



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
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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, October 22 – 11am-12:30pm Youth group
5pm parish dinner & speaker

Tuesday, October 24 – 10am Bible study class
7pm rectory class

Wednesday, October 25 – 10am Bible study
3:45pm CCD for K-4th
7pm for grades 5-7
7pm rectory class

Thursday, October 26 – 7pm hall class

Saturday, October 28 – 7pm RCIA

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

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 22, 2017

Altar Assisters:

SATURDAY, October 28, 5pm

Lector: Janelle Gonzales

EM: Mary Smith

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, October 29, 8am

Lector: Marilyn Maxwell

EM: Volunteer

Altar Servers: Andrew Snyder, Aaron Seeman,

Aaron Thiele

SUNDAY, October 29, 10am

Lector: Mary Ann Cummins

EM: Volunteer

Altar Servers: Adam Belus, Michael/James Ihnat

Homebound Ministry, Friday, October 27

Kathy Smith

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK OF October 15, 2017

St. John's	\$ 3,897.00	YTD \$ 63,493.45
St. Mary's	\$	YTD \$ 1,488.15
St. Hubert's	\$ 230.00	YTD \$ 1,494.50
Poor Donations	\$ 302.00	
Online Donations	\$	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon.	10.23	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	10.24	8:00 a.m.	+Joe Tiller
Wed.	10.25	8:00 a.m.	+Joe Tiller
Thu.	10.26	8:00 a.m.	+Joe Tiller
Fri.	10.27	8:00 a.m.	Fr. Pete's intention
		8:30 a.m.	Adoration until 9:30 a.m.
Sat.	10.28	5:00 p.m.	Fr. Pete's intention
Sun.	10.29	8:00 a.m.	Fr. Pete's intention
		10:00 a.m.	for the parishes

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon-Romans 4:20-25; Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

Tue-Romans 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Gospel: Luke 12:35-38

Wed-Romans 6:12-18; Gospel: Luke 12:39-48

Thu-Romans 6:19-23; Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

Fri-Romans 7:18-25a; Gospel: Luke 12:54-59

Sat-Ephesians 2:19-22; Gospel: Luke 6:12-16

Saints Simon & Jude, Apostles

FR. PETE:

Thinking of sending a donation to a Catholic charity? Think carefully first. The following article comes from the Catholic News Agency. It was written by Kevin Jones. Catholic News Agency (CNA) is a marvelous media resource to get reliable, factual news about issues that impact the lives of believers.

Denver, Colo., Oct 18, 2017 / 02:51 am (CNA/EWTN News). A network of wealthy donors is funding a series of well-organized lobbying campaigns to restrict legal protections for religious freedom, in order to advance access to abortion and LGBT causes.

Since 2013, a network of funders has earmarked at least \$8.5 million in grants for projects intended to limit religious freedom provisions in federal, state, and local law, according to a CNA investigation of grant listings and tax forms.

Many of these funders are part of the Rights, Faith & Democracy Collaborative, a grantmaking fund launched by the Proteus Fund in March 2017. The collaborative opposes "the inappropriate use of religious exemptions to curtail reproductive health, rights and justice, discriminate against members of the LGBTQ community, and otherwise undermine fundamental rights and liberties essential to a healthy democracy," the fund's website says.

The new anti-religious freedom collaborative was created to oppose "ongoing and growing efforts in too many states to 'legalize' discrimination and restrict fundamental human and civil rights under the guise of protecting 'religious liberty'," according to the fund's website.

The Rights, Faith & Democracy Collaborative has given grants to pro-abortion groups and LGBT advocacy groups at the state, federal and international levels; religious groups including Catholics for Choice; legal advocacy groups like the ACLU and Lambda Legal; and aligned academics, including those at Columbia Law School's "Public Rights, Private Conscience Project."

One donor, the Arcus Foundation, has given hundreds of thousands of dollars to John Podesta's Center for American Progress initiatives. These grants seek to redefine religious liberty as "a core progressive American value that includes LGBT equality and women's reproductive health and rights," according to its latest grant listed at the Arcus Foundation website.

The collaborative's network also spends millions on leadership development, donor development, anti-violence and anti-discrimination projects, and LGBT and pro-abortion rights advocacy.

The Rights, Faith & Democracy Collaborative says it will serve as "a vehicle for broader donor education and mobilization in order to achieve deeper funding alignment as well as enhanced donor collaboration."

The collaborative aims to nurture strategies and organizations that foster collaboration between "the reproductive equity and LGBTQ movements, especially at the state and local level." It aims to boost the influence of faith leaders and religious communities that it says will support "equal rights and opportunities for everyone while also protecting legitimate constitutionally protected religious liberty rights." Its website also claims that "discriminatory practices fostered by overly broad religious exemptions" have a disproportionate impact on racial minorities.

The collaborative's funding partners, listed on the Proteus Fund's website, are the Alki Fund of the Rockefeller Foundation, the Arcus Foundation, the Evelyn and Walter Haas Jr. Fund, the Gill Foundation, the Groundswell Fund, the Irving Harris Foundation, the Moriah Fund, the Overbrook Foundation, and anonymous donors.

The Proteus Fund appears to have had previous success. Its Civil Marriage Collaborative, closed in 2015, was a leader in the push for legal recognition of gay marriage. The fund's "Hearts & Minds" report says that the consortium of foundations invested \$153 million over 11 years in many states and at the national level in marriage-related advocacy.

CNA contacted the Proteus Fund for comment, but received no response by deadline.

Religious freedom laws: 'not a blank check'

Richard Garnett, a professor at the University of Notre Dame Law School, disagreed with the fund's claims that religious freedom legal accommodations and exemptions are illegitimate. He said this claim is "inconsistent with our history and with our longstanding commitment to religious liberty as our 'first freedom.'

"Reasonable exemptions do not 'undermine fundamental rights and liberties,' they protect and promote them," he told CNA.

"Unfortunately, there are powerful and well-funded interests who, with broad support in the academy and in media, have been working hard to associate our 'first freedom' with discrimination and prejudice," Garnett said.

He reflected on the state of religious freedom advocacy.

"Proponents of religious freedom, broadly and generously understood, will need to work hard to remind our fellow citizens that religious liberty – which has to mean religious liberty for all, and not just for 'people like us' – is itself a fundamental human right, and a protection for democracy," he said. "And, of course, to make religious freedom more appealing, it is important that religious-freedom proponents conduct their efforts in a civil, charitable, and inviting way."

For Garnett, the fund's rhetoric about discrimination concerns did not accurately represent the current state of the law.

"In fact, only a tiny number of religious-exemptions claims involve antidiscrimination laws and these claims almost always fail," he said. "The claim that religious-liberty laws undermine important anti-discrimination protections in the marketplace, the workplace, or in public accommodations is false.

"Instead, what these laws do is call for sensible accommodations for religious conscience, in cases where the accommodations will not undermine compelling public interests. These laws call for a balance, not a blank check."

Religious freedom protections have become more controversial in recent decades. In 2012, the Obama administration attempted

to mandate that all employers, including religious employers, cover sterilization and contraceptive drugs, including drugs that can cause abortions. The mandate burdened many Catholic dioceses and organizations, including EWTN Global Catholic Network, and was only changed by a recent Trump administration action.

There is also an ongoing push in some states to require insurance coverage of abortions, and some medical professionals and hospitals have faced pressure to cooperate in providing abortions.

Garnett thought abortion would be a prime focus of the Proteus funding network.

"My sense is that what efforts like the Proteus Fund are really aimed at is undermining the longstanding protections in American law for religious health care workers and institutions who cannot in conscience participate in abortions," he said.

"These protections are falsely labeled as 'discriminatory' when, in fact, they reflect the commonsense notion that it would be deeply unjust to require, as a condition of working as a healer, a pro-life medical professional to participate in a procedure she believes to be gravely wrong."

Some Christian adoption agencies have been forced to close because placing children with same-sex couples violates their religious convictions. There is an ongoing debate over whether small businesses in the marriage industry must cater to same-sex ceremonies if they have religious objections to them.

Ryan T. Anderson, a senior research fellow at the Heritage Foundation and co-author of "Debating Religious Liberty and Discrimination," reflected on the current situation.

"Anti-gay and anti-transgender bigotry exists and should be condemned," he told CNA.

"But support for marriage as the union of husband and wife isn't anti-gay. Nor is the conviction that sex is a biological reality anti-transgender. "Just as we've combatted sexism without treating pro-life medicine as sexist, any public policy necessary to help people who identify as LGBT meet their needs should be crafted so as to respect the consciences of reasonable people, acting on good-faith beliefs about marriage and gender identity," said Anderson. "Not every

disagreement is discrimination. And our law shouldn't suppose otherwise."

'We're going to punish the wicked'

The Proteus Fund's collaborative brings together several organizations with experience in effective political advocacy. One of its funding partners, the Colorado-based Gill Foundation, was launched by the politically savvy former businessman Tim Gill. He has pursued strategic LGBT advocacy through funding both non-profits and political campaigns.

"We're going into the hardest states in the country... we're going to punish the wicked," Gill said in a June interview with Rolling Stone magazine about his LGBT activism. In March 2015, Tim Sweeney, a former president and CEO of the Gill Foundation, told leading business executives and others attending the Out & Equal Workplace Advocates executive forum in San Francisco about the need to ensure their fight against religious exemptions is finished quickly.

"We are at a crossroads where the choices we make will mean we will fight religious exemptions for two to three years or have a protracted twenty-year struggle on our hands," he said.

The New York-based Arcus Foundation, founded by billionaire heir Jon Stryker, has dedicated millions of dollars to opposing religious freedom protections and to funding LGBT advocacy within world religions, including dissenting Catholic groups like Catholics for Choice, New Ways Ministry and Dignity USA.

One board member of this foundation is Darren Walker, past vice-president of the Rockefeller Foundation and current president of the deeply influential Ford Foundation. The Ford Foundation has funded some projects against religious liberty protections, but is not listed as a direct member of the collaborative based at the Proteus Fund. However, the Oakland, Calif.-based Groundswell Fund board of directors is chaired by Rocio L. Cordoba, a past program officer for the Ford Foundation's Gender, Sexuality and Reproductive Justice Program. The Groundswell Fund claims to fund more reproductive justice organizations than any other foundation.

Another partner, the Rockefeller Family Fund, was launched in 1967 by members of the prominent American family, including then-New York governor and future vice-president Nelson Rockefeller. Its mission statement says it "initiates, cultivates, and funds strategic efforts to promote a sustainable, just, free, and participatory society." The fund did not respond to a request for comment by deadline. The San Francisco-based Evelyn and Walter Haas Jr. Fund is a private family foundation with half a billion dollars in assets. Since 2014 it has earmarked at least \$1.4 million in grants for projects related to religious exemptions, according to a CNA review of its grant listings.

The New York-based Overbrook Foundation, founded in 1948 by financier Frank Altschul and his wife Helen, has a gender rights program to fund those who oppose "overly broad religious exemptions." Its website listed \$220,000 in grants related to religious freedom: a \$100,000 grant to the Proteus Fund's collaborative, and two \$60,000 grants to Lambda Legal.

The Chicago-based Irving Harris Foundation, created by the businessman and philanthropist, awards \$10 to \$15 million in grants annually, Inside Philanthropy reports. The Washington, D.C.-based Moriah Fund dedicated over \$10.6 million to program spending in fiscal year 2016. Neither grant maker's website listed grants related to religious freedom.

PARISH DINNER Sunday, October 22 at 5pm. Spaghetti, bread and dessert will be provided by the parish. Please come and bring a friend 😊 Mrs. Kathleen Billings will speak on "The Family as the Domestic Church – Living & Loving as you Grow in Holiness". You will be happy you came to celebrate and learn with your Catholic peers.

COMMUNITY ALL-DAY SEW every 3rd Saturday from 9am to 4pm at the Senior Center. Get your unfinished projects done! Bring a lunch. \$5 donation suggested. Plenty of parking, tables and lighting. Sewing, crochet and knitting.

\$22,000 plus collected from the women of Wyoming for the **2017 Mary's Fund** that went to the women in the Philippines as a project initiated by Fr. Jason Marco, current pastor at Saratoga. Fr. Marco was overwhelmed by your generosity 😊

The **2018 Mary's Fund**, through the Wyoming Council of Catholic Women, has as its recipient the Sudan Relief Fund in North Africa. The collected money over the next year will go to 3 projects – the Street Girls Project, an orphanage and a nurse training facility. St. John's will be doing a fund raiser for this activity through CCW events.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND – Do you sometimes see yourselves as ships passing as you rush from one event to the next? Do you wish life would just slow down? Step out of the craziness and enjoy a weekend of solitude, time to focus on the most important relationship in your life. Learn the skills to reprioritize and refocus your hopes, goals and dreams. Upcoming dates are The Ranch at Ucross on Nov. 3-5; Billings, MT on January 26-28, 2018 and Riverton, WY on March 2-4. For more information and to apply, visit our website www.wwme.org or call Paul and Tracy at 307-689-2820.

FREE LEGAL ADVICE CLINIC sponsored by the Wages Group, LLC (Jordan Camino from our parish) & the Johnson County Bar Association is holding an event on Thursday, October 26 from 4-7pm. They are located at 130 S Main (across from the Post Office). Schedule an appointment by calling Equal Justice Wyoming at 307-777-8383.

THANKS to everyone who has helped with the CCW Sheridan Deanery meeting and speaker, Mrs. Kathleen Billings, this weekend 😊 Next year we go BIG as we host the Wyoming Council of Catholic Women (WCCW) convention in our town and parish!