



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>Jason Sutton</i>	217-0468
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, July 31 – 5pm Intermediate & Advanced Basque dancing in the hall
Monday, August 1 – 9am CCW meeting, parish hall
Wednesday, August 3 – 5:30pm Beginning Basque dancing in the hall
Thursday, August 4 – 6:30am Men of St. Joseph
Monday, August 15 – Holy Day of Obligation
Tuesday, August 16 – Primary elections

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

18TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

JULY 31, 2016

Altar Assisters:

SATURDAY, August 6, 5pm

Lector: Dennis Lawrence

EM: Volunteer

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, August 7, 8am

Lector: Marilyn Maxwell

EM: Volunteer

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, August 7, 10am

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Mary Ann Cummins

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Homebound Ministry, Friday, August 5

Valerie Spanos

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK OF July 24, 2016

St. John's	\$ 3,775.00	YTD \$ 17,061.88
St. Mary's	\$ 150.00	YTD \$ 383.00
St. Hubert's	\$ 60.00	YTD \$ 160.00
Poor Donations	\$ 35.00	
Online Donations	\$ 300.60	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon.	08.01	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	08.02	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Wed.	08.03	8:00 a.m.	+Patrick Long
Thu.	08.04	8:00 a.m.	+Patrick Long
Fri.	08.05	8:00 a.m.	+Patrick Long
Sat.	08.06	5:00 p.m.	+Kathy Joubert Benjamin
Sun.	08.07	8:00 a.m.	+Randy Silbernagel
		10:00 a.m.	for the people
		2:00 p.m.	Kaycee: Fr. Pete's intention

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon- Jeremiah 28:1-17; Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor

Tue-Jeremiah 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Gospel:

Matthew 14:22-36

Wed-Jeremiah 31:1-7; Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

Thu-Jeremiah 31:31-34; Gospel: Matthew 16:13-23

Saint John Vianney, Priest

Fri-Nahum 2:1, 3, 3:1-3, 6-7; Gospel: Matthew

16:24-28

Sat-Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Gospel:

Luke 9:28b-36 *The Transfiguration of the Lord*

FROM FR. PETE:

Please note that there will not be a Mass on Tuesday. Fr. Pete has to go to Cheyenne.

Next week the courses being offered for Adult Faith Formation will be made available. Hopefully you will be enticed by the offerings and select one or more courses of study to attend.

Church projects are almost done. The final touches to the landscaping project were completed on July 25. Work has begun on decorating the Ten Commandments monument with the stone that was saved when the wall was taken down. The parking lot project should be completed next week.

I wish to thank all of you for your patience and support. It is a testament to the congregation that the parish was able over the years to set aside money necessary to complete these ambitious projects without having to take up second collections or engage in fund raising as so often happens in many parishes. Thank you.

Need for a new Building Committee. We have completed all the projects recommended in the last five-year plan. The parish plant is now pretty much up to speed with all the maintenance issues that had been deferred for the last twenty years. This, however, is not the time to sit back. I would like to see another building committee to go over the plant and create another five-year plan. It is imperative that we never allow the parish plant to fall into disrepair again.

If you have experience in construction or building maintenance and would like to serve on this committee, please call Fr. Pete (684-7268). The task of this committee is short term: meet (possibly several times), go through the plant, determine what projects need to be done, determine what the order of priority should be and submit the findings to Fr. Pete who will submit them to the Finance Council, Parish Council and Trustees.

The following article, "Why Prayer After Tragedy? This Sandy Hook Mother Has An Answer" appeared on July 21, 2016 on the Catholic News Agency website.

This is an excellent resource to keep in touch with issues confronting the Catholic Church. Catholics, and indeed all people of religious faith, can no longer rely on accurate and unbiased reporting on religious issues from the secular media.

You can easily go to the website at www.catholicnewsagency.com.

Newtown, Conn., Jul 21, 2016 / 03:02 am
(CNA/EWTN News). - Some people have difficulty seeing the point of prayer in times of trouble. But for Magnificat magazine

columnist Jennifer Hubbard, prayer got her through one of the worst times of her life.

"We're all going to face trials, we're all going to face tragedies," Hubbard said. "My tragedy was my daughter being murdered. Someone else's tragedy could be the doctor who says the cancer is no longer treatable."

"When you are intimate with that darkness, prayer turns your attention to God in allowing this peace to settle on your soul, despite whatever chaos is circling around you," she told CNA.

Hubbard and her family know times of tragedy, indeed.

Her daughter, Catherine Violet, was one of the 20 children and six adults killed by a solo gunman in the December 2012 shootings at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn. Catherine was eight when she was killed.

For Jennifer, the prayers of others meant the world to her and her husband. "There's no way, I believe, that we as a family, we as a community, could have walked through the darkness without the prayers of so many," she said. "There were many days that were just very dark."

She suggested that people who have problems praying sometime struggle with the fact that there is not something physical or material they can do or give. "They feel like prayer is not enough," she said.

Hubbard said otherwise. As she sees it, prayer prepares people "to focus on God, and the love that he has for us, versus the trial and tribulation."

"I truly believe that if you do nothing else in the course of a day, if you spend your time praying, you've done more than you can ever imagine," she added.

"You're praying with the trust that your prayer is going to be answered, but you're also praying with the understanding that God's will is going to be best," Hubbard said.

The answer to prayer is not always what one expects.

During the attack on Sandy Hook, Hubbard and her husband waited at the firehouse with other families of staff and students, waiting news about their loved ones.

"My prayer, when we were waiting for Catherine, was 'bring her home, bring her home, dear God, keep her safe and bring her home'," she recounted. "Yes, the prayer was 'bring her back to the firehouse' and that didn't happen. Time continues to march forward – I see that my prayer was answered, over and over again."

"Catherine's home. He answered my prayer," Hubbard added. "And in answering my prayer and bringing her home, there's the hope and understanding that I'll see her again."

For Hubbard, sincere prayer expresses a hope that something will change. For the one who prays, she said, there is beauty in that the change is in a person's heart.

"Prayer and hope go hand in hand," she said. "Prayer is this ongoing deep rooted relationship and dialogue with the only one who can provide direction and meaning and peace to our lives."

Hubbard warned there is a danger in not praying.

"When we don't listen to God, when we take matters into our own hands or look for the answer that we want Him to respond with, I think that's dangerous," she said. "When we don't listen to God, we are just belligerent. We are putting ourselves above God. By not listening to God, by taking matters into our own hands, we feel like we've got this."

People try and take a situation into their own hands, but make a "horrible mess."

Hubbard's son Freddie turns 12 at the end of July. He was also at Sandy Hook four years ago. She and her husband aim to help their son grow up with a sense of normalcy.

"I call him my brave one. He could have died," Hubbard said. "He has taught us so much about love and its purpose."

The Hubbard family has launched the Catherine Violet Hubbard Foundation. It supports actions like an animal sanctuary in Newtown, due to Catherine's love for animals.

"For me, building a sanctuary is one of these things that I believe God has truly placed in front of me, Hubbard said.

She said anyone who believes that God has put them on earth for a specific purpose has to pray.

"Without prayer, without listening to God, or (without) just surrendering whatever you have that's holding you back from seeing that purpose and that passion, you're lost," she warned.

"Prayer is a response to knowing that God has something in store for you."

The following comes from the Catholic League. This is another excellent resource that every Catholic should have "book marked" in his or her computer for the best analysis of events in the Catholic Church. This article describes the growing anti-Catholicism we are seeing in this country. The article is entitled "Violence Abroad, Vandalism at Home." It appeared on July 26: Bill Donohue comments on attacks on the Catholic Church:

The terrorists who beheaded the elderly priest in Normandy, France did so in the name of ISIS; two nuns and two lay persons were taken hostage, one of whom is near death. The Muslim madmen who stormed the church during Mass were shot dead by police.

We also have problems at home. Hatred of the Catholic Church in America has turned ugly this month with a series of violent attacks.

- In Providence, Rhode Island, vandals smashed a custom, hand-crafted pulpit, debased a statue, and stole property
- Las Cruces, New Mexico is home to several incidents of vandalism, including smashing a stained-glass door, damaging the altar, and desecrating Communion hosts
- In St. Louis, a large statue of Our Blessed Mother was smashed, and a door was spray-painted

- Vandals have struck many times in Lebanon, Missouri, breaking statues, and decapitating others
- Two churches were targeted in Redding, California, including an estimated \$70,000 in damage to a stained-glass window
- Human feces was smeared on statues, the crucifix, a Bible, the baptismal font, and adoration chapel in Bowling Green, Missouri

The most egregious non-violent attack on Catholics this month was the firing of a Catholic employee at Macy's who expressed his reservations about a policy allowing men to use the women's bathrooms; the security guard said he would abide by the policy, but was fired nonetheless.

From beheadings abroad, to desecrations of the Eucharist at home, the assaults on Catholics are gaining momentum. And now that Macy's is engaged in religious cleansing, Catholics risk their livelihood for merely holding to beliefs that offend the Macy's Thought Police.

Perhaps those running for president would like to address the new barbarism. Catholics would surely like to hear from them.

"Fr. Pete.... The concrete patio work in the front of the Church is wonderful. It is so nice to have a place to visit with people outside after Mass. It would be great if we could get some benches." Glad you like it. The benches will have to wait until next year. They are very expensive and not on our budget.

"Fr. Pete.... I thought we were going to use the stone taken from the walls to enhance the Ten Commandments monument?" That project is being done at the time I am writing this and could be finished by this weekend.

"Fr. Pete...The shrine is a mess! When is it going to be cleaned?" I took care of it on Tuesday. It would have been nice if you had volunteered to help clean it.

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD of Fr. Pete Johnson, Monday, August 22, 2016...Mass at 6pm; reception to follow.