary Ann Cummins

EMHC: Greg/Kathy Smith

Altar Servers: James Ihnat, Fletcher Kozisek

### **COLLECTIONS FO3WEEK Nov. 27, 4022**

St. John's \$ 3,832.05 YTD\$ 78,464.08

St. Mary's \$ 116.00 YTD \$ 1,078.47

St. Hubert's \$ 50.00 YTD \$ 1,612.00

Poor Donations \$ 150.00

Online Donations

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

|     |       |        |  |
|-----|-------|--------|--|
| Sat | 12/3  | 5pm    | +Judi Semroska                             |
| Sun | 12/4  | 9am    | +Mandale Spotted Horse                     |
|     |       | 2pm    | People of the Parishes<br>Kaycee           |
| Mon | 12/5  |        | No Mass                                    |
| Tue | 12/6  | 8am    | Kitty Cleveland & St. Peter's<br>Community |
| Wed | 12/7  | 8am    | +John Iberlin                              |
|     |       | 6pm    | +Mary McBride                              |
| Thu | 12/8  | 7am    | Kathy Scallon                              |
| Fri | 12/9  | 8am    | +Robert Perry                              |
|     |       | 8:30a  | Exposition of the Blessed<br>Sacrament     |
|     |       | 9:30a  | Reposition of the Blessed<br>Sacrament     |
| Sat | 12/10 | 5pm    | +Florence Gertner                          |
| Sun | 12/11 | 9am    | +Tony Westika                              |
|     |       | 12:30p | People of the Parishes,<br>Clearmont       |

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

Mon-Isaiah 35:1-10; Gospel: Luke 5:17-26

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

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

***Saint Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church***

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

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

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

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

***"Praised Be Jesus Christ"***

***"Praise Him now and always"***

### ***HAPPY 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT!***

#### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST**

today after Mass, 10am. Come enjoy

fellowship this second Sunday of Advent!

**THE WISDOM OF SAINTS** – "Are we ready to receive Him? Before the birth of Jesus, His parents asked for a simple dwelling place, but there was none. If Mary & Joseph were looking for a home for Jesus, would they choose...your heart, and all it holds? Let us pray that we shall be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas..." -St. Teresa of Calcutta

"He who can preserve gentleness amid pains, and peace amid worry in a multitude of affairs, is almost perfect." -St. Francis de Sales

"The purpose of clothing is to keep warm in winter and to cover your nakedness, not to serve your vanity." -St. Cyril of Jerusalem

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever waster." -St. Sebastian

**DAILY CATHOLIC WISDOM** – "God's love can only unleash its power when it is allowed to change us from within. We have to let it break through the hard crust of our indifference, our spiritual wariness, our blind conformity to the spirit of this age. Only then can we let it ignite our imagination and shape our deepest desires." -Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger (Pope Benedict XVI) From the book *Signs of New life: Homilies on the Church's Sacraments*

"Even more powerful and personal than Jesus' dwelling within the Tabernacles of our churches is His dwelling within each of us." - Mike Pacer From his book *The Three Comings of Christ*

"If we want our Lord to come into our lives today, we must love. Jesus declared the greatest commandments were to love God with our whole heart, mind, soul, and strength and to love our neighbor as ourselves." – Mike Pacer From his book *The Three Comings of Christ*

## ADVENT SUGGESTIONS:

1. Deepen our life of prayer – attend Eucharistic Adoration.
  2. Wear the world lightly. Practice indifference.
  3. Devote yourself to do one of the corporal works of mercy – feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, visit the imprisoned, etc.
- So, in Advent, pray, let go, and perform works of mercy. -Bishop Robert Barron

**ROSARY** prayed each Monday evening at 7pm in the church. Please join Joan Marshal in praying.

**FINANCE COUNCIL** will meet Tuesday, Dec. 20 at 5pm in the rectory.

**YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITY NIGHT** will be rescheduled.

**THANK YOU** to the Parish Council “angels” who did major cleaning in the rectory basement last week 😊

**THANK YOU** to the anonymous donor for the Christmas gift books!

**THANKS MUCH** to Shawn Welsh for digging the north side of the rectory for the new egress windows!

# Pope Francis – **Three men, a rudder, and our Christmas**

Three migrants survived eleven days hiding on the rudder blade of an oil tanker

**By Andrea Tornielli**

It is less than a month before Christmas, but news of the three men who spent 11

days on the rudder of an oil tanker that left Nigeria and landed in the Canary Islands seems to have little to do with the season.

Yet the emblematic story of three migrants huddled in a recess in the ship's stern, in contact with the water, who miraculously survived the cold, water, sun, and dehydration, is striking. For we can't help but think of the fate of the family of Nazareth, an icon for every refugee, migrant, or displaced person. The Christian God-made-Man, together with Mary and Joseph, was a migrant and refugee in Egypt. That family was forced to flee to Egypt to escape the scimitars of Herod's scoundrels, who were prepared to kill Jesus. That family experienced exile, precariousness, the risks of travel, being far from home.

We do not know why the three men took on the desperate venture of escaping by sailing into the Atlantic clinging to the huge rudder of the oil tanker. We can only guess that the situation they were living before made them prefer the risk of being engulfed by the depths or dying of starvation, as happens to so many others in the same situation.

It has also been reported that the three men, after receiving medical care in Las Palmas, will be sent back to Nigeria as “illegal passengers.” The picture of them, distraught and dehydrated as they sit on the ship's helm is making the rounds around the world, reminding us not to forget them and not to forget the many others who – fleeing hunger, famine, poverty, and war – daily brave the seas of the great graveyard called the Mediterranean in search of a safe harbor. It would be an unexpected Christmas present for them to be allowed to stay in

Europe. The Italian **"Casa dello Spirito e delle Arti" Foundation** is mobilizing to make this dream a reality.

-Vatican News

**YOUTH** – St. Matthew Church in Gillette will have their annual Fire & Ice Junior High/Confirmation Retreat on Dec. 17-18. If you are interested in attending, please contact the parish office and we will make arrangements.

**CHECK OUT WYOMING PBS**, the Wyoming Chronicles to see Gene Gagliano, poet laureate. Congrats, Gene!

**PARISH ADVENT DINNER** on Sunday, December 11 at 4:30pm. The CCW and Knights will provide the meat. The CCW the potatoes and gravy as well as beverages. Please bring your family and a side dish of veggie, salad or dessert 😊 Santa Claus will guide his sleigh to the parish hall during dinner.

**CCW CHRISTMAS PARTY** on Monday, December 5 at 5:30pm. Wrap up very nicely a "white elephant" gift (something you'd like to pass on to someone else). We play a game with these gifts. Bring an appetizer or a dessert to share. Looking forward to seeing all the ladies of the parish at this event. Our priests and deacon will also be in attendance 😊

**COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE** will be held on Tuesday, December 13 at 6pm. Plan ahead for your confessions before Christmas.

**CHRISTMAS MASSES** will be Saturday, December 24 at 5pm and 7pm. Christmas Day Mass, Sunday, December 25 will be 9am.

**GRAY LADIES CHRISTMAS COOKIES** will be received during the CCD hours on Wednesday, December 14 from 3:30pm to 5pm. They will be distributed Thursday morning, Dec. 15. Call Claudia Elliot if you have questions and/or plan to bake cookies for this event, 620-0850.

**NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING** will be after the New Year.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SOCIAL** on Thursday, December 15. Mass will be first at 5:30pm.

**QUESTIONS FROM THE PEWS** – *Why do we have so much singing at Mass? Especially during Communion? That should be my quiet time with Jesus?*

First and foremost, the celebration of the Mass is communal not private. At Mass we are being drawn together to form one body and it as the body of Christ that we go to receive the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Our Lord Jesus Christ during the Communion Rite. During the Communion Rite singing is meant to express the communicants' union in spirit by means of the unity of our voices, to give evidence of joy of heart, and to highlight more the "communitarian" nature of the Communion procession. The singing continues for as long as the faithful are receiving the Sacrament. (General Instruction of the Roman Missal 86). During the Communion Procession the role of music is more than accompanying the liturgical action, it is to be an integral part of that action. When the distribution of Communion is finished, as circumstances allow, the Celebrant and faithful spend some time praying silently. If desired, a psalm or other canticle of praise or a hymn may also be sung by the entire congregation. (General Instruction of the Roman Missal 88). At Saint Joh the Baptist, as many other Catholic parishes, we observe a time of sacred silence while the sacred vessels are being purified that extends to when the Celebrant stands and begins the Prayer after Communion.

*"Today's world is greatly in need of reconciliation, fraternity and unity."  
"We can be thankful to God that our Churches are not resigned to past and current experiences of division, but, on the contrary, through prayer and fraternal charity are seeking instead to achieve full communion that will enable us one day, in God's time, to gather together at the same Eucharistic table".*

-Vatican News