



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>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

Monday, June 5 – 12noon CCW meeting
2pm Bishop Steven's ordination
Thursday, June 8 – 6:30am Men of St. Joseph
Monday, June 12-Friday, June 16 – 1pm to 4pm
Vacation Bible School in the parish hall
"SonQwest Rainforest" theme

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

PENTECOST SUNDAY

JUNE 4, 2017

Altar Assisters:

SATURDAY, June 10, 5pm

Lector: Dennis Lawrence

EM: Mary Smith

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, June 11, 8am

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteer

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, June 11, 10am

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteer

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Homebound Ministry, Friday, June 9

Kathy Smith

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK OF MAY 28, 2017

St. John's	\$ 3,324.00	YTD \$ 195,394.24
St. Mary's	\$ 260.00	YTD \$ 5,805.00
St. Hubert's	\$	YTD \$ 4,050.25
Poor Donations	\$ 205.00	
Online Donations	\$ 135.60	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon.	06.05	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	06.06	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Wed.	06.07	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Thu.	06.08	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Fri.	06.09	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
		8:30 a.m.	No Adoration
Sat.	06.10	5:00 p.m.	Sr. Edna Stephenson
Sun.	06.11	8:00 a.m.	Sr. Edna Stephenson
		10:00 a.m.	for the parishes
		12:30 p.m.	Clearmont: Fr. Pete's intention

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon-Tobit 1:3; 2:1b-8; Gospel: Mark 12:1-12

Saint Boniface, Bishop & Martyr

Tue-Tobit 2:9-14; Gospel: Mark 12:13-17

Wed-Tobit 3:1-11a, 16-17a; Gospel: Mark 12:18-27

Thu-Tobit 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a; Gospel: Mark 12:28-34

Fri-Tobit 11:5-17; Gospel: Mark 12:35-37

Sat-Tobit 12:1, 5-15, 20; Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

FROM FR. PETE:

Fr. Steven Biegler of the Diocese of Rapid City will be ordained our new bishop on June 5. From that moment on he will be mentioned in the Eucharistic prayers as "Bishop Steven," which he prefers to be called. Please keep our new bishop in your daily prayers. The new bishop has created a blog: bishopsteven.dioceseofcheyenne.org

Men of St. Joseph Prayer Group. You will have to meet in the parish hall on Thursday.

The position of a full-time youth minister at St. John the Baptist is now open. The Parish Council has agreed on the job description. The Finance Council has worked out a budget to include salary, medical insurance, dental insurance, office expenses and attendance at Diocesan meetings. This is a major undertaking for our small parish but one that the parish leadership and I believe is important and worth the expenditure of our resources.

This is a full time, salaried position.

The Youth Minister is to provide a vision and corresponding activities for Youth Ministry for junior high students as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, for the post-Confirmation students and high school students. The objectives are: to encourage these populations to maintain their connection with the Church, become disciples of Jesus Christ, foster a personal relationship with Him in and through His Body, the Church and equip them to defend their faith and evangelize their peers.

Those interested in the position and wishing to look at the full job description are asked to contact Fr. Pete (frpete@bresnan.net or 307-684-7268).

The job opening was posted in all parishes in our Diocese on May 30. It will be advertised in the Diocese of Rapid City, the Archdiocese of Denver and at Franciscan University at Steubenville.

The hope is to have a Youth Minister in place by the fall.

I was so proud to see a number of parishioners at the Memorial Day service at the cemetery.

Thank you! I particularly wish to give special acknowledgement to several of our parishioners: Don and Peggy Sullivan who dedicate a great deal of time and energy organizing this event each year; John Snyder who gave a moving presentation about the cost of freedom; Wayne Bolinger who headed the honor guard at the service and frequently does so with other parishioners at funeral services as well; and Gene Baehler who went to the cemetery early in the morning to place flags on the graves of veterans before he had to go to work. If there are others that I have overlooked, please accept my apologies.

Please note that there are no daily Masses next week. The priests are on retreat.

Something new for parishioners who have cell phones. You will soon be able to download what is called "myParish App." Mary Ann has been working with the Diocese on this project and will make a presentation at the Masses in the not too distant future. Simply put, the app can be downloaded on your phone and allows you to look at the parish website, get the sermons and well as be used for rapid messaging to parishioners about meetings or upcoming events. It will cost the parish only \$35.00 per month.

Something new coming to the parish hall. You may have noticed the bushes that were in front of the parish hall were removed and the root system pulled out. There's nothing left but dirt. In its place, there will be a statue of St. John the Baptist, the Forerunner of our Lord and the last prophet of the Old Testament.

The statue has been ordered. It will be 60 inches tall with St. John the Baptist carrying a cross. The statue will also have a sheep representing the theological reality that it was St. John the Baptist who said of Jesus, "Behold the Lamb of God." The presence of the sheep also serves the purpose of representing the heritage of our Basque parishioners who have helped to make Buffalo the dynamic community it is.

Designed to be outdoors, the statue will be made of fiberglass from an Italian mold in a style that was popular in the early 1900's. It will be in an antique stone finish that gives the curves and contours definition and depth. One of our parishioners has offered to design and make a gazebo over the statue to somewhat protect it from the elements.

In the meantime, we will level the soil, place a stone slab over the soil and then create a pedestal to which the statue will be secured.

A word about Mass intentions. I make every effort to put the Mass intentions in the order they come in. There are times when I must change the order to accommodate a special request or if I become sick and cannot say a particular Mass on the originally scheduled day.

Many thanks to the Building Committee. The Committee (Shawn Welsh, Clark Bennett, Terry Ridgeway, Phil Gonzales, and Mick Camino) did an extensive review of the parish grounds and buildings. While we have managed in ten years to "catch up" on much of the neglect over the last few decades, there are still areas we need to address: e.g. creating better drainage for the front and east side of the parish hall, sealing the area where the sidewalk on the north side of the hall butts into the building, installing gutters in key areas at the hall and patching up holes in the mortar between the stones of the Church. The Committee has also begun the process of bringing in commercial

painters to place bids on painting the entire interior of the Church from floor to ceiling. The Committee also recommends removing all the carpeting in the sanctuary and replacing it with tile.

Update on the Living and Giving in Christ

Campaign: The following information was sent to me on May 30:

Parish Goal	Amount pledged	Amount paid
St. John's-\$55,909	\$16,914	\$13,184
St. Mary's- 1,192	500	500
St. Hubert's-1,110	670	560

Many thanks to parishioners who made either a pledge or a one-time contribution.

"Fr. Pete.....What is going on with the sound system project in the parish hall?"

Only a few have donated to the fund which stands as \$4,220.00. Clearly, the congregation does not support this project. As promised I will give it to July 1 at which point those who contributed will receive their money back.

I have been informed that some believe we should take money out of savings. The comment reported to me was, "The parish has lots of money in savings." There is not "lots of money in savings." There is only \$169,433.29 most of which is earmarked. Another comment was, "The parish should use some of that money in investments." Our investments have indeed done well yielding (as of April 2017) \$655,267.74, but once again much of that is earmarked. It has taken nearly ten years to build those resources and as we all know if something should go terribly wrong with one of our buildings, and insurance will not cover the repair then what we have saved could vanish in the blink of an eye.

"Fr. Pete.... I recently went to a wedding at a church where there was no cross, the sanctuary was a stage with a bunch of musical instruments and a large screen was lowered so people could sing to a "bouncing ball." Is that worship?" For that congregation? Yes. For us? No.

There is a popular misconception that God doesn't care about worship. On the contrary, God takes worship quite seriously. It is His gift to us.

He does not need worship. We do. If you read the Book of Exodus you will notice the detailed instructions God gave to Moses on the construction of the Tent of Meeting (which was to become the prototype of the Temple), the ark of the covenant, the altar of sacrifice, the altar of incense, the musical instruments, all the utensils that were to be constructed for the sacrificial offerings, how the vestments of the priests were to be made, etc. God did that not for Himself, but to teach us what worship is, to Whom it is given and what we derive from it.

While what you described reminds me of some Churches I attended in my search for the fullness of authentic Christian worship, keep in mind that for many people that is all they know, what they are comfortable with and how they worship God. If they are sincere I do not doubt that God is pleased with them.

The Christian should never be harsh in judging the worship of others. Rather, he should reserve the harshness of his judgment for how sincerely he worships God at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. That would be far more spiritually fruitful.

LADIES! CCW meeting at 12noon on Monday, June 5 in the parish hall. Please bring your lunch and come to plan for the summer progressive dinner as well as the upcoming year ☺

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL begins in a week on Monday, June 12 from 1-4pm each day that week. Make sure your children/grandchildren are signed up with Carol Gagliano, 684-5751, BEFORE that date!

LADIES' NIGHT OUT will again be held the last Monday of the month, June 26 at 6:30pm. Put this on your calendar, please. Bring a friend, a treat and a game.

