



# 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

## Religious Education / Meeting

Sunday, Jan. 28 – 11:15am Youth group  
6pm Feast in hall  
Wednesday, Jan. 31 - 3:45pm & 7pm CCD  
Saturday, February 3 – 7pm RCIA  
Sunday, February 4 – 11:15am Youth group  
9am Knights' breakfast  
Tuesday, February 6 – 12noon CCW meeting  
Wednesday, February 7 – 3:45pm CCD  
7pm CCD & Confirmation  
Wednesday, February 14 – Ash Wednesday

## 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

**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 ORDINARY TIME**

**Jan. 28, 2018**

**Altar Assisters:**

**SATURDAY, Feb. 3, 5pm**

Lector: Dennis Lawrence

EM: Mary Smith

Altar Servers: Volunteers

**SUNDAY, Feb. 4, 8am**

Lector: Marilyn Maxwell

EM: Bishop Steven

Altar Servers: Andrew Snyder, Aaron Seeman,  
Aaron Thiele, Matt Harrison, Joe Reimann, Gio  
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**SUNDAY, Feb. 4, 10am**

Lector: Mary Ann Cummins

EM: Bishop Steven

Altar Servers: Michael/James Ihnat, Adam Belus,  
Jeron/Jaxon Sutton, Carter Zink

**Homebound Ministry, Friday, Feb. 2**

Kathy Smith

## **COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK OF Jan. 21, 2017**

St. John's	\$ 3,472.00	YTD \$ 116,019.21
St. Mary's	\$ 25.00	YTD \$ 2,701.15
St. Hubert's	\$	YTD \$ 2,691.50
Poor Donations	\$ 335.00	
Online Donations	325.60	

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

Mon.	01.29	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	01.30	8:00 a.m.	Andy Stevens Family
Wed.	01.31	8:00 a.m.	Honey Harriet
Thu.	02.01	8:00 a.m.	Ladies of the CCW
Fri.	02.02	8:00 a.m.	Chris Schafer
		8:30 a.m.	Adoration until 9:30 a.m.
Sat.	02.03	5:00 p.m.	Chris Schafer
Sun.	02.04	8:00 a.m.	Chris Schafer
		10:00 a.m.	for the parishes
		2:00 p.m.	Kaycee: Fr. Pete's intention

## **READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

Mon-2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Gospel: Mark 5:1-20

Tue-2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3; Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

Wed-2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17; Gospel: Mark 6:1-6

***Saint John Bosco, Priest***

Thu-1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12; Gospel: Mark 6:7-13

Fri-Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

***The Presentation of the Lord***

Sat-1 Kings 3:4-13; Gospel: Mark 6:30-34

## **FR. PETE:**

**The annual "Beast Feast" is this Sunday, January 28, 6:00 p.m.** This is a wonderful opportunity to sample the marvelous dishes that can be made from wild game. It is also an opportunity for those who have never hunted or shot a gun to sign-up for instruction. We have funding set aside to help those who wish to learn and to help with processing their first kill. This funding is completely separate from parish funds and is in its own account.

If you feel a bit guilty because you do not have a wild game dish to share, bring some mashed potatoes or rice or a salad. But do come and enjoy good food and fellowship.

Hunters are encouraged to bring a recipe to share and pictures of the hunt that supplied the meat.

## **Bishop Biegler is coming to St. John's next Sunday to offer the Masses.**

He will not be able to preside at the Saturday evening Mass, only the Sunday morning Masses. If it is your tradition to go to the Saturday evening Mass, please consider coming on Sunday instead. The Bishop simply wants to spend some time in our parish. He enjoys being with people. He will also be going to Kaycee with me for Mass there and to spend a little time visiting with the folks over coffee and donuts.

The Knights of Columbus will be having their traditional First Sunday of the Month Breakfast. You can get to visit with the Bishop over a wonderful meal.

Please take this opportunity to welcome our new Bishop.

Psssst..... those of you who would like to get rid of me.....now is your chance!

**A meditation from St. Irenaeus.** St. Irenaeus was a disciple of St. Polycarp who studied at the feet of the Apostle John which places him in the area

between 120 and 140 when the Church was quite young and under intense state sponsored persecution by the Roman Empire. Originally from what is modern day Turkey, St. Irenaeus became a priest in the Church in Lyon, Gaul (modern day France) and was made bishop of Lyon. One of the best educated men of his day he had extensive training in Greek philosophy and a thorough knowledge of Scripture. He was one of the best defenders of the Faith of his time. He died in the year 202.

Ever wonder why God, Who is absolute Perfection within Himself, bothered to create creatures with free will who would choose to disobey Him and still He seeks to save them? Read what this ancient and still living saint has to say!

Our Lord, the Word of God, first drew men to God as servants, but later He freed those made subject to Him. He Himself testified to this: *"I do not call you servants any longer, for a servant does not know what his master is doing. Instead I call you friends, since I have made known to you everything that I have learned from My Father."* Friendship with God brings the gift of immortality to those who accept it.

In the beginning God created Adam, not because He needed man, but because He wanted to have someone on whom to bestow His blessings. Not only before Adam but also before all creation, the Word was glorifying the Father in Whom He dwelt and was Himself being glorified by the Father. The Word Himself said: *"Father, glorify me with that glory I had with You before the world was."*

Nor did the Lord need our service. He commanded us to follow Him, but His was the gift of salvation. To follow the Savior is to share in salvation; to follow the light is to enjoy the light. Those who are in the light do not illuminate the light but are themselves illuminated and enlightened by the light. They

add nothing to the light; rather, they are beneficiaries, for they are enlightened by the light.

The same is true of service to God: it adds nothing to God nor does God need the service of man. Rather, He gives life and immortality and eternal glory to those who follow and serve Him. He confers a benefit on His servants in return for their service and on His followers in return for their loyalty, but He receives no benefit from them. He is rich, perfect and in need of nothing.

The reason why God requires service from man is this: because He is good and merciful He desires to confer benefits on those who persevere in His service. In proportion to God's need of nothing is man's need for communion with God.

This is the glory of man: to persevere and remain in the service of God. For this reason, the Lord told His disciples: *"You did not choose Me, but I chose you."* He meant that His disciples did not glorify Him by following Him, but in following the Son of God they were glorified by Him. As He said: *"I wish that where I am they also may be, that they may see My glory."*

**Great and Holy Lent will begin very shortly.** For those who follow the tradition of Catholics in the Eastern Churches Sunday, February 4, is called Meatfare Sunday, literally "farewell to meat". This is the last Sunday meat can be eaten until Easter. It is also called the Sunday of the Last Judgment to remind us that no human being will escape that moment of judgement which determines how we spend eternity. One of the chants used that Sunday goes "The Lord is coming and who will not fear Him? Who will be able to appear before His face? O my soul, prepare for this encounter."

For Eastern Christians the following Sunday, February 11, is called Cheesefare Sunday, literally "farewell to dairy products" until Easter. It is also called Forgiveness Sunday in which all in the Church are urged to forgive those who have harmed them.

Meatfare Sunday and Cheesefare Sunday are traditions in the Eastern Churches to help one enter into the penitential season of Lent in such a way that one is spiritually renewed and prepared to enter into the Mysteries of Holy Week and joyfully celebrate the Resurrection. Western Christians might seriously think of adapting these elements of the fast in their lives.

***It is what we are willing put of ourselves into Lent that will determine what we shall derive from it.***

**Ash Wednesday falls on February 14.** For Roman Catholics this is the beginning of Great and Holy Lent. There will only be two Masses with the distribution of ashes 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Remember: receiving ashes is a public mark of an interior desire for personal conversion to better follow the Gospel. Non-Catholics are welcome to come with you to receive ashes but please make sure to instruct them on its meaning.

**“Fr. Pete...Will the Knights of Columbus be having their annual Fish Fry? I haven’t heard anything.”** The Knights have not informed me of their plans.

**“Fr. Pete...Are there any plans to have a Valentine’s Day dinner?”** No.

**“Fr. Pete...Will there be a St. Patrick’s Day dinner?”** There were some discussions on having one, but I am waiting to hear what has been decided.

**FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** – One hour per month from noon to 1pm on Wednesdays in either February, March, April or May. So, three volunteers are needed to fill in the vacant slots. Call Jean Vignaroli, 684-2562.

**Single, Divorced or widowed Catholic women** age 18 and older are invited to participate in weekend retreats at St. Martin Monastery, Rapid City, SD. This is an opportunity to “come and see”

religious life and community living. Benedictine Weekends are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of every month (except June and July.) For more information contact Sr. Mary Wegher at 605-343-8011 or email her at [smarywegher@yahoo.com](mailto:smarywegher@yahoo.com)

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS breakfast** on Sunday, Feb. 4 after both Masses. Bring your family! Donations are appreciated 😊



**CCW noon meeting** on Tuesday, Feb. 6 in the parish hall. Discussion on the fall convention, Easter church cleaning, pie sale fundraiser, Mary’s Fund idea, etc. Bring a lunch and join in the planning.

**HEALTH FAIR BLOOD DRAWS** are Monday, Feb. 5 thru Friday, Feb. 9.

**CONFIRMATION STUDENTS** meet Wednesday, Feb. 7 at 7pm in the parish hall. Bring your service hours.

