



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
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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, March 5 – 9am-Noon Knights' Breakfast
5pm Youth Group (last one!)

Wednesday, March 8 – 6 & 10am Classes
3:45pm CCD
7pm Confirmation class

Thursday, March 9 – 6:30am Men of St. Joseph

Friday, March 10 – 7pm Stations

Saturday, March 11 – 6pm Young Adults meet

Sunday, March 12 – 5pm Youth group meets

Tuesday, March 14 – 6pm Rotary Bingo @ hall

Friday, March 17 – BHS student lunch at Pizza Hut
7pm Stations

Sunday, March 19 – 5pm St. Patrick's dinner

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 307-660-4936 for meeting place

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

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 5, 2017

Altar Assisters:

SATURDAY, March 11, 5pm

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, March 12, 8am

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Aaron Seeman, Aaron Thiel

SUNDAY, March 12, 10am

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Carter Zink, Adam Belus, Michael

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Homebound Ministry, Friday, March 10

Jim Fitzsimmons

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK OF FEB. 26, 2016

St. John's	\$ 3,129.00	YTD \$ 138,497.45
St. Mary's	\$ 190.00	YTD \$ 4,123.00
St. Hubert's	\$	YTD \$ 2,930.25
Poor Donations	\$ 140.00	
Online Donations	\$ 375.60	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon.	03.06	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	03.07	8:00 a.m.	+Mike Fitzsimmons
Wed.	03.08	8:00 a.m.	Fr. Pete's intention
Thu.	03.09	8:00 a.m.	+Marilyn White
Fri.	03.10	8:00 a.m.	+Valorie Coda
		8:30 a.m.	Adoration until 9:30 a.m.
		7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Sat.	03.11	5:00 p.m.	+Marilyn White
Sun.	03.12	8:00 a.m.	+Tony Misslin
		10:00 a.m.	for the parishes
		12:30 p.m.	Clearmont: Fr. Pete's intention

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon-Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18; Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Tue- Isaiah 55:10-11; Gospel: Matthew 6:7-15

Wed-Jonah 3:1-10; Gospel: Luke 11:29-32

Thu-Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Gospel: Matthew 7:7-12

Fri-Ezekiel 18:21-28; Gospel: Matthew 5:20-26

Sat-Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Gospel: Matthew 5:43-48

FROM FR. PETE:

Consider the purple altar cloth we are using for Great and Holy Lent. It is a work of love made by several of the women in our parish. The late Marilyn White helped select the material, measure the altar, cut and sew the material into the creation we are graced to have. Please keep Marilyn's soul in your prayers. She and the ladies made the red, green, gold and white / gold altar vesture as well.

Many thanks to the Board Members of the St. John the Baptist Foundation! They did an excellent job putting together a wonderful evening last Sunday. We had a wonderful crowd, entertainment and great food. A perfect combination!

Please consider supporting the St. John the Baptist Foundation by including it in your will or estate planning. It will go far to supporting the work of the parish for generations to come.

Great job, Knights of Columbus! The Annual Fish Fry was a great success! The building was full of people when I arrived and when I left. Heard lots of compliments on the quality of the food. (And for a person who doesn't like fish, I thought it tasted pretty darn good!). Congratulations on another successful year guys. And many thanks to the Ladies of the Council of Catholic Women who made and sold the pies. They too were a hit!

Young adults in the parish...Young Adult Ministry at St. John's will be journeying through a weekly Lenten series that offers a small group prayer gathering, a video reflection by someone in our Diocese, followed by reflection questions for our group.

The intent is simple: to gather together and discern the question that Christ has asked each of us, "What do you seek?" (John 1:38).

Come just for one week or each week of Lent!

Our first gathering will be on Saturday, March 4, 6:00 p.m. at the Parish Hall. And please feel free to bring your children. If you wish, bring an appetizer to share.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner is scheduled for Sunday, March 19, 5:00 p.m.! There will be the traditional foods: corned beef, cabbage, carrots, potatoes and Irish soda bread. All are invited! Bring the family and enjoy. You don't have to cook. You don't have to wash dishes. You don't have to pay a thing! What a deal!

Thank you to all who signed up to lead the Stations of the Cross on Fridays of Lent. There is one Friday that still needs to be covered. The sign-up sheet is at the front entrance of the Church.

Stations of the Cross is an old devotion that goes back to the early Middle Ages. It is a simple but profound way to reflect on the price of our salvation: the death of God in the person of His Son, Jesus.

Stations begins at 7:00 p.m. on Fridays of Lent. Booklets are available when you enter through the second set of doors in the Church.

What is the meaning of the word "faith"? The following comes from Servant of God Madeleine Delbrel, a French laywoman and mystic who dedicated her life to serving the poor and bringing the Good News of the Gospel to the culture of her time. She died in 1964.

Faith is a form of realism. We are the ones who have turned it - wrongly - into a kind of abstraction, or various forms of abstraction.

We have turned it into an art, the abstract art of living - a philosophical theory or system of thinking; we have turned it into one idea or a whole batch of ideas. But in fact, faith is a practical science: the know-how of life; how to live here and now - and from now on.

Constantly we get it wrong: there is no such thing as "the faith" in a pure abstract form. Faith enables one particular person to dedicate himself, his life to Christ, for the salvation of all human beings; faith is the process by which this person dedicates his life in

the Church for the salvation of the whole world.

Faith is in time and for time: the time when the life of this person is being lived. We could say: faith is the love of God as it is involved in the dimension of time; God's own love as it operates in the temporal dimension.

And when we're talking about our own time, faith will be vigorously lived out by us only if its action brings us clarity and strength for this present moment, the present instant, this immediate "now."

Faith exists for agape-love (sacrificial love). For this reason, the life that it transforms from the inside reflects and realizes the love of God. It carries the love of God as a tree carries fruit.

Men of the parish, Catholic and non-Catholic, consider helping yourself and other men by coming to the Men of St. Joseph Morning Prayer group. We meet every Thursday from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. at the rectory. It is not in the nature of men to accept help from other men, but the truth is that it is impossible for a man to lead any kind of genuine spiritual life in isolation from others. We fall for the illusion that we are rugged individualists who don't need anyone and this invariably has negative if not disastrous effects in the lives of men and their families. Consider this Lent an opportunity to counteract these deadly cultural concepts. Coffee is always ready!

Guess it wouldn't be a good start to Lent without some Catholic bashing from Hollywood. The following comes from the Catholic League, dated February 28.

Bill Donohue comments on last night's first episode of the Disney / ABC miniseries, "When We Rise":

Catholics in America make up about 25 percent of the population. Yet when it comes

to negative stereotypes of religion, Hollywood targets us almost 100 percent of the time.

Nowhere is this more true than with gay-themed entertainment. The hostility shown toward all things Catholic made us wary when we heard about ABC's miniseries on the history of the gay rights movement, "When We Rise." As last night's opening episode confirmed, we were right to be on guard.

The slaps at Catholics kept coming. There was the nun, in full habit, of course, who walks in on two teenage boys kissing, grunts, and walks out; the young woman from a "very Catholic" family, whose put-upon mother was beaten down by 10 pregnancies and a domineering husband who wouldn't let her work outside the home; and the same young woman afraid to reveal her lesbian relationship because of that big Catholic family.

Most vicious was a discussion about holding a "women's march" in Boston. "We get beat up by the very cops that refuse to protect us," one character says, "in a city run by all Catholic cops."

Right. Any negative comments about "Jewish bankers," or "gay hairdressers," or "black criminals"? Of course, not. Those vicious and hurtful stereotypes would never be uttered on TV networks – and rightfully so. But it's OK to stereotype "Catholic cops" who run a city and beat up women. As always, Catholics are the target of the entertainment industry's bigotry.

Contact Ben Sherwood at Disney / ABC: ben.sherwood@abc.com

An observation from Fr. Pete. Please feel free to contact Ben Sherwood and share your concerns. All I can say is what a wise old saddle maker once advised me to say about such people; pray "May God reward them according to their works."

Update on the Youth Ministry position. The Parish Council met last Sunday to review a preliminary job description. A number of very helpful suggestions were made, especially in the area of responsible use of social communication media to keep in touch with youth and their parents. Further refinement of the job description will be made. Once there is consensus the position

will be posted with our Diocese and surrounding Dioceses (Billings, Rapid City and Denver).

Fifth grade CCD will be moving to the evening this fall. We are simply out of room at the Parish Hall and CCD wing. This is a wonderful problem to have!

"Fr. Pete... I can't remember our parish ever having an Easter egg hunt. Can we do this?" It's already planned! A committee has worked out the details. The Easter Egg Hunt will take place immediately after the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Easter Sunday, April 16. All parishioners with their little ones and visitors with their little ones are welcome to participate! The parish will provide a little over 200 "eggs" with treats in them and plastic bags so children can collect the "eggs" they find or parents can bring Easter baskets from home if they wish. There will be three different areas for the hunt for three different age groups. (Parents are encouraged to escort the very young ones to help them find some "eggs"). More details will be provided later, but for now you might want to consider getting this on your family calendar.

"Fr. Pete... The kitchen stove and the dishwasher in the Fellowship Hall have to be replaced." Agreed. They have been here since Fr. Bill's day and have been pretty much worn out by so much usage. I will discuss this with the Finance Council this month as we prepare next year's budget.

VBS – Vacation Bible School will be held June 12-16 from 1pm to 4pm each day. ****NOTE** time change for this summer. Lists of help for supplies needed and sign-ups will be forthcoming. Put this on your calendars!

KNIGHTS' OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST today!! 9am to 12noon.

ROTARY BINGO will be in our hall on Tuesday, March 14 beginning at 6pm.

NO MEAT meals Fridays of Lent for our Catholic BHS students and a friend ... Friday, March 17 @Pizza Hut; Friday, March 24 @ parish hall; Friday, April 7 @ Pizza Hut.