



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

Thursday, July 16 – 6:30am Men of St. Joseph
KC Meals-on-Wheels – Cummins
Monday, July 27 – Johnson County Fair begins
Saturday, August 1 – Fair parade
Monday, August 3 – 12:30pm CCW meeting
Saturday, August 15 – Basque Mass & dinner at
Folded Hills

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

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

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 19, 2015

Altar Assistants:

SATURDAY, July 25, 5:00pm

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Dennis Lawrence, Julie Seeman

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, July 26, 8:00am

Lector: Volunteers

EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Rick Andersen

SUNDAY, July 26, 10:00am

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Mary Ann Cummins

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Homebound Ministry, Friday, July 24

Jean Vignaroli

Collections for Week of July 12, 2015

St. John's	\$ 4,840.55	YTD \$	9,928.00
St. Mary's	\$ 127.00	YTD \$	127.00
St. Hubert's	\$	YTD \$	135.00
Poor contributions	\$ 76.00		
Online Donations	\$	YTD \$	589.95

Mass intentions for the next week:

Mon.	07.21	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	07.22	8:00 a.m.	+Charles Marton
Wed.	07.23	8:00 a.m.	+Charles Marton
		5:00 p.m.	Adoration
Thu.	07.24	8:00 a.m.	+Mike Lanker
Fri.	07.25	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Sat.	07.26	5:00 p.m.	+Belus Family
Sun.	07.27	8:00 a.m.	+Doris Anderson
		10:00 a.m.	for the parishes
		12:30 p.m.	Clearmont: +Barb Culver

Readings for the Week:

Mon-Exodus 14:5-18; Gospel: Matthew 12:38-42

Tue-Exodus 14:21—15:1; Gospel: Matthew 12:46-50

Wed-Exodus 16:1-5, 9-15; Gospel: John 20:1-2, 11-18

Saint Mary Magdalene

Thu-Exodus 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Gospel: Matthew 13:10-17

Fri-Exodus 20:1-17; Gospel: Matthew 13:18-23

Sat- 2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Gospel: Matthew 20:20-28

Saint James, Apostle

FROM FR. PETE:

Welcome to our visitors. The summer days are drawing to a close, faster and faster! We hope you have enjoyed your time in Buffalo and that you will consider coming back some time. If you are here for the Sunday morning Masses we offer coffee, donuts and some time for fellowship before you hit the road. May God grant you safe travels.

Summer is almost over! On Thursday morning I was sitting on the front porch having a cup of coffee before our men's prayer group started. It was a bit chilly and then I noticed that I could see my breath! And in July! Yes...summer is drawing to a close and rapidly. I suspect the trees will start changing soon and with all the moisture we have been blessed with I'm hoping the colors will be spectacular.

Adult Faith Formation Classes being offered. At this point the following classes shall be offered. Days and times have yet to be fully worked out. We hope to have all the details finalized by the middle of August when we will post sign-up / registration sheets.

Bible Study: the Gospel of John, 21 sessions (September to early February, 2016). We will be using the Ignatius Catholic Bible Study text. Cost: \$13.00 for the book.

Bible Study: the Letter to the Hebrews, 13 sessions (February 2016 to May 2016). We will be using the Ignatius Catholic Bible Study text. Cost: \$13.00 for the book.

Book Study: "Forming Intentional Disciples; the Path to Knowing and Following Jesus." The book offers wonderful insight into the challenges presented to the Catholic Church in our nation. *The focus, however, is on how to transform a parish.* Participants will be required to purchase the book at \$16.00, which the parish can arrange to get in bulk. The parish will pay for the workbook (\$3.00) for each participant.

"Symbolon": 20 sessions. Produced by the St. Augustine Institute, this is an excellent video presentation with opportunity for group discussion on the basics of our Faith. This is ideal for those who wish to have their basic understandings of the Faith refreshed and re-energized. It is also appropriate for those who are either curious about what the Church teaches or considering joining the Church.

Religious Liberty in America. This course is offered through the Wyoming Catholic College (WCC). It will be either live-streamed or in a DVD format. The course description provided by WCC states that

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"It is an in-depth look into the history of religious liberty and how it shaped the founding and history of the American Republic. There are six sessions: (1) Introduction: Religion, the State and the Bible, (2) A Pinch of Incense: the Roman Empire and the Early Christians, (3) Broken Uniformity: the Middle Ages, Christendom and the Reformation, (4) Early Experiment: Rhode Island, Maryland and Pennsylvania, (5) Religion and the Founding Fathers: Understanding Jefferson and Madison through Carroll, (6) We the People: Government, Guarantees and Politics as Usual. Presenters are Dr. Kevin Roberts, President of WCC and professor of American history; and Dr. James Tonkowich, a theologian and author of "The Liberty Threat: the Attack on Religious Liberty in American Today."

"Catholicism." 10 sessions. This is an excellent overview of the richness of Catholic theology. Produced by Fr. Frank Barron it uses culture, art, scripture and 2,000 years of theological reflection to show the beauty and power of our Faith that all people are called to participate in. The course includes a free workbook for participants. This will take place in Kaycee.

From a sermon on charity by St. Basil the Great, bishop. St. Basil was born in Caesarea, in the region of Cappadocia, what is now the eastern part of Turkey. He was educated in Athens and secured employment as a teacher of rhetoric in Caesarea. Shortly after, he experienced a desire to live a solitary life. He stayed in various monasteries in Egypt, Palestine, and Syria and became the founder of Greek monasticism. He became the Bishop of Caesarea at a time when the Arian heresy that Jesus was not divine but only human was growing. Through dedicated pastoral zeal and preaching he was able to show the folly of such thinking and preserved orthodoxy. Exhausted, he died in 387.

Man should be like the earth and bear fruit; he should not let inanimate matter appear to surpass him. The earth bears crops for your benefit, not for its own, but when you give to the poor, you are bearing fruit which you will gather in for yourself, since the reward for good deeds goes to those who perform them. Give to a hungry man, and what you give becomes yours, and indeed it returns to you with interest. As the sower profits

from wheat that falls onto the ground, so will you profit greatly in the world to come from the bread that you place before a hungry man. Your husbandry must be the sowing of heavenly seed: Sow integrity for yourselves, says Scripture.

You are going to leave your money behind you here whether you wish to or not. On the other hand, you will take with you to the Lord the honor that you have won through good works. In the presence of the universal judge, all the people will surround you, acclaim you as a public benefactor, and tell of your generosity and kindness.

Do you not see how people throw away their wealth on theatrical performances, boxing contests, mimes and fights between men and wild beasts, which are sickening to see, and all for the sake of fleeting honor and popular applause? If you are miserly with your money, how can you expect any similar honor? Your reward for the right use of the things of this world will be everlasting glory, a crown of righteousness, and the kingdom of heaven; God will welcome you, the angels will praise you, all men who have existed since the world began will call you blessed. Do you care nothing for these things, and spurn the hopes that lie in the future for the sake of your present enjoyment? Come, distribute your wealth freely, give generously to those who are in need. Earn for yourself the psalmist's praise: He gave freely to the poor; his righteousness will endure forever.

How grateful you should be to your own benefactor; how you should beam with joy at the honor of having other people come to your door, instead of being obliged to go to theirs! But you are now ill-humored and unapproachable; you avoid meeting people, in case you might be forced to loosen your purse-strings even a little. You can say only one thing: "I have nothing to give you. I am only a poor man." A poor man you certainly are, and

destitute of real riches; you are poor in love, generosity, faith in God and hope of eternal happiness.

The ministry of serving at the altar is being expanded to adult males. As Rick Anderson pointed out at last Sunday Masses the parish wishes to open the ministry of serving at the altar to adult males. The ancient Church never allowed boys to serve. It was considered an adult male responsibility, and still is in cathedral parishes, at the Vatican, in the Eastern Churches in communion with the Church of Rome and in the Orthodox Churches. While I am very proud of the young boys and young men who serve with reverence, and look forward to training a new group this coming September, I would like to expand this ministry to the adult guys as well.

If you are interested in serving, please call me, Fr. Pete, at 307-684-7268 or email me at frpete@bresnan.net.

Seems Eucharistic Ministers are rarer than hens' teeth these summer weekends. I have asked people to sign up. I have begged and pleaded to no avail. Not knowing what else to do I am cancelling Ministers of the Precious Blood until September when people will know what their weekend schedules will be and sign up.

Thanks to the Men of St. Joseph! Despite the summer months many of the guys are attending our Thursday morning prayer and discussion meetings. All men in the parish, Catholic or non-Catholic, are welcome to come. It is understood that with job and family obligations guys can't make every Thursday. The parish provides each member with a monthly edition of the Magnificat that contains the Scripture readings for each day of the month and additional spiritual reading material. We meet every Thursday morning from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. And yes....coffee is definitely ready for you when you come!

"Fr. Pete....Every year we have lots of turkey vultures that roost in a spruce tree behind the Church but not this year. What happened?" Great Horned owls, I suspect.

We had a breeding pair that started hanging around the parish since last October. They nested in a spruce tree and successfully raised two owlets. It was a treat to see them "branching", coming away from their nest and moving out on the branch as they flexed their talon muscles for exercise. Then they started to fledge, taking short and rather clumsy flights and landings. One of them flew into

mom a couple of times when trying to land next to her. In the early morning hours they roosted on the spine of the Church or on one the dormer windows with mom and dad roosting on the front entrance cross, keeping an eye on them. In the very early morning hours I would occasionally see the youngsters flying low over the lawns, honing their hunting and flying skills. They have been hanging around the Church until about two weeks ago. Now they and their parents are gone.

Great Horned owlets require up to 15 mice each per day! Mom and dad were pretty busy feeding their hungry brood. That probably explains why I noticed an absence of mice, squirrels, rabbits, cats, pigeons, robins, and crows all of which are on the Great Horned owl's diet. Great horned owls are known to take small dogs, Canadian geese as well as turkey vultures (hence the absence of our annual guests who wisely chose to roost elsewhere). I hoped the owls would have stayed around for the summer so they could reduce the number of bats that hang around the Church at night.

Perhaps they will return in the fall.

"Fr. Pete....How old is the pipe organ? Are there any plans to replace it?" I remember seeing records about the purchase and installation of the organ. If I remember correctly it was installed in the sixties.

Since becoming pastor I have made sure the organ was serviced twice a year so the pipes are properly tuned and adjusted for the change in seasonal temperatures. (We have to keep the Church at a steady temperature during both seasons or the pipes will be adversely affected). The technicians also check for any difficulties before they become major and costly issues. The tuning is expensive, currently \$750.00 per year.

If, during my watch, the pipe organ requires expensive repair work or needs to be replaced I have no intention of spending the kind of money repairs will need or a couple hundred thousand dollars to replace it. Very few people today are studying the demanding intricacies of playing a pipe organ. As wonderful an instrument as it is, it is not practical for small parishes. Let us hope that the current policy of proper maintenance will extend its working life for as long as possible.

WANTED: Volunteers for Meals-on-Wheels in August each Monday, Wednesday and Friday – 4 routes each day!

CHAIRS/DESKS Free in large classroom in hall!