



St. John the Baptist Church

St. Mary Church - Clearmont
St. Hubert Church - Kaycee

Office and Rectory

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The Mission of St. John the Baptist Church, in union with the Universal Church, is to faithfully spread the light of Christ through the teaching of Sacred Scripture, Sacred Tradition and the authority of the Magisterium. We seek to improve the spiritual and daily lives of all who come to us.

Mass Schedule

St. John the Baptist Church

Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:00 & 10:00 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 / Meetings

Sunday, Dec. 13 – NO Youth group

5pm Parish Advent dinner

Wednesday, Dec. 16 – 6&10 am St. John class

3:45pm & 7pm CCD

3:45-5pm Gray Ladies' cookies

Thursday, Dec. 17 – 6:30am Men of St. Joseph

KC Meals-on-Wheels – Blaine Horn

Sunday, Dec. 20 – NO Youth group

Parish Staff

Pastor	<i>Fr. Pete Johnson</i>	684-7268
Parish Administrator	<i>Mary Ann Cummins</i>	684-7268
CCW Leaders	<i>Vickie Abbott</i>	307-737-2281
Finance Council Chair	<i>Steve Reimann</i>	684-7439
Janitor	<i>Mick Camino</i>	217-1575
K of C Grand Knight	<i>Blaine Horn</i>	217-1075
Choir Director	<i>Mary Finney</i>	278-0137
Organist	<i>Judi Semroska</i>	620-1964
Parish Council Chair	<i>Mike Ihnat</i>	684-7698
Religious Education	<i>Carol Gagliano</i>	684-7217
Trustees	<i>Jean Urruty</i>	684-7093
	<i>Phil Gonzales</i>	684-5920

Baptisms - Please call Fr. Pete

Marriage - Planning and preparation 6 months in advance

Prayer line Requests – Patty Myers, 684-9381 or Jan Edgcomb – jmpe@wyoming.com

Rosary Guild - Thursdays at 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM; call 217-0150 or 307-660-4936 for place.

Sacrament of the Sick - After first Sunday Masses or call the Parish Office

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 13, 2015

Altar Assistants:

SATURDAY, Dec. 19, 5:00pm

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Janelle/Phil Gonzales

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, Dec. 20, 8:00am

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Rick Andersen

Altar Servers: J Reimann, B & B Camino, M Harrison

SUNDAY, Dec. 20, 10:00am

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Cole/Eli Linden, Jeron/Jaxon Sutton

Homebound Ministry, Friday, Dec. 18

Lynn Ridgeway

Collections for Week of Dec. 6, 2015

St. John's	\$ 5,590.91	YTD \$	96,041.86
St. Mary's	\$ 20.00	YTD \$	2,515.33
St. Hubert's	\$ 180.00	YTD \$	2,047.00
Poor contributions	\$ 857.00		
Online Donations	\$		

Mass Intentions for the Week:

Mon.	12.14	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	12.15	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Wed.	12.16	8:00 a.m.	+Harvey Beattie
Thu.	12.17	8:00 a.m.	+Joyce Larkin
Fri.	12.18	8:00 a.m.	+Kenny Harriet
		5:00 p.m.	Adoration until 6:00 p.m.
Sat.	12.19	5:00 p.m.	+Christine Trevino
Sun.	12.20	8:00 a.m.	+Brittany Smithers
		10:00 a.m.	for the people
		2:00 p.m.	Kaycee: +Art Esponda

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon-Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a; Gospel: Matthew 21:23-27

Tue-Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13; Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

Wed-Isaiah 45:6c-8, 18, 21b-25; Gospel: Luke 7:18b-23

Thu-Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Gospel: Matthew 1:1-17

Fri-Jeremiah 23:5-8; Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25

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

FROM FR. PETE:

Please keep these parishioners in prayer:

James Johnson Sr., Marilyn Gibbons and her husband Ron, Joe Goryl, and Vanessa Vogel.

Please note that there is no Mass scheduled for Tuesday, December 15.

Christmas Mass Schedule:

Thursday, December 24, Christmas Eve: 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. (with choir). Friday, December 25,

Christmas Morning, 10:00 a.m.

There are no other Masses. Please plan accordingly or check with Holy Name in Sheridan or St. Matthew's in Gillette.

Many thanks to all who made the effort to attend the Advent Parish Mission with Fr. Jim Costigan of the Fathers of Mercy. I enjoyed every evening and took a great deal of what he taught to heart. The greatest struggle in the spiritual life is not with the world, the flesh or the demons but the one we see in the mirror every day.

The Jubilee Year of Mercy began on December 8 with the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Be sure to "like" the official Year of Mercy Facebook page for the Diocese of Cheyenne, "Have You Seen Mercy?" This will be a place to learn more about mercy, to follow what is going on in the Diocese and the Universal Church for the Year of Mercy, and to share places where you have seen mercy and how your parish is living out the Year of Mercy. Also check out the U.S. Bishops materials for the Jubilee Year at www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/new-evangelization/jubilee-of-mercy/index.cfm and the Vatican's Jubilee Year of Mercy website, www.jubilaeummisericordiae.va/content/gdm/en.html.

The Church will slowly be decorated for the Feast of Christmas. The wreaths are already hung in the Church. The trees will be put up but remain unlit until the first Mass of Christmas. The empty crèche will be installed. The Church is

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building up in anticipation to celebrate the First Coming of our Lord as we wait for His Second Coming.

Many thanks to all who helped to create the wreaths! They look and smell wonderful! And special thanks to the crew from the Paradise Guest ranch who cut the bows and brought them to the parish hall.

Advent Parish Dinner, Sunday, December 13, 5:00 p.m. Folks have been preparing for months for this feast. You don't have to bring anything other than yourself and your family. Be prepared to enjoy good company and good food.

A few requests, however. Would you please make an effort to sit and eat with someone you haven't met before or at the very least introduce yourself to someone you haven't met before? If you see someone sitting by himself or herself, invite that person to join you.

Lots of parishioners don't know each other because they go to different Masses. I realize my requests make a number of people uncomfortable. They run against that "herd instinct" of hunkering down with only family members or someone we know, but we are a parish family.

Please take the opportunity to meet some new folks, to welcome them and to be welcomed by them. This is what helps to make this more than a great meal but a parish feast. Thank you!

Children being exposed to pornography. The following is a letter from the Chancellor of

the Diocese of Cheyenne, Carol DeLois. It is addressed to all parents:

As a parent, the Diocese of Cheyenne recognizes that you are the first educators of your children, and understands the struggles you face in keeping your child safe. One of the greatest threats to children's safety is found online – pornography, sexting and other dangerous practices are found everywhere, from computers to mobile phones. The majority of children and teenagers spend over 70% of their time attached to a screen or electronic device. These numbers are staggering and it leaves young people at increased risk for behavioral issues as they get older. Early exposure to pornography, violent video games, and social media overload can shape attitude, values, sexual inhibitions, as well as violent tendencies.

We encourage you to visit the new **Catholic Mutual Group Connect: Parents** website, which has resources and a free video *A Safe Haven Starts at Home*. The purpose of the CMG Connect: Parents is to help educate parents, teachers and other adults in risk factors and unhealthy internet usage.

We hope that through this free platform, parents can learn dangerous behaviors to watch for, set realistic computer / internet usage time, and establish open communication with their children or other young people.

To utilize these valuable resources, please create a free account at: www.CMGparent.org, watch the 18 minute video, and take the short quiz.

A number of people are asking if another book discussion on Forming Intentional Disciples could be developed. Kim Wagner has offered to lead another section starting on January 7, 2016. The group will meet on Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for 12 weeks.

This is a fascinating study on how everyday Catholics can be evangelists in such simple ways.

A sign-up sheet is available at the front entrance of the Church. The cost of the book is \$16.00. By signing up you agree to pay for the book. The parish will pay for the workbook that has the discussion questions.

Many thanks to Kim for her willingness to lead this group.

Heads up to all parents, grandparents, uncles and aunts. The CCD children will perform their Christmas Play on the last day of Christmas, Sunday, January 10 at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. This is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. They did a wonderful job last year and they started rehearsing some weeks ago to get ready for this year's play. The Knights of Columbus are planning to make breakfast that Sunday. Bring your cameras!

“Fr. Pete....When does Christmas end?” It ends when the sun sets on Sunday, January 10, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. For me, an unashamed an unapologetic Christmas junkie, it is one of the saddest days of the year. Very quickly after all the decorations will be taken down.

“Fr. Pete....Some churches are singing Christmas carols now. They are so moving. Why can't we?” I get this question every year and happy to give the same answer. We don't

sing Christmas carols now because it is Advent, not Christmas. Most other Churches are non-liturgical Churches and follow a more secular calendar than do Catholic and Orthodox Christians who follow a liturgical calendar. For many Churches Christmas is pretty much over after December 25 whereas for Catholic and Orthodox Christians the Feast of the Nativity of Christ is celebrated for an extended period of time.

“Fr. Pete....What happened to the processional cross?” Jesus broke His arm! That processional cross has been in the parish since the 1960's. It has finally worn out. Currently I have things taped together, but it is not a permanent fix. A new processional cross can easily run.....hang on to your chair....over \$1,500.00 to much more for an elaborate one. That's money I am not prepared to spend. I think I can “rehabilitate” a processional cross in one of the mission parishes that isn't being used.

Mr. Victor Hannuneh sent me a picture of a processional cross with a base stand carved completely out of olive wood and trimmed in abalone shell. It is quite beautiful and has the advantage of being handmade. It would run about \$1,300.00. My only concern is that some of our altar servers are rather new to their ministry and if they dropped the cross it could break.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS – call the parish office, 684-7268 with your requests.
Poinsettias, 6”(28 of them) -- \$21.00; 8”(6 of them) -- \$37.50
Azaleas, (12 of them) -- \$30.00
Mums, (12 of them) -- \$21.00
Ivy, 8” (2 of them) -- \$37.50

ARE YOU A MAN interested in learning more about becoming a permanent deacon, or do you know a man who would make a good deacon? Learn more! Five inquiry sessions about the deacon formation program will be held around the state beginning in late January. Meeting details and information about the deacon program are available on the Diocesan website under the vocations tab

<http://dioceseofcheyenne.org/Vocations/diaconate.html> and by contacting Deacon Joe Sandrini at 307-275-0641 or jsandrini@dioceseofcheyenne.org