



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

Religious Education / Meetings

Sunday, May 22 – 10am BHS Graduates honored
5pm Intermediate & Advanced
Basque dancing in the hall
7pm Parish Council meets
Tuesday, May 24 – 6:30pm Knights' 1st degree
Wednesday, May 25 – 5:30pm Beginning Basque
dancing in the hall
Thursday, May 26 – 6:30am Men of St. Joseph
KC Meals-on-Wheels – Steve Reimann
Sunday, June 5 – 9am-noon Knights' breakfast
Monday, June 6 – 12:30pm at Ridgeways

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

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

TRINITY SUNDAY

MAY 22, 2016

Altar Assistors:

SATURDAY, MAY 28, 5pm

Lector: Sarah Sandman

EM: Tim Sandman, Julie Seeman

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, MAY 29, 8am

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Rick Andersen

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, MAY 29, 10am

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Homebound Ministry, Friday, May 27

Mary Ann Dahl

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK OF May 15, 2016

St. John's	\$ 3,262.92	YTD \$ 173,485.63
St. Mary's	\$ 30.00	YTD \$ 5,061.43
St. Hubert's	\$ 130.00	YTD \$ 4,002.00
Poor Donations	\$ 330.00	
Online Donations	\$ 75.60	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon.	05.23	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	05.24	8:00 a.m.	+Tom McKee
Wed.	05.25	8:00 a.m.	+Rande Money
Thu.	05.26	8:00 a.m.	+Clint Rux
Fri.	05.27	8:00 a.m.	+Jim Brown
Sat.	05.28	5:00 p.m.	Jerry Raunis Family
Sun.	05.29	8:00 a.m.	+Ken Larsen
		10:00 a.m.	for the parishes

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Sun-Proverbs 8:22-31; Romans 5:1-5; Gospel: John 16:12-15

Mon-1 Peter 1:3-9; Gospel: Mark 10:17-27

Tue-1 Peter 1:10-16; Gospel: mark 10:28-31

Wed-1 Peter 1: 18-25; Gospel: Mark 10:32-45

Thu-1 Peter 2:2-5, 9-12; Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

Saint Philip Neri, Priest

Fri-1 Peter 4:7-13; Gospel: Mark 11:11-26

Sat-Jude 17, 20b-25; Gospel: Mark 11:27-33

FROM FR. PETE:

Sincere congratulations to all our graduating seniors! Well done! Your time left in Buffalo is growing short. Very soon now you will be leaving family, friends and parish. May God bless you and watch over you wherever you go.

Thank you to all the parents who have registered their children for the Catholic Vacation Bible School! There is still room but *please* register your kids as soon as possible and not on the first day of CVBS. We want to make sure we have all the materials we need for a fun and successful experience for them.

There are no fees. We are attaching the costs of CVBS to the CCD budget.

Thank you to all the people who have volunteered to help with Catholic Vacation Bible School!

Apology. The Knights of Columbus regret that they will not be making breakfast the first Sunday of July. Donuts, coffee, juice and hot cocoa will be served instead.

There will not be refreshments after the Sunday Masses on the Sunday before Memorial Day. Honey Harriet is planning to take some well-deserved time off.

The following article was reprinted with the permission of Catholic News Agency. I highly recommend this on-line resource as an excellent way of staying current with

FR. PETE (cont.)

what is happening in the universal Church instead of relying on the secular media which often has its own agenda. The article, written by Marcy Rezac, appeared on May 16. You can access Catholic News Agency at news@catholicna.com. The article is entitled, "A young woman chose to be euthanized, and the reason why is awful."

Amsterdam, Netherlands, May 15, 2016 / 04:00 pm ([CNA](#)).- A Dutch woman in her 20s was euthanized after her mental health condition was declared "insufferable" by a team of doctors and psychiatrists in the Netherlands, according to recently released reports from the Dutch Euthanasia Commission.

Why? The unnamed woman was sexually abused from ages 5 to 15.

As a result, she suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), anxiety, and other mental illnesses. Multiple reports say the documents classified her condition as "incurable," thus legally justifying the woman's death by euthanasia under Dutch law.

Health professionals and advocates in the United States argue that the case is a blow to others who are suffering with similar illnesses, because it sends a message of hopelessness. "I think it's devastating in the message that it sends," said Dr. Greg Bottaro, a clinical psychologist with the **Catholic Psych Institute**. "But by putting this out there in this public mindset, it calls into question even more the people who are in despair and it gives them greater reason to believe that it's worth giving up."

According to reports from **The Telegraph**, the documents also reveal that this woman was not an exceptional case, as the number of people with mental illnesses who have died by euthanasia has significantly increased

since the practice was first legalized in the Netherlands in 2002.

In 2010, only two people were granted euthanasia due to "insufferable" mental conditions, the number rose to 56 in 2015, according to the Telegraph's report on the documents from the commission.

Dutch psychiatrist Paulan Stärcke, who has carried out euthanasia requests at the country's End-of-Life clinic, argues that psychiatrists are "too hesitant" about agreeing to euthanasia for patients with psychiatric diseases, and she told The Telegraph that children as young as 12 should be allowed to request to end their lives and be taken seriously.

Dr. Bottaro, however, said that the pro-euthanasia mindset is not only a political agenda, it's a dangerous threat to public health. "It's really a threat to public health itself, because one of the biggest hurdles to get over in treating these illnesses is despair, and a lot of times the first part of treatment is to instill hope that the possibility of healing is there and it's worth working towards, no matter how difficult it might be, that the goal is worth the struggle."

Dr. Bottaro added that he doesn't understand how the Dutch medical professionals could reach a diagnosis of "incurable." While there are complex and severe cases of trauma, he said, there's never a point where all hope is lost. "There's always hope for further treatment," he said.

Tim Rosales, a spokesperson with the advocacy group **Patients' Rights Action Fund**, said that euthanasia is an extreme and outdated way to handle people's suffering. "There are better ways to address the issue of people with serious or terminal illnesses," he said. "Assisted suicide is an extreme way that really is outdated, because with modern medicine and modern therapies, doctors are able to care for individuals and their families who are facing those types of illnesses so that they don't experience

pain," he said. "I would say that it certainly is not the response, both from a healthcare standpoint or even a compassion standpoint, that society ought to be endorsing."

Dr. Bottaro said that in light of the news, anyone with a psychological illness needs to know that there is always hope. "There's always hope, and the designating of a particular illness as untreatable – it's a lie. We need to keep pushing forward and keep hoping for healing and working towards it." Only a handful of countries have laws allowing for either euthanasia or physician-assisted suicide. Euthanasia differs from physician-assisted suicide in that anyone – a doctor, a family member, the patient – may administer lethal drugs to the patient. Under physician-assisted suicide, the patient's doctor prescribes lethal drugs, but legally only the patient can administer them to themselves.

In the United States, physician-assisted suicide is allowed under legislation in four states – California, Oregon, Vermont and Washington – with Montana has legal physician-assisted suicide by court ruling.

The release of the documents from the Netherlands comes at a time when Canada's Parliament is considering a euthanasia law, which is due for a vote in early June. Medical professionals and advocates from Belgium have been releasing a series of videos **urging the country** not to legalize it.

Well.....the work around the Church has begun! That it occurred at the same time the Lobban Avenue project began was a most unhappy coincidence.

I am sure you have noticed how the lawns on the west side are missing. No....it was not the work of terrorists. While not part of the original plan, in order to achieve the proper grade for drainage and access to the west door for those in wheel chairs and walkers it was

necessary to level the lawns. It became evident that the additional work and expense were necessary if everything was to be done properly with a view for the long term care and use of the grounds.

Shawn Welsh has been working with "*Plant Master Designer*" Phil Gonzales. Church and rectory sidewalks were removed. Shawn has also graded the soil by the Church to prepare for the new sidewalks. Mike Romine came in and started to prepare the frames and base for Church sidewalks.

Shawn ripped out the tree stump. It was frightening to see just how easy it was to do. He filled the area in with dirt and will compact the soils before Mike Romine pours concrete. If space allows we will install a couple of benches.

Shawn's crew demolished the stone walls and carefully saved the stone to be re-purposed in the new foundation to be prepared for the Ten Commandments monument.

We are planning to remove patches of the sidewalk on Lobban and Snider to create a handicap ramp that will be flush with the streets.

Bill Arno will then come to complete the landscaping work on the west and south side of the Church, "zero scape" the area from the "patio" to the corner of Lobban and Snider, apply top soil and then sod to restore the west lawn. Don Sullivan will tackle installing a sprinkler system on the newly restored west lawn.

EJ Panetta Inc. will then come and work on the parking lots in front of the Church and the parish hall. The lots will be cleaned and the cracks sealed. Sometime in June the lots will be resurfaced and striped.

Around the second week of June when the weather is consistently warmer, Rock Creek Roofing will come in to remove the shakes on the Church roof and install the Malarkey shingles. Then new drain spouts will be installed around the Church.

Hopefully, we can get the vast majority of the parish projects completed by the end of June before we close out the fiscal year.

There is a lot of work going. While it may be inconvenient and not so pleasant to look at right now, it will get better. We need to be patient.