



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, Nov. 8 – 5pm Youth group
Monday, Nov. 9 – 7m Religious Liberty class
Tuesday, Nov. 10 – 7:30pm Knights of Columbus
Wednesday, Nov. 11 – 6&10 am St. John class
3:45pm & 7 pm CCD
Thursday, Nov. 12 – 6:30am Men of St. Joseph
KC Meals-on-Wheels – Nick Smith
6pm Intentional Disciples
7pm Symbolon
Sunday, November 15 – 5pm Youth group
Tuesday, Dec. 1 – 6pm Grand Knights' Mass/dinner

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

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 8, 2015

Altar Assistants:

SATURDAY, Nov. 14, 5:00pm

Lector: Mary Smith

EM: Dennis Lawrence, Janelle/Phil Gonzales

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, November 15, 8:00am

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Rick Andersen

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

SUNDAY, November 15, 10:00am

Lector: Mary Ann Cummins

EM: Doug/Yolanda Graslie

Altar Servers: C/E Linden, J/J Sutton

Homebound Ministry, Friday, November 13

Mary Ann Dahl

Collections for Week of Nov. 1, 2015

St. John's	\$ 5,057.67	YTD \$	76,672.47
St. Mary's	\$ 20.00	YTD \$	1,981.33
St. Hubert's	\$ 135.00	YTD \$	1,637.00

Poor contributions \$ 635.00

Online Donations \$

Mass Intentions for the Week:

Mon.	11.09	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	11.10	8:00 a.m.	for the Poor Souls
Wed.	11.11	8:00 a.m.	for the Poor Souls
Thu.	11.12	8:00 a.m.	for the Poor Souls
Fri.	11.13	8:00 a.m.	for the Poor Souls
		5:00 p.m.	Adoration until 6:00 p.m.
Sat.	11.14	5:00 p.m.	for the Poor Souls
Sun.	11.15	8:00 a.m.	for the Poor Souls
		10:00 a.m.	for the parishes
		2:00 p.m.	Kaycee: for the Poor Souls

Readings for the Week:

Mon-Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Corinthians 3:9c-aa, 16-17; Gospel: John 2:13-22

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Tue-Wisdom 2:23—3:9; Gospel: Luke 17:7-10

Saint Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor

Wed-Wisdom 6:1-11; Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop

Thu-Wisdom 7:22b—8:1; Gospel: Luke 17:20-25

Saint Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr

Fri-Wisdom 13:1-9; Gospel: Luke 17:26-37

Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

Sat-Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

FROM FR. PETE:

November 11 is Veterans Day. Please consider coming to Mass that morning and offer your prayers for those men and women who have served in our nation's military: those that are alive, those that perished in battle and those who each day must carry the wounds of battle be they physical or psychological. Every veteran among us, whatever his or her age, whatever his or her condition, reminds us that the freedoms we take so cheaply really came at great personal cost.

For those who want immediate access to the sermons.....Chad Reckard records them and then "sends" them to what he calls the "sound cloud." Don't ask me what it is or how it works...it's all black magic to me. In any event go to this link: <http://soundcloud.com/stjohns-1>. All the sermons are archived there and you have immediate access to them. Many thanks to Chad for making this possible!

All the Masses for the month of November are being offered for the faithful departed undergoing purification. During this month let us be attentive to those who have gone before us, especially our family members and friends who, upon departing this life, did not leave perfectly conformed to the will of God. Neither the bonds nor the obligations of Christian charity are erased with death.

What can we offer for those undergoing purification? There are a variety of ways of comforting the Poor Souls. When you go to Mass, offer your Mass and your reception of Holy Communion for the Poor Souls. Consider praying Psalm 129 and offering that prayer for the Poor Souls. Offering the prayers of the Rosary is also of great assistance. The prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary called the Memorare is also a source of comfort for them. Any religious act done with genuine conviction and offered for the Poor Souls is helpful. Just as the knowledge that someone here is praying for us offers us comfort, so too the Poor Souls derive comfort from knowing that we are praying for them.

Many thanks to those volunteering to serve as Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors! Thank you for signing up in advance. It is a great help in planning. The new sign-up sheet that will take us

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to early December is now available at the front entrance of the Church.

Many thanks to all who worked so hard to make the annual "Spaghetti Feed" a wonderful time in sharing food and fellowship. It was a delight to see so many of our young couples come with their children and visit. And a special thank you to the Confirmation students who did a splendid job serving and to the families that stayed to clean up. It takes a lot of work to pull something like this off. Despite it having been a three day weekend (kids didn't have school) and there was a football game on that evening, the hall was full! Some 150 people were fed! The food was wonderful and the fellowship even more so!

Heads up.....The Mass for Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26, will be at 10:00 a.m. for those who wish to attend. The Combined Ministry Sign-up Sheet has open slots for Eucharistic Ministers and a Lector for those who wish to volunteer.

Folks, can we do a little better than this?

According to figures released from the Diocese on November 2 only 89 people in our parish of 334 families (27%) have or are contributing to the *Living and Giving in Christ Campaign*. This low turnout is certainly not unique to our parish. The Cathedral parish has 2,523 families and only 373 gave. Sheridan has 1,034 families and only 227 gave. The Newman Center in Laramie has 620 families and only 20 have contributed. Is it fair that the few provide for the many?

Over the years I have brought people from the Diocese to our parish so that we could

see that we are not like a Protestant Church that is independent and disconnected from the larger Body of Christ. Many of you enjoyed the Bible Fest program. That was paid for with funds from the *Living and Giving in Christ Campaign*. Funding for our seminarians who get ordained comes from the *Living and Giving in Christ Campaign*. The success of the Diocesan Legislative Office last year to clarify Catholic social justice teaching to the State Legislature was funded by the *Living and Giving in Christ Campaign*.

The 89 in our parish have contributed \$23,900.00 to the goal of \$51,778. This means that the parish will have to withdraw money from savings to pay the remainder. Is this how you want to spend what took so much effort to save? Have no doubts....the parish must pay its obligation to the Diocese.

To the 89 that have given, God bless you.

To the remainder that have not, I ask you to reconsider. If everyone gave something it would help immensely.

If you would like to make a gift the parish office will be happy to send it for you. Please make it clear that it is for the *Living and Giving in Christ Campaign*.

Many thanks to the Knights of Columbus.

They prepared breakfast for us last Sunday. They were swamped by the crowd from the 8:00 a.m. Mass and had a very good turn out from the 10:00 a.m. Mass as well. One of our parishioners, Eve Wagner, got her two favorite foods: blueberry pancakes in the morning and spaghetti in the evening! And thank you to all who put a little something in the donation box. It really helped!

Many thanks to Paul Geis! As some of you know when Bishop Etienne was here to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation his crozier fell and the top part broke off and cracked in several places. Paul, quite the craftsman with wood, did a marvelous job not only repairing it but improving it.

Parish Council Members. We are meeting on Sunday, November 22, 7:00 p.m. at the rectory.

Your information packets are being handed out this weekend.

Finance Council Members and Trustees. We are meeting on Tuesday, November 24, 5:00 p.m. at the rectory. Your information packets are being handed out this weekend.

Some who call themselves Christians are confused about hell. Armed with nothing more than their personal opinion to guide them, they declare there is no hell. Jesus, however, was very clear about the reality of hell and often spoke on it. The following comes from the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

Paragraph 1033. We cannot be united with God unless we freely choose to love Him. But we cannot love God if we sin gravely against Him, against our neighbor or against ourselves: "He who does not love remains in death. Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him" (1 John 3:14-15). Our Lord warns us that we shall be separated from Him if we fail to meet the serious needs of the poor and the little ones who are His brethren. To die in mortal sin without repenting and accepting God's merciful love means remaining separated from Him forever by our own free choice. This state of definitive self-exclusion from communion with God and the blessed is called "hell."

Paragraph 1034. Jesus often speaks of "Gehenna," of "the unquenchable fire" reserved for those who at the end of their lives refuse to believe and be converted, where both soul and body can be lost (Matthew 5:22, 29; 10:28; 13:42, 50; Mark 9:43-48). Jesus solemnly proclaims that He "will send His angels, and they will gather.....all evil doers, and throw them into the furnace of fire" (Matthew 13:41), and that He will pronounce the condemnation: "Depart from Me, you cursed, into the eternal fire!" (Matthew 25:41).

Paragraph 1035. The teaching of the Church affirms the existence of hell and its eternity. Immediately after death the souls of those who die in a state of mortal sin descend into hell, where they suffer the punishments of hell, "eternal fire". The chief punishment of hell is eternal separation from God, in Whom alone man can possess the life and happiness for which he was created and for which he longs.

Paragraph 1036. The affirmations of Sacred Scripture and the teachings of the Church on the subject of hell are a call to the responsibility incumbent upon man to make use of his freedom in view of his eternal destiny. They are at the same time an urgent call to conversion: "Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is easy, that leads to destruction, and those who enter it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard, that leads to life, and those who find it are few" (Matthew 7:13-14).

Paragraph 1037. God predestines no one to go to hell; for this, a willful turning away from God (a mortal sin) is necessary, and persistence in it until the end. In the Eucharistic liturgy and in the daily prayers of her faithful, the Church implores the mercy of God, Who does not want "any to perish, but all to come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9).

So....if you are one of those who does not believe hell exists....take it up with Jesus.

Rumors are flying around that the Knights are selling their property to the parish. The parish did make an offer to purchase the three lots adjacent to the rectory with the ultimate goal of building an office and a large gathering place as well as a facility the Knights could use. The Knights sent representatives to meetings of the Parish Council, Finance Council and Trustees. The parish offered fair market value for the lots: \$53,000.00. In the end the Knights voted against selling the property. Those are the facts.