



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

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

Religious Education / Meeting

Sunday, Jan. 29 – 5pm Youth Group meets
Monday, Jan. 30 – 6:30pm Ladies' Night Out
Wednesday, Feb. 1 – 6am & 10am Judges study
3:45pm CCD
7pm Confirmation
Thursday, Feb. 2 – 6:30am Men of St. Joseph
Sunday, Feb. 5 – 9am Knights' breakfast
NO Youth group
Monday, Feb. 6 – 12noon CCW meeting
Sunday, Feb. 26 – 5pm St. John's Foundation dinner
Tuesday, Feb. 28 – 4pm Knights' Fish Fry

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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 29, 2017

Altar Assistants:

SATURDAY, FEB. 4, 5pm

Lector: Dennis Lawrence

EM: Kathy Urruty

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, FEB. 5, 8am

Lector: Karen Hostetler

EM: Mike Scarlett

Altar Servers: Joe Reimann, Ben/Bryce Camino,

Matthew Harrison

SUNDAY, FEB. 5, 10am

Lector: Mike Donovan

EM: Donna Nelson, Mary Ann Cummins

Altar Servers: Cole Linden, Jeron/Jaxon Sutton

Homebound Ministry, Friday, Feb. 3

Liz Camino-Ramsey

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK OF JAN. 22, 2016

St. John's	\$ 3,703.00	YTD \$ 119,943.79
St. Mary's	\$ 220.00	YTD \$ 3,599.00
St. Hubert's	\$	YTD \$ 2,505.00
Poor Donations	\$ 203.00	
Online Donations	\$ 245.60	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon.	01.30	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	01.31	8:00 a.m.	Sister Edna Stephenson
Wed	02.01	8:00 a.m.	+Pierre Amestoy
Thu.	02.02	8:00 a.m.	+Pierre Amestoy
Fri.	02.03	8:00 a.m.	+Pierre Amestoy
Sat.	02.04	5:00 p.m.	+Pierre Amestoy
Sun.	02.05	8:00 a.m.	+Pierre Amestoy
		10:00 a.m.	for the people
		2:00 p.m.	Kaycee: Fr. Pete's intention

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon-Hebrews 11:32-40; Gospel: Mark 5:1-20

Tue-Hebrews 12:1-4; Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

Saint John Bosco, Priest

Wed-Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15; Gospel: Mark 6:1-6

Thu-Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Gospel: Luke

2:22-40 *The Presentation of the Lord*

Fri-Hebrews 13:1-8; Gospel: Mark 6:14-29

Sat-Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21; Gospel: Mark 6:30-

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FROM FR. PETE:

Youth Ministry Position to be established

at St. John's. The Parish Council believes that our parish has reached the point where we should hire a full-time Youth Minister. I agree. The Finance Council also agrees. This is not a new topic, but one that has been discussed for some time. It is time to do this.

I have visited with Amy Larsen, Diocesan Youth Minister, and she is forwarding copies of job descriptions for Youth Ministers currently employed in several parishes. A "job description" unique to our parish will be drafted and examined by the Parish Council and Finance Council for amending and approval. I hope to begin interviewing in June and hire before September 2017.

Sign-up Sheets for training as Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors are at the front of the Church.

There will be two training sessions for Eucharistic Ministers: Tuesday, January 31, 7:00 p.m. and Wednesday, February 1, 7:00 p.m. Please note: this training is for those wishing to serve at Mass only. Those wishing to make calls to the sick or those in the nursing homes will need to have background checks.

There will be two training sessions for Lectors: Tuesday, February 7, 7:00 p.m. and Wednesday, February 8, 7:00 p.m.

Altar Server training sessions will be coming in the middle of February.

Eucharistic Adoration begins at St. John's!

For some time people have been asking if there could be Eucharistic Adoration. It was stopped some years ago because people

would not make a commitment to come and the Blessed Sacrament was left unattended which is forbidden for obvious reasons.

We now have people who will commit to this devotion. We will start slowly. Adoration will begin on Friday, February 3 immediately after the morning Mass and last until 9:30 a.m. It will be held every Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Question: "What is Eucharistic Adoration?"

Answer: The True Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Lord and Savior in the Consecrated Host is placed in the center of a large cross called a 'monstrance' with two lit candles before Him.

Question: "What is the purpose of Eucharistic Adoration?"

Answer: First, it takes us out of our normal routine, which is always a bit unsettling but absolutely necessary because our "normal routine" so easily dominates us. Second, we place ourselves in the presence of Jesus Christ in an atmosphere of quiet where the noise of the world is left behind and we are graced to settle the noise that is within us. Third, we place ourselves in the presence of our Friend Who wants nothing more than to love us and desires that we bring our worries and concerns to Him. Like any friendship, spending time together is necessary if the friendship is to grow.

Question: "What do I do during Adoration?"

Answer: Sit. Still yourself, which is harder than most people realize! Pour out your concerns to the Lord. Listen. Mediate on Scripture. Practice your favorite devotion. Write in your spiritual journal. It is not so much a matter of "what" you do but the quality of time you spend with the Lord doing it.

Question: "Can non-Catholics come to Adoration?"

Answer: Absolutely! Feel free to invite them. Tell them to bring their Bible with them for quiet reflection and prayer.

Question: "What if I can't make a full hour?"

Answer: Then make a holy half hour or a holy quarter hour! Do the best you can. Good friends know how much time they need in each other's presence.

"The Church is cold." The heat is turned on to 67 degrees an hour before Mass begins. When the lights are turned on and people come in the Church reaches 70 degrees and, depending on the number of people who attend, the Church can warm up to 75 degrees or more.

There are several factors involved.

First, we have grown accustomed to very mild winters. And we each experience cold or heat differently. It is not possible to reach the ideal temperature for everyone.

Second, heat comes from the registers in the ceiling and must move downward. It is inefficient. We will turn on the ceiling fans in hope that will force the warmer air downward to see if that helps.

Third, the flooring is cold and there is nothing that can be done unless we carpet the flooring under the pews which raises a number of other concerns.

The most logical solution for now is to see what we can do to improve air circulation.

“The Christmas Masses were overcrowded.” True enough for the Christmas Eve Masses, not for the Christmas morning Mass. And thanks be to God they were so well attended! We should be grateful! I know that people who came to the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass twenty minutes early thinking they would get a space were surprised that there wasn't a seat available. Some just turned around and left to wait for the next Mass. The choir loft was full as well as the stairwell to the loft. The cry room was packed. There was standing room only along the sides of the Church. The 7:00 p.m. Mass was a bit better for seating. (By the way.... when those Masses were over some complained that the Church was too hot! And I kept the thermostat at 60 degrees knowing body heat would warm the Church! And boy.... did it ever!). Seating for the Christmas morning Mass wasn't a problem.

“I miss the traditional Midnight Mass.” While I feel your pain, I hate to be the bearer of sad news. You and I are in the minority. Our parish has two populations: older people and young families, neither of whom want to come out at Midnight and get home in the wee hours of the morning. Then there is the problem of getting musicians, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, servers, ushers and folks to help clean up the Church. They have things to do with their families. Finally, and I am loathe to admit this, I am getting old and confess that I much prefer getting to bed at 11:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve instead of 2:00 a.m. on Christmas Morning only to have to get up by 6:00 a.m. to get ready for the final Mass! Perhaps you will get lucky and get a 30-year-old for your next pastor! So.... the best you and I can do is adjust to reality with as much grace as possible.

“Fr. Pete.... Could you please put something in the bulletin to ask parents who change their babies in the cry room to please take the soiled diapers with them? Sometimes the cry room reeks.” Parents.... please be considerate of those who use the cry

room after you leave by packing out whatever you pack in which includes poop diapers. Thank you.

Mr. Tim Sandman will have his stained-glass pieces on display next weekend, Sunday, Feb. 5 in the parish hall. Sales will be available for Valentine gifts!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS breakfast next weekend, Feb. 5 beginning at 9am in the parish hall and after both Masses. Please come support the Knights and donate to their work on our behalf, as this benefits our parish with fellowship time & good food☺

CCW sponsored Ladies' Night Out this Monday, Jan.30 beginning at 6:30pm. Bring a game and food/drink to share and expect some FUN!

ST. JOHN'S FOUNDATION will have a dinner on Sunday, Feb. 26 beginning at 5pm. Plan now to attend! Details to follow...

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY will be Tuesday, Feb. 28 beginning at 4pm. Food will be served until 7:30pm. Tickets, available from the Knights (Jason Sutton, Grand Knight, Gene Baehler-cook or any Knight) are \$10 adults and \$5 youth. The Johnson County Fairgrounds will again be the site for this community event.

LENT begins Wednesday, March 1 with Ash Wednesday.

