



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, April 12 – Divine Mercy Sunday
Monday, April 13 – 12:30pm CCW meeting at the Wool Mill; bring a sack lunch
Tuesday, April 14 – 4pm Kaycee classes
Wednesday, April 15 – 6 & 10am, 7pm Job classes
3:45pm & 7pm CCD
5:00 pm Adoration
Thursday, April 16 – 6:30am Men of St. Joseph
Gene Gagliano's book signing
Sunday, April 19 – 5:30pm Benefit for Cooper Schroefel; parish assisting

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

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

APRIL 12, 2015

Altar Assistants:

SATURDAY, April 18, 8:00pm

Lector: Janelle Gonzales

EM: Dennis Lawrence

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, April 19, 8:00am

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteers

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

SUNDAY, April 19, 10:00am

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Mary Ann Cummins

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

Fieldgrove

Homebound Ministry, Friday, April 17

Kathy Smith

Collections for Week of April 5, 2015

St. John's	\$ 12,458.50	YTD \$	148,910.47
St. Mary's	\$ 20.00	YTD \$	5,323.61
St. Hubert's	\$ 325.00	YTD \$	3,275.00
Poor contributions	\$ 366.00		

Mass Intentions for the Week:

Mon.	04.13	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	04.14	8:00 a.m.	Fr. Pete's intention
Wed.	04.15	8:00 a.m.	Ladies of the Parish
		5:00 p.m.	Adoration
Thu.	04.16	8:00 a.m.	Fr. Pete's intention
Fri.	04.17	8:00 a.m.	Fr. Pete's intention
Sat.	04.18	5:00 p.m.	Fr. Pete's intention
Sun.	04.19	8:00 a.m.	Fr. Pete's intention
		10:00 a.m.	for the parishes
		2:00 p.m.	Kaycee: Fr. Pete's intention

Readings for the Week:

Mon-Acts of the Apostles 4:23-31; Gospel: John 3:1-8
Tue-Acts of the Apostles 4:32-37; Gospel: John 3:7b-15
Wed-Acts of the Apostles 5:17-26; Gospel: John 3:16-21
Thu-Acts of the Apostles 5:27-33; Gospel: John 3:31-36
Fri-Acts of the Apostles 5:34-42; Gospel: John 6:1-15
Sat-Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7; Gospel: John 6:16-21

FROM FR. PETE:

The Gospel call to give. In his exhortation The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis uses the word "joy" 110 times. He tells us: *"There are Christians whose lives seem like Lent without Easter. I realize of course that joy is not expressed in the same way at all times in life, especially at moments of great difficulty. Joy adapts and changes, but it always endures, even as a flicker of light born of our personal certainty that, when everything is said and done, we are infinitely loved."* (Evangelii Gaudium, Paragraph 16). The joy that fills us is the earthly manifestation of God's love and grace, originating in God's infinite love for us, and the joy that is ours today is the result of giving our entire will to Him. A message from the Diocese of Cheyenne Office of Stewardship and Development.

The following are the parish goals for the upcoming *Living and Giving in Christ* campaign sent from the Office of Stewardship and Development on April 8. St. John's goal is \$51,265.00, up by \$513.00. St. Mary's (Clearmont) goal is \$1,514.00, down by \$39.00. St. Hubert's (Kaycee) goal is \$772.00, up by \$141.00. The diocese computes the goal according to parish income.

Please come to the Cooper Schroefel Benefit on Sunday, April 19, 5:30 p.m. at the Bomber Mountain Civic Center. Cooper and his family are members of this parish and have been going through some very trying times with Cooper's illness. There will be a spaghetti feed (free will donation) followed by a silent and live auction. There will also be a gun raffle. Many thanks to Allison Mader, Shirley Bauer and Kris Thiele for organizing this!

FR. PETE (cont.)

Book Signing! Gene Gagliano, one of our parishioners, has published a wonderful book entitled Angel's Landing. There will be a book signing at the Johnson County Library on April 16, 2015 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. All are invited to come! And congratulations to Gene! Well done!

Christian business owners becoming an endangered species? We live in a culture that takes for granted that it has the right not only to call good evil and evil good, but insists that for the public good it must impose that mindset on people of religious faith. These people are intolerant of anything or anyone who contradicts them.

Thus far we have seen a baker in Colorado, a pizzeria owner in Indiana and a florist in Washington State quietly running successful businesses in their communities serving all kinds of people including a gay clientele. Problems began when each drew the line at providing their products for gay weddings, citing their religious objection to gay marriage and being compelled to publically support what they cannot do in good conscience. State governments, however, have made it clear that those business owners must meet the needs of gay couples regardless of their religious principles or pay the price.

Take the case of Mr. Jack Philips. He is the owner of Masterpiece Cakeshops in Lakewood, Colorado. He refused to make a wedding cake for a gay couple citing his religious beliefs. He was reported to the Colorado Civil Rights Commission which found him guilty of discrimination and ordered him to undergo anti-discrimination training and to make quarterly reports on the progress he is making to reorganize his business. Oh.....but never underestimate the tenacity of the average American citizen with an innate sense of justice. Mr. Bill Jack of Colorado went to several bakeries asking them to make a cake in the shape of an open Bible, using Scripture quotes that homosexual behavior is immoral.

Three bakeries refused stating that they thought this was hateful speech and to make such a cake violated their conscience. Remember, we're talking Bible verses. Mr. Jack took the three bakers to the Colorado Civil Rights Commission. And the finding of the Commission? Those bakeries had the right to deny Mr. Jack! Does the word "hypocrisy" come into mind? And....get ready for the kicker..... Mr. Jack fully agreed with the Commission! Yes, Mr. Jack said, those bakeries, had every right to deny his request, just as much as Mr. Phillips had the right to deny the gay couple a wedding cake from his store. Good for Mr. Jack!

"Fr. Pete.....Are there churches that allow gay marriage?" Yes. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) will permit same sex marriages as of June 1 this year.

Other Churches that have permitted same sex marriage are: the Society of Friends (more commonly known as the "Quakers"), the Unitarian Universalists, the United Church of Christ and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (If my information is correct, at the present time each pastor in the ELCA is given the option of deciding whether or not to perform a gay wedding). The Episcopal Church does not yet endorse gay marriage but does permit its clergy to "bless" a gay couple's relationship.

These Churches have chosen to re-interpret Scripture and Tradition thereby allowing an illusion to become a reality: that the union of two people of the same sex is the moral equivalent of the marriage of a man and a woman. In essence they are doing what so many in our culture do: turn their backs on objective moral truth thinking this will bring a minority of people happiness. (According to the Center for Disease Control about 1.6% of the population is homosexual). The truth that male and female are complimentary to each other, the truth that each fulfills the other and the truth that each, health and age allowing, is open to the transmission of life has been abandoned for the "feeling" that the relationship of two people of the same sex who love each other constitutes the grounds for a marriage.

One would think this radical departure from truth to accommodate feelings would swell the ranks of these Churches. It hasn't. It has created divisions within them. Some have left these Churches to form their own or have joined other Churches. As St. John Paul II was so fond of saying, "Human beings are designed for truth." It is an aspect of our nature that we can never run away from for very long. In general the memberships of these Churches are in serious decline. The more a Church breaks away from its moorings in Scripture and Tradition to align itself with the values of the culture, the more it loses relevance. I have known very brave pastors who, refusing to accept the political correctness and tortuous rationalizations of their Church's leadership, put their vocations and the financial security of their families on the line and have resigned their positions rather than cooperate with error.

We can no longer ignore the reality that we live in a society where truth is suspect. Truth is a "threat." Truth is "mean spirited." Truth is an "excuse for discrimination." Truth is "hurtful." Feelings now reign supreme and all feelings must be accepted, embraced, pandered to and given legal protection. This means that people of traditional Christian faith who wish to anchor their lives in truth will be responded to with increasing hostility, especially Catholics, Orthodox and Evangelical Protestants. Why? We will not give in on the hot button issues of the culture: abortion, euthanasia for the elderly and terminally ill and gay marriage.

We are seeing a significant rise in Catholic bashing in the entertainment media. It will get worse and no doubt stoke the flames of irrational hatred in some. Christians here aren't being shot in the streets or having their Churches burned to the ground as in other parts of the world, not yet at least. But it will come. Violence against Christians is inevitable. It is the logical conclusion of a society that has chosen to abandon truth.

EASTER FLOWERS from George/Chris Schafer in memory of the Schafer & Brooks families.

ADORATION every Wednesday at 5pm until 6pm in the church.

ALUMINUM CANS ONLY in the re-cycle cart by the dumpster, please!!!

CCW MEETING on Monday, April 13 at 12:30pm at the Wool Mill. Please bring your sack lunch and join in the planning for Cooper Schroefel's benefit, Mary's Daughters Banquet in May, new officers, and WCCW Convention in Cheyenne in September!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING on Tuesday, April 14 at 7:30pm in the parish hall classroom.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP applications found on the table in the church entrance. Deadline is May 12, 2015.

TWELVE CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES will receive the sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at 6pm. They are: Kenli Mae Bauer, Austyn James Carder, Ashlynn Marie Fennema (Clearmont), Elisa Marie Fieldgrove, Lukas Paul Glassock, Anthony Jacob Graves (Clearmont), Marie Ann Ihnat, Maddi Elizabeth Johnson, Benjamin Lawrence Kukowski (Kaycee), Eli Matthew Linden (Sheridan), Hunter Kraen Peterson and Aaron Louis Thiele. Bishop Etienne will be here to confer the sacrament upon these young people. A reception will follow in the parish hall.

FIRST CONFESSION & FIRST COMMUNION is approaching for our second grade CCD students on Saturday, May 2 and Sunday, May 3, 2015.

HELP WANTED – Part or Full time. Sumer position in Buffalo. Yard clean up, raking, mowing and edging. Please phone 307-262-1119 or 307-258-1114.

