



# 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

Wednesday, May 20 – 5-6pm Adoration

Thursday, May 21 – 6:30am Men of St. Joseph  
*KC Meals-on-Wheels – Volunteer*

Sunday, May 24 – 10am Graduation Mass

## Parish Staff

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

**ASCENSION SUNDAY**

**MAY 17, 2015**

Altar Assistants:

**SATURDAY, May 23, 5:00pm**

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Colleen Donahue

Altar Servers: Volunteers

**SUNDAY, May 24, 8:00am**

Lector: Sarah Sandman

EM: Tim Sandman

Altar Servers: Volunteers

**SUNDAY, May 24, 10:00am**

Lector: Jude Mikal

EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Volunteers

**Homebound Ministry, Friday, May 22**

Jean Vignaroli

**Collections for Week of May 10, 2015**

St. John's	\$ 4,376.53	YTD \$ 167,704.38
St. Mary's	\$ 330.00	YTD \$ 5,939.61
St. Hubert's	\$	YTD \$ 3,565.00
Poor contributions	\$ 18.00	

**Mass Intentions for the Week:**

Mon.	05.18	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	05.19	8:00 a.m.	+Jeanette Maxwell
Wed.	05.20	8:00 a.m.	+John Esponda
Thu.	05.21	8:00 a.m.	+Whitey Maxwell
Fri.	05.22	8:00 a.m.	+Dominica Esponda
Sat	05.23	5:00 p.m.	+Russell Maxwell
Sun.	05.24	8:00 a.m.	Holy Souls
		10:00 a.m.	for the parishes
		12:30 p.m.	Clearmont: Fr. Pete's intention

**Readings for the Week:**

Mon-Acts of the Apostles 19:1-8; Gospel: John 16:29-33  
 Tue-Acts of the Apostles 20:17-27; Gospel: John 17:1-11a  
 Wed-Acts of the Apostles 20:28-38; Gospel: John 17:11b-19  
 Thu-Acts of the Apostles 22:30; 23:6-11; Gospel: John 17:20-26  
 Fri-Acts of the Apostles 25:13b-21; Gospel: John 21:15-19  
 Sat-Acts of the Apostles 28:16-20, 30-31; Gospel: John 21:20-25

**FROM FR. PETE:**

**A reflection on the Ascension from St. Augustine, fourth century bishop of Hippo, modern day Libya.** Today our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven; let our hearts ascend with Him. Listen to the words of the Apostle: *If you have risen with Christ, set your hearts on the things that are above where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God; seek the things that are above, not the things that are on earth.* For just as He remained with us even after His ascension, so we too are already in heaven with Him, even though what is promised us has not yet been fulfilled in our bodies.

Christ is now exalted above the heavens, but He still suffers on earth all the pain that we, the members of His body, have to bear. He showed this when He cried out from above: *Saul, Saul, why do you persecute Me?* and when He said: *I was hungry and you gave Me no food.*

Why do we on earth not strive to find rest with Him in heaven even now, through the faith, hope and love that unites us to Him? While in heaven He is also with us; and we while on earth are with Him. He is here with us by His divinity, His power and His love. We cannot be in heaven, as He is on earth, by divinity, but in Him, we can be there by love.

He did not leave heaven when He came down to us; nor did He withdraw from us when He went up again into heaven. The fact that He was in heaven even while He was on earth is borne out by His own statement: *No one has ever ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man,*

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

*Who is in heaven.*

These words are explained by our oneness with Christ, for He is our head and we are His body. No one ascended into heaven except Christ because we also are Christ; He is the Son of Man by His union with us, and we by our union with Him are sons of God. So the Apostle says: *Just as the human body, which has many members, is a unity, because all the different members make one body, so is it also with Christ.* He too has many members, but one body.

Out of compassion for us He descended from heaven, and although He ascended alone, we also ascend, because we are in Him by grace. Thus, no one but Christ descended and no one but Christ ascended; not because there is no distinction between the head and the body, but because the body as a unity cannot be separated from the head.

**Parish Council Members.** We will have our monthly meeting on Sunday, May 24, 7:00 p.m. at the rectory. We normally have our meeting on the last Sunday of each month but this would conflict with Fr. Pete leaving for the annual clergy retreat.

**Finance Council Members and Trustees.** We will meet on Tuesday, May 26, 5:00 p.m. at the rectory. We have a two critical issues that need to be discussed and resolved.

**Many thanks to Carlene and Danny Cosner.** They did a wonderful job sprucing up the bulletin boards at the front entrance of the Church. The plan is completely change them this summer.

**Many thanks to Don Sullivan.** He trimmed the junipers in front of the rectory and cut away the spruce tree branches that were hitting people as they walked on the side walk in front of the Church.

**Sprucing up of the front railings.** Dave Osmundsen worked on the front railings removing rust and applying a layer of linseed oil to make them shine. This should last for a year. The railings will develop a patina over the years.

**Many thanks to Rosalie Ibarra!** Rosita made a wonderful dinner for the Bishop, priests and deacons of the Sheridan Deanery. She graciously entertained the clergy in her home. I know the Bishop was very appreciative.

**Many thanks to Mike Scarlett and Dan Thiele.** They did a wonderful job preparing those who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday.

**Many thanks to the choir for offering their services for the Confirmation Mass.** The choir will disband for the summer months. Thank you for all you do! Enjoy the break.

**The parish website is up and running thanks to the hard work of Vanessa Vogel.** She created the website and it is quite remarkable. There may be some glitches at first, but everything should be ironed out in the next month or so. In the meantime enjoy the website and explore the many options and links that it provides. It even offers an opportunity for on-line giving for those who prefer that avenue.

**Altar Servers.** Thank you so much for your service at the altar. You have the summer months off. A schedule for September will be sent to you in August.

A training session for new servers will also be held in September. All boys who have received Holy Communion are welcome to serve at the altar.

**Training for new Lectors** will be on Thursday, June 11, 7:00 p.m. at the Church. This ministry of proclaiming God's Word is open to

our teenagers especially those who have received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**Training for new Eucharistic Ministers** on Thursday, June 18, 7:00 p.m. at the Church.

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND** – Today is Ascension Sunday and we are reminded that Jesus is on his throne. Do we allow him to reign over our lives? Do we reflect this in our marriage relationship? Allow Jesus to be Lord of your marriage relationship. The next WWME Weekends are June 12-14 in Casper, WY; October 16-18 in Kalispell, MT; and November 6-8 at Ucross, WY. Contact Tom and Mary Frances at 307-577-7456 or [tommfburke@gmail.com](mailto:tommfburke@gmail.com)

**RIGHT TO LIFE OF LARAMIE COUNTY** committee would like to continue to display Pro-Life billboard messages across the great state of Wyoming. If you are able to help by donating space (4' x 8' sign) on your land, Right to Life will provide the billboard, post, labor and message. There would be no cost incurred by you. If you could help in this way, please contact Lisa @ 307-778-8626.



Congrats to all of our graduates this month – grade school, high school, college and post-college, vocational school grads!