



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. 6 – 9am Knights' breakfast
5pm Youth group
7pm Parish Mission

Tuesday, Dec. 8 – 7:30pm KC meeting

Wednesday, Dec. 9 – 6&10 am St. John class
3:45pm & 7pm CCD

Thursday, Dec. 10 – 6:30am Men of St. Joseph
KC Meals-on-Wheels –Gene Gagliano

Sunday, Dec. 13 – 5pm Parish POLISH dinner
NO Youth group

Sermon link—<https://soundcloud.com/st-johns-1>

Wednesday, Dec. 16 – 3:45pm cookies for Gray
Ladies

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 6, 2015

Altar Assistants:

SATURDAY, Dec. 12, 5:00pm

Lector: Dennis Lawrence

EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, Dec. 13, 8:00am

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteers

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

SUNDAY, Dec. 13, 10:00am

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteers

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

Homebound Ministry, Friday, Dec. 11

Jean Vignaroli

Collections for Week of Nov. 29, 2015

St. John's	\$ 2,920.51	YTD \$	90,450.95
St. Mary's	\$	YTD \$	2,498.33
St. Hubert's	\$ 30.00	YTD \$	1,867.00
Poor contributions	\$ 50.00		
Online Donations	\$		

Mass Intentions for the Week:

Mon.	12.07	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
		5:00 p.m.	<i>Immaculate</i>
			<i>Conception: Holy Day</i>
		7:00 p.m.	<u>Parish Mission</u>
		8:00 p.m.	Confession
Tue.	12.08	7:00 a.m.	<i>Immaculate</i>
			<i>Conception: +Harvey Beattie</i>
		7:00 p.m.	<u>Parish Mission</u>
		8:00 p.m.	Confession
Wed.	12.09	8:00 a.m.	+Harvey Beattie
		7:00 p.m.	<u>Parish Mission</u>
Thu.	12.10	8:00 a.m.	+Art Esponda
		7:00 p.m.	<u>Mass to conclude</u>
			<u>Advent Mission</u>
Fri.	12.11	8:00 a.m.	+Art Esponda
		5:00 p.m.	Adoration
Sat.	12.12	9:00 a.m.	Making the
			Christmas wreathes
		11:00 a.m.	Confession
		5:00 p.m.	+Art Esponda
		6:00 p.m.	Confession
Sun.	12.13	8:00 a.m.	+Art Esponda
		10:00 a.m.	for the parishes
		12:30 p.m.	Clearmont: Fr.
			Pete's intention

FROM FR. PETE:

Advent Parish Mission this

coming week!

Fr. Jim Costigan of the Fathers of Mercy will be with us to give a series of talks on a very timely topic for all Christians: "Spiritual Combat." Please make every effort to attend the talks that will begin on Sunday, December 6 and continue each night through Thursday. Each Mission evening begins at 7:00 p.m.

Confirmation Students and their

Parents. There is a mandatory retreat for the students on Sunday, December 6 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Parents...please know that you are strongly encouraged to attend the retreat with your child. The parish will provide lunch for all who attend.

December 8, The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

This is a Holy Day of Obligation. The first Mass will be on Monday, December 7 at 5:00 p.m. Sorry it has to be so early but we are squeezed for time with the Mission. The second Mass will be on Tuesday, December 8 at 7:00 a.m.

Saturday, December 12....Time to make the Christmas Wreaths. Come to the parish hall that morning at 9:00 a.m. Clay and Leah Miller are supplying all the boughs needed to make the eight huge wreathes that we will hang in the Church. Never made a wreath before? No problem...just come and you will quickly learn and have fun in the process. It is a great family activity and a wonderful skill to use at home. Suggestion: bring a pair of work gloves with you!

Parish Advent Dinner, Sunday, December 13, 5:00 p.m. Two years ago we had a Swedish theme. Last year it was a Basque theme. This year it is a Polish theme with a little surprise! There is no need for you to bring a dish to share. The parish is providing everything. If you're not comfortable coming empty handed, by all means bring something Polish but know that it is not required. Just

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bring yourself, your family, a desire to enjoy good company and good food, the two great pleasures of life that are the Lord's blessings to us as we prepare for His Coming.

Young Adults Dinner, Saturday, December 19, 6:00 p.m. All our young adults are welcome to come! If you have children, bring them as well. This time the dinner will be a "Potluck". So whip something up, bring it along and enjoy some quality time with other couples and young adults. Babysitting will be provided so that when the kids are done with their dinner they can go off and play while the adults visit and enjoy some time together.

A huge thank you from your grateful pastor. Some weeks ago I asked if we could do better in trying to achieve our *Living and Giving in Christ* campaign goal of \$51,778.00. And you responded! The amount pledged has risen to \$30,034.00 and the amount paid has risen to \$27,274.00! Thank you so much. This means that less will have to be withdrawn from savings if we do not meet the goal, and that is a great help to the parish.

Advanced notice for parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles of our CCD children. The children will be performing their annual Christmas play on the last day of Christmas, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, Sunday, January 10 at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Christmas ends with sunset that Sunday.

Where are the worship books? Last Sunday morning after the 8:00 a.m. Mass I noticed that a number of sets of books in their plastic casings were taken out of the pews. If someone needs a book I will do my best to supply one, but please ask. The books in the pews are meant to be used by all members of the congregation.

I budget to have extras should someone want a missal and hymnal. But to help oneself and thereby deprive others attending Mass the opportunity to follow the readings, use the prayers and join in singing the hymns is quite selfish.

I have nearly exhausted the books I had on reserve and we haven't even made it through Advent!

Return the books immediately. Thank you.

Will the individual who comes to pray in the late afternoon, please turn off the lights when you leave? When I come to the Church, lights are on and have been on for a couple of hours. Please turn them off when you leave. Thank you.

An Advent meditation from St. Gregory of Nazianzen. St. Gregory was born in Cappadocia around the year 329. His mother, St. Nonna, was instrumental in bringing her husband, Gregory the Elder, to convert to the Faith and was so inflamed with the faith that he became a priest and then a bishop of the city of Nazianzus for some 45 years. St. Gregory received one of the finest educations possible including studies in Egypt and Athens. He was still not baptized but following the custom of his time delayed baptism until later in his adult years. He was ordained a priest by his father though there is some question if the ordination was imposed on him against his will. After some time he followed his father as Bishop of Nazianzus and spent his energy combatting heresy through the greatest weapon a priest or bishop has: the sermon. As truths of faith became known, more and more people came to listen to him. Man is designed for truth, no matter how much he may protest, attempt to destroy the truth or run from it. He died in 390.

The very Son of God, older than the ages, the invisible, the incomprehensible, the incorporeal, the

beginning of beginning, the light of light, the fountain of life and immortality, the image of the archetype, the immovable seal, the perfect likeness, the definition and word of the Father: He it is Who comes to His own image and takes our nature for the good of our nature, and unites Himself to an intelligent soul for the good of my soul, to purify like by like. He takes to Himself all that is human, except sin. He was conceived by the Virgin Mary, who had been first prepared in soul and body by the Spirit; His coming to birth had to be treated with honor, virginity had to receive new honor. He comes forth as God, in the human nature He has taken, one being, made of two contrary elements, flesh and spirit. Spirit gave divinity, flesh received it.

He Who makes rich is made poor; He takes on the poverty of my flesh, that I may gain the riches of His divinity. He Who is full is made empty; He is emptied for a brief space of His glory, that I may share in His fullness. What is this wealth of goodness? What is this mystery that surrounds me? I received the likeness of God, but failed to keep it. He takes on my flesh, to bring salvation to the image, immortality to the flesh. He enters into a second union with us, a union far more wonderful than the first.

Holiness had to be brought to man by the humanity assumed by one Who was God, so that God might overcome the tyrant by force and so deliver us and lead us back to Himself through the mediation of His Son. The Son arranged this for the honor of the

Father, to Whom the Son is clearly obedient in all things.

The Good Shepherd, Who lays down His life for the sheep, came in search of the straying sheep to the mountains and hills on which you used to offer sacrifice. When He found it, He took it on the shoulders that bore the wood of the cross, and led it back to the life of heaven.

Christ, the light of all lights, follows John, the lamp that goes before Him. The Word of God follows the voice in the wilderness; the bridegroom follows the bridegroom's friend, who prepares a worthy people for the Lord by cleansing them by water in preparation for the Spirit.

We need God to take our flesh and die, that we might live. We have died with Him, that we may be purified. We have risen again with Him, because we have died with Him. We have been glorified with Him, because we have risen with Him.

Christmas Mass Schedule:

Christmas Eve, December 24:

5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. (the "Midnight Mass" with choir).

Christmas Morning,

December 25: 10:00 a.m. And that's it!

Boxes in the back of church for Christmas wrapping paper/cards to be given to the Veteran's Home residents **AND** one for seminarian candidate Seth Hostetler for Christmas gifts, cards, money, homemade items to support our very own parishioner ☺