



# 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, Feb. 11 – 11:15am Youth group  
Tuesday, Feb. 13 – 7:30pm KC meeting  
Wednesday, Feb. 14 - 7am Mass  
3:45pm CCD  
6pm Mass  
Saturday, February 17 – 7pm RCIA  
Saturday, March 17 – 6pm St. Patrick's Day dinner

## 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

## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Feb. 11, 2018

Altar Assisters:

SATURDAY, Feb. 17, 5pm

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteer

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, Feb. 18, 8am

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteer

Altar Servers: Andrew Snyder, Aaron Seeman,

Aaron Thiele, Matt Harrison, Joe Reimann

SUNDAY, Feb. 18, 10am

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteer

Altar Servers: Adam Belus, Carter Zink

Homebound Ministry, Friday, Feb. 16

Mary Ann Dahl

## COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK Feb. 4, 2018

St. John's	\$ 4,730.05	YTD \$ 124,018.63
St. Mary's	\$	YTD \$ 2,726.15
St. Hubert's	\$ 130.00	YTD \$ 3,212.50
Poor Donations	\$ 622.00	
Online Donations		

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon. 02.12 8:00 a.m. No Mass  
Tue. 02.13 8:00 a.m. Special intention

### ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES:

Wed. 02.14 7:00 a.m. For all to have a Holy Lent  
6:00 p.m. For all to have a Holy Lent  
Thu. 02.15 8:00 a.m. For all to have a Holy Lent  
Fri. 02.16 8:00 a.m. For all to have a Holy Lent  
8:30 a.m. Adoration until 9:30 a.m.  
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross  
Sat. 02.17 5:00 p.m. For all to have a Holy Lent  
Sun. 02.18 8:00 a.m. for the parishes  
10:00 a.m. +James Finney  
2:00 p.m. Kaycee: For all to have a Holy Lent

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon-James 1:1-11; Gospel: Mark 8:11-13  
Tue-James 1:12-18; Gospel: Mark 8: 14-21  
Wed-Joel 2:12-18; 2 Corinthians 5:20—6:2; Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18 ASH WEDNESDAY  
Thu-Deuteronomy 10:15-20; Gospel: Luke 9:22-25  
Fri-Isaiah 58:1-9a; Gospel: Matthew 9:14-15

## FR. PETE:

**Great and Holy Lent begins on Ash**

**Wednesday!** Please do not approach this spring time of renewal for body and soul as some dark, somber drudgery to be endured but as a journey that offers the possibility of spiritual growth through the three pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting and giving alms to the poor.

*Ash Wednesday is a day of **fast** (one full meal for the day) and **abstinence** (no meat). It would be totally inappropriate to go out for a fancy Valentine's Day dinner. Have your Valentine's Day celebration on Tuesday also known as Fat Tuesday or Mardi Gras!*

There will be two Masses with the distribution of ashes on February 14: 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

**A sincere "thanks" to the Knights of Columbus.** Guys...that had to be one of the best breakfasts you put on. I know the Bishop greatly enjoyed his time as did so many parishioners. Thank you for your service to the parish.

**Heads up...there will not be coffee and donuts after Mass during the Sundays of Lent.** We will resume on Divine Mercy Sunday.

**Many thanks to the guys who came early on Sunday to help me shovel out the Church!** Your help was greatly appreciated.

**Many thanks to Tom Casey.** Tom has volunteered to serve at daily Mass which has significantly reduced my going up and down steps.

**Men of the parish...want to get a good start for Lent and know that you have some brothers who have your "spiritual back"?** Come to the Men of St. Joseph prayer group. We use a booklet called the *Magnificat* for Morning Prayer and discuss the Scripture readings for the day. This is provided by the parish.

We meet every Thursday at 6:30 a.m. at the rectory and end promptly at 7:30 a.m. Everything is provided, including the coffee! There are no fees, no planning meetings. Just guys supporting each other in prayer. All men who come to the parish, whatever their religion, are welcome to attend.

**Some personal reflections on Bishop Biegler's visit last Sunday:**

---The Bishop was pleased to see so many young families and children at the Sunday Masses. We discussed the transition from an "older parish" to a "younger one." He was particularly pleased with the number of children attending CCD.

---The Bishop was pleased to see the good condition the parish plant is in. We talked at length about the work that had to be done over the last ten years, that it took nearly \$500,000.00 thus far and we still have some outstanding projects to complete. He expressed some concern that priests need to

be more attentive in maintaining their plants. I suggested that he, his Diocesan Finance Council and Mr. Matt Potter, who directs the *Living and Giving in Christ Campaign*, might wish to discuss changing the assessment / tax formula to allow for pastors to put so much money away each month in a restricted fund for plant maintenance. The total amount put away in the course of a year would be deducted from the parish's gross income. This would reduce the assessment and incentivize pastors and their finance councils to put money away for plant maintenance. Just couldn't resist taking my shot!

---The Bishop was pleased to hear about the adult education / faith formation courses that have been offered and the number of people that come. I expressed my concern that more people should be utilizing these opportunities.

---The Bishop asked if Buffalo needed three weekend Masses. I said it didn't except during the summer months. I shared with him the recent congregational vote on either keeping the current Mass schedule or going down to two weekend Masses, and people voted to keep the Mass schedule as is.

---The Bishop asked about the state of the mission parishes and we had a frank discussion; i.e. that I am hopeful about the future of Kaycee but not about Clearmont though I would like to keep Clearmont open as long as I can because those who do come

must drive a great distance just to get to that mission church. I also shared with him that Mass attendance at the mission churches is often determined by the agricultural cycle. Coming from a ranching background he understood that.

---The Bishop inquired about the financial health of the parish and I updated him on our current holdings: money market / savings; checking; investments and Foundation holdings noting that we have done well because of the generosity of the people and the guidance of the Finance Council.

---I was very impressed by how outgoing the Bishop was at the breakfasts. He moved from one table to another, introduced himself, sat down and just visited with folks. He was very much at ease with people. I sensed that he genuinely enjoyed those opportunities. He also enjoyed the "coffee and donuts social" after the Mass at Kaycee and stayed for quite some time visiting with the ranching families. He told the people that it reminded him of one of his first assignments as a priest in a mission church half the size of Kaycee!

---I invited the Bishop to come any time he wished and that I would be happy to arrange for him to visit with the Finance Council, Trustees and Parish Council. (I would not be present at those meetings so there can be frank discussions between the Bishop and the Parish Leadership).

**"Fr. Pete...I have some non-Catholic friends who have never been to a Catholic Church and are interested in coming during Lent. Is that ok?"** Of course! They are more than welcome. Please make sure, however, to instruct them that they cannot go to Holy Communion but can approach the altar for a blessing. This way there is no worry about being embarrassed.

**"Fr. Pete...Will we be having an Easter Egg hunt this year? So many of the families really enjoyed the event last year."** Yes. The Easter Egg hunt is scheduled to take place shortly after the 10:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Mass. There will be three stations for different age groups with the toddlers having a greater opportunity to get more eggs within an easy area. More information will be given later.

**"Fr. Pete...Can we have an Easter egg hunt open to the whole community?"** This was discussed but it was thought that since there usually is an egg hunt for the whole community we would keep this one reserved to the children of those who come to Mass.

**"Fr. Pete...What kind of courses are you considering for the fall?"** There are several I am looking at. It is too early to make any commitment.

**LEGACY PREGNANCY CENTER BABY BOTTLES** – pick yours up today and fill during the next month. Due back March 3-4.

**BIG BUCKS BINGO** – Rotary Bingo will be March 13 in our parish hall.

**DYNAMIC CATHOLIC** has Lenten daily meditations that you can sign up for. Google Dynamic Catholic and sign up for Best Lent Ever!

**CCW** has collected \$2500 in dues to date! Thanks, ladies 😊 We are planning a fashion show and pie sale in April as a fundraiser for Mary's Fund...stay tuned!

**THANK YOU** to all the Meals on Wheels volunteers in January!