



# 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>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 / Meeting

Sunday, Feb. 19 – NO Youth Group  
Wednesday, Feb. 22 – 3:45pm & 7pm CCD  
Thursday, Feb. 23 – 6:30am Men of St. Joseph  
Sunday, Feb. 26 – 5pm St. John's Foundation dinner  
7pm Parish Council mtg.  
Tuesday, Feb. 28 – 4pm Knights' Fish Fry  
5pm Finance Council mtg.  
Wednesday, March 1 – ASH WEDNESDAY  
7am Mass  
12noon Ashes  
6pm 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 307-660-4936 for meeting place

**Sacrament of the Sick** – After first Sunday Masses or call the Parish Office

## **SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**FEBRUARY 19, 2017**

### **Altar Assisters:**

**SATURDAY, FEB. 25, 5pm**

Lector: Dennis Lawrence

EM: Sarah Sandman, Phil Gonzales, Mary Smith

Altar Servers: Volunteers

**SUNDAY, FEB. 26, 8am**

Lector: Steve Reimann

EM: Vexie Reimann

Altar Servers: Aaron Seeman, Aaron Thiele

**SUNDAY, FEB. 26, 10am**

Lector: Travis Anderson

EM: Cece Ihnat, Mary Ann Cummins

Altar Servers: Carter Zink, Adam Belus, Michael

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**Homebound Ministry, Friday, Feb. 24**

Lynn Ridgeway

### **COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK OF FEB. 12, 2016**

St. John's	\$ 4,130.00	YTD \$ 132,650.59
St. Mary's	\$ 298.00	YTD \$ 3,903.00
St. Hubert's	\$ 25.00	YTD \$ 2,735.00
Poor Donations	\$ 704.00	
Online Donations	\$ 175.60	

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

Mon.	02.20	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	02.21	8:00 a.m.	+Francine Swerdon
Wed.	02.22	8:00 a.m.	+Catherine Spanos
Thu.	02.23	8:00 a.m.	+Mike Fitzsimmons
Fri.	02.24	8:00 a.m.	+Mike Fitzsimmons
Sat.	02.25	5:00 p.m.	+Mike Fitzsimmons
Sun.	02.26	8:00 a.m.	+Mike Fitzsimmons
		10:00 a.m.	for the parishes
		12:30 p.m.	Clearmont: Mike Sullivan

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

Mon-Sirach 1:1-10; Gospel: Mark 9:14-29

Tue-Sirach 2:1-11; Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

Wed-1 Peter 5:1-4; Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19

*The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle*

Thu-Sirach 5:1-8; Gospel: Mark 9:41-50

*Saint Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr*

Fri-Sirach 6:5-17; Gospel: mark 10:1-12

Sat-Sirach 17:1-15; Gospel: Mark 10:13-16

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

**Many apologies for being ill last week and any inconvenience it created for you.** I

thought it was just a cold. Then it felt like the flu. I began to realize something was wrong when I turned the heat on in the rectory because I was constantly chilled (I never have the thermostat over 60 degrees). But what really got my attention was all the weird gurgling sounds in my lungs. It sounded like there was a chorus in my chest! On the positive side, I should be on the mend in time for Great Lent!

### **The beginning of Great and Holy Lent is Ash Wednesday, March 1.**

The schedule will be: 7:00 a.m. Mass with distribution of ashes, 12:00 o'clock noon with only a Liturgy of the Word (no Holy Communion) and distribution of ashes, and 6:00 p.m. Mass with distribution of ashes. The noon service should be significantly shorter to allow people time to use their lunch hour if they wish.

*Please remember that Ash*

*Wednesday is a day of fast (one full meal for the day) and abstinence (no meat).*

**“Fr. Pete...Is there any possibility of reunion between the Catholic Church and the Lutheran Church? Can they at least share in Holy Communion?”** Great questions! Thank you. While there has been a great deal of hype about a growing understanding between Lutherans and Catholics it is, in fact, mostly that: hype.

It would be helpful to keep in mind that when speaking of the Lutheran Church in the

United States you are dealing with three dominant branches: the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and the Wisconsin Lutheran Synod. But there are other Lutheran bodies as well: the American Association of Lutheran Churches, the Church of the Lutheran Confession, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations to name but a few. The differences between them can range from minor to significant. Now, take all those branches just in the United States and multiply that by the number of nations in the world where Lutheranism is established and you begin to realize that there are potentially hundreds of branches within Lutheranism. Want to be even more confused? Have you ever heard about the Augustana Catholic Church? This is actually a body of Lutherans who describe themselves as working toward full union with the Catholic Church, follow the Catholic liturgy, believe that there are Seven Sacraments, believe in the communion of saints, and claim to have validly ordained bishops and priests recognized by Rome! So.... can Catholics and Lutherans find unity when there is no unity among Lutherans other than sharing an opposition to Catholicism? Not likely.

Pope Francis' recent trip to Sweden to commemorate the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation at an ecumenical service underscored just how bizarre things really are among some Lutherans. He was greeted in Malmo by Lutheran Archbishop Antje Jackelen, the first woman Archbishop of Uppsala and Primate of the Church of Sweden who acknowledged that theologically there is not very much in common between her branch of Lutheranism and the Catholic Church though she said she and the Pope did agree about caring for the environment and working together on social justice issues. More serious, however, is the degree to which her branch of Lutheranism has swallowed secular values: the acceptance of abortion, embracing gay marriage as the equivalent of traditional marriage and the ordination of women which is a full rupture with Scripture and Tradition. It all comes to a perfect convergence in Lutheran Bishop Eva Brunne, Bishop of Stockholm, a

homosexual woman living with her lesbian-priestess- wife, Gunilla Linden. Bishop Brunne ordered one of her pastors to remove all crosses from his church so that Muslims would not be offended if they chose to worship there. One would think such a scenario would be sufficient to convince all but the incurably delusional that reunion with such a "church" is impossible. But there are delusional people out there, bless their hearts.

There is, however, a glimmer of hope. During the reign of Pope Benedict XVI Anglicans (members of the Church of England) who were increasingly dissatisfied with the moral and spiritual directions of their Church were reunited with Rome through the creation of what is called the Personal Ordinariate of our Lady of Walsingham in 2009. A number of Anglicans with their bishops and priests "crossed the Tiber," an expression that means they came back to the Catholic Church. Then the Ordinariate of St. Peter was established for Anglicans in America and the Ordinariate of our Lady of the Southern Cross for Anglicans in Australia. *The beauty of these national Ordinariates is that they allow Anglicans to be in full communion with Rome while retaining their unique liturgical rites and traditions. Their bishops and priests were ordained in the Catholic Church so they could possess the Apostolic Succession and validly celebrate the Sacraments.* The presence of these Ordinariates testifies to the universality of the Catholic Church without imposing a rigid uniformity. Keep in mind that the Catholic Church also embraces some 24 Eastern Churches respecting their liturgical, spiritual and theological traditions. Now if that isn't unity with incredible diversity, I don't know what is!

It seems to me that a similar process of establishing national Ordinariates for Lutherans, whatever their branch, desiring to be in full communion with the Catholic Church while retaining their liturgical and spiritual traditions is the best approach. This, however, will be a much more difficult process than it was with the Anglicans since the theological differences between Lutherans and Catholics are greater than those between Anglicans and Catholics. Some Lutheran bishops in Europe have been approaching Rome about initiating

such a process. It has been discussed in the Vatican since at least 2013. Not very long ago Cardinal Muller, Prefect for the Congregation of Doctrine and Faith, expressed support for it. I do not know what Pope Francis thinks of the idea.

As for Catholics and Lutherans sharing Holy Communion, this is a very distant goal. There cannot be a sharing in the Eucharist until there is a sharing in Faith. It is a day we can pray for.

### **WYOMING CATHOLIC LAYMAN'S RETREAT**

will be March 10-12 at St. Anthony Parish Center, 642 Wolcott St., Casper, WY. Registration will be Friday, March 10 at 4pm. Rooms are reserved at the Quality Inn, 821 N Poplar, Casper, 307-266-2400. Contact Tom Lemans (307-473-1305) or Ron Knievel (307-265-3277) with questions. Fr. James Schumacher from Holy Rosary in Lander will be the retreat master. The topic will be "Mary: Joy, Sorrow, and Glory."

**LEGACY PREGNANCY CENTER** filled baby bottles due back to the parish by Sunday, Feb. 28. Thanks to everyone who has supported this cause to prevent abortions and assist pregnant mothers☺

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY** tickets on sale for \$10 adults and \$4 youth 5-14 years. The Fish Fry will be at the Fairgrounds on TUESDAY, Feb. 28 beginning at 4pm until 7:30pm. Ladies, drop your pies off between 3pm and 4pm if possible! Confirmation youth will be assisting with service of the meal and clean up. Call Gene Baehler for tickets, 684-9632 or any Knight you might see. Bring your family friends with you for dinner☺

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH FOUNDATION** "thank you" dinner is set for Sunday, Feb. 26 beginning at 5pm. Everyone is welcome and invited to attend. Pie Zanos is catering the meal. The BHS Balladiers will sing. Information about the Foundation will be shared. The evening will end around 6:30pm.

**Our parish seminarian**, Seth Hostetler's address for sending well wishes, Lenten prayers/cards, etc. is Seth Hostetler / St. John

Vianney Theological Seminary / 1300 S Steele St / Denver, CO 80210.

**#307 Catholics:** Young Adults (18-39) join us for our first ever Diocese of Cheyenne Young Adult Lenten Series **#307Catholics: What do You Seek?** This 6-week Lenten series will be a chance for you to gather in a small group community, either locally or online, and accompany each other through Lent as you reflect on the Question Christ asks all of us, "What do you Seek?" For more information and to register, go to <http://www.307Catholics.org> Or call Amy Larsen at 307-638-1530.

**MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)** is 20 years old this month. We want to celebrate by inviting all former Mops Moms and childcare workers to an open house-reunion. This will be held on Monday, Feb. 20 at Summit Church, 980 N Main, from 6:30-m to 8:30pm. There will be snacks, fun and a chance to reconnect as well as to see how Mops is doing now. We would love to see you there.

**Council of Catholic Women** seeking officers for the next year...President, Secretary & Treasurer. If interested, please contact Vickie Abbot, 737-2281. Now is your chance to be involved in serving your parish, ladies. Step up to help. We will help you in your leadership role if you are unsure and need help.

**NO Youth Group** the next 2 Sundays. They will resume meeting on Sunday, March 5 at 5pm.

**PARISH COUNCIL** meets next Sunday, Feb. 26 at 7pm, after the Foundation dinner.

**BEGINNING EXPERIENCE OF WYOMING** is a weekend program that offers healing and renewal to divorced, widowed and separated men and women. This weekend offers support and direction to help resolve grief or anger that can follow the end of a marriage by divorce, separation or death. The weekend can be a time for a real awakening, a re-evaluation, and a new beginning. The next BE weekend is in Casper April 28-30. Contact Curtis at 307-240-1232 or Diane at 307-262-4142.