



# 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

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

## 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, June 19 – Happy Father's Day!

5pm Intermediate & Advanced  
Basque dancing in the hall

Wednesday, June 22 – 8:30am Kitchen cleaning in  
parish hall

5:30pm Beginning Basque  
dancing in the hall

Thursday, June 23 – 6:30am Men of St. Joseph

*KC Meals-on-Wheels – Keith Leppert*

Friday, June 24 – 12 noon Ney funeral

Saturday, June 25 – Horn wedding

Saturday, July 2 – 10am Belus Ranch 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](mailto: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

## **12TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

**JUNE 19, 2016**

### **Altar Assisters:**

**SATURDAY, June 25, 5pm**

Lector: Keith Leppert

EM: Dennis Lawrence, Janelle/Phil Gonzales

Altar Servers: Volunteers

**SUNDAY, June 26, 8am**

Lector: Marilyn Maxwell

EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Volunteers

**SUNDAY, June 26, 10am**

Lector: Mary Ann Cummins

EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Volunteers

**Homebound Ministry, Friday, June 24**

Valerie Spanos

### **COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK OF June 12, 2016**

St. John's	\$ 3,378.00	YTD \$ 190,024.23
St. Mary's	\$ 322.00	YTD \$ 5,494.43
St. Hubert's	\$ 25.00	YTD \$ 4,219.43
Poor Donations	\$ 181.00	
Online Donations	\$ 175.60	

### **MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:**

Mon.	06.20	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	06.21	8:00 a.m.	+Nettie Bradshaw
Wed.	06.22	8:00 a.m.	+Chris Cummins
Thu.	06.23	8:00 a.m.	+Liz Belus
Fri.	06.24	8:00 a.m.	+Krail Family
		12:00 noon	+Pauline Ney's funeral Mass
Sat.	06.25	5:00 p.m.	deceased Belus family members
Sun.	06.26	8:00 a.m.	Poor Souls
		10:00 a.m.	for those murdered in Orlando and their families
		12:30 p.m.	Clearmont: for the parishes

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

Mon-2 Kings 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Gospel: Matthew 7:1-5

Tue-2 Kings 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Gospel:

Matthew 7:6, 12-14 *Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious*

Wed- 2 Kings 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Gospel: Matthew 7:15-20

Thu-2 Kings 24:8-17; Gospel: Matthew 7:21-29

Fri-Isaiah 49:1-6; Acts of the Apostles 13:22-26; Gospel:

Luke 1:57-66, 80 *The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist*

Sat-Lamentations 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Gospel: Matthew

8:5-17

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

The tragedy in Orlando. Recently an American Civil Liberties Union attorney, Chase Strangio, blamed the "Christian right" for the atmosphere of homophobia that led to the massacre of the men and women murdered in the gay nightclub in Orlando! **Wow!** How he reconciles that position with the facts that the murderer / Islamic terrorist Omar Mateen was a "devout" Muslim, had nothing to do with Christianity, adopted a radical interpretation of the Koran and was apparently conflicted about his own sexuality is beyond my understanding. Instead of placing the blame where it belongs, radical Islam, he blames Christianity! But then, that is the safest thing to do. There aren't any Christian suicide bombers out there that pose a threat.

Our Church does not and never will agree with "gay marriage." This is true for a number of religions in our country, including Islam. We will vigorously defend our teaching in the public arena. But this does not mean we condone the sin, the crime of murder.

Such irresponsible statements, however, lead to an important issue. We must not be silenced by the pervasive political correctness that has become well entrenched in the halls of government, the corridors of political power and educational institutions that refuse to name the true source of the atrocities first at Fort Hood, then at San Bernadino, and now in Orlando: radical Islam.

This horror is as revolting to devout Muslim citizens as it is to us. If we are smart, and that remains to be seen, Christians and Muslims could allow this horror to unite us for the common social good of our nation. But so long as there are those among us who will abuse their religion to justify the slaughter of "unbelievers," that they have a religious duty to kill the "infidels" we must take them at their word. We must never let down our guard.

## **FR. PETE (CONT.)**

Our politicians may choose to play the ostrich and put their heads in the sand acting like children afraid of the school yard bully. We, the people, religious or not, cannot afford to do so.

Those murdered in that nightclub were not simply gay, lesbian or transgender men and women. First and foremost, they were people made in the love and image of God. They had personal hopes and aspirations. They had futures. They had families and friends who must now lay them to rest and mourn them. And they were citizens whose most fundamental right, the right to life, was brutally ripped away from them, the foundational right upon which all other rights rely.

**Progress is being made!** Kyle Cummings and his roof crew are successfully tackling the roofs over the baptistery and the bell tower. With that done the rest of the roof project should go rather swiftly. There was one casualty: a broken water line that Don Sullivan is taking care of.

Bill Arno and his landscaping crew have begun work on the corner project and the front of the rectory. As soon as the Ten Commandments monument is moved, he will begin putting topsoil and sod on the "quad".

Mike Romine will soon be working on the cement recently poured to create a "patio" effect and then acid stain the area. He will do some spot testing to see if he can stain the front the steps of the Church so that all the sidewalks will match as closely as possible.

**Many thanks to Carol Gagliano and her crew of volunteers.** Carol and her team spent a lot of time prepping the CCD wing to make it look like a cave. Nearly 60 kids attended and had a great time. Money has been included in the CCD budget for next year that, hopefully, will allow another Catholic Vacation Bible School. I wish to thank Carol and all who helped her to make this such a successful program for our children.

**A HUGE thank you** to each and every person who helped with CAVE QUEST VBS and all of the hours they gave volunteering for our kids!

For their creative decorating skills and help, thank you to: Margaret Light, Keni Kae Michelena, Carleen Cosner, Juliann Tanachion, Mary Brown, Mary & Randy Blaine, Diane & Johnny Doudna, and Misty Sutton. To Cindy Goehring for her flexibility, and to Chad & Jill Mills, Carleen Cosner, Diane Doudna, Misty Sutton, Tyna & Jim Staebler, Mary Blaine, Katie Wilhelm, Carmen Rodriguez, Keni Kae Michelena, and Elisa Fieldgrove. We couldn't have done this without you! And a big thank you to all who donated materially or financially to VBS. Please come over to the hall after Mass and see our "cave". The kids had a great week because of all of you!

**A reflection on the Lord's Prayer from St. Cyprian, bishop and martyr.** Cyprian was born a pagan and was one of the most highly educated men of his day. He worked as an attorney in his home city, Carthage, in North Africa and was deeply involved in the political life of his city. At the age of 50 he encountered an elderly priest named Caecilian who so impressed Cyprian that he converted to Christianity. He was baptized and took a vow of celibacy and devoted his life to the study of Sacred Scripture. He was ordained a priest, and in 248 was elected by the people and the clergy of Carthage to be their new bishop, much against his wishes.

Soon after his election, the Emperor Decius unleashed an empire-wide persecution of the Church. Cyprian went into hiding so he could move about more easily around various communities to support believers with preaching and the Sacraments.

Cyprian survived that episode only to have to undergo another round of persecution by Emperor Valerian. Cyprian was brought to trial, condemned and publically beheaded on September 14, 258.

*Above all, He Who preaches peace and unity did not want us to pray by ourselves in private or for ourselves alone. We do not say "My Father, Who are in heaven," nor "Give me this day my daily bread." It is not for himself alone that each person asks to be forgiven, not to be led into temptation or to be delivered from evil. Rather, we pray in public as a community, and not for one individual but for all. For the people of God are all one.*

God is then the teacher of harmony, peace and unity, and desires each of us to pray for all men, even as He bore all men in Himself alone. The three young men shut up in the furnace of fire observed this rule of prayer. United in the bond of the Spirit they uttered together the same prayer. The witness of Holy Scripture describes this incident for us, so that we might imitate them in our prayer. "Then all three began to sing in unison, blessing God." Even though Christ had not yet taught them to pray, nevertheless, they spoke as with one voice.

It is for this reason that their prayer was persuasive and efficacious. For their simple and spiritual prayer of peace merited the presence of the Lord. So too, after the Ascension we find the apostles and the disciples praying together in this way. Scripture relates; "They all joined together in continuous prayer, with the women including Mary, the mother of Jesus, and His brothers." They all joined together in continuous prayer. The urgency and the unity of their prayer declares that God, "Who fashions a bond of unity among those who live in his home," will admit into His Divine home for all eternity only those who pray in unity.

My dear friends, the Lord's Prayer contains many great mysteries of our faith. In these few words there is great spiritual strength, for this summary of Divine teaching contains all of our prayers and petitions. And so, the Lord commands us, "Pray then like this: Our Father, Who are in heaven."

We are new men; we have been reborn and restored to God by His grace. We have already begun to be His sons and we can say "Father." John reminds us of this: "He came to His own home,

and His own people did not receive Him. But to all who received Him, who believe in His name, He gave the power to become children of God." Profess your belief that you are sons of God by giving thanks. Call upon God Who is your Father in heaven.

**Update on the Living and Giving in Christ Campaign.** A number of parishes are not doing very well. A notable exception is St. Patrick's in Casper whose goal is \$149,590. People pledged \$194,302 and thus far have paid \$164,376. God bless them.

The Cathedral, which has a goal of \$136,169 has only paid \$87,750.

Our goal is \$53,036. Thus far parishioners have pledged \$26,971 and have paid \$19,986.

While I have difficulties with this campaign and have attempted on more than one occasion to voice them with the diocese with no result, the fact remains that the goal must be paid. If the goal is not met by contributions it must be paid by the parish which means it will have to come from our investments which we worked hard to build up for the future of our parish.

Our budget for the next fiscal year is going to be lean one, reflecting the economic status of many families and businesses in our state and in our community. Whatever you can give to the *Living and Giving in Christ* campaign will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

**CCW SUMMER PROGRESSIVE DINNER** – all ladies of the parish are invited on Thursday, June 23 (meet in the church parking lot at 5:30pm) to travel to Trabling Road. Appetizers at Mary Davis' home, 6pm; dinner at Tina Hart's home, 7pm; and dessert at Sheila Camino's home, 8pm. Call Mary Davis, 684-2371 or 620-1696 to sign up to bring something! SUMMER FUN!! We need your reservation by MONDAY, JUNE 20, PLEASE!