



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, Jan. 17 – 5pm Youth group—CHANGE!!

Wednesday, Jan. 20 – NO St. John class
3:45pm/7pm CCD

Thursday, Jan. 21 – 6:30am Men of St. Joseph
KC Meals-on-Wheels – Jerry Powell
6pm Intentional Disciples class

Sunday, Jan. 24 – 1pm parish hall BABY SHOWER
5pm Youth Group

Monday, Jan. 25 – 6:30pm Ladies' Night Out, hall

Parish Staff

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| 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

2ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIMES

JANUARY 17, 2016

Altar Assisters:

SATURDAY, Jan. 23, 5:00pm

Lector: Dennis Lawrence

EM: Donna Nelson

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, Jan. 24, 8:00am

Lector: Richard Frankovic

EM: Sheila/Don Camino

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

SUNDAY, Jan. 24, 10:00am

Lector: Volunteers

EM: Volunteers

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

Homebound Ministry, Friday, Jan. 22

Liz Camino Ramsey

Collections for Week of Jan. 10, 2015

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| St. John's | \$ 2,950.73 | YTD \$ | 110,949.61 |
| St. Mary's | \$ 10.00 | YTD \$ | 3157.33 |
| St. Hubert's | \$ | YTD \$ | 2,297.00 |
| Poor contributions | \$ 220.00 | | |
| Online Donations | \$ 631.86 | | |

Mass intentions for the week:

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| Mon. | 01.18 | 8:00 a.m. | No Mass |
| Tue. | 01.19 | 8:00 a.m. | No Mass |
| Wed. | 01.20 | 8:00 a.m. | No Mass |
| Thu. | 01.21 | 8:00 a.m. | No Mass |
| Fri. | 01.22 | 8:00 a.m. | No Mass |
| Sat. | 01.23 | 5:00 p.m. | Leah Miller |
| Sun. | 01.24 | 8:00 a.m. | Leah Miller |
| | | 10:00 a.m. | for the parishes |
| | | 12:30 p.m. | Clearmont: Fr. Pete's intention |

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon-1 Samuel 15:16-23; Gospel; Mark 2:18-22
 Tue-1 Samuel 16:1-13; Gospel: Mark 2:23-28
 Wed-1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Gospel: Mark 3:1-6
 Thu-1 Samuel 19:1-7; Gospel: ark 3:7-12
Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
 Fri-1 Samuel 24:3-21; Gospel: Mark 3:13-19
Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn
 Sat-2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Gospel: Mark 3:20-21

FROM FR. PETE:

Many thanks to all of you for your generous support of the parish this Christmas. The Christmas collection was just over \$30,800.00!

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is suspended due to a lack of interest. It started well at first but then has dropped significantly. Some say they don't want to come out when it is dark or cold. Others prefer another day or time. This was the very same problem when I first arrived eight years ago. Everyone wanted Adoration but only a few were willing to make the commitment.

If there is a group of 15 people that are willing to spend one hour on a specific date at a specific time then I shall be more than happy to reinstate the devotion. Until then I can only conclude there is no substantial interest. One can, however, come into the Church for an hour during the week day from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to spend time in prayer before our Lord reserved in the Tabernacle.

Many thanks to Carol Gagliano and all her staff. They did a marvelous job preparing the kids to put on their Christmas play. The kids were great and I could see a lot of proud parents. For a minute I was wondering if we could fit all the kids in the sanctuary! And special thanks to the young actor who played the star of Bethlehem! I don't know how she stood in one spot for so long with her arms outstretched like that! What a trooper!

Many thanks to the Knights of Columbus. Their willingness to prepare a breakfast for last Sunday's 10:00 a.m. Mass crowd was very gracious of them. It was a fantastic breakfast and it was so nice to see so many young families come and share a meal and memories.

Many thanks to Jim Seeman and Dan Thiele. Jim and Dan were instrumental in putting together the Annual Beast Feast Pot Luck Dinner. We had a nice crowd and a vast array of dishes made from wild game: bear meat sausage, marinated goose breast, elk dip, pheasant pot pie and so many other dishes. Everyone enjoyed the food and fellowship. Several people signed up to learn how to shoot and hunt and Jim and Dan will be contacting them to help them get started. And sincere thanks to the Confirmation students for

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cleaning up. It was nice to see Fr. Jim Heiser and folks from Sheridan come down for the celebration. All in all it was a fantastic end to what was a fantastic Christmas season.

Julie and Jason Kaufman have joined the Parish Council. They will begin serving this month. The function of the Parish Council is to assist the pastor in discerning what needs to be done to promote the spiritual well-being of the parish. While the Parish Council does vote when we have a major expenditure its primary role is not to oversee the money, which is the job of the Finance Council and Trustees, but to keep a pulse on the spiritual needs of the parish.

The Parish Council consists of Marilyn Maxwell, Mike and Cece Ihnat, Nick and Kim Wagner, Ron and Angie Glassock and Jason and Julie Kaufman.

If there are things that you believe could improve the quality of spiritual life in the parish, please feel free to contact a member of the Parish Council.

All the Christmas decorations inside the Church have been taken down. We were supposed to have done this on Saturday but Jean Gandy's funeral was to be held that day and I had hoped to have the Church in order to celebrate her funeral Mass. Many thanks to all the folks who so graciously stayed after Mass on Tuesday. It was amazing how quickly everything was packed and stored away! It took just a little over one hour! The Church is now in what is called "Ordinary Time" until February 10, Ash Wednesday when we enter into Great and Holy Lent.

Lent is only four weeks away. So you can plan.....Ash Wednesday Mass with distribution of ashes will take place on February 10 at 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

A sign-up sheet for people to lead Stations of the Cross on Fridays of Lent at 7:00 p.m. will be at the front of

the Church in the next few weeks. Please consider leading this devotional.

Confessions will be heard after the daily morning Mass, Friday evenings at 6:00 p.m., Saturday mornings at 11:00 a.m., Saturday evenings after Mass, each evening during the Lenten Parish Mission and any time by appointment. Confessions will not be heard on either Good Friday or on Holy Saturday morning unless it is an emergency situation. Please plan accordingly.

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. The sign-up sheet is at the entrance of the Church. Please sign up for the Masses you are willing to serve at. Thank you.

Lenten Parish Mission will be led this year by Fr. Ken Geraci of the Fathers of Mercy. His talks will be about "Why Be Catholic" with a focus on the Divine Mercy. Fr. Ken will preach the weekend Masses of March 12 and 13 and begin the Mission on Sunday, March 13 at 7:00 p.m. and end with Mass on Thursday, March 17. Both Fr. Ken and I will be available for confession after each evening. Please make every effort to get to confession while Fr. Ken is here. I will not be hearing Confessions on either Good Friday or on Holy Saturday morning. There will have been more than ample time to get to confession during Lent. More information will be coming shortly.

We are exploring the possibility of offering baby-sitting services during the evenings of the Mission so parents can attend. More on that later.

From Deacon Dobelmann. News from “Dynamic Catholic.” There is a free resource available to everyone. Last year they launched a pilot program entitled *Best Lent Ever*, “the first free Lenten email program specifically built to explain the genius of Catholicism and lead a transformative Lent.” Nearly a quarter of a million people in parishes across the nation participated.

This year’s *Best Lent Ever* program is based on Matthew Kelly’s new bestseller Rediscover Jesus. It is available to every parish and every parishioner at no cost, and it is a wonderful opportunity for people to experience a transformative Lent.

The process is simple. Go to <http://dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever/> and sign up.

Participants receive daily emails with a short video from Matthew Kelly and a member of their team who guides them through the 40 chapters in Rediscover Jesus (the chapters are very, very short). Parishioners discover simple ways to bring Jesus into their everyday lives, leading to a more personal relationship with Jesus and their best Lent ever.

The book Rediscover Jesus is available free to individuals. They just have to pay shipping and handling charges of \$5.95.

“Fr. Pete.....Are you planning to offer any special courses this Lent?” I was, but it has been an endless hectic pace since August and I have decided to make time this Lent for my own spiritual reading and study. I urge you to do the same. Please look carefully at the exciting material offered by Dynamic Catholic as mentioned in the above article from Deacon Dobelmann and take advantage of it.

“Fr. Pete.....Is there going to be a St. Patrick’s Day dinner this year?” Yes. To the best of my knowledge it will be held on Saturday, March 12 at 6:00 p.m. immediately after the Saturday evening Mass.

“Fr. Pete....Are people using the on-line giving option?” Yes, very much so. Thus far people have given nearly \$7,000 via the on-line donation program. If you are interested, just go to the parish website at www.sjbc-buffalo.com. Click the “On Line Stewardship Pledge” and follow the instructions.

“Fr. Pete.....Why aren’t your sermons on the website?” I think the webmaster is having difficulty getting them up to date. In the meantime, however, you can simply go to the “sound cloud” at <https://soundcloud.com/st-john's-1>. Chad Reckard does a very good job recording them and getting them posted there.

“Fr. Pete.....Why aren’t your sermons on the sound cloud labeled?” Good question. I’m not in charge of the sound cloud, so you would have to ask Chad.

“Fr. Pete....Can people carry a concealed gun in the Church?” I believe our Bishop has said no. I find the idea of just anyone carrying a weapon into Church a bit unnerving. More often than not they are not properly trained in the use and handling of the weapon. I am aware of at least one incident in a Protestant church where someone’s gun went off during a service. Thank God no one was hurt. I can only imagine the emotional and legal repercussions had someone been killed or seriously injured. On the other hand I have told our law enforcement people that I have no problem with a uniformed police officer, sheriff or highway patrol man coming to Mass carrying his or her weapon because these are highly trained professionals who know how to read a situation and react accordingly and his or her very presence would be a powerful visual deterrent to someone who might intend to do harm.

“Fr. Pete....In some of the Churches I go to when I travel the priests are chanting the whole Mass.” Good for them. Not happening here.

CCW sponsored “Ladies Night Out” will begin Monday, January 25 at 6:30pm. Bring your favorite game, cards and a snack to share!