



# 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

Wednesday, Dec. 21 – NO CCD;  
Thursday, Dec. 22 – 6:30am Men of St. Joseph  
Saturday, Dec. 24 – 5pm & 7pm Christmas  
 Masses  
Sunday, Dec. 25 – 9am Christmas Mass  
Friday, Dec. 23 – Mon, Dec. 26 – Parish office  
 closed

**WANTED** – Someone to shovel snow  
 before morning Mass, i.e., 7:30am or  
 sooner!

**AND WANTED** – a musician or more to  
 play music for the weekend Masses!

## 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

## **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Dec. 18, 2022**

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

**SATURDAY, Dec. 24, 5pm**

Lector: Mary Smith

EMHC: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Quentin Agyemang, Carson

Bergstreser

**SATURDAY, Dec. 24, 7pm**

Lector: Volunteer

EMHC: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Kieran/Asher Murray

**SUNDAY, Dec. 25, 9am**

Lector: Mike Herth

EMHC: Donna Nelson, Doug Graslie

Altar Servers: Volunteer

### **COLLECTIONS FO3WEEK Dec. 11, 2022**

St. John's	\$	4,456.15	YTD\$	87,449.79
St. Mary's	\$	315.00	YTD \$	1,413.47
St. Hubert's	\$	30.00	YTD \$	1,767.00
Poor Donations	\$	1386.00		
Online Donations				

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

Sat	12/17	5pm	+John Iberlin
Sun	12/18	9am	Deutscher Family
		2pm	People of the Parishes
Mon	12/19		No Mass
Tue	12/20	8am	Gina Hasquet
Wed	12/21	8am	+Anita Iriberry
Thu	12/22	8am	Bautista
Fri	12/23	8am	+Clair Horn
Sat	12/24	5pm	People of the Parishes
	12/24	7pm	Theodore Vinger
Sun	12/25	9am	Lois & Gene

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

Mon-Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a; Gospel: Luke 1:5-25

Tue-Isaiah 7:10-14; Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

Wed-Song of Songs 2:8-14; Gospel; Luke 1:39-45

Thu-1 Samuel 1:24-28; Gospel: Luke 1:46-56

Fri-Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24; Gospel: Luke 1:57-66

Sat-2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Gospel: Luke 1:67-79

**During this last week of Advent** let us come together as what Saint John Paul II called us to be, "people of life and for life" as we prepare for the birth of our Savior on Christmas Day. On Monday December 19th at 7pm there will be a Respect Life

Holy Hour. We will be praying the Luminous Mysteries through the intercession of Our Lady of the New Advent. Come join us as we pray before the Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament for a culture of life. Let us adore the Word who became flesh. Emmanuel, God who is truly with us in the Eucharist - body and blood, soul and divinity.

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

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

***HAPPY 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT!***

**THE WISDOM OF SAINTS** – "We are not the sum of our weaknesses and failures, we are the sum of the Father's love for us and our real capacity to become the image of His Son Jesus." -St. John Paul the Great

"The ones who have a voice must speak for those who are voiceless." -St. Oscar Romero

"The rich man is not one who is in possession of much, but one who gives much." -St John Chrysostom

"Christ has no body now on earth but yours, no hand, no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes with which Christ look out his compassion to the world. Yours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good. Yours are the hands with which he is to bless us now." -St. Teresa of Avila

**DAILY CATHOLIC WISDOM** – "Advent is the commemoration of thousands of years –all of salvation history from until the Incarnation. Hence, it is important not to just skip Advent and head straight into Christmas. Even four weeks is not much time to commemorate thousands of years." -Mike Pacer from *The Three Comings of Christ*

"The man who thinks only of himself says only prayers of petition; he who thinks of his neighbor says prayers of intercession; he who thinks only of loving and serving God, says prayers of abandonment to God's will, and this is the prayer of the saints." -Venerable Fulton J. Sheen from the book *Go to Heaven*

"At the heart of Christianity is the desire for Jesus to see us become like his Mother. She is pure, simple, humble, and loving. There has

never been a holier human person than her, and there never will be.” -Fr. Donald Calloway from the book *Mary of Nazareth*

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

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU** to all who helped decorate (Patsy, Carleen, Danny, Fr. Phil, Honey), to the cooks and to those who attended the parish Advent dinner last Sunday! A special thanks to St. Nick who wowed the children with his gift bags and listened to their Christmas requests

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

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

**CCW HISTORIAN BOOKS** with pictures of past events. Anyone have these stored at your home? Anyone know who might have them? Contact Valerie Spanos, 620-5061.

**ANYONE KNOW OF A SHUT-IN** that we need to visit each week with Holy Communion? If so, please contact the rectory. We don't want to miss people we haven't seen in some time!

**A BIG THANK YOU** to our basement cleaning volunteer elves of the past week 😊

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS** - \$12 donation toward flowers and please include in memory of whom. Bring info or call the parish office to donate. Real LIVE plants again 😊

**POPE FRANCIS** – “I invite you to pray, before the creche, that the Nativity of the Lord will bring a ray of peace to children all over the world, especially those forced to live the terrible and dark days of war, this war in Ukraine that destroys many lives, so many lives, and many children.”

[Revelation 11:19; 12:1-6, 10 | Luke 1:39-47](#)

*Mary set out, and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, and greeted Elizabeth. (Lk. 1:39-40)*

*where she entered the house of Zechariah*

“The preferential option for the poor is neither ideological nor does it correspond to a political vision of the Church, it is instead a choice born of the encounter with Christ”.

Cardinal Michael Czerny stated this point in a lecture he held on Friday in Mainz, Germany, on “Evangelization and Integral Human Development”. “The Church received from Jesus the mission to leaven social life with the leaven of the Gospel”, he said.

*and greeted Elizabeth. (Lk 1:39-40)*

These great women teach us a thing or two about love, about community. Prayer pushes us to reach out in love to a neighbor in need. Peacemaking begins by talking first of all about the God of peace and what the God of peace is doing in our lives. These holy women invite us to share with relatives and friends about where we find the God of peace working in the world. That holy conversation deepens relationships and friendships, spreads the holy spirit of peace, builds community, and inspires nonviolent action and vision. It consoles our hearts and lifts them from despair.

Note the three beatitudes. “Blessed are you...” “Blessed is the child...” “Blessed is the one who believed...” (Lk 1:42-45). The blessings tumble forth like a cascade over rocks. Their font is active love.

Contemplative nonviolence always leads to active love which gives forth into new beatitudes. Mary and Elizabeth invite us to prepare for the coming of the God of peace and for peace on earth by reaching out with

love to those in need, speaking words of peace, noticing the blessings we receive, and proclaiming beatitudes of peace. This too is the work of Advent.

**FOR REFLECTION:**

*How do you reach out with active nonviolence to love your neighbor in need as Mary does in the story of the*

*-Vatican News*

# Cardinal Czerny Church's preferential option for poor : ideology

"The preferential option for the poor is ideological nor does it correspond to the vision of the Church, it is instead a result of the encounter with Christ"

Concluding, Cardinal Czerny summarized his lecture with the words of the Eastern Church Father John Chrysostom: "If you seek for God in the stranger, in the refugee, in the poor, you will not find him in the Eucharist."

*-Vatican News*

If Jesus is Life, Mary is the Mother of Life. If Jesus is Hope, Mary is the Mother of Hope. If

Jesus is Peace, Mary is the Mother of Peace, Mother of the Prince of Peace.

**—St. John Paul II**

## The Christ Child Within

I think that we have hardly thought through the immense implications of the mystery of the incarnation. Where is God? God is where we are most vulnerable, small, and dependent. God is where the poor are, the hungry, the handicapped, the mentally ill, the elderly, the powerless. How can we come to know God when our focus is elsewhere, on our success, influence, and power? I increasingly believe that our faithfulness to God depends on our willingness to go where there is brokenness, loneliness, and human need. . . Each one of us is very seriously searching to grow in this belief, and by friendship we can support each other. I believe that the only way for us to stay well in the midst of the many "worlds" is to stay close to the small, vulnerable child that lives in our hearts. We are every other human being. Often, we do not know that the Christ Child lives within us. When we discover him, we can truly rejoice.



**CONFESSIONS SATURDAY – Dec. 24 at 11am.**

*"The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion for God loves a cheerful giver. "2 Corinthians 9:6-7*