



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

Sunday, Feb. 4 – 9am Knights' breakfast
11:15am Youth group
Tuesday, Feb. 6 – 12noon CCW meeting
Wednesday, Feb. 7 - 3:45pm & 7pm CCD
7pm Confirmation class
Saturday, February 10 – 7pm RCIA
Tuesday, February 13 – 7:30pm KC meeting
Wednesday, February 14 – Ash Wednesday, 7am & 6pm Masses

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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Feb. 4, 2018

Altar Assisters:

SATURDAY, Feb. 10, 5pm

Lector: Janelle Gonzales

EM: Dennis Lawrence

Altar Servers: Kieran/Asher Murray

SUNDAY, Feb. 11, 8am

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Rick Andersen

Altar Servers: Ben/Bryce Camino, Tye Tanachion

SUNDAY, Feb. 11, 10am

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Jean Urruty

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Homebound Ministry, Friday, Feb. 9

Liz Camino Ramsey

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK OF Jan. 28, 2017

St. John's	\$ 3,269.37	YTD \$ 119,288.58
St. Mary's	\$ 25.00	YTD \$ 2,726.15
St. Hubert's	\$ 391.00	YTD \$ 3,082.50
Poor Donations	\$ 5.00	
Online Donations	365.60	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon.	02.05	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	02.06	8:00 a.m.	+Fr. Bill Espenshade
Wed.	02.07	8:00 a.m.	+Fr. James Mooney
Thu.	02.08	8:00 a.m.	+Fr. Joe Daley
Fri.	02.09	8:00 a.m.	+Fr. Charlie Taylor
Sat.	02.10	5:00 p.m.	+Bob Zabloudil
Sun.	02.11	8:00 a.m.	Jean Zabloudil
		10:00 a.m.	for the people of the parishes
		12:30 p.m.	Clearmont: Fr. Pete's intention

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon-1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13; Gospel: Mark 6:53-56

Tue-1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30; Gospel: Mark 7:1-13

Wed-1 Kings 10:1-10; Gospel: Mark 7:14-23

Thu-1 Kings 11:4-13; Gospel: Mark 7:24-30

Fri-1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19; Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

Sat-1 Kings 12:126-32; 13:33-34; Gospel: Mark 8: 1-10

LEGACY PREGNANCY CENTER baby bottles distributed this weekend. Return by March 3-4!

Gene Gagliano book signing Tues, 2/6 at library!

FR. PETE:

The Sacrament of the Sick is offered immediately after each of the Masses on the first weekend of every month. The general rule of thumb: if you can go to Holy Communion, you can receive the Sacrament of the Sick if you so desire.

Welcome to Buffalo, Bishop Biegler! The Bishop will preside and preach at the Masses this Sunday and will join us for breakfast at the parish hall. Please come and introduce yourselves. It is not very often we have a bishop come to us unless it is for Confirmation or raise funds. Bishop Biegler has come for no other reason than to simply be with us and get to know us a bit better.

Many thanks to all who helped with the annual "Beast Feast"! We had a wonderful turnout and a couple of folks signed up for the various classes that are offered to those new to the world of hunting rifles, hunting and dressing out game. The food was wonderful! It is amazing how adaptable wild game can be, e.g. Elk Shepard's Pie, Roast Moose, Creamed Pheasant over rice, Chuckers and wild rise, Japanese Elk Meatballs with ginger and so much more! Special thanks to Dan Thiele and Jim and Julie Seeman who came early to help set up and stayed to clean up (which didn't take very much time at all!). Everyone had a wonderful time. We hope to expand on this next year and utilize the newly installed TV and video system to play pictures of people's hunts.

I think I have to go to confession for the sin of gluttony! With Meatfare Sunday beginning this weekend I stuffed in as much meat as I could!

Many of you remember Jean Zabloudil. She was a very active member of our parish. She moved back to Wisconsin with her husband, Bob, a few years ago to be closer to their children. Bob passed away on January 26. Please keep Jean in your prayers.

Our annual Lenten Parish Mission is coming. Fr. William Casey of the Fathers of Mercy will be coming to Buffalo! Some of you may know Fr. Casey from watching him on EWTN. Fr. Casey will lead us in our Lenten reflections starting on Sunday, March 18, 7:00 p.m. and Monday thru Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Among the topics he will preach on are: the Biblical and historical foundations of the Mass and the Holy Eucharist; the Blessed Virgin Mary; the power of prayer; the Ten Commandments and the theology of Christian love and morality; and the foundations of the Catholic Church. Fr. Casey and I will be available for confession after each evening talk.

Know someone who struggles with a chronic, debilitating illness? Consider this reflection from Pope Benedict XVI who served as our pope from 2005 to 2013 when he retired.

This Sunday's Gospel presents to us Jesus Who heals the sick: first Simon Peter's mother-in-law who was in bed with a fever and Jesus, taking her by the hand healed her and helped her to her feet; then all the sick in Capernaum, tired in body, mind and spirit, and He "healed man....and cast out many demons" (Mk 1.:34). The four Evangelists agree in testifying that this liberation from illness and infirmity of every kind was – together with preaching – Jesus' main activity in His public ministry.

Illness is in fact a sign of the action of evil in the world and in people, whereas

healing shows that the Kingdom of God, God Himself, is at hand. Jesus Christ came to defeat evil at the root, and instances of healing are an anticipation of His triumph, obtained with His Death and Resurrection.

Jesus said one day: "those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick" (Mk 2:17). On that occasion He was referring to sinners, whom He came to call and to save. It is nonetheless true that illness is a typically human condition in which we feel strongly that we are not self-sufficient but need others. In this regard we might say paradoxically that illness can be a salutary moment in which to experience the attention of others and to pay attention to others!

However, illness is also always a trial that can even become long and difficult. When healing does not happen, and suffering is prolonged, we can be as it were overwhelmed, isolated, and then our life is depressed and dehumanized. How should we react to this attack of evil? With the appropriate treatment, certainly - medicine in these decades has taken giant strides and we are grateful for it – but the Word of God teaches us that there is a crucial basic attitude with which to face illness and it is that of faith in God, in His goodness. Jesus always repeats this to the people He heals: your faith has made you well (cf. Mk 5:34,36).

Even in the face of death, faith can make possible what is humanly impossible.

But faith in in what? In the love of God. This is the real answer which radically defeats evil. Just as Jesus confronted the Evil One with the power of the love that came to Him from the Father, so we too can confront and live through the trial of illness, keeping our heart immersed in God's love.

We all know people who were able to bear terrible suffering because God gave them profound serenity...Nonetheless, in sickness we all need human warmth: to comfort a sick person, what counts more than words is serene and sincere closeness.

Ash Wednesday is February 14. There will be two Masses with the distribution of ashes: 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Non-Catholics are welcome to come to Mass. Though they cannot be admitted to Holy Communion they may receive ashes so long as they understand that this is an external sign of an interior desire to conform one's life to the Gospel. By all means bring your non-Catholic friends but please give them a proper instruction on the meaning of Great and Holy Lent.

"Hmmm...Do I do Valentine's Day or the beginning of Great and Holy Lent?" This should be a no brainer, but in case it isn't, Ash Wednesday trumps Valentine's Day. Ash Wednesday is a day of fast (only one full meal) and abstinence (no meat). Having a fancy meal, giving a box of chocolates, etc. are not appropriate at all. But...fear not! You could have a wonderfully guiltless Valentine's Day celebration on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, traditionally called Shrove Tuesday or Fat Tuesday. You might also consider forgoing the expenses of Valentine's Day traditions this year and express your love for your beloved by contributing the money you would have

spent on your beloved to one of the local charities that serve the poor in our community.

Holy Week Schedule:

Palm Sunday: Saturday, March 24, 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, March 25, 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Holy Thursday: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, March 29, 7:00 p.m. Adoration will take place immediately after Mass and confessions will be heard until the last person leaves the Church.

Good Friday: March 30, 12:00 o'clock noon; Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. Confessions will be heard immediately after until the last person leaves the Church.

Holy Saturday: the Vigil of Easter, March 31, 8:00 p.m. *Confessions will not be heard that morning.*

Easter Sunday: April 1, 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

The Fish Fry has been cancelled for this year. The Knights informed me of this on Tuesday.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, March 17, 6:00 p.m. after the evening Mass. We are limiting the number to 125 people. Tickets will be sold for \$1.00 in the next few weeks.

"Fr. Pete...I am concerned about people shaking hands at Mass during the sign of peace. I know you have told us we can just greet people without shaking hands, but that is difficult if someone extends a hand to you. While we may assume people at Church don't have influenza, we know many go home where there are very young children, the elderly and people with compromised immune systems, due to chemotherapy and other factors. We may be carrying the virus from people at Church to those at home. I suggest we simply eliminate the sign of peace for the rest of the flu season." Thank you! I completely agree but as I indicated in the bulletin some weeks ago I do not have the authority to suspend this element of the Mass. Only the Bishop can do so. I strongly encourage you to approach him this weekend while he visits. I will also raise the issue with him. In the meantime, politely refuse to shake hands and simply say "peace be with you". I also encourage you to carry a hand sanitizer with you and use it liberally after Mass. You don't know who has been using the music books before you.

CCW meeting Tuesday at 12 noon!