



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, February 8 – 11:30am BIBLEFEST
NO youth
7pm BEAST FEAST in
Sheridan at Holy Name Knights' hall
Tuesday, February 10 – 4pm Kaycee classes
7pm Islam class in HALL
Wednesday, February 11 – 6 & 10am, 7pm Job
classes
3:45pm & 7pm CCD
Thursday, February 12 – 6:30am Men of St. Joseph
Sunday, February 15 – 5pm Youth meeting
Tuesday, February 17 – KC Fish Fry,
Wednesday, February 18 – Ash Wednesday

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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 8, 2015

Altar Assistants:

SATURDAY, Feb. 14, 5:00pm

Lector: Dennis Lawrence

EM: Colleen Donahue

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, Feb. 15, 8:00am

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteers

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

SUNDAY, Feb. 15, 10:00am

Lector: Dianne Urruty

EM: Jean Urruty

Altar Servers: Wyatt, Eli, Cole Linden

Homebound Ministry, Friday, Feb. 13

Mary Ann Dahl

Collections for Week of February 1, 2015

St. John's \$ 4,768.50 YTD \$ 118,555.96

St. Mary's \$ YTD \$ 4,064.61

St. Hubert's \$ 170.00 YTD \$ 2,745.00

Poor contributions \$ 2,102.00

Mass Intentions for the Week:

Mon.	02.09	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	02.10	8:00 a.m.	+John Knebel
Wed.	02.11	8:00 a.m.	+John Knebel
Thu.	02.12	8:00 a.m.	+Russ Rux
Fri.	02.13	8:00 a.m.	+Rita Johnson
Sat.	02.14	5:00 p.m.	+Anna Margaret Johnson
Sun.	02.15	8:00 a.m.	+Anna Margaret Johnson
		10:00 a.m.	for the people
		2:00 p.m.	Kaycee: Fr. Pete's intention

Readings for the Week:

Mon-Genesis 1:1-19; Gospel: Mark 6:52-56

Tue-Genesis 1:20—2:4a; Gospel: Mark 7:1-13

Saint Scholastica, Virgin

Wed-Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-17; Gospel: Mark 7:14-23

Thu-Genesis 2:18-25; Gospel: Mark 7:24-30

Fri-Genesis 3:1-8; Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

Sat-Genesis 3:9-24; Gospel: Mark 8:1-10

Saints Cyril, Monk & Methodius, Bishop

FROM FR. PETE:

Welcome Amy Larsen! Amy has come from Cheyenne to lead this Sunday's *Intergenerational BibleFest*. Over 60 people signed up! The event will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Parish Hall. The parish will provide a pizza lunch. Have a great time! Please keep in mind that Amy's ministry and the opportunity to share this exciting program is due in large part to funds derived from the annual *Living and Giving in Christ Campaign*.

Great and Holy Lent begins on Ash

Wednesday, February 18. There will be two Masses with the distribution of ashes: 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. While we cannot admit non-Catholics to the Eucharist, any Christian is welcome to receive ashes. There will also be an Ecumenical Service with Catholics, Episcopalians and Evangelical Lutherans and their clergy. This will be a Liturgy of the Word with the distribution of ashes by the clergy of the three Churches. The Ecumenical Service will be held at our parish at 12:00 o'clock noon.

Please take time and read the valuable insert in this bulletin. Dr. Donna Adler, the Diocesan Legislative Liaison and Communication Director for our Diocese, has been doing a superb job in monitoring a wide variety of bills being presented to the State Legislature and has been able to give an excellent defense of the Church's position on a number of them. Dr. Adler is in an excellent position to articulately explain to the legislators the Church's moral positions. She is making every effort to offer material to help all of us be informed of new laws being proposed, such as the enclosed analysis of SF 0115, the "Discrimination" Bill.

FR. PETE (cont.)

“Surrender your Bible to the authorities or go to prison or die.” Unthinkable to most of us in this country, but in a number of Muslim and communist countries this is a reality believers are confronted with on a daily basis. Why? Because these countries fear the Bible. Again, why? Because the Bible is one of the most revolutionary documents in human history. From Genesis to Revelation we see God working with human beings, respecting their free will, calling them to be His people, reject false gods and worship Him alone. The Bible shows the compassion and mercy of God not to a select few but to all people. It tells us how He became one with us in the Person of His Son so all could become one with Him. The Bible reveals how God wishes to offer us eternal life with Him, the assurance of ultimate justice and therefore the need in this life to pursue justice by defending the poor, feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, showing compassion to the sick and comforting those in prison and that in doing those things we are serving Christ, whether we know it or not. This is dangerous, radical stuff that reveals the bankruptcy of merely human political ideologies or ideologies that hijack religion to assert its own agenda. Both succeed only in reducing the individual to little more than a cog in the wheel of the state. The Bible tells us that God wishes to elevate the individual into communion with Him.

We tend to take having a Bible for granted, so much so many (and I include the Protestants and Orthodox as well as the Catholics) do not even bother to read, study or pray with it.

This Lent, make the reading of Sacred Scripture a priority. You can start by using Scripture texts used at daily Mass. These are published in every Sunday bulletin.

Parish website closer to becoming a reality.

Thanks to the efforts of Vanessa Vogel and Mary Ann Cummins we are getting close to making this a reality. I have been impressed thus far with the layout and the options that will be available. Hopefully we will have this up and running in a few weeks.

On-line giving. We are looking at an on-line giving program that would allow one to use a variety of electronic means of making their contributions to the Church. One program in particular looks to be very easy and user friendly.

The icon of “He Who Loves the Innocent” was from Uncut Mountain Supply. This is an Orthodox Church outfit that makes reproductions of ancient and contemporary icons mounted on wood at incredibly reasonable prices. The icon you currently see in the Church was an XX Large. With shipping it cost \$139.00. (And no....the parish didn't buy it, I did with my own money). You can get the same icon in much smaller sizes at obviously lesser costs. If you are interested in purchasing this icon in a size you prefer or to see other beautiful icons rich in meaning go to the website www.uncutmountainsupply.com. Keep in mind that a handwritten icon (one painted by an iconographer) can cost thousands of dollars and take months to prepare. These are a fraction of the expense and are usually ready and shipped within one to two weeks.

An hour of Adoration is being held every Wednesday from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

There will be no music, no Benediction, no formal prayers, etc. Just quiet time in the Church before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament on the altar. Bishop Etienne asks us to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood for our Diocese. I was very pleased to see how many attended this past Wednesday.

Update on the Parish Emergency Assistance Fund.

For the month of December 2014 the parish distributed \$2,015.58 to those in need in Johnson County. For the month of January 2015 the parish distributed \$2,114.57. Money was spent on rent, medications, utilities, eye glasses, medical / dental care and car insurance. In one case money was spent to help someone stranded in town with a night's lodging.

It is the policy of this parish to never give cash. Checks are made to the vendors. At times a person's needs are so great that the

Family Crisis Center will cover the costs and ask area Churches to help. In such cases reimbursements are made to the Family Crisis Center.

Currently the Parish Emergency Assistance Fund has a balance of \$14,591.95.

While we wish to help all who come to us there are those who make poor decisions in managing their money and seek family members, friends or organizations to provide a quick solution to their difficulty without making any changes in their spending behavior. Often they are resistant to seek or accept help in managing their money. There are times when the more charitable course of action is to not help them and allow them to experience the consequences of their choices.

If at any time there are people interested in forming a committee to oversee disbursements from this Fund, please call me. I will gladly show you what I do, the documentation that is required and then hand the reins over to you.

AMERICAN LEGION BREAKFAST on Sunday, Feb. 8; every second Sunday of the month. 8:30-11:00am and \$6 fee.

THANK YOU to all of the parishioners who helped with Meals-On-Wheels during January! You are much appreciated!!

LEGACY PREGNANCY CENTER baby bottle fundraiser will begin next weekend with baby bottles available to take home and put your donation into before March 8th. This is one way you can give "alms" during Lent as well as promote life.

THE ANNUAL FISH FRY sponsored by the Knights of Columbus will be held on Tuesday (Shrove Tuesday), Feb. 17 from 4pm to 7pm in the parish hall. Tickets are available from Gene Baehler, 684-9632 or Jean Escoz, 684-5472. CCW ladies will have pie slices available for purchase, \$1 each. Confirmation youth will work alongside the Knights to gain "service hours".

SHERIDAN DEANERY SPRING CCW MEETING will be held in Buffalo at St. John's on Wednesday, March 18 beginning at 9am.

The main speaker will be Fr. Steven of the Fathers of Mercy. Registration fees will be around \$10 and ladies of the parish are encouraged to attend as well as to help out with this event. Our WCCW President, Angie Milatzo of Cheyenne, will be in attendance as well as her successor next September, President Appointee Nina Romero-Caron of Rock Springs.

THE BEAST FEAST will be held tonight, Sunday, Feb. 8 in Sheridan at Holy Name Knights' hall at 6pm. All are welcome to attend and bring a dish of wild meat or any other item.

NCCW (National Council of Catholic Women) Denver Province Director Mary Ann Cummins recently attended an NCCW Board meeting in Washington, DC. A Mass was held at the Saint John Paul II Center before the March for Life with many youth in attendance from Jacksonville, FL and the Virgin Islands on that particular day. A Mass the evening before the March was held at the Immaculate Conception Basilica. Board members attended the March for Life, although Mary Ann came back to work. New and exciting work by NCCW commission chairs include *We Are Called to Witness* piece available on the website, nccw.org, with many ideas for sharing our faith; the *Women Healing Wounds* document on domestic violence and abuse also available on the website. The biggest news is the reduction of debt incurred in the past due to poor management and leadership; a reduction of nearly \$500,000! NCCW is gaining new members and working for and representing the Catholic Women of the USA as well as the Bishops. The Bishops began NCCW in 1920. The NCCW Board also toured the USCCB (United States Council of Catholic Bishops) office, specifically the Office for Laity, Marriage & Family and Youth.

"OLD FASHIONED" a romantic-drama movie about real love hits *select* movie theaters for Valentine's Day, rated PG-13. Watch for it to come our way. "50 Shades of Grey" also will be in theaters; a film about abuse and violence.

FEB. 8 – International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking. Feast Day of St. Josephine Bakhita, kidnapped & trafficked. Later a nun. Visit www.usccb.org/stopslavery