



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, August 2 – Knights of Columbus breakfast

Monday, August 3 – 12:30pm CCW meeting; City Park by swimming pool

Thursday, August 6 – 6:30am Men of St. Joseph
KC Meals-on-Wheels – Dan Thiele

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

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 26, 2015

Altar Assistants:

SATURDAY, August 8, 5:00pm

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteer

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, August 9, 8:00am

Lector: Volunteers

EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Rick Andersen

SUNDAY, August 9, 10:00am

Lector: Volunteers

EM: Mary Ann Cummins

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Homebound Ministry, Friday, August 7

Valerie Spanos

Collections for Week of July 26, 2015

St. John's \$ 3,838.50 YTD \$ 17,450.05

St. Mary's \$ 280.00 YTD \$ 427.00

St. Hubert's \$ YTD \$ 325.00

Poor contributions \$ 375.00

Online Donations \$ YTD \$ 934.30

Mass intentions for the next week:

Mon.	08.03	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	08.04	8:00 a.m.	John Manzella; health
Wed.	08.05	8:00 a.m.	Ladies of the parish
		6:00 p.m.	Adoration
Thu.	08.06	8:00 a.m.	John Manzella; health
Fri.	08.07	8:00 a.m.	John Manzella; health
Sat.	08.08	5:00 p.m.	John Manzella; health
Sun.	08.09	8:00 a.m.	+Jane Navarette
		10:00 a.m.	for the people
		12:30 p.m.	Clearmont; 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:

THE FOLLOWING OPPORTUNITIES TO ENRICH YOUR FAITH ARE BEING OFFERED AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH THIS COMING FALL AND SPRING. THIS IS AN ADVANCE NOTICE. REGISTRATION WILL BEGIN NEXT WEEKEND. IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL IF YOU WOULD REGISTER BY THE END OF AUGUST SO THE CORRECT NUMBER OF BOOKS CAN BE PURCHASED.

A study on the book *Forming Intentional Disciples: The Path to Knowing and Following*

Jesus by Sherry Weddell, will focus on examining evangelical Catholicism, personal relationships with Jesus and what it means to be a disciple of Christ in the postmodern world.

Please join in on sharing this powerful message about personal and parish transformation.

Classes will be held on Thursday evening beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the parish hall. Classes start September 10.

Participants are asked to purchase the text book (\$16.00). The parish will provide the workbooks used to guide the discussion questions.

Please call Kim Wagner with any questions at 307-461-0500.

Religious Liberty in America. This course is being offered through the Center for Distance Learning from Wyoming Catholic College.

This is an in-depth look into the history of religious liberty and how it has shaped the founding and history of the American Republic. Classes will be held at the parish hall. They will be presented in DVD format with discussion to follow.

The professors are Dr. Kevin Roberts, Wyoming Catholic College President and American Historian; and Dr. James Tonkovich, theologian and author of The Liberty Threat: the Attack on Religious Liberty in America Today.

Sessions will be held on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. and are as follows:

October 5. *Introduction: Religion, the State and the Bible*

October 12. *A Pinch of Incense: The Roman Empire and the Early Christians*

October 19. *Broken Uniformity: The Middle Ages, Christendom and Reformation*

October 26. *Early Experiments: Rhode*

FR. PETE (cont.)

Island, Maryland and Pennsylvania

November 2. *Religion and the Founders: Understanding Jefferson and Madison through Carroll*

November 9. *We the People: Government, Guarantees and Politics as Usual*

November 16. TENTATIVE.....We hope to have Dr. Kevin Roberts from Wyoming Catholic College come for a "question / answer" session to conclude the study.

SYMBOLON: THE CATHOLIC FAITH

EXPLAINED. This superb DVD series produced by the St. Augustine Institute offers the most concise, clear and understandable presentation of the Catholic Faith ever made. The video presentations are designed to provoke discussion and look at issues more deeply.

This course of study and prayerful reflection is for life-long Catholics who want to add to their knowledge of the Faith, for Catholics who have not kept informed about their faith, for Catholics who have fallen away from the practice of their Faith and wish to return, for those who are curious about the Catholic Church and for those who are considering converting to the Faith.

Catholic participants are expected to bring a Bible and the Catechism of the Catholic Church to the sessions. Non-Catholic participants will be provided these materials.

We will meet on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. at the parish hall. The sessions are as follows:

- September 24: The Journey of Faith
- October 1: Divine Revelation
- October 8: The Bible
- October 15: The Story of Salvation
- October 22: Who is Jesus?
- October 29: The Paschal Mystery
- November 5: The Holy Spirit
- November 12: Why do I need the Church?
- November 19: Mary and the Saints
- December 3: The Last Things
- December 17: The Sacraments:

Baptism and Confirmation

- January 7: The Eucharist
- January 14: Walk through the Mass
- January 28: Penance and Anointing of the Sick
- February 4: Matrimony and Holy Orders
- February 11: A Catholic Moral Vision
- February 18: A Love that Lasts, I
- February 25: A Love that Lasts, II
- March 3: Catholic Social Teaching, I
- March 10: Catholic Social Teaching, II

Study on the Gospel of St. John. The Apostle John presupposes that the Christian is quite familiar with the accounts of Jesus' ministry in the Synoptic Gospels of Mark, Matthew and Luke and so did not waste time rehashing what he assumed we already know! (Ah....but do we?) Instead he honed his focus on his understanding of the mystery of Christ Who came to save mankind.

John uses a language not found in the Synoptic Gospels: nouns like "logos" (word), "life", and "light"; adjectives like "true" and verbs like "know". His words often seem to be pregnant with meaning.

Though a Jew well-grounded in the Hebrew Bible, John gives the appearance of being very much at home in addressing the culture the Church of his day was immersed in: one thoroughly Greek, with many religious sects and cults offering all kinds of religious alternatives and an intellectual atmosphere very fond of philosophical speculation.

Two sessions will be offered on Wednesdays: 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. at the rectory.

You will need a copy of the Ignatius Catholic Study Bible: The Gospel of John. If you register in advance a copy will be reserved for you. The cost is \$12.00 per book.

The study begins on September 9, 2015 and ends on February 17, 2016.

Study on the Letter to the Hebrews. This is the only letter in the New Testament that does not begin with a greeting mentioning the author's name which has led many to doubt that Paul was the author. Even in antiquity there were vigorous debates if Paul wrote this letter. The ancient Church historian, Eusebius, however, tells us that the letter was accepted as Paul's by St. Clement of Alexandria, bishop. St. Clement believed Paul wrote it in Hebrew or possibly Aramaic, the spoken language of the Jewish people and that Luke translated it into Greek. St. Irenaeus (second century) and St. Hippolytus (second century) doubted Paul wrote the letter. Origin (second century) believed the letter was written by someone deeply influenced by Paul's thinking. By the fourth century the "heavy hitter" theologians and bishops like St. John Chrysostom, St. Athanasius included the letter among Paul's works. Whether Paul is the direct author or it was written by a disciple deeply influenced by Paul, the letter is critical because it addresses the issue of preserving faith in the incarnate Son.

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The study begins on February 24, 2016 and ends on May 25.

FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT THE FOLLOWING PARISH MISSIONS LED BY THE FATHERS OF MERCY ARE BEING OFFERED:

Advent Parish Mission. The mission will begin on Sunday, December 6 at 7:00 p.m., will be held each weeknight at 7:00 p.m. and end on Thursday. Two priests will be available to hear confessions that week. This is an excellent opportunity to shed the nonsense of the secular ideas of Christmas and embrace the season of Advent as a time to prepare for the coming of the Lord.

Lenten Parish Mission. The mission will begin on the Fifth Week of Lent on Sunday, March 13, 2016 at 7:00 p.m., will be held each weeknight at 7:00 p.m. and end on Thursday, March 17. Two priests will be available to hear confessions each evening. This is perfect timing as the Church will quickly enter Holy Week.

"Fr. Pete.....Have you read reports that 200,000 Germans have left the Catholic Church?" Yes. Have you read why they are leaving? Have you read that German Lutherans are leaving their Church as well?

In a reliable website called Ecumenical News (www.ecumenicalnews.com) figures are given for both German Lutherans and Catholics. In 2012 138,000 German Lutherans formally dissolved their membership in the Lutheran Church. In 2013 200,000 did the same. In 2012 118,000 German Catholics formally dissolved their membership in the Catholic Church. In 2013 178,000 did the same. In both years more Lutherans left their Church than Catholics left theirs. But why are German Lutherans and Catholics doing this? There are complex reasons but at the risk of an oversimplification, they are taking advantage of a new German tax law that allows them to avoid paying a church tax by renouncing their membership. It is not that they are necessarily distancing themselves away from their Churches for doctrinal reasons but simply wish to avoid paying a tax to their churches. Who can blame them? Does the secular media make that point? No.

As I have pointed out before you cannot trust any form of the secular media to offer unbiased news about religion in general and the Catholic Church in particular. If you really want to know what is happening, please go to reliable Catholic sources otherwise you will be working with misinformation.

If you want to read just how vile the secular media is in reporting on the Catholic Church go to the website for the Catholic League at www.catholicleague.org. It's an eye-opener.