



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 / Meetings

Sunday, Dec. 18 – 5pm Youth Group
Tuesday, Dec. 20 – 6am & 10am Book study
Wednesday, Dec. 21 – 6am & 10am Judges study
NO CCD
5pm 7th & 8th CCD dinner
Thursday, Dec. 22 – 6:30am Men of St. Joseph
Friday, Dec. 23 – 8:30am decorate for Christmas
Saturday, Dec. 24 – 5pm & 7pm Christmas Mass
Sunday, Dec. 25 – 9am Christmas Mass

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 OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 18, 2016

Altar Assisters:

SATURDAY, Dec. 24, 5pm

Lector: Michael Donovan

EM: Don/Sheila Camino, Mary Smith

Altar Servers: Michael Ihnat, Ben/Bryce Camino

SATURDAY, Dec. 24, 7pm

Lector: Janelle Gonzales

EM: Phil Gonzales, Donna Nelson, Steve Reimann

Altar Servers: Joe Reimann, Andrew Snyder, Aaron

Seeman, Adam Belus

SUNDAY, Dec. 25, 9am

Lector: Marilyn Maxwell

EM: Dennis Lawrence

Altar Servers: Volunteers welcome

Homebound Ministry, Friday, December 23

Liz Camino-Ramsey

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK OF DEC. 11 2016

St. John's	\$ 3,909.00	YTD \$ 103,217.72
St. Mary's	\$ 288.00	YTD \$ 3,083.00
St. Hubert's	\$ 25.00	YTD \$ 1,970.00
Poor Donations	\$ 1252.00	
Online Donations	\$ 470.60	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon.	12.19	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	12.20	8:00 a.m.	Melanie Walker
Wed.	12.21	8:00 a.m.	+Dominica Esponda
Thu.	12.22	8:00 a.m.	+Whitey Maxwell
Fri.	12.23	8:00 a.m.	Connie Anderson
		9:00 a.m.	Time to finish "dressing" the Church for Christmas

Christmas Mass Schedule:

Sat.	12.24	5:00 p.m.	Tom Maxwell
		7:00 p.m.	for the parishes
Sun.	12.25	9:00 a.m.	Danielle Chavez

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

FROM FR. PETE:

Please note that though Christmas falls on a Sunday there will only be one Mass that morning at 9:00 a.m.

The choir will sing at the 7:00 p.m. "Midnight" Mass for Christmas on Christmas Eve.

Advanced notice: there will be no Masses from Monday, December 26 to Friday, December 30.

Many thanks to Clarence Bishop who did a wonderful job cooking six turkeys for last Sunday's Advent Pot Luck Dinner.

Many thanks to all who helped prepare the hall, serve and clean up after the Advent Pot Luck Dinner.

On Friday, December 23, we will put out all the decorations, crèche pieces and poinsettias to get the Church ready for Christmas. We will start shortly after the morning Mass. All are welcome to participate!

For those who will be traveling this Christmas, we pray for your safe travel, for a time of graced renewal with family and friends and your safe return.

Apologies to members of the Parish Council, Finance Council and Trustees.

This has been an unusually hectic month and our meetings have not been scheduled. We will meet in January.

The following is a mediation from the late Mother Marie des Doulers (+1983) who was the foundress of the Benedictine Sisters of Jesus Crucified. It is entitled, "Our Glorious Heritage."

It is very important to remember during these few days before Christmas that we never

receive any grace for ourselves alone but for the building up of the entire Mystical Body. How wonderful is our vocation as Christians! How glorious is our heritage! In spite of weakness, of all our defects and faults, we are chosen to rekindle charity and set it aflame, to let it shine brighter, that redemption be more effective for the whole Body of Christ.

Since the mysteries of God are always living and active now, a real birth of the Word will occur in our souls. The Author of grace will come to reign within us more profoundly and more fully, and consequently he will reach others effectively through us. The service God asks of us is simply to exhale the fragrant odor of Christ Who lives in us to radiate the eternal light, and to spread the fire enkindled in our hearts. In other words, to be transparent, to be the translucent appearance of our Lord Who lives in us.

It is not for ourselves that we live but for all, for those who sit in the shadow of death so that they may be converted and live. We also live for those who are already saints so that their sanctity may increase still more.

Please do not take the missal and hymnal from the pew. It seems we have persons who think they can take these things home with them. Please don't do that. We have just so many extras to replace items that might become worn or torn. If you really need a missal, please call the parish office and we will do what we can to get you one. If you have a set at home, please return it. Thank you.

If you need to use the bathroom downstairs, please make sure to turn off the light when you are finished. Thank you.

“Fr. Pete...At some Churches everyone is invited to come and receive Communion. Can a Catholic go to Communion in a Protestant Church?” Great question! Thank you. The answer is: No. But why? The only two Churches that possess the fullness of the Apostolic Succession through which the grace to consecrate the Eucharist, that is to call upon the Holy Spirit and use Jesus' words to transform bread and wine into His Body and Blood, are the Catholic and Orthodox Churches whose bishops go back to the Apostles, who go back to Christ Himself. The priests they ordain are empowered by the Sacrament of Holy Orders to celebrate the Eucharist. No Apostolic Succession, no valid Eucharist. Protestant Churches do not have the Apostolic Succession and therefore do not have a valid Eucharist.

For a Catholic to go to a Protestant Church and say “amen” to a false communion is about as deep in heresy as one can get because he or she is saying “Amen,” “I believe” to what is really just bread and wine (or in most Protestant Churches grape juice). What individual ministers may or may not believe about the Eucharist is irrelevant. There is no objective reality to their Eucharist. *It is a mortal sin for a Catholic to go to communion in a Protestant Church if he knows that he shouldn't and deliberately defies Church teaching.* In such a case that person must go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation before approaching the altar at Mass.

Can other Christians go to Holy Communion in the Catholic Church? Some can. First, those who belong to one of the Orthodox Churches are always welcome to

receive the Sacrament with us because the Two Great Churches share the Apostolic Succession and therefore are assured they have valid Sacraments. On rare occasions, and only with the consent of the Diocesan Bishop, a Protestant can be allowed to receive Holy Communion. And in danger of death if a Protestant seeks the Sacraments of his own free will and has some understanding of the Sacraments he can receive and, in fact, cannot be denied them.

I once had a Protestant minister ask me to admit him to Holy Communion at a Mass I was celebrating. I said that was impossible as he well knew. He said, "But I really believe that is Jesus." I responded, "Here are the problems. First, many know that you are a Protestant minister and you are asking me to be complicit in something that is contrary to the teaching of my Church which I cannot in conscience do. Second, you imperil your soul. How can you remain in your Church in good conscience and be a leader for your congregation when you do not believe what your Church teaches? I ask you to speak to a trusted colleague about this." He had no response because there really wasn't one other than he "felt" it was a good idea at the time. Going to Holy Communion is not about how one feels, but what one knows to be true.

We can and should pray for the day when all Christians can receive the Body and Blood, the Soul and Divinity of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. Right now, there are over 45,000 Protestant groups / denominations all claiming to have the Scriptures as their sole authority and they are terribly divided among themselves. Union with so many disparate communities of faith seems highly unlikely, but God can do wonders. Until that day we must allow the pain of separation to encourage us to work together where we can.

Wednesday evening CCD "dinner" with grades 7 & 8 on December 21 beginning at 6pm. Children to be present at 5-5:30pm.

MEALS ON WHEELS volunteers needed for each Monday, Wednesday and Friday in January 2017 from our parish. Please call the parish office to volunteer! Thanks☺

THANKS to everyone who has donated goodies for "over the toes and under the clothes" project. They are to be dispersed this next week.

THANK YOU to Sheila Camino for the new coffee pot for CCW to use in the parish hall kitchen!

Have a great last week of Advent!



CALENDARS FOR 2017 are available for each household.

