



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, Oct. 9 – NO Youth Group

Monday, Oct. 10 – NO School

Tuesday, Oct. 11 – 6am & 10am Book study
7:30pm KC meeting in hall

Wednesday, Oct. 12 – 6am & 10am Judges study
3:45pm & 7pm CCD

Thursday, Oct. 13 – 6:30am Men of St. Joseph
10am & 7pm Mass in the Bible

Friday, Oct. 21 – 9am Sheridan Deanery CCW meeting in Gillette; \$10 fee; World Youth Day speakers

Saturday, Oct. 22 – 1pm CCW Officer training and 3pm Holy Door activities at St. Mary's Cathedral, Cheyenne

Tuesday, Oct. 25 – 6:30pm KC family dinner & info

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

28TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 9, 2016

Altar Assisters:

SATURDAY, October 15, 5pm

Lector: Sarah Sandman

EM: Tim Sandman, Dennis Lawrence

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, October 16, 8am

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Andrew Snyder, Aaron Seeman,

Aaron Thiel

SUNDAY, October 16, 10am

Lector: Mary Ann Cummins

EM: Cece Ihnat

Altar Servers: Lance Rabel, Adam Belus, Michael

Ihnat, Carter Zink

Homebound Ministry, Friday, October 14

Jim Fitzsimmons

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK OF OCT. 2, 2016

St. John's	\$ 4,477.05	YTD \$ 64,081.79
St. Mary's	\$ 20.00	YTD \$ 1,821.00
St. Hubert's	\$ 200.00	YTD \$ 940.00
Poor Donations	\$ 732.00	
Online Donations	\$ 130.60	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon.	10.10	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	10.11	8:00 a.m.	+Jean Michelena
Wed.	10.12	8:00 a.m.	+Jean Michelena
Thu.	10.13	8:00 a.m.	Fr. Pete
Fri.	10.14	8:00 a.m.	Mary Ann and Von Dahl
Sat.	10.15	5:00 p.m.	David and Leesa Belus
Sun.	10.16	8:00 a.m.	for a good bishop
		10:00 a.m.	for the parishes
		2:00 p.m.	Kaycee: Fr. Pete's intention

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon-Galatians 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1; Gospel:

Luke 11:29-32

Tue-Galatians 5:1-6; Gospel: Luke 11:37-41

Wed-Galatians 5:18-25; Gospel: Luke 11:42-46

Thu-Ephesians 1:1-10; Gospel: Luke 11:47-54

Fri-Ephesians 1:11-14; Gospel: Luke 12:1-7

Sat-Ephesians 1:15-23; Gospel: Luke 12:8-12

Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor

FROM FR. PETE:

Farewell Bishop Etienne and best wishes from the people of Buffalo, Clearmont and Kaycee.

On October 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Bishop Etienne was named by Pope Francis to become the fourth Archbishop of Anchorage, Alaska. He was in Anchorage on October 4 for a press conference. I believe he is expected to assume his duties in early November. If so, he has a lot to do between now and then.

The Archdiocese of Anchorage is huge, over 130,000 square miles, taking the word "rural" to an entirely new level of meaning. The Catholic population is quite small numbering only 32,000, about half of the Catholic population of Wyoming. There are eight parishes in Anchorage and thirteen parishes and missions outside of Anchorage including one in the Aleutian Islands. Many of those parishes are only accessible by boat or plane, weather permitting. Alaska has two additional dioceses: Fairbanks and Juneau.

What does Bishop's transfer mean for us? Effectively Bishop Etienne is no longer our bishop. He is now the "Diocesan Administrator" of our Diocese until the day he is installed as Archbishop of Anchorage. Once installed, the priests in our Diocese who form the College of Consultors will have eight days to elect one of our priests to be the "Diocesan Administrator" whose duty will be to keep the diocese running until the new bishop arrives.

When will we get a new bishop? Impossible to say. Recall that it took two years after Bishop Ricken was transferred before Bishop Etienne arrived. Rome is not known for making speedy decisions. Several dioceses in the United States have been without a bishop for over a year and it is logical to assume they would be a higher priority. Most likely we will be without a bishop for at least a year, possibly two, maybe longer. Then again, Rome could surprise us and give us one in a few weeks!

The good news is that our diocese functioned very well without a bishop for two years. Fr. Mike Carr was the Diocesan Administrator then and did an excellent job cutting the diocesan bloat of staff and programs, balanced the budget to get the Diocese in the black and made sure every day business got done. Things went so smoothly that some forgot we didn't have a bishop! When we needed a bishop to ordain a priest or to bless the Holy Oils we flew one in. The pastors handled Confirmations. We will be just fine.

In the meantime, let us pray that the Holy Father will take the time he needs to consider who would be a good fit as bishop for the people and priests of our Diocese. Let also pray that Bishop Etienne will be given the graces he needs to do well in his new and challenging assignment.

“Theology on Tap” coming to Buffalo! Young adults, come and join

us on Thursday night, October 13th, 7:00 p.m. at Clear Creek Brewery for a special Theology on Tap: *“Election Day: Why your voice matters.”* An open dialogue with Deacon Mike Lehman, Legislative Liaison for the Diocese of Cheyenne, about the upcoming election and why we as young Catholics should take part. Theology on Tap is an evening geared towards young adults (21 – 40) to gather around a relevant topic in the Catholic Church and enjoy a time of fellowship with one another. For more information, contact Amy Larsen at alarsen@dioceseofcheyenne.org or call at 1-307-638-1530. *[Note from Fr. Pete.... this is a wonderful opportunity. Please take advantage of it.]*

Time to decorate the Church to honor the fall harvest! This is turning into a glorious fall, isn't it? Great moisture in our fields and snow in the mountains! What a deal!

We need the following items: corn stalks, wheat sheaves, cat tails (please make sure to spray the heads with a heavy duty hair spray so they don't burst in the sanctuary!), mums, pumpkins, gourds of all kinds colors and shapes.

We also need deer and elk antlers which we promise to get back to you.

Hides from deer, elk, moose, or other creatures that are trapped in our area are welcome and these too we promise to get back to you.

We could use bird feathers, pickled goods and any other items you think speak about the abundant harvest our God gives us in Wyoming.

Corn stalks, wheat sheaves, cat tails and pumpkins can be put in the rectory garage. Mums, pickled goods, animal hides, antlers can be brought to the parish office.

We will decorate the Church on October 21 right after the morning Mass.

Decorations will be taken down on the Friday before the first weekend of Advent.

Fr. Pete will not be taking Mass intentions for the month of November. All Masses in November will be offered for the departed who are undergoing purification. I urge you to pray for them and offer works of charity on their behalf. The faithful dead are, after all, not dead but very much alive in Christ. If, however, they have died in friendship with Him but not perfectly conformed to His will before death (and how many of us will die perfectly conformed to the will of Jesus?) and are undergoing purification, your prayers and works of charity can be a great source of comfort for them as they are for those who are alive in this world.

Many thanks to Julieann and John Tanachion! They have graciously volunteered to serve as Youth Ministers to our elementary grade children. We need two more people for that group and four for the middle school group. Please call or email Fr. Pete if you are interested (307-684-7268; frpete@bresnan.net). When we have the numbers we need we will sit down and work out the details. I suggest we begin with something easy and simple. Funding is available with monies from the aluminum can drop off.

Please close the Church doors behind you. This is especially true for the west door. Leaving it open is allowing wasps and other critters to get in. Thank you!

“Fr. Pete.....I would like to take notes during Mass when you preach. Is that ok?”

Fine with me. In my Protestant days it was commonplace for people to bring their Bible to Church and take notes while the pastor preached. After the service we had coffee and discussed what we heard, what we agreed with and what we disagreed with. I would love to see that happen here! So.... go right ahead. Perhaps you would like to lead an informal discussion group after Mass over a cup of coffee?

“Fr. Pete.... I always hated incense but like what you use. What is it?” The incense comes from a Russian Orthodox monastery in West Virginia. I use different ones depending on the Liturgical season. While very expensive (and I pay for it out of my pocket by the way) it is of very high quality. Unlike the incense you were exposed to which has wood shavings impregnated with aromatic oils that when burned produces an acrid smoke that can easily choke a stable of Clydesdales to death, the incense I use has no fillers, no wood shavings. It is pure resin impregnated with the extracted oils from plants (pine, hyssop, cedar and others), or flowers (roses, jasmine, carnations and other flowers) or spices (cinnamon, cloves, etc.) or mixtures of those and other natural elements. The incense burns evenly and is of such high quality I usually need only one or two cubes instead of shoveling in several spoonfuls.

“Fr. Pete.... Can you offer an extra daily Mass in the evening during Advent?” I'm thinking about it. Let me see what I can do with my schedule.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS family dinner (hamburgers/hotdogs and fixings) on Tuesday, October 25 at 6:30pm. Lots of info for those wanting to know more about the Knights as well as their insurance program. Babysitting will be provided.

CCW SHERIDAN DEANERY meeting on Friday, October 21 beginning at 9am in Gillette at St. Matthew's Church. Fee is \$10. Speakers from the World Youth Day tour as well as Deacon Kim Carroll. Carpool at 7:15am.

HOLY DOOR activities in Cheyenne at the Cathedral on Saturday, October 22 at 3pm.