



# 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, August 12 – State Fair (Douglas)

Christian music concert

Thursday, August 13 – 6:30am Men of St. Joseph

*KC Meals-on-Wheels – Wayne Bolinger*

Saturday, August 15 – 5pm Basque Mass & dinner at  
Folded Hills

Monday, August 24 – School begins

Wednesday, September 9 – 3:45pm CCD begins

## 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

**19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**August 9, 2015**

Altar Assisters:

**SATURDAY, August 15, 5:00pm**

Lector: Colleen Donahue

EM: Jean Borgialli

Altar Servers: Volunteers

**SUNDAY, August 16, 8:00am**

Lector: Volunteers

EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Rick Andersen

**SUNDAY, August 16, 10:00am**

Lector: Dianne Urruty

EM: Jean Urruty

Altar Servers: Volunteers

**Homebound Ministry, Friday, August 14**

Lynn Ridgeway

**Collections for Week of August 2, 2015**

St. John's	\$ 4,759.04	YTD \$	22,209.09
St. Mary's	\$	YTD \$	427.00
St. Hubert's	\$ 85.00	YTD \$	410.00

Poor contributions \$ 862.00

Online Donations \$ YTD \$ 1609.25

**Mass intentions for the next week:**

Mon.	08.10	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	08.11	8:00 a.m.	Ben Etheridge
Wed.	08.12	8:00 a.m.	+Jane Navarette
		5:00 p.m.	Adoration
Thu.	08.13	8:00 a.m.	Ben Etheridge
Fri.	08.14	8:00 a.m.	Fr. Pete's intention
		6:00 p.m.	Mass of the Assumption
Sat.	08.15	9:00 a.m.	Mass of the Assumption
		5:00 p.m.	Anticipatory Sunday Mass
Sun.	08.16	8:00 a.m.	Fr. Pete's intention
		10:00 a.m.	for the parishes
		2:00 p.m.	Kaycee: Fr. Pete's intention

**Readings for the Week:**

Mon-2 Corinthians 9:6-10; Gospel: John 12:24-26

*Saint Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr*

Tue-Deuteronomy 31:1-8; Gospel: Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

*Saint Clare, Virgin*

Wed Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

Thu-Joshua 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Gospel: Matthew

18:21—19:1

Fri-Joshua 24:1-13; Gospel: Matthew 19:3-12

*Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr*

Sat-Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Corinthians

15:20-27; Gospel: Luke 1:39-56

*Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

**FROM FR. PETE:**

**CCD (religious instruction for children) starts on Wednesday, September 9!**

Yes...it is that time of year!

Parents of pre-school children who wish to enroll their children are asked to please pre-register them as soon as possible so we know how to best configure limited space and make sure we have adequate supplies.

It is the policy of this parish to never charge for textbooks, workbooks or any other materials. The parish covers all the costs. All we do ask for is that parents please pre-register all their children as soon as possible to avoid last minute paper work.

**Update on the Parish Emergency Assistance Fund.**

For the month of June the parish distributed \$1,792.49 to people in need in Johnson County. For the month of July the parish distributed \$1,885.71. Neither month saw aid to transients, only residents in our county. As of August 4 the balance in the Fund is \$9,277.37. Thank you for your generous support.

If there are people who would be willing to form a committee to oversee the Fund and make the decisions about distributing its assets, please call Fr. Pete. He would be very happy to let a group run and manage it.

**Update on the Living and Giving in Christ Campaign.**

The following figures are the most current we have been given by the Diocese. They were sent on July 27.

Parish	Goal	Pledged	Paid
St. John	\$51,778	\$26,984	\$21,239
St. Mary	1,475	37	37
St. Hubert	772	740	560
Diocese	2,042,049	1,498,419	1,033,408

Parishes that do not make their goals through contributions to the campaign must pay the difference. Our parish budgets for the shortfall.

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

This means that all royalty money and if necessary money from Sunday collections must be earmarked to meet our obligation. I don't like it, but that is the reality we have to deal with. At this point it looks like we will have to withdraw \$32,189.00 from savings to cover the shortfalls of the main parish and the two missions.

**Heads up....**No Masses from August 17 to 23. Please plan accordingly.

**Just a reminder.....the parish office is closed on Monday.** Mary Ann does not work on Monday. Fr. Pete has Monday off. Please do not call the office or drop by on Monday unless it is an emergency.

**The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.** It doesn't make any sense to me, but that is what the bishops of the United States have decided. Nevertheless there shall be two Masses, an anticipatory Mass on Friday evening at 6:00 p.m. and a Mass on Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. Attendance at the Saturday morning Mass does **not** fulfill the Sunday obligation.

The Basque people have invited a Basque speaking priest to come and offer Mass for the Assumption on Saturday evening with a dinner to follow at one of the local ranches. Attendance at this Mass does **not** fulfill the Sunday obligation. Whatever collection is taken at that Mass, by Church law, belongs to the parish but I shall keep the tradition that the money be used as the Basque people see fit.

### **Cleaning out the grotto gave me an idea.**

Recently I cleaned out the grotto, scrubbed down the statue, hosed down the stone work to remove built up dust and dirt and then cleaned the flooring. While doing that I thought that this would be a good time to put another statue in the grotto. I consulted a religious goods dealer in Denver who has experience with these things. He strongly urged that we avoid painted statues because over ten years or less the paint will begin to develop spider cracks and then chip away. He suggested that if we

are not going to use marble or bronze (both of which are way out of our price range) we should look at plain white fiberglass. He recommended a website, [elementsofhome.com](http://elementsofhome.com)

Originally I thought of getting a statue of St. Joseph at the same dimensions of the current statue since having the Virgin Mary and St. Joseph together is pretty traditional.

Then I thought we could go with two themes by getting a statue of the Holy Family (Joseph, Mary and the child Jesus) at 15 inches wide, 7 inches in depth and 25 inches in height. The second statue would be a Pieta with the Blessed Virgin holding the corpse of her Son after He was taken down from the cross, 20 inches wide, 10 inches in depth and 28 inches in height. Both would be smaller than the current statue but will fit within the spaces provided in the grotto and together would run about \$500.00. The idea would be to show the child Jesus came into the world to die for us. Another option is to leave the statue of the Virgin Mary where it is and get a statue of the Archangel Gabriel who brought the Mystery of the Annunciation to the Virgin or a statue of the Archangel Michael. We are limited in what we can do since the shelf is 14 inches in depth and I do not want to place a statue whose base is larger than what the shelf can hold.

So...we can keep the current statue and get one of St. Joseph (same size at 59 inches in height at a cost of \$1,600). We can transfer the current statue to the CCD wing and get two smaller statues each with its own theme. We can keep the current statue and get one of the Archangel Gabriel or Michael. Or we can get two statues of the two Archangels and place the Marian statue in the CCD wing. And there may be other options.

Any thoughts?

If I don't hear from anyone in the next couple of weeks I will assume any decision I make will be acceptable. So speak now or forever hold your peace.

**There is a gentleman who wishes to sell a handmade gun cabinet.** It is 65 1/3 inches in height, 16 1/2 inches in width. A picture of it is posted at the front entrance of the Church. If you are interested in it, please call the parish

office, 684-7268, and you will be given his contact information.

**Registration for Adult Faith Formation Courses begins this week. You are welcome to register for the following courses:**

**BIBLE STUDY ON THE GOSPEL OF SAINT JOHN.** Participants will need to purchase the Ignatius Catholic Study Bible: The Gospel of John (\$12.00). The study will be held on Wednesday morning with two sessions: 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Sessions will be held at the rectory. The study begins on September 9 and ends February 17.

A study on the book **FORMING INTENTIONAL DISCIPLES: THE PATH TO KNOWING AND FOLLOWING JESUS** by Sherry Weddell. This is Catholic evangelical outreach at its best. The study will be held on Thursday evenings, 6:00 p.m. beginning September 10, 6:00 p.m. at the parish hall and will last for a total of 12 sessions. Cost of the book is to be paid by participants (\$16.00). The parish will pay for the workbook.

**SYMBOLON: THE CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLAINED.** This is an ideal course of study and group discussion for those who wish to deepen their knowledge of the Faith, Catholics who have not had an opportunity to study at a deeper level, those who have stopped practicing their Faith for whatever reason but would like to return, non-Catholic Christians who are curious about the Church and those who are considering converting to the Catholic Church. Classes will be held Thursday evenings, 7:00 p.m. at the parish hall beginning September 24. Classes end March 10, 2016.

**RELIGIOUS LIBERTY IN AMERICA.** This course is being offered through the Center for

Distance Learning from Wyoming Catholic College. It 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 on Monday evenings at the parish hall, 7:00 p.m., beginning October 5 and end November 16. We hope to have Dr. Kevin Roberts, president of Wyoming Catholic College and a professor of American History come at the conclusion of the study to answer any questions participants have.

Parents of high school children are welcome to suggest that their children attend these informative classes. Perhaps you might consider coming as a family.

**ADDITIONAL COURSES WILL BE ANNOUNCED FOR JANUARY TO MAY BY CHRISTMAS TIME.**

**AND SPEAKING OF CHRISTMAS.....DID YOU KNOW THERE ARE ONLY 139 DAYS LEFT!**

**CCD TEACHER** needed for Pre-Kindergarten class. Helper/aides needed in grades 3, 4 and 6. Contact Carol Gagliano, 684-5751.

**SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING** is scheduled for Saturday, August 29 from 9am to 1pm and on Saturday, September 12 from 9am to 1pm. You **MUST** take one of these trainings to work with children in CCD or with the elderly shut-ins if you are new to either program! Contact Carol Gagliano with your planned attendance date, 684-5751.

**Catholic Artist, Matt Maher**, will be performing at the WY State Fair on Wednesday, August 12 at 7pm. Join St. James parish in Douglas for a BBQ dinner at 5-6pm that night. Please RSVP by August 11 at 307-358-2338 or email

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