



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, Oct. 11 – Legion Breakfast
5pm Youth group
Monday, Oct. 12 – 7pm Religious Liberty class
Tuesday, Oct. 13 – 7:30pm Knights' meeting
Wednesday, Oct. 14 – 6&10 am St. John class
3:45pm CCD & 7pm CCD
Thursday, Oct. 15 – 6:30am Men of St. Joseph
KC Meals-on-Wheels – Ladd Greene
6pm Intentional Disciples
7pm Symbolon
Saturday, Oct. 24 – 6pm Young Couples Ministry
dinner in hall

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

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 11, 2015

Altar Assistants:

SATURDAY, October 17, 5:00pm

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Jean Borgianni, Donna Nelson

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, October 18, 8:00am

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Rick Andersen

Altar Servers: J Reimann, B & B Camino, M Harrison

SUNDAY, October 18, 10:00am

Lector: Mary Ann Cummins

EM: Cece Innat, Doug/Yolanda Graslie

Altar Servers: Wyatt/Eli/Cole Linden, J & J Sutton

Homebound Ministry, Friday, October 16

Volunteer

Collections for Week of October 4, 2015

St. John's	\$ 4,442.25	YTD \$	59,764.10
St. Mary's	\$ 216.00	YTD \$	1,527.33
St. Hubert's	\$ 347.00	YTD \$	1,302.00
Poor contributions	\$ 857.50		
Online Donations	\$ 554.50		

Mass intentions for the next week:

Mon.	10.12	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	10.13	8:00 a.m.	+Joyce Larkin
Wed.	10.14	8:00 a.m.	+Joyce Larkin
Thu.	10.15	8:00 a.m.	+Kenny Harriet
Fri.	10.16	8:00 a.m.	+Kenny Harriet
		5:00 p.m.	Adoration until 6:00 p.m.
Sat.	10.17	5:00 p.m.	Fr. Pete's intention
Sun.	10.18	8:00 a.m.	Fr. Pete's intention
		10:00 a.m.	for the people
		2:00 p.m.	Kaycee: Fr. Pete's intention

Readings for the Week:

Mon-Jonah 1:1—2:2, 11; Gospel: Luke 10:25-37
 Tue-Jonah 3:1-10; Gospel: Luke 10:38-42
 Wed-Jonah 4:1-11; Gospel: Luke 11:1-4
Our Lady of the Rosary
 Thu-Malachi 3:13-20b; Gospel: Luke 11:5-13
 Fri-Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Gospel: Luke 11:15-26
 Sat-Joel 4:12-21; Gospel: Luke 11:27-28

FROM FR. PETE:

All Knights of Columbus.....your input is needed. By now all members should have received a letter from the Grand Knight, Blaine Horn. He has asked all members to come to a Knights meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 13, 2015 to discuss the matter of the lots the Knights have next to the rectory. Please make every effort to attend. This is an important matter that concerns the Knights and the parish. Thank you.

And speaking of the Knights...a round of applause for feeding so many after last Sunday's Masses! The hall was pretty full after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. The Knights did a good job trying to keep pace with the demand. Thanks guys!

Many thanks to Dennis Lawrence. Dennis gave a great deal of his time two weekends ago to make a presentation on the state of parish finances at all the Masses. He also gave an overview of how we have been doing over the last eight years. As you could see from the document distributed at Mass, the parish is doing well both in terms of setting money aside in savings, investments and being able to deal with what seems like a never ending process of catching up with all the "delayed maintenance" issues I inherited when I came here.

I know that some of you have complained that I didn't preach that weekend. Well...technically I did. I introduced Dennis with a brief talk about stewardship, thus fulfilling the canonical requirement to preach and then handed the pulpit over to Dennis for his presentation.

I also know that some of you think there should be a different way of presenting this important information. And yet you and I both know there really is no other practical way of doing this. If I offer an evening to present the information 90% of you will not come. If I just leave an insert in the bulletin most of you will not read it or complain that it is confusing. If the talk is offered after the distribution of Holy Communion many will complain that the Mass was too long. I think we have the best solution possible unless you can suggest another.

The Blessing of Animals. Following a tradition that normally takes place on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi (October 4), the blessing of

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animals will be offered on Sunday, October 18 at 5:00 p.m. at the front entrance of the Church. If it walks, crawls, or wiggles you are welcome to bring it for a blessing. The blessing is a reminder that animals were given to us by God for our well-being and as such we are called to be good stewards by caring for them. If you wish to bring a horse, cow, or other large creature please keep them in their trailer in the Church parking lot and I will come over there to bless them as well.

It is getting to be about that time of the year when we decorate the Church to celebrate the Fall and the abundant harvest God has granted to us. We will be decorating the Church on Friday, October 23 at 9:00 a.m. If you would like to donate corn stalks, pumpkins, squashes, gourds, preserved foods in jars please bring them to the rectory before October 23 or to the Church on that day. If you would like to loan out hides and antlers taken from animals in our area used for food we will make sure they are returned to you when everything is taken down on November 27.

Imagine one of the following scenarios: An earthquake has hit our area and destroyed the highway system that leads into Buffalo. Bridges are either destroyed or severely damaged. A massive winter storm hits that shuts down power for three or four days and closes highways. After four days without power and heat you are forced to evacuate your home.

What would you do if you did not have power for a few days? What if our water supply became

contaminated? What if trucks could not deliver their normal supplies of food and fuel for a week or more? If the cell phone tower goes dead how will you communicate? What if your pharmacy ran out of the medications you rely on? Do you know what to take if you had to be evacuated and you were told you have only ten minutes to pack and report to a shelter?

We take every day conveniences for granted until something happens and they're gone. Most of us are not prepared for more than a couple of days of inconvenience.

Before winter begins consider sitting down with your family and organize an emergency preparedness kit: food, water, critical medications, first aid kit, batteries, radio, flashlights, candles, etc. to last for at least a couple of weeks. Keep your important documents (deeds, passports, wills, identity documents, checkbooks, savings account passbooks, etc.) in one place so you can easily take them should you have to evacuate.

Consider visiting with your neighbors to devise a way in which you could bring resources together and have each other's back should there be a long term emergency.

We hope and pray that such things will not happen, but we all know that life throws curve balls at us from time to time. It is better to plan ahead for the best way to respond to an emergency.

Landscaping work has begun! The foundation around the south, portion of the west side, the east and south east side has begun. Sod is being removed. Then a layer of topsoil will be put down. Then a weed barrier will be put down. Then a layer of multicolored river rock will be put down to match the various colors of the stone work of the Church. This is being done to prevent erosion of the Church foundation by creating positive drainage away from the Church.

Hopefully the two sidewalks on the west side of the Church will be torn up soon. The one that is parallel to the west side of the Church will be re-graded to give it a gentle slope so we can remove the stairs completely making it easier for those who are handicapped. The flagstone at the west entrance will also be removed for the same reason. The sidewalk that goes from Lobban to the front entrance of the Church will also be elevated and re-graded so water and snow melt do not accumulate on the sidewalk but go into the grass. The walls will be removed and the stonework re-purposed to elevate the Ten Commandments monument.

When the sidewalk projects are completed the second phase of the landscaping project will be done on the west side of the Church, the southwest section by the front entrance and the south section between the spruce trees to make sure all water runs off away from the building.

It will be a bit of mess for a while but it will be worth it when done.

Many thanks to Don Sullivan and his crew. They have poured the footings for the new fence posts around the air conditioning units. When the landscaping is done they will complete the project. The material looks like wood but is a composite material that does not rot or fade. While more expensive than traditional building materials, it will last much longer saving the parish money in the long run.

Church roof. We have received bids for the roof. The information will be given to the Finance Council, Parish Council and Trustees for consideration. One thing is for sure....there will never be another cedar shake roof on the Church again. The hope is to get this project in June of 2016.

Renovation of the large CCD classroom is being considered. We are looking at a way to create an aesthetically appealing space that is more conducive to adult gatherings. This could be used by the Council of Catholic Women, the Knights of Columbus, Young Adult Ministry, Adult Faith Formation classes, Elizabeth Ministry, a gathering space for teens, Adult Faith Formation classes, meeting of the parish leadership and other adult gatherings. It will continue to be used for CCD as well. We are in the process of determining how to configure the room for multiple uses and then obtain cost estimates. The goal is to install better lighting, new energy efficient thermal windows, provide storage for various groups and have access to the internet. It will, of course, be completely re-furnished.

Heads up! A Spaghetti Feed is planned for Sunday, November 1, at 5:00 p.m. All in the parish are invited to attend. You are asked to consider bringing a dessert. The parish will provide the spaghetti, meat sauce, bread and salad. We hope to offer babysitting for the little ones after dinner so that parents can stay a bit and visit. A good meal, good fellowship, no cooking at home and no cleaning up! Not a bad deal.