



# 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

Sunday, Feb. 7 – 9am Knights' Breakfast  
NO Youth Group  
Tuesday, Feb. 9 – 11am Welcoming Committee  
4pm-7:30pm Fish Fry (fairgrounds)  
Wednesday, Feb. 10 – 6 & 10am St. John class  
7am Mass  
3:45pm CCD only  
6pm Mass  
Thursday, Feb. 11 – 6:30am Men of St. Joseph  
*KC Meals-on-Wheels – Nick Smith*  
6pm Intentional Disciples class  
7pm Symbolon class  
Sunday, Feb. 14 – 5pm Youth Group

## 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

## **5TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIMES**

**FEBRUARY 7, 2016**

**Altar Assistants:**

**SATURDAY, Feb. 13, 5:00pm**

Lector: Dennis Lawrence

EM: Kathy Urruty, Donna Nelson

Altar Servers: Volunteers

**SUNDAY, Feb. 14, 8:00am**

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteers

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

**SUNDAY, Feb. 14, 10:00am**

Lector: Mary Ann Cummins

EM: Volunteers

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

**Homebound Ministry, Friday, Feb. 12**

Kathy Smith

### **Collections for Week of Jan. 31, 2015**

St. John's           \$ 3,032.69       YTD \$ 120,809.65

St. Mary's           \$ 30.00       YTD \$ 3,622.33

St. Hubert's       \$ 65.00       YTD \$ 2,387.00

Poor contributions \$ 178.00

Online Donations \$ 75.60

### **Mass intentions for the week:**

Mon. 02.08 8:00 a.m. No Mass

Tue. 02.09 8:00 a.m. Seth Hostetler

### ***Ash Wednesday, Great and Holy Lent***

02.10 7:00 a.m. +Jeanette Maxwell  
6:00 p.m. for the parishes

Thu. 02.11 8:00 a.m. +Whitey Maxwell

Fri. 02.12 8:00 a.m. +Claire Hollcroft

Sat. 02.13 5:00 p.m. +Peg Rogers

Sun. 02.14 8:00 a.m. +Marilyn Gibbons  
10:00 a.m. for the parishes  
12:30 p.m. Clearmont: Fr.  
Pete's intention

### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

Sun-Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

Mon-1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13; Gospel; Mark 6:53-56

*Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin (trafficked)*

Tue-1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30; Gospel; Mark 7:1-13

Wed-Joel 2:12-18; 2 Corinthians 5:20—6:2; Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Thu-Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Gospel: Luke 9:22-25

Fri-Isaiah 58:1-9a; Gospel: Mathew 9:14-15

Sat-Isaiah 58:9b-14; Gospel: Luke 5:27-32

### **FROM FR. PETE:**

**Great and Holy Lent begins on February 10.**

Please consult the insert that outlines the Church's expectations on observing this time of fasting, prayer and abstaining from meat.

### **Donuts after the Sunday Masses during Lent?**

Instead of donuts a more appropriate item to break the Eucharistic fast is to offer something like bagels. (As a reminder, we are required to refrain from eating at least one hour before receiving Holy Communion). I think we can all agree that giving up donuts for Lent is a small sacrifice to make while still having a little something to eat but most importantly enjoying the fellowship. Parents and grandparents, this is a wonderful opportunity to teach your children about making sacrifices.

### **The Knights of Columbus are again offering breakfast after this Sunday morning's Masses.**

This is a free will offering and your generosity is much appreciated. FISH FRY Tuesday, Feb. 9 at the FAIRGROUNDS, 4pm!

### **The Sacrament of the Sick is offered after all Masses this weekend.**

The rule of thumb is that if you are able to go to Holy Communion you may receive the Sacrament of the Sick if you so desire.

### **Lenten Parish Mission with Fr. Ken**

**Geraci coming soon!** Fr. Ken will lead the

Mission starting Sunday, March 13, 7:00

p.m. and each evening Monday thru

Thursday at 7:00 p.m. His focus will be

*"Why be Catholic?"* If you know someone

who has stopped practicing the Faith for

whatever reason, please invite him or her

to come with you.

Efforts are being made to provide babysitting for all or several nights of the Mission.

**No noon Mass on Ash Wednesday.** There did not seem to be a great pastoral need for a third Mass so we will have just the two.

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

**Free Lenten Lunch for our Catholic high school students.** Catholics are not permitted to eat meat on the Fridays of Lent. How can we help our high school students with this spiritual discipline during the four Fridays of Lent they have school? It is not the responsibility of the school district to meet the religious dietary practices of its students. It is the responsibility of parents to provide their children with options. In an effort to help parents, the parish will host a FREE LENTEN LUNCH at the Parish Hall for our Catholic high school students. They are, of course, welcome to invite their non-Catholic friends to come but should warn them that in keeping with the Lenten Fast the lunch will be simple: a hearty meatless soup, bread and water and other variations of simple Lenten foods. There will be no cookies, cake, pie, punch, etc.

Students who take advantage of this offer are encouraged to consider giving a portion of the money they save to the Bread of Life Food Pantry to help those struggling to feed their families.

**Stations of the Cross.** This devotion will be offered on the Friday evenings of Great and Holy Lent. In response to numerous requests it will be offered at 7:00 p.m. to allow families time for dinner.

**The parishioners should be proud of what they have accomplished.** After eight years the parish reached a remarkable goal: a half million dollars in an investment portfolio with the Wyoming Catholic Ministries Foundation.

We had \$413,000.00 and through the consent of the Finance Council and Trustees the parish has invested another \$100,000.00. Despite market upheavals this conservative portfolio has earned the parish some \$69,000.00. The parish does not touch a penny of the earnings but keeps it in the portfolio to grow.

It is important to keep in mind that this aggressive savings program was maintained while simultaneously bringing the parish buildings up to speed, costing nearly \$350,000.00 thus far and expected to exceed \$400,000.00 by the end of this summer's additional projects.

While this is a good start, it is only a start. A parish this size should have had at least a million dollars set aside in reserves. It is my hope to reach that goal in the next six years.

I thank the people for their generosity. The Finance Council, Trustees and I take very seriously our responsibility to use the resources you give as wisely as possible.

### **Church roof to be replaced this summer.**

The Finance Council, Trustees and Parish Council reviewed bids to replace the Church roof. It was agreed to accept the bid from Rock Creek Roofing for \$52,348.50. The necessary documentation was sent to Bishop Etienne's office to obtain his permission to go forward with the project. The money is in parish savings. There will be no requests for funding from parishioners.

Some believe we should keep a cedar shake roof. Fr. Charles Taylor put the current roof on the Church, so it is not very old. As nice as a cedar shake looks it is simply impractical and becomes a waste of money if, as happened here, the roof is not routinely oiled every three to five years depending on how dry the summers and falls are. Because our roof was not maintained the shakes prematurely dried out, curled up, became loose, blew off in spots, exposed the decking and made the roof vulnerable to leakage. If the roof was not properly maintained in the past it is unlikely it will be in the future. Therefore, we will not have a cedar shake roof.

We will be using a 50 year Malarkey Legacy shingle. This is the same shingle we applied to the roof of the CCD wing last year.

The color of the shingle on the Church will be the same as that on the CCD wing.

If the Bishop gives approval for the project we hope to see work begin in the first or second week of June, weather permitting.

**Fellowship hall ceiling.** Concerns were raised that the fellowship hall ceiling is too heavy for the steel girders and wiring system. Some counter argue saying this is an overreaction and removing the ceiling in the fellowship hall is unnecessary, expensive and will create an eyesore inside the hall that will add additional costs to correct.

Some hold that since the steel girders had factory drilled holes they were designed to support the existing ceiling. Others hold that the steel girders and wiring were not designed for the current weight load of the ceiling.

What is clear is that no one knows for certain what the truth is. The only logical thing for us to do is hire a structural engineer to make an analysis of the steel girders, the wiring and ceiling. Once the parish leadership has that report and the engineer's recommendations we can more rationally consider the best course of action to take.

You may recall we followed this same procedure when there were concerns about the settling of the east wall of the fellowship hall and the lack of proper support for the flooring above the Knights meeting room.

**Those planning June, July and possibly August weddings at St. John's.** During those months work on and around the Church building is being planned: replacing the Church roof, removing two sidewalks on the west side of the Church, regrading them to do away with the steps and pouring new sidewalks, removal of the stone wall and completion of the landscaping project by the west and front southwest Church foundations to improve positive drainage. We cannot delay these projects to accommodate weddings since we have weddings scheduled into October. Everything will be done to minimize inconvenience, but the work must get done. The good news is that there is no impact on the interior space in the Church where your pictures will be taken. You can also take pictures on the east lawn and by the shrine.

## **Looking for someone that can do good leather work, whatever the project?**

Pick's Saddle Shop moved but is still in operation! This is a great time of the year to get your saddles and tack mended or replaced. Custom orders on chaps, chinks, breast collars and countless other items. Interested in getting a scabbard for your chain saw? Bryan Pickeral provides prompt, reliable and quality service right here in Buffalo. Just give him a call at 307-217-0451.

To send cards, notes of support, etc. to **Seth Hostetler**, his address is c/o St. John Vianney Theological Seminary / 1300 S Steele St / Denver, CO 80210.

**Parish Financial Contribution statements** for 2015 were mailed last week. If you did not receive yours, please contact the parish office, 684-7268. If you wish to receive parish envelopes, please do the same.

**"No Greater Love"** is the theme of the 2016 Wyoming Catholic Youth Retreat, which is scheduled for Feb. 12-14 in Casper. The Eucharistic, God-and Spirit-filled event is for young people ages 13-30. It will be at St. Anthony Tri-Parish Catholic School. Registration is \$45 by Feb. 7. Housing not included. Go to [www.dioceseofcheyenne.org/retreat.html](http://www.dioceseofcheyenne.org/retreat.html) to register.

**40 Days of Life** begins Feb. 10 thru March 20. "Google it" to get ideas for prayer and fasting to support life and end abortions.

Feb. 8 is the **Feast of St. Josephine Bakhita**, a slave to human trafficking in Africa. Pray to end this evil in our state, country and world.

**LEGACY PREGNANCY CENTER BABY BOTTLES** will be handed out for your Lenten alms to support this "life-affirming" center the weekend of Feb. 20-21.