



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

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

Religious Education / Meetings

Wednesday, August 19 – CCW ladies clean hall kitchen

Thursday, August 20 – 6:30am Men of St. Joseph
KC Meals-on-Wheels –George Schafer

Monday, August 24 – School begins

Saturday, August 29 – 9am Safe Environment training in the parish hall

Wednesday, September 9 – 3:45pm CCD begins

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

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 16, 2015

Altar Assisters:

SATURDAY, August 22, 5:00pm

Lector: Sarah Sandman

EM: Tim Sandman

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, August 23, 8:00am

Lector: Dennis Lawrence

EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Rick Andersen

SUNDAY, August 23, 10:00am

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteer

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Homebound Ministry, Friday, August 21

Volunteer

Collections for Week of August 9, 2015

St. John's	\$ 4,578.77	YTD \$	26,787.86
St. Mary's	\$ 190.00	YTD \$	617.00
St. Hubert's	\$ 60.00	YTD \$	470.00
Poor contributions	\$ 345.00		
Online Donations	\$	YTD \$	1609.25

Mass intentions for the next week:

Mon.	08.17	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	08.18	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Wed.	08.19	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
		5:00 p.m.	No Adoration
Thu.	08.20	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Fri.	08.21	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Sat.	08.22	5:00 p.m.	+Joel Maertens
Sun.	08.23	8:00 a.m.	+Joel Maertens
		10:00 a.m.	for the parishes
		12:30 p.m.	Clearmont: Fr. Pete's intention

Readings for the Week:

Mon-Judges 2:11-19; Gospel: 19:16-22

Tue-Judges 6:11-24a; Gospel: Matthew 19:23-30

Wed-Judges 9:6-15; Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

Thu-Judges 11:29-39a; Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor

Fri-Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

Saint Pius X, Pope

Sat-Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

FROM FR. PETE:

Time to bid farewell to Paula and Jude Mikal.

Paula and Jude have chosen to return to California where they can be near their extended family and watch their grandchildren grow up. I am grateful for the help they gave to the parish. May God grant them safe travel.

Parents of PRE – K children.....Please register your children for CCD as soon as possible! We suspect there will be quite a number and wish to have as close a count as possible to make sure we have ordered enough supplies! Registration forms can be found at the front entrance of the Church. Thank you.

CCD registration of children begins now! The sooner you get your children registered the less time you will have to spend on filling out the paper work on the first day of CCD. Feel free to pick up a form for each child that will be attending CCD and either mail it to the parish office (532 North Lobban Ave) or drop it in the following Sunday collection basket.

CCD costs. It has been Fr. Pete's policy since arriving at St. John's that there are no costs for CCD. It is the responsibility of the parish to assist the parents in transmitting the Faith and so the parish budgets for all costs: books, workbooks, DVD's, and other materials. In many parishes parents are billed anywhere from \$20.00 to \$50.00 per child for CCD.

Adult Faith Formation. Please look at the courses being offered and register for one you would like as soon as possible. Fr. Pete has to place orders for books, workbooks, etc. and it would be helpful if he knew in advance how many are attending. Course descriptions and registration sign-up sheets are available after the weekend Masses by the front entrance of the Church. Thank you!

Many thanks to Phil Gonzales. Phil made arrangements to have the Church sign on the corner of Lobban and Highway 16 restored. The wood was treated with a water repellent and then stained. The lettering was highlighted. Then

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the wood posts holding the sign were fixed up. Next year mums will be planted underneath and around the sign so that it really pops out during the late spring and summer months.

It is getting dangerous to quote from the Bible in Europe. Will it happen here? The following is an article from the Catholic League:

Bill Donohue comments on the reaction of gay activists to a bishop who quoted the Bible:

They want him behind bars. His offense? He quoted from the Bible. The accused: Swiss Bishop Vitus Huonder. The accusers: gay activists in Europe and the United States.

On July 31, Bishop Huonder spoke at a Catholic forum in Germany, and in his remarks he quoted from Leviticus the passage condemning homosexuality. He also criticized gender theory,

Pink Cross, the umbrella group for Swiss LGBT groups, has now filed a criminal complaint against him. Citing the nation's hate speech laws, he is accused of fomenting violence against homosexuals. So far, more than a dozen gay groups and media outlets have pledged their support for Pink Cross. If found guilty, he could serve up to three years in prison.

In the U.S., New Ways Ministry, an anti-Catholic organization, is accusing Bishop Huonder of "preaching dangerous words." It charges him with "providing cover for those prejudiced against LGBT people who may enact discrimination and violence as a result." Though this fraudulent group has been denounced by many bishops, it is nonetheless treated as a legitimate Catholic voice by the mainstream media, as well as by the National Catholic Reporter (the dissident newspaper has also been slammed by many bishops).

These same activists would like to arrest Pope Francis, if they could. After all, the Holy

Father has quite openly condemned homosexuality and gender theory. Explicitly, he has labeled proposals to legitimize gay marriage "the envy of the Devil," and has said, "Gender ideology is demonic!"

Gay fascists are on the rise in North America and Europe. Their goal is to criminalize the Bible, and to destroy freedom of speech and religion.

This weekend's insert. I support the work of the Catholic League. It is a wonderful organization that goes after anti-Catholic bigots, no matter who they are or how powerful they are, and calls them to accountability. It also provides Catholics and non-Catholics the facts about whatever issue the culture uses to bash the Church with. And if it is a Catholic organization, priest or bishop who is the cause of offense the Catholic League holds them to the same level of accountability.

The Holy Father, Pope Francis, will be arriving in the United States very soon. As often happens all kinds of polling groups will try to take advantage of the visit to "poll Catholics" usually not making any distinction between those who call themselves Catholic out of only a cultural identity versus those who consider the Faith to be important in their lives. And just as common is the dishonest practice of framing the questions to achieve the answers they want. Some elements of the media will use the data from these "polls" to assert their own agendas against the Church.

The Catholic League is hiring The Polling Company headed by Kellyanne Conway. This is one of the most prestigious polling companies in the business with impeccable standards. This promises to be a very well thought out poll. The results will be solid, dependable and irrefutable by even the most strident of the Church's enemies. I applaud the Catholic League for making this effort and have already given my financial support to the project. Please consider doing the same.

There are a few postage pre-paid envelopes in the front of the Church. If they're gone, you can send your contribution to the address on the bottom of the letter.

If you haven't already done so you can sign-up for free email news alerts at www.catholicleague.org.

Thanks for the comments about adding a new statue for the grotto. The difficulty is that the opinions thus far run the entire spectrum: some favor St. Joseph, some St. Michael the Archangel, some St. Gabriel the Archangel, some the Pieta and Holy Family. . One suggestion was to have a pedestal placed on the ground level to put the statue of the Blessed Virgin on and then have two statues of the Archangels placed on the ledge behind her. Some have asked if a crucifix could also be placed on the rock face that divides the interior of the grotto. All these things are possible, but the price tag goes up exponentially! Since the ledge that the current statue is on is only 14 inches deep, the statue(s) we purchase must have a base that will fit properly on the ledge which reduces our options. So....there are as many opinions about what to have as there are people. If there is no consensus I will just leave things as they are.

“Fr. Pete....What happens if there is a collection taken during the Basque Mass?” Under Church law that collection belongs to the parish. If someone drops in a check made out to the parish or a parish envelope, it goes to the parish. In past years I have followed the tradition of allowing the Basque Club to use what they collect for the work they do. I believe they have decided to use the money to help cover the visiting priests' expenses.

“Fr. Pete...Instead of putting up a building on the lot next to the rectory, why not use some of the land to the north of the Church?” That is a possibility. An offer to purchase the three lots next to the rectory has been made to the Knights of Columbus. They have been discussing the matter and, if I understand correctly, have visited with an attorney to make sure their rights are protected in any agreement the Knights and the parish come to. The idea would be to build a set of offices for Mary Ann, myself, future youth ministry, ministers for young adults and to have a comfortable and fairly large setting where classes and meetings can be held and to

create a separate hall for the Knights. At the present time the rectory is being used for a lot of these gatherings and I would like to see it be strictly the priest's house, something Rome is increasingly urging bishops to do.

If the Knights choose to keep the land for their own use then we can look at making an office complex on the north side of the Church.

“Fr. Pete....I can't get over how many people are picnicking on the Church lawn! It seems there are several every time I drive by.” Yes. And I think it's great. Never has anyone left a mess and when I am able to visit with them they all think it's a park!

“Fr. Pete...There are shingles missing from the Church roof. What are the plans?” The parish has asked for an estimate to remove the current roof and replace it with material similar to the one we just put on the CCD wing. I have been asked if I will keep a cedar shake and the answer is “no.” This will be a very expensive project and will have to be delayed until next year's budget is formed.

WYOMING CATHOLIC MEN'S RETREAT – August 21-23. \$165 fee. Men don't just “fall into” roles in life. They act with intent. To be successful at anything, you have to have a plan and carry out that plan through acts of the will. This is especially true for faithful Catholic men who wish to be disciples of Christ. Please join us for a life-changing weekend retreat on Becoming an Intentional Disciple. You, your family, and your community of faith will be forever changed. Gus Lloyd is the 2015 retreat speaker. Gus is the host of Seize the Day on the Catholic Channel, Sirius XM 129. To register or with questions, go to catholicmensretreat.org

YOUNG ADULT opportunity to see Pope Francis in Philadelphia – Through a grant, the diocese of Cheyenne Pastoral ministries office is excited to extend an opportunity to assist young adults (21-39) to attend the Festival of Families in Philadelphia, Sept. 25-26, 2015. Cost is \$350. Contact Amy Larsen, alarsen@dioceseofcheyenne.org for more info.