



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 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, Nov. 27 – 5pm Youth Group
7pm Parish mission
Monday, Nov. 28 – 7pm Parish Mission
Tuesday, Nov. 29 – 6am & 10am Book study
7pm Parish mission
Wednesday, Nov. 30 – 6am & 10am Judges study
3:45pm CCD
7pm Parish Mission
Thursday, Dec. 1 – 6:30am Men of St. Joseph
10am Mass in the Bible
Sunday, Dec. 4 – 5pm Youth group
Monday, Dec. 5 – 12noon CCW meeting
Sunday, Dec. 11 – 5pm Parish Advent dinner

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>Jason Sutton</i>	217-0468
Choir Director	<i>Mary Finney</i>	278-0137
Organist	<i>Judi Semroska</i>	684-2171
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 8:30am to 10am; call 217-0150 or 307-660-4936 for place

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 27, 2016

Altar Assisters:

SATURDAY, Dec. 3, 5pm

Lector: Sarah Sandman

EM: Tim Sandman, Mary Smith

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, Dec. 4, 8am

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Joe Reimann, Ben & Bryce Camino,

Matt Harrison

SUNDAY, Dec. 4, 10am

Lector: Mike Donovan

EM: Mary Ann Cummins

Altar Servers: Cole & Eli Linden, Jeron & Jaxon

Sutton

Homebound Ministry, Friday, December 3

Mary Ann Dahl

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK OF NOV. 20, 2016

St. John's	\$ 5,420.00	YTD \$ 94,901.72
St. Mary's	\$ 10.00	YTD \$ 2,785.00
St. Hubert's	\$ 205.00	YTD \$ 1,820.00
Poor Donations	\$ 178.00	
Online Donations	\$ 254.60	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon.	11.28	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	11.29	8:00 a.m.	for the Holy Souls
Wed.	11.30	8:00 a.m.	for the Holy Souls
Thu.	12.01	8:00 a.m.	for the ladies of the CCW
Fri.	12.02	8:00 a.m.	for the ladies of the CCW
Sat.	12.03	5:00 p.m.	+Edith Lopez
Sun.	12.04	8:00 a.m.	+J.P. Ospital
		10:00 a.m.	for the parishes
		2:00 p.m.	Kaycee: Fr. Pete's intention

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon-Isaiah 4:2-6; Gospel: Matthew 8:5-11

Tue-Isaiah 11:1-10; Gospel: Luke 10:21-24

Wed-Romans 10:9-18; Gospel: Matthew 4:18-22
Saint Andrew, Apostle

Thu-Isaiah 26:1-6; Gospel: Matthew 7:21, 24-27

Fri-Isaiah 29:17-24; Gospel: Matthew 9:27-31

Sat-Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Gospel: Matthew
9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8 *Saint Francis Xavier, Priest*

FROM FR. PETE:

Many thanks to all who helped to break down all the fall decorations, change out the missals and hymnals and get the Church ready for Advent! Your efforts were much appreciated.

Time to make the Christmas wreathes for the Church, Saturday, December 10, starting at 9:00 a.m.! We will be making ten large wreathes to be hung in the Church. This has become quite the tradition at St. John's and it is wonderful to see our young families come together, enjoy good company and learn a skill they can apply to decorating their homes. You need only bring a pair of working gloves, some wire cutters and a heaping dose of Christmas cheer!

Advent Parish Dinner is on Sunday, December 11 at 5:00 p.m.! The parish has purchased turkeys for the feast. All are welcome! Please bring a salad, appetizer or a dessert to share!

Welcome Fr. Tom Sullivan of the Fathers of Mercy! Fr. Tom is no stranger to St. John's and it is a treat to be able to have him lead our Advent Parish Mission that begins this Sunday at 7:00 p.m. and is held each evening thru Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Fr. Tom and Fr. Pete will hear confessions each evening after the Mission.

Fr. Tom knew St. Theresa of Calcutta and worked for her. It is a bit intimidating to know that we have someone who was close to a saint!

Please make every effort to use this opportunity to make a good spiritual preparation for Christmas, the Feast of the Nativity!

An Advent Meditation from St. Cyril of Jerusalem. St. Cyril was one of the great intellectual lights of the fourth century when the Church was being attacked from within by heretics called "Arians" who argued that Christ is only a man, not divine. Very often the Arians had the support of the imperial family and government. St. Cyril vigorously defended the orthodox faith and would not submit to the political correctness of his day. And for his troubles he was banished from his diocese by the Roman Emperor three different times until the Emperor Theodosius came to the throne and restored Cyril as Patriarch of Jerusalem. St. Cyril wrote many catechetical instructions for those wishing to convert to Christianity, most of which we still have. Exhausted, he died around the year 386

We do not preach only one coming of Christ, but a second as well, much more glorious than the first. The first coming was marked by patience; the second will bring the crown of a Divine kingdom.

In general, what relates to our Lord Jesus Christ has two aspects. There is a birth from God before the ages, and a birth from a virgin at the fullness of time. There is a hidden coming, like that of rain on fleece, and a coming before all eyes, still in the future.

At the first coming He was wrapped in swaddling clothes in a manger. At His second coming He will be clothed in light as in a garment. In the first coming He endured the cross, despising the shame; in the second coming He will be in glory, escorted by an army of angels. We look then

beyond the first coming and await the second. At the first coming we said: "Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord." At the second we shall say it again; we shall go out with the angels to meet the Lord and cry out in adoration: "Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord."

The Savior will not come to be judged again, but to judge those by whom He was judged. At His own judgment He was silent; then He will address those who committed the outrages against Him when they crucified Him and will remind them: "You did these things, and I was silent."

His first coming was to fulfill His plan of love, to teach men by gentle persuasion. This time, whether men like it or not, they will be subjects of His Kingdom by necessity. Malachi the prophet speaks of the two comings. "And the Lord Whom you seek will come suddenly to His temple" that is one coming.

Again he says of another coming: "Look, the Lord Almighty will come, and who will endure the day of His entry, or who will stand in His sight? Because He comes like a refiner's fire, a fuller's herb, and He will sit refining and cleansing."

These two comings are also referred to by Paul in writing to Titus: "The grace of God the Savior has appeared to all men, instructing us to put aside impiety and worldly desires and live temperately, uprightly, and religiously in this present age, waiting for the joyful hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ." Notice how he speaks of a first coming for which he gives

thanks, and a second, the one we still await.

That is why the faith we profess has been handed on to you in these words: "He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end."

Our Lord Jesus Christ will therefore come from heaven. He will come at the end of the world, in glory, at the last day. For there will be an end to this world, and the created world will be made new.

VISION BEYOND BORDERS collects donated winter wear and blankets for refugee families in Syria, Iraq and other Middle Eastern countries. They also need coats and clothing, stockings, sheets, sleeping bags, tarps, shampoo, soap, diapers, school supplies, first aid items and non-prescription medicines. These may be dropped off at St. Luke's Episcopal church on Main St from 9am to noon weekdays. For more info, call Shirley Jacob at 267-2210.

SALVATION ARMY RINGERS – Needed on Tuesdays and Fridays. Call 684-2233 to sign up to volunteer your time.

GRAY LADIES' COOKIE DISTRIBUTION to the community shut-ins will be on Thursday, Dec. 15 from the parish hall at 8:30am. Please bring your cookie donation on Wednesday, 12/14 during CCD hours, 3:30 to 5pm. For more info and/or to help, contact Claudia Elliott, 620-0850.

YOUTH GROUP to resume Sunday, Dec. 4 at 5pm in the parish hall.

CCW meeting on Monday, Dec. 5 at 12noon to plan the parish Advent dinner, the January Progressive Dinner, Christmas gifts, etc. Please bring your lunch if you wish and join in on the planning and fellowship☺

CONFIRMATION CLASS on Wednesday, Dec. 7 at 7pm. Please make sure to bring your sponsor's name, your Confirmation saint name and your recent "service hours".

CCD CLASSES resume on Wednesday, Nov. 30 at 3:45pm and 7pm.

FINANCE COUNCIL meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 29 at 5pm in the rectory.



YEAR OF MERCY – Even if the Holy Door is closed (last Sunday in Rome), "the true door of mercy, which is the heart of Christ, always remains open wide for us." –Pope Francis

