



# 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, March 26 – 7pm Parish Council mtg.  
Monday, March 27 – 6:30pm Ladies' Night Out  
Tuesday, March 28 – 5pm Finance Council mtg.  
7:30pm Knights of Columbus  
Wednesday, March 29 – NO CCD/Spring Break!  
Thursday, March 30 – 6:30am Men of St. Joseph  
Saturday, April 1 – 10:30am Sheridan Deanery CCW  
Board meeting in Gillette  
6pm Young Adults meet (hall)  
Monday, April 3 – 12noon CCW meeting

**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

## **FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

**MARCH 26, 2017**

### **Altar Assisters:**

**SATURDAY, April 1, 5pm**

Lector: Dennis Lawrence  
EM: Janelle/ Phil Gonzales  
Altar Servers: Volunteers

**SUNDAY, April 2, 8am**

Lector: Volunteer  
EM: Volunteers  
Altar Servers: Aaron Seeman, Aaron Thiele

**SUNDAY, April 2, 10am**

Lector: Dianne Urruty  
EM: Jean Urruty, MA Cummins  
Altar Servers: Carter Zink, Adam Belus, Michael Ihnat

**Homebound Ministry, Friday, March 31**

Jim Fitzsimmons

### **COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK OF MARCH 19, 2017**

St. John's	\$ 2,545.00	YTD \$ 148,900.45
St. Mary's	\$	YTD \$ 4,439.00
St. Hubert's	\$ 190.00	YTD \$ 3,390.25
Poor Donations	\$ 630.00	
Online Donations	\$ 75.60	

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

Mon.	03.27	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	03.28	8:00 a.m.	+Catherine Spanos for the CCW
Wed.	03.29	8:00 a.m.	for the CCW
Thu.	03.30	8:00 a.m.	+Valorie Coda
Fri.	03.31	8:00 a.m.	Adoration until 9:30 a.m.
		6:30 p.m.	Confessions
		7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Sat.	04.01	11:00 a.m.	Confessions
		5:00 p.m.	+Valorie Coda
Sun.	04.02	8:00 a.m.	+Valorie Coda
		10:00 a.m.	Kaycee: Fr. Pete's intention

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

Mon-Isaiah 65:17-21; Gospel: John 4:43-54  
Tue-Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; Gospel: John 5:1-16  
Wed-Isaiah 49:8-15; Gospel: John 5:17-30  
Thu-Exodus 32:7-14; Gospel: John 5:31-47  
Fri-Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22; Gospel: John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
Sat-Jeremiah 11:18-20; Gospel: John 7:40-53

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

**Sound / Video System in the Parish Hall.** As Chad Reckard pointed out last weekend at the Masses, the Parish Hall is in need of a sound and video system that would allow both small and large gatherings to hear what is going on. A new system could be used for a variety of presentations and would be a great benefit for events in the Church that have overflow crowds, most especially funerals, to be "live streamed" from the Church to the hall so everyone could participate in the service.

The committee Chad served on did a thorough study of the hall and what sound / video equipment would best meet our current and future needs. The committee determined that in a "worst case scenario", that required extra speakers, the cost would be \$16,000.00.

As I indicated the parish does not have funding on the current budget for such a project. If you believe that this is something that could benefit us, you are welcome to make a donation. Money received will be placed in savings marked specifically for the sound / video system. If the money is not raised in an appropriate amount of time, those who sent contributions will be reimbursed.

If you wish to contribute, please write "Parish Hall" on the memo section of the check. Place the check in a plain envelope and drop it in the collection basket at Mass. You can also mail it to the parish office (532 North Lobban Ave) or bring it by the parish office if you prefer.

**Many thanks to Chad Reckard, Steve Reimann, Joe Reimann, Rick Sanchez, John Snyder and Andrew Snyder** for serving on the committee to study and recommend a sound / video system for the Parish Hall. Your work was greatly appreciated.

**Advance notice: no Mass on Thursday, April 6.** The priests and deacons must be in Casper for the annual priest's Lenten retreat and the Chrism Mass. Please plan accordingly.

***Ouch! Ouch! Ouch! In a matter of a few weeks the parish will have to make out a check for \$19,187.88 to the Diocese for the Living and Giving in Christ Campaign***

***shortfall for St. John's and St. Mary's. (St. Hubert's made their goal!) This, of course, means that money that could be better spent on other things has to go to the Diocese. Please consider this when we enter into the next Living and Giving in Christ Campaign in April.***

Many thanks to all who helped to make the St. Patrick's Day Dinner an enjoyable event. Thanks especially to Clarence Bishop who did a superb job with all the cooking from 7:00 a.m. Sunday morning right up to serving time. There were lots of compliments about the quality of the food and the speed with which people were able to get through the line by serving themselves. (It worked so well this will now be the norm in future parish dinners). Thanks to Gene Baehler for his assistance to Clarence. Thanks to the crew that decorated the hall. Special thanks to Mary Davis who organized the event, to Colleen Donahue and Carleen Cosner for organizing activities for the kids and to Rick Andersen who did so much to clean up the kitchen. Such events take a lot of coordinated work.

**Turn out for the St. Patrick's Day Dinner was disappointing.** This is the third year that the turnout was not very good. The fantastic weather we had this past weekend may have been a factor as well as other things going on in the community. *It is impossible to plan an event that will meet everyone's scheduling need.* I interpret this pattern to mean that there is no interest in keeping this event. Should we cancel it for a year or two and then try again? If you have any thoughts or suggestions on the matter please email them to me, Fr. Pete, at [frpete@bresnan.net](mailto:frpete@bresnan.net).

**We have a new bishop.** Father Steven Biegler is a priest of the Diocese of Rapid City, South Dakota. He was born and raised in South Dakota and so knows the west rather well. He worked on his family ranch for quite some time and I suspect has a good understanding of the importance of agriculture. Father Biegler will be ordained a bishop on Monday, June 5 in Cheyenne. The exact time has yet to be determined. It appears it will be held at the Civic Center.

Want to try a Lenten penance that will ultimately reward you with great peace because it is really an act of mercy for yourself? Reflect on people in your life, living or dead, that you have not forgiven. Maybe you were the victim of a person's irrational behavior; or the target of a person suffering from a mental illness in full bloom; or a person you loved betrayed you; or a friend abandoned you when you needed that friend the most; or an alcoholic parent's addiction infused non-stop chaos in your childhood; or someone took advantage of your kindness. Whatever the situation, whoever the person, you were hurt, damaged and left to deal with messes you did not create.

While being angry at these people who so negatively impacted our lives is understandable, it is also very dangerous. Why? First, as a friend of mine who is a practicing clinical psychologist once told me, "Anger will always find a target and very often it is an innocent person." If we are honest with ourselves, we often take our anger out not on the one who harmed us but on someone else. Second, he said, "Anger is an invitation to stay trapped in the past."

In a sense anger is demonic in that its goal is to keep us from living fully in the present and moving confidently into the future. For good reason the Night Prayer of the Church frequently quotes St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 4:26-27: *"If you are angry, let it be without sin. The sun must not go down on your wrath; do not give the devil a chance to work on you."* Anger warps our thinking, our perceptions, seducing us to replay the hurtful event over and over again. It is a bit like trying to beat a dead horse thinking that if I only work harder at kicking it, it will get up. It won't. And while we're stuck replaying the bitterness of the past, everyone else is getting on with their lives including the one who harmed us! And all the while we become more isolated.

Does forgiving the other help that person? Only if that person acknowledges the reality of the harm he or she has done. Helping the offender, however, is not the point of forgiveness! In the act of forgiving, even if it is a conscious choice one must make over and over again, one is moving forward with one's life. One is responding to the grace of God to let go of the past, live fully in the

present and move into the future without the baggage of bitterness and resentment.

In these final weeks of Lent, ask God for the grace to forgive those who harmed you.

**Parents of Confirmation Students.**  
**When you bring your child on the first Wednesday of April for their class, please stay. Fr. Pete wishes to visit with all the parents. It will not take long. Thank you.**

**Confession schedule for the remainder of Lent.** Confessions will be heard:

\*\*\*after the daily Mass. Please just line up along the east wall so I know you wish to go to confession.

\*\*\*on Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. and after the evening Mass.

\*\*\*on Fridays at 6:30 p.m. and while Stations of the Cross are celebrated.

\*\*\*on Holy Thursday after the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper until the last person leaves.

\*\*\*on Good Friday at 7:30 p.m. after Stations of the Cross after the last person leaves.

\*\*\*any time by appointment when it is convenient for you.

***Confessions will not be heard on Holy Saturday morning*** as the Church has to be prepared for the Vigil Mass and servers need to rehearse. Plenty of opportunities will have been provided, so please plan accordingly.

**Parish Council Members.** We meet on Sunday, March 26, 7:00 p.m. at the rectory. Please review

the material in your information packets in preparation for our meeting. I especially wish to go over and possibly finalize our job description for a full-time Youth Minister.

**Finance Council Members and Trustees.** We meet on Tuesday, March 28, 5:00 p.m. at the rectory. Please review the material in your information packets in preparation for our meeting. I especially wish to focus on a number of projects to be completed this fiscal year and to plan for the next fiscal year.

**Parents of Altar Servers. I have asked Mary Ann to call to you to confirm if your child is able to serve the Holy Week Liturgies.**

**Holy Week Liturgies:**

\*\*\*Palm Sunday; Saturday, April 8, 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 9, 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. There will not be any services at the mission parishes.

\*\*\*Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper; Thursday, April 13, 7:00 p.m.

\*\*\*Good Friday; Friday, April 14, 12:00 o'clock noon.

\*\*\*Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil; Saturday, April 15, 8:00 p.m.

\*\*\*Easter Sunday; April 16, 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. There will not be any services at the mission parishes.

**LADIES' NIGHT OUT** will be next Monday, March 27 at 6:30pm in the parish hall. Please bring a game and something to eat!

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP** applications are available for seniors on the back table in the church. Deadline is Friday, May 12, 2017. Call Gene Baehler with questions, 684-9632.

**GOAR SCHOLARSHIP** applications are available at BHS or in the parish office.