



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 30 – 6:30am Men of St. Joseph
KC Meals-on-Wheels – Mike Scarlett
Saturday, August 1 – 10am Fair parade
Monday, August 3 – 12:30pm CCW meeting; City Park by swimming pool
Saturday, August 15 – 5pm 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

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 26, 2015

Altar Assistants:

SATURDAY, August 1, 5:00pm

Lector: Dennis Lawrence

EM: Mary Smith, Phil/Janelle Gonzales

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, August 2, 8:00am

Lector: Volunteers

EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Rick Andersen

SUNDAY, August 2, 10:00am

Lector: Mary Ann Cummins

EM: Volunteer

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Homebound Ministry, Friday, July 31

Jean Vignaroli

Collections for Week of July 19, 2015

St. John's	\$ 3,683.55	YTD \$	13,611.55
St. Mary's	\$ 20.00	YTD \$	147.00
St. Hubert's	\$ 190.00	YTD \$	325.00
Poor contributions	\$ 95.00		
Online Donations	\$	YTD \$	879.15

Mass intentions for the next week:

Mon.	07.28	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	07.29	8:00 a.m.	+Fr. Joseph Camino
Wed.	07.30	8:00 a.m.	+Fr. Joseph Camino
Thu.	07.31	8:00 a.m.	+Fr. Joseph Camino
Fri.	08.02	8:00 a.m.	+Mike Lanker
Sat.	08.03	5:00 p.m.	+Mike Lanker
Sun.	08.04	8:00 a.m.	+Mike Lanker
		10:00 a.m.	for the parishes
		2:00 p.m.	Kaycee: Fr. Pete's intention

Readings for the Week:

Mon-Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34; Gospel; Matthew 13:31-35

Tue-Exodus 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Gospel: Matthew 13:36-43

Wed-Exodus 34:29-35; Gospel: John 11:19-27

Saint Martha

Thu-Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38; Gospel: Matthew 13:47-53

Fri-Leviticus 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 34b-37; Gospel: Matthew 13:54-58 *Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest*

Sat-Leviticus 25:1, 8-17; Gospel: Matthew 14:1-12

Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor

FROM FR. PETE:

Time for some to move on..... Colleen

Donahue, Toni Cervenka, Terri Flanders and Greg Pasek are moving away from Buffalo. They will be missed not only by our parishioners but by many in the community. May God grant them happiness in their new homes.

A potentially great resource for your ongoing growth in the Faith. There is a wonderful website you should check out, www.mycatholicfaithdelivered.com. It was created by a married couple as a response to the need for people to have access to solid, orthodox information on what the Church teaches but do not have the time to regularly attend classes. They developed the software that is easily adapted by parishes and dioceses. It has an advisory board of five bishops to ensure doctrinal orthodoxy as well as Fr. Joseph Fessio, S.J. the founder of Ignatius Press. Check it out. Perhaps there is topic of study that a group of people in our parish would like to study and can get together using this website.

Young Adult Ministry to kick off soon!

For quite some time I have wanted to develop a ministry dedicated to the growing number of young adults most of whom are married, married and starting their families and those who are divorced. There is a couple with whom I have been visiting who wish to volunteer for this ministry. We hope to have this up and running by September. While there may be some catechetical aspect it will also be a time for socializing. Money has been budgeted for this ministry.

Like to sing? You are needed in the choir! A small parish like ours does not normally have a choir, a point that Bishop Etienne has made to me twice thus far and who was very impressed that we have one. Like all ministries, the choir relies on people willing to give their time and talent to help the congregation praise God.

This ministry is open to anyone who likes to sing and is willing to accept direction from the

FR. PETE (cont.)

choir director, Mary Finney, a professional voice trainer. Unlike choir directors I've met in the past, Mary is much more laid back and yet produces a fine vocal ensemble. She makes being in the choir fun.

This ministry is open to non-Catholics who regularly come to Mass and want to offer the gift of their voices to the worship of our God.

If you are interested in joining the choir, please call Mary Finney at 307-278-0137.

Like to teach? Our CCD program can always use extra teachers, especially as substitutes. The ideal is to have two teachers for each grade.

If you are thinking that you don't know the Faith well enough to teach, don't worry. There is no better way of learning than by teaching!

If you are interested in teaching and would like to learn more about the CCD program, please call the Director of Religious Education, Carol Gagliano at 307-684-5751.

Like to work with youth? We can always use the skills, time and talents of those who enjoy youth ministry. We have some wonderful kids who could use your enthusiasm and direction. If you are interested please call Phil and Janelle Gonzales at 307-684-5920.

A request from your pastor....I would like to see something different to be added to our music as Mass. I would like to see people who play various instruments to form a group that would be willing to play more contemporary Christian music once a month. These can be adults and youth together. It will take some organization, but I will give it my full support. If this is something you are interested in, please call me 307-684-7268 or email me at frpete@bresnan.net.

Adult Faith Formation. Last week's bulletin contained the courses that will be offered this fall and spring. Days and times will be published by the middle of August when we hope to have the schedule solidified. They will be placed in the bulletin and posted on the parish website (www.sjbc-buffalo.com).

If there is something that you did not see but you would like, would you consider organizing the course and facilitate it? My schedule is full from September to May. If you are interested, please call me, Fr. Pete, as soon as possible.

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“Fr. Pete....As I was driving by the Church I saw a few groups of people sitting on the parish lawn having a picnic. Our Church shouldn't be used for such things.” I don't understand your objection. What other church in this town has such an inviting place for families to relax, rest in cool shade and have a wide open space for their little ones to run around? I have seen people do this for the eight years I've been here and not once has anyone left their garbage behind them. I try to go out and meet them and have found them to be very courteous people who are traveling through. More often than not they are young families on a tight budget who use picnic lunches to stretch their travel dollars. Those of you who raised your families can surely relate to that, can't you?

If the parish ever has the discretionary money available and I am given another six year term here, I want to put benches and gardens at different spots around the Church to make it even more inviting.

“Fr. Pete....I would like to see a course in Church history.” So would I. But until I retire I don't have the time with my other commitments. Would you consider leading a course by selecting a text book or video series and facilitating it? Waiting to hear from you.

“Fr. Pete....Some people complain that their priests are never around. How much time are priests allowed to ‘take off?’” In this Diocese a priest is allowed to have one 24 hour period off per week. Most pastors find it difficult to do this because of emergencies, office work, funerals or a variety of ongoing parish issues that cannot be put off. I brag to the other priests about this parish which tries very hard to respect my request not to be called on my day off unless it is an emergency. Thank you so much! Now...if I can only get the tourists to refrain from calling me at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday morning to find out what time the Masses are!

A priest is permitted to have a vacation period of 30 days per year. Again, most pastors in “one priest parishes” find this very difficult to take advantage of since they must get a replacement priest (which is getting harder to do) and it is quite expensive for the parish which has to pay their priests’ salary as well as the fees of the substitute priest, a particularly burdensome demand on smaller parishes. Not very long ago our Diocese has allowed a priest / pastor to be gone for up to two weekends without a substitute priest and the parish has communion services. I am not at all comfortable with that and would do so only if there was an emergency that required me to be away. In the 24 years I’ve been ordained I have taken two weekends off. (In the seven years I’ve been in Buffalo the parish has saved about \$34,000.00 by not having to cover my vacation costs and the costs of a substitute priest).

A few priests are just lazy and should be confronted by the parish leadership.

There are cases, however, where some priests find every excuse under the sun to be away from their parish for good reason. Their parishes have very toxic people who only thrive when they are destroying their priests outright, destroying their reputations through slanderous gossip or grinding them down with their incessant need for attention and complaints. In general a lot of priests have neither the personality nor the training to be confrontational and deal with these toxic clergy killers in a decisive, no-nonsense fashion. And so they resort to an “avoidance” strategy by

being away as much as possible. It offers a temporary reprieve but ultimately doesn’t work.

Sadly, bishops in general, like corporate CEO’s, do not wish to get involved in these matters and so allow the priest to fend for himself as best as he can while still expecting everything in the parish to run smoothly. In some cases the bishop might be adding fuel to the fire because he does not like the priest’s theology or may have a personal axe to grind against the priest and takes advantage of the situation by siding with the clergy killers to destroy the priest’s ministry and his livelihood. Rome, thank God, has been known to remove such bishops.

So, before you complain that your pastor is gone “too much” find out first why he is gone. It might be an eye opener.

“Fr. Pete....Every year there is a financial report given to the parish at the Sunday Masses. When will one be given?” One will be given but at this time I don’t know when. I hope to see this done as soon as possible since the books for the previous fiscal year have been closed, the yearend financial report to the Diocese is being completed and the budget for the new fiscal year we are in has been approved by the Finance Council.

CHAIRS WITH writing table are available for FREE in the large classroom in the CCD wing of the hall. They are in the hallway and behind the partitions in the classroom. Please take what you will use.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST next Sunday (August 2) after Masses and before the rodeo. A free will donation is always appreciated☺

MEALS-ON-WHEELS volunteers still needed for the month of August for our parish’s turn to minister to the needy/hungry of our community.

