

JANUARY 9, 2022 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

MASS SCHEDULE

Please check the "Mass Intentions" on the next page as these routine times are occasionally changed due to priest availability and Holy Days of Obligation.

Weekday Mass

Monday: 9:00 am (Gillette)

Tuesday: 9:00 am & 5:15 pm (Gillette)

Wednesday: 9:00 am (Gillette)

Thursday: 9:00 am & 5:15 pm (Gillette)

Friday: 9:00 am (Gillette)

Weekend Mass

Saturday: 5:00 pm (Gillette)

Sunday: 7:30 am (Hulett)

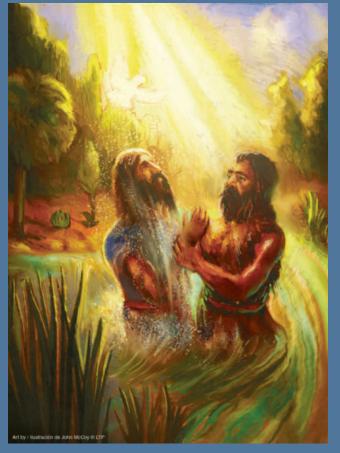
9:00 am (Gillette)

10:30 am (Moorcroft)

11:00 am (Gillette)

4:30 pm (Wright)

5:00 pm Spanish Language (Gillette)



Confession

Monday (January 24th, & 31st): 5:00-6:00pm (Gillette)

Saturday: 3:00-4:30 pm (Gillette)

or by appointment

ST. MATTHEW'S **CHURCH**

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stmatthewswy.weconnect.com

ST. PATRICK'S **CHURCH**

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ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH

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GENERAL INFORMATION

02 | PARISH INFORMATION

St. Matthew's Parish Offices

900 Butler Spaeth Rd. Gillette, Wyoming 82716 Parish Office: 682-3319

Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 am - 5 pm

*Offices will be closed daily from 9-9:45am so staff may attend

Mass and pray for everyone's intentions!



St. Matthew's Catholic Church

900 Butler Spaeth Rd. Gillette, Wyoming 82716 Parish Office: 682-3319

Hours: Sunday-Saturday,6 am - 9 pm

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SWIPE RIGHT & TAP "FAVORITE."

Favoriting our parish allows you to easily switch between parishes without the worry of missing a message from us. You can also favorite multiple parishes, allowing you to switch between them with ease.

MASS INTENTIONS

Due to diocesan protocols, we are strongly encouraging face masks and are designating the Parish Hall as a required face mask area. During the Sign of Peace, we recommend people use a no-touch gesture (e.g., bow, nod, wave, etc.) with those outside of their household. We are requiring those distributing Communion to wear masks.

SATURDAY

January 8, 2022

There will only be one Mass in Gillette this weekend.

SUNDAY

January 9, 2022

7:30 am (H) 10:00 am (M) Schaultmann Family Maria Diaz Martinez † Novena Day 6

10:30 am (PC-B)

Parishioners Jason Frenzel

4:30 pm (W) **MONDAY**

January 10, 2022

9:00 am

Maria Diaz Martinez † Novena Day 7 **January 11, 2022**

Maria Diaz Martinez † Novena Day 9

Michael & Stella Davanzo ††

TUESDAY

Maria Diaz Martinez † Novena Day 8 9:00 am **January 12, 2022**

WEDNESDAY 9:00 am

THURSDAY

9:00 am

FRIDAY

9:00 am

SATURDAY

5:00 pm

SUNDAY

7:30 am (H)

9:00 am

10:00 am (M) 11:00 am

4:30 pm (W)

5:00 pm (S)

January 16, 2022 John Paul Miller

January 13, 2022

January 14, 2022

January 15, 2022

Anthony Duran †

Edwin O. Menzies †

Larry Shippy † Eddie O. Menzies † Loretta Grabrick †

Schlautmann Loss of Family Members

Parishioners

(†) Deceased, (H) Hulett, (M) Moorcroft, (W) Wright, (PC) Pronghorn Center, (B) Bilingual, (S) Spanish Language

Occasionally changes are required, we apologize for any inconveniences.

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LEARNING FOR A LIFETIME 03

St. John Paul II Catholic School

Family Life Center

1000 Butler Spaeth Rd. Gillette, Wyoming 82716 School Office: 686-4114 Fax: 682-6386

Hours: Monday-Friday, 7:30 am - 4 pm



Mary Mother of God Adoration Chapel

Family Life Center

Hours of Adoration: Mondays, 12 am - Saturdays, 12 am * The First Weekend of each month, Adoration is perpetual with Benediction Saturday at 8:45 am followed directly with celebration of Mass.



ST. JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC SCHOOL

(Preschool—6th grade)
Principal Vanessa Gemar at
v.gemar@stjpiics.org
stjohnpauliicatholicschool.com

Jan. 17: No School - Professional Day

Family Faith Formation (FFF)

(Preschool-5th grade, Parents) FLC, Wednesday; 6:30 - 7:45 pm

William Heili. 307-682-3319 or heili+FFquestions@stjpiics.org

1st Reconciliations - Here's what you can expect for your child:

We will have two priests available during special blocks of time set aside for 1st Reconciliation families. Please use the sign-up sheet to select a date and time for your appointment. All you need to do is come to the Church at the time you select; after confession, you can stay and pray as long as you like, but you're free to go!

We strongly encourage parents to also go to confession during this time; a parent's example goes a long way towards making 1st Reconciliation a positive experience for your child. Please follow the directions on the form when you select times for your family, and contact William if you have any further questions!

NOTICE - Baptism Certificates Requested!

If your child will be making their 1st Communion this spring and he or she was baptized in a Church **OTHER THAN** St. Matthew's in Gillette, please send a copy of your child's baptism certificate to the Parish Offices!

January	Family Faith & 1st Communion	Confirmation	Middle & High School Youth		
Jan. 12	In-Class (FLC)		JH & HS		
Jan. 19	In-Class (FLC)	Experiential	JH & HS		
Jan. 26	1st Reconciliation Appts. (Church)	Class (Parish Hall)	JH & HS		

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Youth Ministry

(6th -12th grade)

FLC & Parish Hall, Wednesday, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Darcy Nelson at 307-682-3319 or d.nelson@stmatthewswy.org

We are back! We hope you rested up, enjoyed some extra prayer time, and are ready to get back in the swing of things.

Confirmation: Join Junior High for a Fun Night in the Annex!

Junior High: Come back together with your friends for a fun night to start the semester off.

4:12: Meet in the Youth Room for Fun & Fellowship!

Support Our School!

Support our school with a click of a button! With our new online giving program, Facts Giving, you can text-to-give, set up recurring payments, and donate to a specific fund. Please call the office to learn more.

Young Adult Ministry—Theology on Tap

Darcy Nelson at 307-682-3319 or d.nelson@stmatthewswy.org

Tim & Theresa will be hosting Young Adult Sunday on January 16th. If you are new please reach out and we will get you information and directions!

Theology on Tap will be January 29th in the basement of the Rectory with Fr. Bryce!

Starting on February 5th, we will be starting a companion group to the **Sons of Joseph**, called **Daughters of Mary**. Our goal is to nourish you as a Daughter of God and to follow Mary's example in many ways. This is open to all women 18 and older. Our meetings will take place following First Saturday Benediction and Mass in the family Life Center. We will have Donuts & Coffee to start with followed by a talk & discussion. Please email Darcy at d.nelson@stmatthewswy.org so she can send you all the information and plan for numbers. We are so excited to start this journey with you!

Sacramental Preparation

Anyone interested in receiving Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, or Marriage please contact the parish office.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

We need a permanent adorer who is willing to be trained or is currently a Eucharistic minister for midnight-1:00 am on Mondays; Wednesdays, 2-3 am. Keep up the prayers and encourage others to make our First Weekends exceptional by considering one of the open hours on the First Weekends. These open hours are: First Saturdays, 2-3 pm, 10-11 pm, 11 pm-12 am; First Sundays, 12-1 am, 1-2 am, 3-4 am, 4-5 am, 12-1 pm, 1-2 pm, 10-11 pm.

We are asking all adorers to enter through the chapel door. We welcome regular adorers to drop in, but please remember that all adorers need a door code for entry. Any prayer materials that you would like to use during your adoration time, please bring/take with you.



For more information please call: Linda Norris, 217-1677; Jim Ford (Mondays), 680-3445; Tracy McElvery (Tuesdays), 689-2820; Shannon Moodry (Wednesdays), 660-1700; Wendy Hays (Thursdays), 680-6824; Adam Miller (First Saturdays & Sundays), 299-4374.

DAILY MASS AND REFLECTION

04 GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

OBSERVANCES AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 9, 2022

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday:

1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-2

Tuesday:

1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-2

Wednesday:

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39 **Thursday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-4

Friday:

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-1

Saturday:

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-1

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

I Hope I Am Like Him

"Who is this Christ? Is he like you?"

Perhaps you've heard this story, often attributed to the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta. A sick man asked her this question, as he marveled at her tireless service to himself and others in the name of someone named Jesus Christ.

"He is nothing like me," the saint is said to have answered. "But I hope I am like him." Though the authenticity of this exchange cannot be verified, its message rings perfectly true: all the value of our stewardship lies in its relativity to the one in whose name we perform it.

Consider the figure of John the Baptist — a magnificent, towering character even purely from a literary or historical perspective. A martyr who fed on wild locusts and boldly spoke truth to power — a man so great some mistook him for the Messiah.

But why is he great? Because he prepared the way. All his accomplishments and escapades mean nothing if they are taken out of the context of salvation history. He only makes sense relative to Christ — and this is exactly as he wanted it. "One worthier than I is coming," he insists. And because of that humility and that total embrace of God's will, he is given one of the greatest honors in the New Testament — he baptizes the Son of God.

Let's examine our lives in the light of their relativity to Christ. How do we prepare the way? When Christ comes to us, what do we do? How do we leave ourselves open to be actors in God's plan?

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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January 9, 2022 The Baptism of the Lord

"We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ."

— Pope Francis

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear.

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Join us as we celebrate the 10th Anniversary of Terra Sancta Retreat center!

January 21-22, 2022 Standards for a Stormy Sea with Bishop Steven Biegler

Terra Sancta Retreat Center 2101 City Springs Road, Suite 300 Rapid City, SD 57702

Registration Cost: \$50.

PRAYERS FOR ARMED FORCES

John Bozovich, Alex Erisman, Delane Sierra, Wyatt Thar, Jake Kutzer, Sawyer Goeden, Rielly Nemec, Jade Shevling, James Rodziewicz, Dylon Walter, Anthony Rangel, Tate Ashton, Jake Austin, Thomas Grabrick, Jade Johnson, Kolbe Duncan, David Whetstone, James Torsney, Trevor Heying, Kelton Valdez, Tyler Price, Kristina Tweedy, Christopher Towe, Colby Aaberg, Travis Heying, Katy McDougal, Cole Magin, Maggie Dutcher Molina, Brian Molina, Tyler Ryen McKillop, Daniel Menzies, Jay Kachelhoffer, Troy Allison, Erin Thamm, Ian Thamm, Melissa McElwain, Ryan West.

To add someone to this list, please call the Parish Office at 682-3319. Names are added to the top of the list and removed from the bottom of list upon request or by space availability.

SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

This week we would like to pray for all the sick in our Parish, hospital, residents of the Legacy and other friends: Olin Oedekoven, Joan Menzies, Patty Oliva Ramirez, Kathy Murphy Orozco, Jonathan Perez, Eduardo Dominguez Ponce, Wanathaya Jirawitakhom, Lucy McMahon, Matthew Schneider, Anna Garcia, Sharla Hayford, Patrick Howe, Cindy Swenson, Michelle Tillett, Laurie Russell, Loyla Viau, Debra Hulse, Dudley Menzies, Eduardo Perez, John David, Stephanie Dick, Azalea Alcarabo, Joyce Mechtenberg, Judy & Bob Shannon, Catherine Danielson, Charlotte O'Connor, Tish & Ed Joyce, Debi Peyrot, Mae Gill, Cindy Petitt, Jeanette Schaefer, Norrie Lax, Harold Olson, Kristy Clark, Marilyn Wilson, Gene Lehfeldt, Mark & Rachel Sorheim, Starla Paschall, Stacey Atkinson, Robert Lange, Edith Koehler, Eileen Schultz, Donna Meuer, Lorraine Moss, Phyllis Shipley, Greg Blikre, Dawn Ortonward, Rosie Gopar, Jim Brady, Julianne McNab, Jose & Laura Rivas, Clotilde Corona, Mercella Beeson, Hannah Garlick, Kathleen Jacobson, Ernie Blohm, Odette Jouali, Mecca Neval, Roxanne Colvin, Kerry Ann Duchain.

Names are added to the top of the list and removed upon request or at the bottom of list by space availability. If you would like to add or remove someone on the list, please call the Parish Office at 682-3319.

Prayer Line Requests: (call one)

Mary Heins 682-0567 or Lisa Barthel 689-2853



COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

If you have any questions or would like to join us, please call Kate Heying at 689-0836 or Suzi Ekberg at 686-0588.

January 29, 2022 — Spirituality Day



If you have signed up for TLC in the past, we are asking that you please contact Nancy Anderson at the Parish Office 307-682-3319 to be placed on the new list for TLC and if you are called to be coordinator please let us know that as well. With that being said, if you know of someone in need, please contact the Parish Office so we may serve them.

St. Matthew's is in the process of reintroducing Children's Liturgy of the Word into our Weekend Masses. If you would like to help in Children's this wonderful ministry please contact Heather Fiddler at the Parish Office, 682-3319.



WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE **EXPLAINED**

Question:

Baptismal Bib?

When an adult is baptized, there is a part in the ceremony when the newly baptized is vested in a white garment. It is symbolic of the changes that baptism brings in the life of the baptized as they are freed from the bonds of sin and brought into the saving grace of Christ. Realities that are so profound are symbolically presented so that we might better grasp and understand them.

Infants are often dressed in a baptismal dress, which is the baptismal garment. In some places, the bib is used as a kind of baptismal garment. At the place in the ceremony where the investiture takes place, the bib is used. Some are poncho-like and fit over the baby's head. Others are simply placed on the baby's chest. If the baby is dressed in a white garment, nothing else is needed. The prayer says it all: "See in your white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity ... bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven." In baptism, we are given our purpose and goal in life as believers, and this is symbolized by the white garment.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Please contact Ken Svalina at 307-680-7947, or Mike Fulton at 307-680-0872, or visit www.kofc.org/joinus to learn more about membership in the Knights of Columbus.

VOCATIONS

Each month to promote vocations we are asking you to pray for a certain area for growth, hope, and encouragement. Please take a prayer card from the adoration chapel as our gift to you and a reminder to pray for us each day, especially during your adoration hour.

For January we are asking you to pray for our Men's Discernment Group and our Women's Spirituality Group. These Youth and Young Adults are learning to listen to God's will in their lives. Please pray for them to have an open heart to the vocation God is calling them to.

If we run out of cards please let Darcy know at the Parish office or send her a quick email at d.nelson@stmatthewswy.org. If you would like to become more involved in praying for Vocations please let Darcy or Theresa know.

Thank you for your prayers and know we are praying for you as well. -Vocations Ministry Team.

We are so blessed to have priests, seminarians, and religious in and from our community. We have compiled a list of questions, some silly, some serious that these wonderful people have answered for us and allowed us to share with you. Each week we will cycle through these awesome people and their answers.



Get to know our Seminarian: Anthony Richter

- 0: What is your favorite food?
- A: Kuefla Soup
- O. What was your favorite book as a child?
- A: The Alex Rider Series
- 0. Who are your favorite saints?
- A: Anthony of Padua, John Vianney, Matthew, & Peter

OPPORTUNITIES

06 | SPECIAL ITEMS OF NOTE

St. Matthew's CCW is inviting all men and women to the annual Spirituality Day on January 29, 2022!

Celebrate Life

We will gather in the Parish Hall from 9 am - 3 pm (Mass, Lunch, Speakers, etc.)

Please RSVP by calling the office at 682-3319.

We are also looking for donations for door prizes. If you have anything that you would like to donate please bring it by the parish office.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

January 9

- 7:30 am Mass, St. Matthew's Hulett
- 10:00 am Mass, St. Patrick's Moorcroft
- 10:30 am Baptism of the Lord Mass/Synod Gathering, Pronghorn Center, 3807 College Dr, Gillette, WY 82718
- 4:30 pm Mass, Blessed Sacrament Wright

January 10

- 9:00 am Mass, Church
- 9:30 am Connecting Point Morning Group, Parish Hall
- 5:00 pm The Rosary for the Flame Devotion, Church
- 6:00 pm Connecting Point Evening Group, Parish Hall
- 7:30 pm Rosary Prayers, Church

January 11

- 9:00 am Mass, Church
- 7:00 pm Luz y Esperanza, Parish Hall

January 12

- 9:00 am Mass, Church
- 6:30 pm Family Faith Formation, FLC
- 6:30 pm Youth Groups, FLC
- 7:00 pm Adult Choir, Church

January 13

- 9:00 am Mass, Church
- 9:00 am Spirituality Group, Parish Hall
- 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry, Parish Hall
- 6:00 pm Inner Healing Prayer Ministry, Church
- 6:30 pm Parish Council, St. Matthew's Parish Offices

January 14

- 9:00 am Mass, Church
- 11:00 am Good Shepherd Group, Parish Hall
- 7:00 pm San José Men's Group, Parish Hall

January 15

- 9:00 am First Reconciliations, Church
- 3:00 pm Confessions, Church
- 5:00 pm Mass, Church

January 16

- 7:30 am Mass, St. Matthew's Hulett
- 9:00 am Mass, Church
- 10:00 am Mass, St. Patrick's Moorcroft
- 10:00 am RCIA, FLC Library
- 11:00 am Mass, Church
- 4:30 pm Mass, Blessed Sacrament Wright
- 5:00 pm Mass (Spanish Language), Church

GOD'S PLAN FOR A Grace-Filled MARRIAGE January 28-29, 2022

Whether you are heading toward engagement, engaged, or have been married for years, we encourage you to take advantage of this great opportunity to deepen your love and understanding for one another. In this workshop, real couples from our church share testimonies about their marriages in the context of God's Plan for humanity and marriage. When marriage is lived as a sacrament as God intended, it is the closest representation on earth to the love Jesus has for us. Join us to share precious time with one another and to prepare for or enrich your marriage. We begin with dinner and testimonies Friday evening, retire to our own homes and meet Saturday concluding with 5:00 pm Mass.

Contact Deacon Kim at the Parish Office, 682-3319 with questions or to reserve your space.

St. Matthew's CCW invites you to pickup the winter Living Faith, La Fe Viva, and/or Living Faith Kids devotionals in the Parish Hall.

All donations are gladly accepted and used to bring you these quarterly devotionals.





Thank you everyone for participating in our Synod Gathering! We pray that our time together brings many fruits.

Thank you for your generous support of our "Disciples in Christ Growing in Love" Program! Several weeks ago, we began this important parish-wide program and we are starting to see signs that our offertory collections are growing through the generosity of YOU, our faithful parish community. We will be publishing in the bulletin a report with important highlights from our program. Thank you so very much to all who participated. Your generosity shows your willingness as faithful stewards to be a part of the ongoing missions of St. Matthew Church.

PARISH OUTREACH - PARISH PANTRY

December 20, 2021 - December 31, 2021 **HOW DID WE HELP?**

Housing: \$250.00 Utilities: \$66.87 Miscellaneous: \$1,000.00

We shared food with 5 families.



WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATES I 07

COLLECTIONS

St. Matthew's-Gillette

Envelopes

December 26, 2021 St. Patrick's-Moorcroft Blessed Sacrament-Wright St. Matthew's-Hulett

Plate	1,078.53	Christmas	24,418.00	Envelopes	905.00	Envelope	365.00	Envelopes	370.00
Electronic	3,618.00	Parish Pantry	685.00	Plate	75.00	Plate	40.00	Plate	200.00
Total	15,141.53	Building	0.00	Electronic	0.00	Electronic	100.00	Electronic	0.00
Budget	13,942.00	St. JPII	35.00	Total	980.00	Total	505.00	Total	570.00
Difference	1,199.53	OSV 1x Donation	5,700.00	Christmas	1,839.00	Christmas	1,968.00	Christmas	770.00.

St. Matthew's-Gillette

10,445.00

Envelopes	11,673.00		
Plate	879.00		
Electronic	2,353.00	Parish Pantry	405.00
Total	14,905.00	Building	175.00
Budget	13,942.00	St. JPII	165.00
Difference	963.00	OSV 1 x Donation	1,500.00

January 2, 2022

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St. Patrick's-Moorcroft		Blessed Sacram	ent—Wright	St. Matthew's—Hulett		
Envel	opes	635.00	Envelope	565.00	Envelopes	355.00
Plate		163.00	Plate	40.00	Plate	137.00
_Elect	ronic	0.00	Electronic	200.00	<u>Electronic</u>	0.00
Tota		798.00	Total	805.00	Total	512.00

The following is an update on the progress in the Living and Giving in Christ for the parishes compared to the Diocesan assessment as of 12/28/2021.

	Parish	St Matthew Gillette	St Patrick	Blessed Sacrament	St Matthew
~		Gillette	Moorcroft	Wright	Hulett
	Goal	\$131,567.00	\$12,443.00	\$6,040.00	\$2,984.00
1	Pledged	\$131,240.37 (99.8%)	\$6,023.00 (48%)	\$8,195.00 (136%)	\$3,400.00 (114%)
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