



# St. John the Baptist Church

St. Mary Church - Clearmont  
St. Hubert Church - Kaycee

## Office and Rectory

532 North Lobban Avenue  
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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>Lori Zink</i>	620-5113
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, May 21 – Congrats to our Catholic Grads!

Mon-Wed, May 22-24 – 7pm Fr. Greg Ames,  
Parish mission

Tuesday, May 23 – 5pm Finance Council  
7:30pm Knights of Columbus

Thursday, May 25 – 6:30am Men of St. Joseph

Sunday, May 28 – 7pm Parish Council

**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

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 21, 2017

Altar Assisters:

SATURDAY, May 27, 5pm

Lector: Colleen Donahue

EM: Janelle/Phil Gonzales, Julie Seeman

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, May 28, 8am

Lector: Richard Frankovic

EM: Rick Andersen

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, May 28, 10am

Lector: Mary Ann Cummins

EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Homebound Ministry, Friday, May 26

Lynn Ridgeway

### COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK OF MAY 14, 2017

St. John's	\$ 3,276.00	YTD \$ 185,390.24
St. Mary's	\$ 365.00	YTD \$ 5,533.00
St. Hubert's	\$ 25.00	YTD \$ 3,955.25
Poor Donations	\$ 406.00	
Online Donations	\$ 350.60	

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon.	05.22	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
		7:00 p.m.	Easter Parish
			Mission with Fr. Greg:
			<i>"Transformed by Grace: What is Grace?"</i>
Tue.	05.23	8:00 a.m.	+Russell Maxwell
		7:00 p.m.	Easter Parish
			Mission with Fr. Greg:
			<i>"The Gifts of the Holy Spirit; Signs of Grace"</i>
Wed.	05.24	8:00 a.m.	+Vern Maxwell
		7:00 p.m.	Easter Parish
			Mission with Fr. Greg:
			<i>"A Dangerous Bread...the Triumph of Grace"</i>
Thu.	05.25	8:00 a.m.	+Jeanette Maxwell
Fri.	05.26	8:00 a.m.	Holy Souls
		8:30 a.m.	Adoration until 9:30
		a.m.	
Sat.	05.27	5:00 p.m.	+Whitey Maxwell
Sun.	05.28	8:00 a.m.	Rosary makers
		10:00 a.m.	for the parishes
		12:30 p.m.	Clearmont: Fr. Pete's Intention

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon-Acts of the Apostles 14:5-18; Gospel: John 14:21-26

Tue-Acts of the Apostles 14:19-28; Gospel: John 14:27-31a

Wed-Acts of the Apostles 15:1-6; Gospel: John 15:1-8

Thu-Acts of the Apostles 15:7-21; Gospel: John 15:9-11

Fri-Acts of the Apostles 15:22-31; Gospel: John 15:12-17

Sat-Acts of the Apostles 16:1-10; Gospel: John 15:18-21

### FROM FR. PETE:

**Welcome Fr. Greg!** Fr. Greg

Ames of the Archdiocese of

Denver will be the homilist at all

the Masses this weekend. He will

give a series of talks Monday,

Tuesday and Wednesday evenings

in the presence of the Blessed

Sacrament on the altar. Fr. Greg

and Fr. Pete will be available for

confession each evening after the

presentation. This is a great way

to prepare for the Feast of

Pentecost.

**Eternal rest grant unto Larry Menzie O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul rest in peace. Amen. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.** Larry passed away after 25 years of suffering. A convert to the Faith he had a simple but deep trust in the providential love of God. Please pray for his wife, Janet, as she must now move on with her life without her best friend.

**Eternal rest grant unto Florence Long, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul rest in peace. Amen. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.** Florence passed away after suffering the ravages of age and a body and mind that betrayed her. She was deeply loved by her daughter Paula who lives here and took good care

of her. Please pray for Paula who must now mourn the loss of her mother.

**Finance Council Members and Trustees.** We meet on Tuesday, May 23, 5:00 p.m. at the rectory. This is our last meeting before the summer break. You should have received your information packets.

**Parish Council Members.** We meet in Sunday, May 28, 5:00 p.m. at the rectory. This is our last meeting before the summer break. You should have received your information packets.

**The Feast of the Ascension of our Lord, a Holy Day of Obligation, is transferred to the Seventh Sunday of Easter.** This is true in most dioceses in the United States.

**A meditation on "Keeping the Commandments by Pope Francis.**

*What is the image we have of God?*

*Perhaps He appears to us as a severe judge, as someone Who curtails our freedom and the way we live our lives. But the Scriptures everywhere tell us that God is the Living One, the One Who bestows life and points the way to fullness of life. I think of the beginning of the Book of Genesis: God fashions man out of the dust of the earth; He breathes in his nostrils the breath of life, and man becomes a living being (cf. 2:7). God is the source of life; thanks to His breath, man has life. God's breath sustains the entire journey of our life on earth.*

*I also think of the calling of Moses, where the Lord says that He is the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of the living. When He sends Moses to Pharaoh to set His people free, He reveals His name: I AM WHO I AM, the God Who enters into our history,*

*sets us free from slavery and death, and brings life to His people because He is the Living One.*

*I also think of the gift of the Ten Commandments: a path God points out to us towards a life which is truly free and fulfilling. The Commandments are not a litany of prohibitions - you must not do this, you must not do that, you must not do the other; on the contrary, they are a great "Yes!": a yes to God, to Love, to life. Dear friends, our lives are fulfilled in God alone, because only He is the Living One!*

**"Fr. Pete...What does the Church say about the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Medjugorje?"** It is best to answer your question in stages.

First: If the Church says that a devotion to the alleged apparitions of the Blessed Mother are worthy of veneration by the faithful then all is well and good. The Church has done so with the alleged apparitions at Lourdes, Knox and Fatima to name a few. The Church has the competence and authority to make that determination. The Church is not declaring that they happened, only that one may embrace the devotion without any fear of having one's Faith in Jesus Christ diluted or twisted. This is an important point because a genuine devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary always leads one to a deeper relationship with her Son! The Church never requires us to believe those apparitions occurred or the messages are matters of Faith, only that there is no error in the messages and no danger to the Faith. One, therefore, is free to accept, reject, or be skeptical about them. The Church has not declared the alleged apparitions of Medjugorje to be worthy of veneration by the faithful. For people to act as if the Church does or someday will is a very unwise practice.

Second: we must keep our language precise. The alleged apparitions at Medjugorje are just that: alleged. The bishops of the Diocese of Mostar, where Medjugorje is located, have consistently taught from the beginning that nothing supernatural is taking place. It is for the

bishop of a diocese to decide on the genuineness of any apparition. Those, however, who don't want to hear what contradicts their personal truth won't and in promoting an unapproved devotion in defiance of their bishop constitutes disobedience.

Third: Pope Benedict XVI established a theological commission to study the alleged apparitions and messages. A report was finalized and sent to the Congregation for Doctrine and Faith in 2010. It indicates that the earlier alleged apparitions received by the seers when they were children need much more study. This could suggest there is ambiguity about the "messages." The later alleged apparitions and messages that the seers, now adults, claim take place regularly are, says the report, doubtful.

Fourth: Pope Francis has read the report. Keep in mind the Holy Father has a deeply profound devotion to the Blessed Virgin. He may go down in Church history as the most "Marian pope" the Church has ever had. On May 13, in an interview with some seventy journalists, the pope was asked about the alleged apparitions at Medjugorje. Here are his exact words: ***"I personally am more suspicious, I prefer the Madonna as Mother, our Mother, and not a woman who's head of an office, who every day sends a message at a certain hour. This is not the Mother of Jesus. And these presumed apparitions don't have a lot of value."***

Will any of this convince the fanatical devotees of Medjugorje? Probably not. It is the burden of the fanatic to be convinced that he or she knows better than the Church what is true. It is also the burden that the fanatic will be held responsible for leading people into error.

**"Fr. Pete...Why is Ascension Thursday moved to a Sunday?"** I don't know. I can only speculate that a number of bishops want as many people as possible to attend and know that with work and family schedules most will be unable or unwilling to attend during a weekday. That's my best guess. The bishops of some dioceses (Boston, Hartford, New York, Newark, Omaha and Philadelphia) have kept the observance of the Feast on Thursday which is their right to do.

**Bishop-elect Steven Biegler** will be ordained and installed as the 9<sup>th</sup> Bishop of the Diocese of Cheyenne on Monday, June 5, 2017, Memorial of Saint Boniface, at 2pm at the Cheyenne Civic Center, 510 West 20<sup>th</sup> St. Doors will open at 1pm. Seating is limited. Overflow will be at St. Mary's Catholic School, 2200 O'Neil Ave, where the Mass will be able to be seen via livestream. For those not able to attend, a link for the livestream will be available on the diocese of Cheyenne Website at <http://www.dioceseofcheyenne.org/> and aired live on EWTN. The principal consecrator will be The Most Reverend Samuel Aquila, Archbishop of Denver, in the presence of The Most Reverend Christopher Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States.

**CONGRATS** to our Catholic Graduates of BHS! We wish them success in their futures 🍀

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** will begin on Monday, June 12 and continue through the week. 1-4pm each day...NOTE the time change this year! If you have NOT registered, please contact Carol Gagliano ASAP! 684-5751. SONQUEST Rainforest theme.

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