



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, June 26 – 5pm Intermediate & Advanced
Basque dancing in the hall

Wednesday, June 29 – 5:30pm Beginning Basque
dancing in the hall

Thursday, June 30 – 6:30am Men of St. Joseph
KC Meals-on-Wheels – Mick Camino

Saturday, July 2 —10am Belus Ranch Mass; carpool
at 9:15am from parking lot
2pm Young/Tate wedding

Saturday, July 9 – Borgialli/Camino wedding

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

13TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 26, 2016

Altar Assisters:

SATURDAY, July 2, 5pm

Lector: Mary Smith

EM: Dennis Lawrence

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, July 3, 8am

Lector: Richard Frankovic

EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, July 3, 10am

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Homebound Ministry, Friday, July 1

Volunteer

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK OF June 19, 2016

St. John's	\$ 3,628.00	YTD \$ 193,652.23
St. Mary's	\$	YTD \$ 5,494.43
St. Hubert's	\$ 235.00	YTD \$ 4,454.43
Poor Donations	\$ 195.00	
Online Donations	\$ 75.60	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon.	06.27	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	06.28	8:00 a.m.	+Louise Weeks
Wed.	06.29	8:00 a.m.	Linda Coleman
Thu.	06.30	8:00 a.m.	+Fr. Dan Colibraro
Fri.	07.01	8:00 a.m.	Ladies of the CCW
Sat.	07.02	5:00 p.m.	+Fr. Dan Colibraro
Sun.	07.03	8:00 a.m.	+Fr. Dan Colibraro
		10:00 a.m.	Cathy Desch
		2:00 p.m.	Kaycee: for the parishes

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon-Amos 2:6-10, 13-16; Gospel: Matthew 8:18-22

Tue-Amos 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Gospel: Matthew 8:23-27

Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr

Wed-Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18; Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19

Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles

Thu-Amos 7:10-17; Gospel: Matthew 9:1-8

Fri-Amos 8:4-6, 9-12; Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13

Sat-Amos 9:11-15; Gospel: Matthew 9:14-17

BELUS RANCH MASS – 10am Saturday, July 2.

Carpool from church parking lot at 9:15am.

FROM FR. PETE:

Work continues moving along.

Roofing. The west side of the Church is finished and work has begun on the east side. This should go rather quickly. The crew did a great job getting the bell tower and the conical tower over the baptistery completed, projects that took a great deal of time.

Landscaping. The corner section of Lobban and Snider is finished. We hope to get the Ten Commandments monument moved so it is dead center. Then we need to install electrical lines for additional lighting at the end of the sidewalks along Lobban and some spots on the wall of the Church to illuminate the Church, the west door and the sidewalk. Then we need to install water lines for the sprinkler system. When all those things are done we can add the top soil and sod.

Sidewalks. Work on the "patio" should begin shortly. The gray area will be etched to match the beams and herringbone brick patten on the façade of the Church. Then it will be acid stained. Then it will be sealed. We will attempt to stain the sidewalk going to the front of the Church and the Church steps so that all the sidewalks will match as closely as possible.

Thank you for your patience!

Future projects. While we have made significant gains in addressing the many "deferred maintenance" projects that were ignored for the past couple of decades, we must address the issue of creating good drainage away from the foundations of the north side of the parish hall by the fellowship and CCD sections. If we don't, we will eventually face the same situation we did with the east wall of the fellowship hall a couple years ago: the erosion of the building's foundation that required the installation of helical piers. We also need to remove three fir trees by the shrine that are in very bad shape. One has already shed two massive boughs that could have killed or seriously injured someone. And we need to remove the large cottonwood tree in the rectory back yard. After that we should finally be caught up with all the work. My hope is that we can begin to plan fixing the interior of the Church.

Statues in the shrine. I have been asked if we could install some new statues in the shrine. Sometime ago I offered to do so but there were

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so many opinions and no one could seem to agree. With no clear mandate nothing was done.

At this point I have no desire to rehash that topic and I certainly don't want to spend any more money. So...if this is something that people really want to do, can come to consensus on and raise the funds, let me know. I will put the project in your hands.

Welcome to those who are visiting our community. We hope you had an enjoyable time in Buffalo. Thank you for stopping to worship with us. You are welcome to come to the parish hall after the Sunday morning Masses to share coffee and donuts with us. May God grant you safe travel.

From a sermon given by St. Augustine.

“This is our glory: the witness of our conscience.” There are men who rashly judge, who slander, whisper and murmur, who are eager to suspect what they do not see, and eager to spread abroad things they have not even a suspicion of. Against men of this sort, what defense is there save the witness of our own conscience?

My brothers, we do not seek, nor should we seek, our own glory even among those whose approval we desire. What we should seek is their salvation, so that if we walk as we should they will not go astray in following us. They should imitate us if we are imitators of Christ; and if we are not, they should still imitate Him. He cares for His flock, and He alone is to be found with those who care for their flocks, because they are all in Him.

And so we seek no advantage for ourselves when we aim to please men. We want to take our joy in men - and we rejoice when they take pleasure in what is good, not because this exalts us, but because it benefits them.

It is clear who is intended by the apostle Paul: “If I wanted to please men,

I would not be a servant of Christ.” And similarly when he says: “Be pleasing to all men in all things, even as I in all things please all men.” Yet his words are as clear as water, limpid, undisturbed, unclouded. And so you should, as sheep, feed on and drink of his message; do not trample on it or stir it up.

You have listened to our Lord Jesus Christ as He taught His apostles: “Let your actions shine before men so that they may see your good deeds, and give glory to your Father Who is in heaven,” for it is the Father Who made you thus. “We are the people of His pasture, the sheep of His hands.” If then you are good, praise is due to Him Who made you so; it is no credit to you, for if you were left to yourself, you could only be wicked. Why then do you try to pervert the truth, in wishing to be praised when you do good, and blaming God when you do evil? For though He said: “Let your works shine before men,” in the same Sermon on the Mount He also said: “Do not parade your good deeds before men.” So if you think there are contradictions in Saint Paul, you will find the same in the Gospels; but if you refrain from troubling the waters of your heart, you will recognize here the peace of the Scriptures and with it you will have peace.

And so, my brothers, our concern should be not only to live as we ought, but also to do so in the sight of men; not only to have a good conscience but also, so far as we can in our weakness, so far as we can govern our frailty, to do nothing which might lead our weak brother into thinking evil of us. Otherwise, as we feed on the good pasture and drink the pure water, we may trample on God's meadow, and weaker sheep will have to feed on

trampled grass and drink from troubled waters.

An update on our investments with Wyoming Catholic Ministries Foundation. In September 2012 the Finance Council and Trustees, after discussions with the Diocese, determined to invest parish funds with Wyoming Catholic Ministries Foundation Investments. They had the ability to make sure that our money would be invested in a conservative portfolio in morally acceptable funds.

In September 2012 we invested \$213,664.22. In May 2013 we invested another \$200,000.00. And in February 2016 we invested an additional \$100,000. The total of our deposits was \$513,664.22. As of May 31 our account made \$87,647.46 bringing the value of our investments to \$601,311.68.

We do not plan to add to our portfolio at this time preferring instead to build up our reserves in the parish after all the capital improvements that have been made and ride out what we anticipate shall be a worsening economic climate.

“Fr. Pete..... the church lawn doesn’t look as good as it did last year.” Last year we had a very wet and cool June unlike this year. We are doing the same things: same mowing schedule, same sprinkler schedule, same fertilizing schedule. It is simply hot and dry and no amount of city water will make a lawn look good. It is true that with all the construction on church grounds we have had problems with the sprinkler systems but Don and Peggy have been working hard to make repairs and ensure the systems are operating the way they should.

“Fr. Pete.....I preferred the cedar shakes on the Church roof. They gave the Church a much more ‘natural’ look. Why do we have to have this kind of roof?” So....tell me....if you liked the cedar shakes so much, why didn’t you do anything to preserve them? They were supposed to have been oiled at least every two years and to the best of my knowledge that never happened. Did you ever say anything to the previous pastors or parish councils, finance councils or trustees? Did you ever offer to do something to help like form a committee? Without regular maintenance the shingles deteriorated and broke loose. The parish wasted a great deal of money putting up a roof it refused to maintain.

The current roof is a 50 year roof that does not require any maintenance. I think it enhances the stone work of the Church, almost making the Church look like a new building.

“Fr. Pete....What are those dark spots on the front entrance of the Church?” Mold. With the entrance constantly in the shade of the spruce trees the stone work became tarnished with layers of mold. With a few months of direct sunlight hitting it most of the mold should disappear.

“Fr. Pete....When will work begin on the ‘patio’ section of the front of the Church?” Mike Romine is monitoring the pH of the concrete. It has to reach a certain level before he can begin work on it. The project should be done by the middle of July.

“Fr. Pete....Are we still offering coffee and donuts after the Sunday Masses during the summer?” Yes. I tried cancelling it two years ago and was nearly hung by my toes up the flag pole. Learned my lesson.

“Fr. Pete....Why is the Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass shorter than usual?” The sermons are the same length, so that is not the issue. (And please keep your comments to yourself!)

So what then is the difference? We are not singing the Mass parts. The setting that the Diocese recommends is, in my opinion, slow, ponderous, repetitious and artificially prolongs the Mass. While this is the setting the Diocese expects us to know it does not mean we can’t look at other Mass settings.

You should know that sometime ago the bishop was rather insistent that priests chant as many parts of the Mass as possible. Can you imagine how much time that would take?! I will never do that. I don’t like to sing unless absolutely necessary. And for those who wish to quote me the ancient proverb “to sing is to pray twice” that is true only if one sings well. So I am quite enjoying the break from singing the Mass parts and I find my voice is stronger for the mission Masses later in the day.

I do, however, miss the beautiful voices of the choir. Thankfully, they will resume in late September or early October. Parishes our size rarely have choirs. We are very blessed indeed.

And while we are on the topic of music, I have asked a person to consider starting a youth choir and to include youth who play a variety of instruments. I would like to see us use some more contemporary music. The response has thus far been positive. So....hopefully we can slowly add something new!

“Fr. Pete.....I have tried to get the bulletin on the parish website www.sjbc-buffalo.com but have not been able to.” I will see what we can do. Thanks for letting me know.

“Fr. Pete....Can I get a copy of last week’s sermon?” No. I do not give printed copies. You can, however, get the audio from the parish website.