



St. John the Baptist Church

St. Mary Church - Clearmont
St. Hubert Church - Kaycee

Office and Rectory

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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

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>	684-2171
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

Religious Education / Meetings

Sunday, May 1 – 10 am First Communion
Knights' Breakfast

Wednesday, May 4 – 3:45pm CCD
7pm Confirmation

Thursday, May 5 – 6:30am Men of St. Joseph
KC Meals-on-Wheels – Greg Smith

Sunday, May 15 – 5pm Mary's Daughters dinner

Sunday, May 22 – 10am BHS Graduates' Mass

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 8:30am to 10am; call 217-0150 or 307-660-4936 for place

Sacrament of the Sick – After first Sunday Masses or call the Parish Office

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 1, 2016

Altar Assisters:

SATURDAY, MAY 7, 5pm

Lector: Volunteers

EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, MAY 8, 8am

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, MAY 8, 10am

Lector: Volunteers

EM: Volunteer

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Homebound Ministry, Friday, May 6

Valerie Spanos

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK OF April 24, 2016

St. John's	\$ 2,300.50	YTD \$ 161,892.72
St. Mary's	\$ 130.00	YTD \$ 4,747.43
St. Hubert's	\$	YTD \$ 3,567.00
Poor Donations	\$ 200.00	
Online Donations	\$	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon.	05.02	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	05.03	8:00 a.m.	Ladies of the CCW
Wed.	05.04	8:00 a.m.	+Grayce Miller
Thu.	05.05	8:00 a.m.	NO MASS
Fri.	05.06	8:00 a.m.	+Claire Hollcroft
Sat.	05.07	5:00 p.m.	+Jean Gandy
Sun.	05.08	8:00 a.m.	+Pauline Ney
		10:00 a.m.	for the people
		12:30 p.m.	Clearmont: +Russ Miller

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Sun-Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2, 22-29; Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23; Gospel: John 14:23

Mon-Acts of the Apostles 16:11-15; Gospel: John 15:26—16:4a *Saint Athanasius, Bishop/Doctor*

Tue-1 Corinthians 15:1-8; Gospel: John 14:6-14
Saints Philip and James, Apostles

Wed-Acts of the Apostles 17:15, 22—18:1; Gospel: John 16:12-15

Thu-Acts of the Apostles 18:1-8; Gospel: John 16:16-20

Fri-Acts of the Apostles 18:9-18; Gospel: John 16:20-23

Sat-Acts of the Apostles 18:23-28; Gospel: John 16:23b-28

FROM FR. PETE:

Congratulations to those who make their First Holy Communion this

Sunday! From Buffalo we have Gabriela Hall, James Ihnat, Nate Miner, Asher Murray, Lane Rabel, Johnathan Rosalez, Kaden Walter, and Hannah Zink. From Kaycee we have Joseph Curuchet.

Many thanks to the parents who have worked so hard to impart the gift of Faith to their children. Please keep up the good work.

And many thanks to the CCD teachers for all their work in preparing the children for the Sacraments.

Welcome to our visitors. Please do not leave the Church after you have been to Holy Communion. Return to your pew and wait for the final blessing. To deliberately leave the Church without a very serious reason is an insult to the Body and Blood of the Lord you were privileged to receive and insult to the rest of us.

After the Sunday Masses this weekend you are welcome to come over to the parish hall and join us for breakfast, courtesy of the Knights of Columbus. Children are welcome!

The following comes from an ancient letter whose author is unknown. The word "letter" is a bit misleading. It was actually a major work written in response to questions from a pagan philosopher named Diognetus. The following is only a small section of a much larger work. Scholars believe it was written between 190 AD and 210 AD. Most think it was written in Alexandria though some have argued for Rome.

Christians are indistinguishable from other men either by nationality, language or customs. They do not

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inhabit separate cities of their own, or speak a strange dialect, or follow some outlandish way of life. Their teaching is not based upon reveries inspired by the curiosity of men. Unlike some other people, they champion no purely human doctrine. With regard to dress, food and manner of life in general, they follow the customs of whatever city they happen to be living in, whether it is Greek or foreign.

And yet there is something extraordinary about their lives. They live in their own countries as though they were only passing through. They play their full role as citizens, but labor under all the disabilities of aliens. Any country can be their homeland, but for them their homeland, wherever it may be, is a foreign country. Like others, they marry and have children, but they do not expose them (ancient practice of exposing newborns to the elements so they would die quickly from dehydration, starvation, cold or heat). They share their meals, but not their wives. They live in the flesh, but they are not governed by the desires of the flesh. They pass their days upon earth, but they are citizens of heaven. Obedient to the laws, they yet live on a level that transcends the law.

Christians love all men, but all men persecute them. Condemned because they are not understood, they are put to death, but raised to life again. They live in poverty, but enrich many; they are totally destitute, but possess an abundance of everything. They suffer dishonor, but that is their glory. They are defamed, but vindicated. A blessing is their answer

to abuse, deference their response to insult. For the good they do they receive the punishment of malefactors, but even then they rejoice, as though receiving the gift of life. They are attacked by Jews as aliens, they are persecuted by the Greeks, yet no one can explain the reason for this hatred.

To speak in general terms, we may say that the Christian is to the world what the soul is to the body. As the soul is present in every part of the body, while remaining distinct from it, so Christians are found in all the cities of the world, but cannot be identified with the world. As the visible body contains the invisible soul, so Christians are seen living in the world, but their religious life remains unseen. The body hates the soul and wars against it, not because of any injury the soul has done it, but because of the restriction the soul places on its pleasures. Similarly, the world hates the Christians, not because they have done it any wrong, but because they are opposed to its enjoyments.

Christians love those who hate them just as the soul loves the body and all its members despite the body's hatred. It is by the soul, enclosed within the body, that the body is held together, and similarly, it is by the Christians, detained in the world as in a prison, that the world is held together. The soul, though immortal, has a mortal dwelling place; and Christians also live for a time amidst the perishable things, while awaiting the freedom from change and decay that will be theirs in heaven. As the soul benefits from the deprivation of food and drink, so Christians flourish under persecution. Such is the

Christian's lofty and divinely appointed function, from which he is not permitted to excuse himself.

A visual aid of what could happen lies on the ground by the Shrine. Check it out. It will be left there for a while. What would have happened if that fell on someone?

For the second time in less than a month a large bough has fallen off the spruce tree to the left of the Shrine. This bough is much smaller than the first that Terry and Lynn Ridgeway so graciously spent most of a Saturday cutting into sections and hauling off. We were lucky with that one. Had it hit the Church it would have taken off a section of the roof and a couple of windows.

As this smaller bough fell it damaged other boughs on the tree it fell from and the tree in front of it. If you look carefully you will see that the damage it created means those boughs will, at some point, sheer off and potentially do more damage or possibly hurt someone who goes to the Shrine to pray or children who like to play in the area. We shall have to cut those damaged boughs off to prevent further damage. There was no weight of snow on either the first or second bough to cause them to break off. And while the wind was intense at times it was not as bad as forecasted and that tree was somewhat protected from the wind by other trees. The tree is simply old, as many of the trees on the parish plant are.

This problem is not unique to our parish. The City of Buffalo has many aging trees that pose a threat to people, property and damage to power lines. Recently a tree fell on Main Street causing a number of families to go without power. Thank God no one was hurt.

I realize the emotional attachment people have to trees. Some parishioners can remember as children when the trees were planted some fifty, sixty or seventy years ago. But trees have a life span and many on parish property and throughout our community are reaching the limits of their life spans. They are subject to disease and insect infestation. They become weak and vulnerable. And they become dangerous. This is why we need to take down the spruce tree in the front of the

Church that is heavily leaning toward the sidewalk. I don't want to think what would happen if that fell during Mass or while people were unloading children from their vehicles.

I understand this is upsetting for some, but the safety of people and property must take priority.

Please keep the soul of Jean Gandy in your prayers. Jean passed away on January 10, 2016. I recently received a very nice note from her daughter, Carol, informing me that Jean left \$5,000.00 to the parish in her will.

We have just so much time in this world. But when we depart this life, we can still have an impact on the quality of parish life for those who follow us by leaving the parish in our will or estate planning.

Please consider leaving the parish in your will.

Thank you.

Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors. Please sign up to serve on Saturdays and Sundays. If people want to have access to the Precious Blood we need ministers to serve. Thank you.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER – Jesus tells us not to let our hearts be troubled because he has given us His peace; the peace that passes all understanding. We also have the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us and our marriage. Sign up today to attend the upcoming WWME weekend on November 4-6 in our backyard, The Ranch at Ucross. For more information, contact Tom and Mary Frances at 307-577-7456 or tommfburke@gamil.com

MARY'S DAUGHTERS dinner on Sunday, May 15 at 5pm. We will honor the newest mothers of our parish in the past year – 12 of them!!! We will also honor the mothers of our parish who are 90 years and older – 5 of them☺

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST today...9am to noon. Donations greatly appreciated☺

KNIGHTS' SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS due May 12!!