



# 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

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 12:30pm

### St. Hubert Church, Kaycee

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 2:00pm

**Confessions** Saturday 11:00am  
Saturday after 5pm Mass  
By Appointment

## Religious Education / Meetings

Sunday, February 15 – 5pm Youth group  
Tuesday, February 17 – 4pm Kaycee classes  
4-7:30pm FISH FRY at  
Fairgrounds  
7pm Islam class in HALL  
Wednesday, February 18 – ASH WEDNESDAY  
6am Mass  
12 noon - ashes  
3:45pm CCD classes  
6pm Mass  
Thursday, February 19 – 6:30am Men of St. Joseph  
Friday, February 20 – 5pm Mass  
5:30pm Stations of the Cross

## 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](mailto: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

**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**FEBRUARY 15, 2015**

Altar Assisters:

**SATURDAY, Feb. 21, 5:00pm**

Lector: Janelle Gonzales

EM: Dennis Lawrence, Mary Smith

Altar Servers: Volunteers

**SUNDAY, Feb. 22, 8:00am**

Lector: Blaine Horn

EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: C Borgialli, S&A Thiele, A Seeman

**SUNDAY, Feb. 22, 10:00am**

Lector: Mary Ann Cummins

EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: A Snyder, A Belus, M Ihnat, T

Fieldgrove

**Homebound Ministry, Friday, Feb. 20**

Jim Fitzsimmons

**Collections for Week of February 8, 2015**

St. John's           \$ 3,260.10       YTD \$ 121,816.06

St. Mary's           \$ 336.00         YTD \$ 4,400.61

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

Poor contributions \$ 172.00

**Mass Intentions for the Week:**

Mon. 02.16 8:00 a.m. No Mass

Tue. 02.17 8:00 a.m. +Liz Belus

**Ash Wednesday, beginning of Great Lent**

02.18 7:00 a.m. +Rita Johnson

12:00 noon Interfaith service

6:00 p.m. +Rita Johnson

Thu. 02.19 8:00 a.m. +Rosann Miller

Fri. 02.20 8:00 a.m. +Chris Cummins

5:00 p.m. Fr. Pete's intention

5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

5:30 p.m. Confessions

Sat. 02.21 5:00 p.m. +Burley Johnson

Sun. 02.22 8:00 a.m. Mary Lou Wilson

10:00 a.m. for the people

12:30 p.m. Clearmont: Fr.

Pete's intention

**Readings for the Week:**

Mon-Genesis 4:1-15, 25; Gospel: Mark 8:11-13

Tue-Genesis 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Gospel: Mark 8:14-21

Wed-Joel 2:12-18; 2 Corinthians 5:20—6:2;

Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Thu-Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Gospel: Luke 9:22-25

Fri-Isaiah 58:1-9a; Gospel: Matthew 9:14-15

Sat—Isaiah 58:9b-14; Gospel: Luke 5:27-32

**FROM FR. PETE:**

**Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Great and Holy Lent for Catholics and many Protestants.**

It is a day of fast and abstaining from meat.

There will be two Masses with the distribution of ashes: one at 7:00 a.m. and one at 6:00 p.m. If you wish to help distribute ashes, please sign up on the Ministries Sign-up Sheet this weekend. Your help is much appreciated.

There will be an interfaith service with Pastor Alena of St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church and myself. Fr. Doug of St. Luke's Episcopal Church will not be able to attend. There will not be a celebration of the Eucharist. The service will be a Liturgy of the Word with the distribution of ashes.

Fridays of Lent Mass at 5pm followed by Stations of the Cross. Fr. Pete will hear confessions during Stations and every morning after daily Mass.

**Parish Hall.** As some of you know the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Knights of Columbus Fish Fry has been moved to the Fair Grounds. Why? There are concerns about the structural integrity of the Fellowship section of the Parish Hall. The CCD wing is not impacted. A parishioner and an engineer went through the hall with the goal of seeing what measures we can take to improve our facility. During this inspection it was noticed that there are support pillars in the basement in the Knights meeting room that are twisting. They could be fine for another ten years or could collapse today. Time and pressure, pressure and time always take a toll on buildings.

In the absence of not having assurance the Fellowship section of the Hall is structurally sound I made the decision to put the safety of people above other considerations and have canceled all uses of that section of the hall. Some think this is over-kill. I have the responsibility of reasonably ensuring the safety of parishioners and groups in the community who use the hall. Cancelling activities that use the Fellowship section of the hall is the most reasonable way of doing so. This includes social events, funeral dinners, meetings, bingo etc.

I have contacted Pillar Structural Engineering in Casper. A structural engineer will come this Monday to examine the site, make a formal report and formulate recommendations. This is a necessary step the Diocese will require before giving us permission to work on the

## **FR. PETE (cont.)**

facility. I will present the information to the Finance Council and Trustees as soon as the analysis arrives. We will look at getting bids, obtain the necessary permission from the Diocese, and then hire a firm to resolve the problem. How long will this process take? I have no idea at this time.

This may have one blessing. It can help us to appreciate what we do have, what previous generations have built for us and what so many of us and people in the community take for granted will be always be available to them. And it is a reminder that we need to invest money into the upkeep of our buildings.

This situation has occurred on my watch as pastor and I will work with the parish leadership to resolve it.

I wish to thank the Knights of Columbus for their understanding and moving their Fish Fry to the Fairgrounds. I ask the Knights to no longer use their basement meeting room and use the large classroom in the CCD wing. All other uses of the fellowship hall are suspended until the repairs are made. I regret the inconvenience this creates for those who are accustomed to using the Fellowship Hall.

Some may think this situation warrants demolishing the present plant and building a new facility. While that might be a worthwhile discussion I'm not sure the parish is willing to raise the millions of dollars necessary to do it. Even if there was a parish consensus to build a new facility, it would take years to raise the funds and during that time we shall need a functional Fellowship hall. So, the work must still be done regardless if we keep the plant or replace it.

At this time I have no idea what the cost will be. The Finance Council has been prudently saving since I came here and there are sufficient funds to cover the costs though it will certainly blow the parish budget for this fiscal year! I do not foresee asking the congregation for financial help.

The congregation will be kept informed of the progress being made.

**Parish Lenten Mission is coming!** A priest from the Fathers of Mercy will be here to preach at the Masses on March 21 and 22. The Mission will begin Sunday, March 22 at

7:00 p.m. and held each weeknight thru Thursday at 7:00 p.m. The Mission will end with a Mass on Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Please make every effort to attend. More details on the Mission will be made available shortly.

### **Confirmation students and their parents.**

There is a mandatory retreat planned with the Fathers of Mercy on Sunday, March 22, 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The parish will provide lunch. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend the retreat as well.

### **Those making their First Holy Communion or their Confirmation.**

If you were not baptized in this Church you must submit a baptismal certificate. We must have proof that you were baptized before admitting you to any of the other Sacraments. This is non-negotiable.

**Day Light Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 8.** Make sure to turn your clocks AHEAD one hour before going to bed on Saturday or you may be shocked when you come to Mass!

**Many thanks** to Mary Ann for helping to get things organized for the BibleFest and ordering the pizza. I have heard many good comments from those who attended. Perhaps we can do this again.

**LEGACY BABY BOTTLES** will be handed out this weekend at all Masses for your donations to the Legacy Pregnancy Center in Sheridan which served 105 clients last year, ages 14-38 years old. There were 91 new client cases (approximately 20% were considering abortion). Fifty (50) babies were born, 2 adoptions and 2 abortions happened. There were 500 client visits. The Earn While You Learn program, a pregnancy and parenting education curriculum in which parents can earn baby items had 40 clients participating. \$25,000 was raised through these baby bottles last year.

**LADIES**, bring your pies to the Fairgrounds on Tuesday, Feb. 17 for the annual Fish Fry which begins at 4pm. Bring to back of building.

## **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER –**

The second reading Paul says “do everything for the glory of God.” Does your marriage witness the glory of God? The next WWME weekends are April 17-19, 2015 in Cheyenne, WY; June 12-14, 2015 In Casper, WY; October 16-18, 2015 in Kalispell, MT and November 6-8, 2015 at Ucross, WY. Contact Tom and Mary Frances at 307-577-7456 or [tmmfburke@bresnan.net](mailto:tmmfburke@bresnan.net).

**SPRING DEANERY CCW MEETING** will be held Wednesday, March 18 beginning at 9am with registration starting at 8am. Speaker for the day will be the Father of Mercy who will conduct our retreat the following week, Fr. Stephens. Our WCCW President, Angie Milatzo, will be in attendance as well as the President Appointee, Nina Romero-Caron of Rock Springs, WY. More info on place and cost will be forthcoming.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** – please contact Gene Baehler for your assignments with the Fish Fry. Other male volunteers are welcome! Confirmation students will report to the Fairgrounds at 4pm to begin serving and “Confirmation basketball players” will be coming after their game to assist. CCW ladies should help out with the pie sale if they see a need and/or shortage of help.

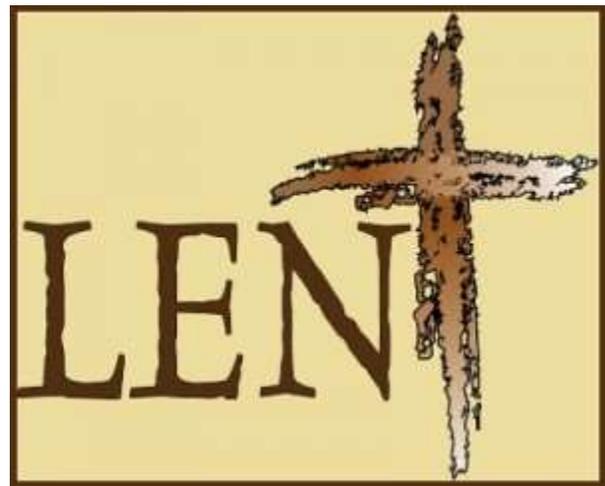
**CCD youth** will have class at 3:45pm on Ash Wednesday. The evening class has been cancelled due to the Fish Fry.

**YOUTH GROUP** will meet at 5pm on Sunday, February 15 in the classroom.

**BEGINNING EXPERIENCE OF WYOMING** is a weekend program that offers healing and renewal to divorced, widowed and separated men and women. It is a non-profit, faith-based comprehensive program offered to all persons, regardless of religious preference. A Beginning Experience weekend offers support and direction to help resolve grief or anger that can follow the end of a marriage by divorce, separation or death. The weekend can be a time for a real awakening, a re-evaluation, and a new beginning. Beginning experience is a positive experience of hope. You can

anticipate an intense reflective, possibly painful, but spiritually honest self-encounter. You will also find support, warm fellowship and community. The next Beginning experience weekend will be in Douglas and starts at 7pm on Friday evening, Feb. 27 and runs through Sunday around 4pm, March 1. The cost of the weekend is \$150, which includes sleeping arrangements, meals and materials. Scholarships are available. Registration deadline is Feb. 25, 2015. As these team members for more information...Curtis at 307-333-4450 (cell 307-240-1232); Rick at 307-265-3201; Diane at 307-234-7214 or Pauletta at 307-267-6375.

**PARENTS & SPONSORS** seeking First Communion and Confirmation gifts – go to [CatholicCompany.com](http://CatholicCompany.com) to find great items or come by the rectory to see Mary Ann and check out the Gerken's' catalog (from Denver) to order gifts. First Communion is May 3, 2015 and Confirmation is May 13, 2015. Don't wait until the last minute!



What will you do differently for Lent to deepen your relationship with Jesus? Will you give something up and donate that money you would have spent to a cause helping others? Will you add something spiritual to your days? Will you do the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy – feeding the hungry, visiting the sick, clothing the naked, giving drink to the thirsty, visiting the imprisoned, sheltering the homeless, burying the dead (corporal); admonish the sinner, instruct the ignorant, counsel the doubtful, comfort the sorrowful, forgive all injuries, pray for the living and the dead, bear wrongs patiently (spiritual)?