



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, January 25 – 10am Basque Mass/Choir
NO YOUTH
7pm Parish Council
Tuesday, January 27 – 4pm Kaycee classes
7pm Islam class in HALL
Wednesday, January 28 – 6 & 10am, 7pm Job classes
3:45pm & 7pm CCD
Thursday, Jan. 29 – 6:30am Men of St. Joseph
Sunday, February 1 – Knights' Breakfast
11am Youth meet
Monday, February 2 – 12:30pm CCW meeting and
lunch at THE FIX
Sunday, February 8 – 7pm Feast at Holy Name

Parish Staff

Pastor	<i>Fr. Pete Johnson</i>	684-7268
Parish Administrator	<i>Mary Ann Cummins</i>	684-7268
CCW Leaders	<i>Cristie Murray</i>	684-2143
	<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

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 25, 2015

Altar Assistants:

SATURDAY, Jan. 31, 5:00pm

Lector: Dennis Lawrence

EM: Jean Borgianni, Julie Seeman, Phil Gonzales

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, Feb. 1, 8:00am

Lector: Cindy Goehring

EM: Carleen Cosner

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, Feb. 1, 10:00am

Lector: Mary Ann Cummins

EM: Kathy Johnson

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Homebound Ministry, Friday, Jan. 30

Valerie Spanos

Collections for Week of January 18, 2015

St. John's	\$ 3551.50	YTD \$	110,830.96
St. Mary's	\$ 30.00	YTD \$	3,829.61
St. Hubert's	\$ 155.00	YTD \$	2,575.00
Poor contributions	\$ 245.00		

Mass Intentions for the Week:

Mon.	01.26	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	01.27	8:00 a.m.	+Jeanette Maxwell
Wed.	01.28	8:00 a.m.	+John Esponda
Thu.	01.29	8:00 a.m.	+Vernon Maxwell
Fri.	01.30	8:00 a.m.	+Dominica Esponda
Sat.	01.31	5:00 p.m.	+Vern Maxwell
Sun.	02.01	8:00 a.m.	+Jeanette Maxwell
		10:00 a.m.	for the parishes
		2:00 p.m.	Kaycee: Fr. Pete's intention

Readings for the Week:

Mon-2 Timothy 1:1-8; Gospel: Mark 3:22-30

Saints Timothy & Titus, Bishops

Tue-Hebrews 10:1-10; Gospel: Mark 3:31-35

Wed-Hebrews 10:11-18; Gospel: Mark 4:1-20

Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor

Thu-Hebrews 10:19-25; Gospel: Mark 4:21-25

Fri-Hebrews 10:32-39; Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

Sat-Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

Saint John Bosco, Priest

FROM FR. PETE:

A meditation on the Gospel of Life from Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI.

The Christian is someone who thinks and acts in everyday life according to God's will, someone who allows his or her life to be guided and nourished by the Holy Spirit, to be a full life, a life worthy of true sons and daughters. And this entails realism and fruitfulness. *Those who let themselves be led by the Holy Spirit are realists*; they know how to survey and assess reality. They are also fruitful; their lives bring new life to birth all around them.

God is the Living One, the Merciful One; Jesus brings us the life of God; the Holy Spirit gives and keeps us in our new life as true sons and daughters of God. But all too often, as we know from experience, people do not choose life, they do not accept the "Gospel of Life" but let themselves be led by ideologies and ways of thinking that block life, that do not respect life, because they are dictated by selfishness, self-interest, profit, power, and pleasure, and not by love, by concern for the good of others. *It is the eternal dream of wanting to build the city of man without God, without God's life and love – a new Tower of Babel. It is the idea that rejecting God, the message of Christ, the Gospel of Life, will somehow lead to freedom, to complete human fulfillment.* As a result, the Living God is replaced by fleeting human idols which offer the intoxication of a flash of freedom, but in the end bring new forms of slavery and death. The wisdom of the Psalmist says: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of

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the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes (Ps. 19:9). Let us always remember: the Lord is the Living One, He is merciful.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us look to God as the God of Life, let us look to His law, to the Gospel message, as the way to freedom and life. The Living God sets us free! Let us say "Yes" to love and not selfishness. Let us say "Yes" to life and not to death. Let us say "Yes" to freedom and not enslavement to the many idols of our time. In a word, let us say "Yes" to the God Who is love, life, and freedom, and Who never disappoints; let us say "Yes" to the God Who is the Living One and the Merciful One.

Time for registering for the Intergenerational BibleFest is coming to an end! This is a wonderful way to become familiar with the Bible and learn how to navigate through it. Hopefully it will encourage people to make the reading of Sacred Scripture a part of their Lenten discipline this year (Lent starts on Ash Wednesday, February 18). The first 25 families that register will receive a Catholic Family and Life Bible, a \$30.00 value.

The BibleFest will be held at the parish hall on Sunday, February 8, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The parish will provide a pizza lunch.

Many thanks to the Basque Choir. They sang for this Sunday's 10:00 a.m. Mass. There will be a conference of the Basque Club at the Carousel this Sunday at 1:00 p.m. All Basque people and others who are interested are invited to attend.

Something new to be added to every Mass. Bishop Etienne has requested that all parishioners offer a common prayer at the conclusion of each Mass. The focus is to pray

for vocations to the priesthood for our Diocese. We will begin when we have the prayers placed in the pew racks.

Many thanks to David Goehring. David has spear-headed the study on the Koran and how Islam perceives itself and other religions. He has done a marvelous job getting this study off the ground!

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Bishop Etienne has requested that all parishes offer a time of Adoration for one hour during the week to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood for our Diocese. This will be done in the main body of the Church. The difficulty is choosing a day and time. There will be no Benediction, simply quiet Adoration and then returning the Blessed Sacrament to the Tabernacle.

PLEASE NOTE...THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS "PRIVATE ADORATION." In the past people would complain that "their hour" was theirs and no one else should be there. The Church knows no such nonsense. Since this hour of Adoration will take place in the main body of the Church everyone has plenty of room to carve out their "private space."

Adoration will be held on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. beginning on Wednesday, February 4. I realize not everyone will like the day and time, but this is the best I can do with my schedule.

Many thanks to the folks in Kaycee. We now have a CCD program for our young children and there is nice group of adults who come for the Symbolon adult faith formation program. There is more discussion about finding the current owner of the property where the Church is to see if we could purchase the land, tear down the existing Church and put up a steel structure that will have a hall and a working bathroom. Exciting times!

The State Knights of Columbus are sponsoring their 5th annual GUN-A-WEEK RAFFLE. Tickets cost \$50.00 each. Drawing will begin when 1,500 tickets are sold. The winner is subject to ATF background check. You must be 18 years old or older to win. Every raffle ticket sold will be included in 52

separate drawings for the listed firearms which means you could win several guns with the same ticket. This means your raffle ticket costs only \$0.96 per drawing! Raffle winners will be notified weekly. The winner will have 60 days to claim his / her prize. Any unclaimed prizes become the property of the Knights of Columbus. Winners can pick up their prize at any Rocky Mountain Discount Sports store in Wyoming, or have the firearm shipped to a local FFL. Any freight charges, fees or miscellaneous expenses beyond the cost of the firearm will be assumed by the winner. We reserve the right to make substitutions depending on availability. An official ticket will be mailed to you upon receipt of your payment. Net proceeds go to St. Joseph's Society for Retired Priests.

A list of guns for raffle and an entrance form can be found on the table at the front entrance of the Church.

“Fr. Pete....Is it wrong to gamble?” Here is what the Catechism of the Catholic Church has to say in paragraph 2413: *“Games of chance (card games, etc.) or wagers are not in themselves contrary to justice. They become morally unacceptable when they deprive someone of what is necessary to provide for his needs and those of others. The passion of gambling risks becoming an enslavement. Unfair wagers and cheating at games constitute grave matter, unless the damage inflicted is so slight that the one who suffers it cannot reasonably consider it significant.”*

For those who know they have a problem with gambling, who have had a history of getting into financial trouble because of it, or jeopardize the financial security of their families the gambling is indeed sinful. They have a moral obligation to avoid it. For those who discipline themselves and have no difficulty staying within the limits they set, are not denying their families what they need and are fulfilling their obligations to the poor in their community, the gambling is not sinful.

MICHELLE GEIS, 217-2501, made Fr. Pete's “unique” hat if interested in acquiring one.

ONLY aluminum cans in the bin north of the hall, please! No tin, no clothes, no garbage....thank you.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER weekends in 2015 - Cheyenne, April 10-12; Casper, June 12-14; and Ucross, November 6-8. For more information, please contact Fr. Tom Ogg at 307-763-0782 or tomoggwy@yahoo.com

YOUTH GROUP will meet next Sunday, February 1 after the 10am Mass due to the Super Bowl game in the evening.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will have their monthly breakfast next Sunday, February 1. Come enjoy breakfast with your fellow parishioners and support the Knights!

LENT is approaching with the Knights' Fish Fry scheduled for Tuesday, Feb.17, Shrove Tuesday. The ladies will be called for their help with homemade pies. The Confirmandi will sign up to help serve this meal. Please plan to have your family come and support the efforts of the Knights as well as to begin Lenten activities.

CCW meeting and lunch is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 2 at 12:30pm at The Fix on Hart St. Planning the pie sale at the Fish Fry, the Sheridan Deanery Spring Meeting to be held at our parish on Wed., March 18, and other events. Please join us, ladies☺

NCCW Board meeting details from Mary Ann Cummins' trip to Washington, DC will be forthcoming next week. The many activities and the education for our women available from this group is great! The National Council of Catholic Women was started by the Bishops in 1920 to serve the Bishops as needed and to be the voice of Catholic women nation-wide.

PARISH COUNCIL meets Sunday, January 25 at 7pm in the rectory.

FINANCE COUNCIL meets Tuesday, Jan. 27 at 5pm in the rectory.