



# 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. 18 – 11:15am Youth group  
Wednesday, Feb. 21 - 3:45pm & 7pm CCD  
Friday, February 23 – 7pm Stations of the Cross  
Saturday, February 24 – 7pm RCIA  
Sunday, February 25 – NO Youth group  
Saturday, March 10 – Gillette for Sheridan Deanery  
CCW meeting  
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

## **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**Feb. 18, 2018**

### **Altar Assisters:**

### **SATURDAY, Feb. 24, 5pm**

Lector: Marilyn Maxwell

EM: Janelle Gonzales

Altar Servers: Kieran/Asher Murray

### **SUNDAY, Feb. 25, 8am**

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteer

Altar Servers: Ben/Bryce Camino, Gio

Monterastelli, Tye Tanachion

### **SUNDAY, Feb. 25, 10am**

Lector: Mary Ann Cummins

EM: Volunteer

Altar Servers: Michael Ihnat, James Ihnat

### **Homebound Ministry, Friday, Feb. 23**

Liz Camino-Ramsey

## **COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK Feb. 11, 2018**

St. John's	\$ 3,877.58	YTD \$ 127,896.21
St. Mary's	\$ 287.00	YTD \$ 3,013.15
St. Hubert's	\$ 20.00	YTD \$ 3,232.50
Poor Donations	\$ 227.00	
Online Donations	790.60	

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

Mon.	02.19	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	02.20	8:00 a.m.	Fr. Pete's intention
Wed.	02.21	8:00 a.m.	Fr. Pete's intention
Thu.	02.22	8:00 a.m.	Fr. Pete's intention
Fri.	02.23	8:00 a.m.	Fr. Pete's intention
		8:30 a.m.	Adoration until 9:30 a.m.
		7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
		7:30 p.m.	Confessions
Sat.	02.24	11:00 a.m.	Confessions
		5:00 p.m.	Fr. Pete's intention
Sun.	02.25	8:00 a.m.	Fr. Pete's intention
		10:00 a.m.	for the parishes
		12:30 p.m.	Clearmont: Fr. Pete's intention

## **READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

Mon-Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18; Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Tue-Isaiah 55:10-11; Gospel: Matthew 6:7-15

Wed-Jonah 3:1-10; Gospel: Luke 11:29-32

Thu-1 Peter 5:1-4; Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19

### ***The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle***

Fri-Ezekiel 18:21-28; Gospel: Matthew 5:20-26

Sat-Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Gospel: Matthew 5:43-48

## **FR. PETE:**

**A Lenten sermon from St. Gregory of Nazianzen.** St. Gregory was born in Cappadocia which today is in eastern Turkey. Then it was a thriving center of Christian life. He studied in Constantinople and in Athens and became the Patriarch of Constantinople in 378 but his election was challenged, most likely because of clerical jealousy and he returned to Nazianzus where he died in 390.

Recognize to whom you owe the fact that you exist, that you breathe, that you understand, that you are wise, and, above all, that you know God and hope for the kingdom of heaven and the vision of glory, now darkly as in a mirror but then with greater fullness and purity. You have been made a son of God, coheir with Christ. Where did you get all this, and from whom?

Let me turn to what is of less importance: the visible world around us. What benefactor has enabled you to look out upon the beauty of the sky, the sun in its course, the circle of the moon, the countless number of stars, with the harmony and order that are theirs, like the music of a harp? Who has blessed you with rain, with the art of husbandry, with different kinds of food, with the arts, with houses, with laws, with states, with a life of humanity and culture, with friendship and the easy familiarity of kinship?

Who has given you dominion over animals, those that are taken and those that provide you with food? Who has made you lord and master of everything on earth? In short, who has endowed you with all that makes man superior to all other living creatures?

Is it not God Who asks you now in your turn to show yourself generous above all other creatures and for the sake of all other creatures? Because we have received from Him so many wonderful gifts, will we not be ashamed to refuse Him this one thing only, our generosity? Though He is God and Lord He is not afraid to be known as our Father. Shall we for our part repudiate those who are kith and kin?

Brethren and friends, let us never allow ourselves to misuse what has been given us by God's gift. If we do, we shall hear Saint Peter say: "Be ashamed of yourselves for holding on to what belongs to someone else. Resolve to imitate God's justice, and no one will be poor." Let us not labor to heap up and hoard riches while others remain in need. If we do, the prophet Amos will speak out against us with sharp and threatening words: "Come now, you that say when will the new moon be over, so that we start selling? When will Sabbath be over, so that we may start opening our treasures?"

Let us put into practice the supreme and primary law of God. He sends down rain on just and sinful alike and causes the sun to rise on all without distinction. To all earth's creatures He has given the broad earth, the springs, the rivers and the forests. He has given the air to the birds, and the waters to those who live in water. He has given abundantly to all the basic needs of life, not as a private possession, not restricted by law,

not divided by boundaries, but as common to all, amply and in rich measure. His gifts are not deficient in any way, because He wanted to give equality of blessing to equality of worth, and to show the abundance of His generosity.

**Annual Parish Lenten Mission will be held with Fr. William Casey of the Fathers of Mercy.** Fr. Casey will preach at the weekend Masses on the weekend of March 17 and 18. The Mission will begin on Sunday at 7:00 p.m. and be held every evening from Monday thru Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Fr. Casey and Fr. Pete will be available for confession. Keep in mind that this is the week before Palm Sunday, so it would a perfect time to get to confession. Some of the topics Fr. Casey will speak on are: the reality of personal sin and the need for sincere conversion and repentance; 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 served as Superior General of his Congregation from 1997 to 2009. He has worked extensively with Saint Joseph Communications since 1995 and has appeared numerous times on the Eternal Word Television Network since 1999.

Fr. Casey is a gifted speaker. Please make every effort to attend all or as much of the Mission as you can. It is a wonderful way to prepare for Holy Week.

**Prayer for our Lenten Parish Mission:** Please consider offering the following prayer in preparation for our Mission: *"God our Father, we thank You for this time of renewal. Make our hearts hungry and thirsty for You. Recreate our minds and hearts with the fire of Your Word during our mission. Open us to the sweet presence of the Holy Spirit. We want to be filled with joy and peace! We pray for the grace to say "yes" to You. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen."*

**St. Patrick's Day Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, March 17 after the evening Mass.** It will be a traditional dinner with corned beef, cabbage, carrots, potatoes and Irish soda bread! Tickets will be sold

after the Masses starting this weekend. *We are limiting the number of tickets to 125 people.* Tickets will be sold for \$1.00 each. If you purchased a ticket but find you cannot attend the dinner, please consider giving the ticket to someone. You are asked to keep your ticket as this will be used for the “door prizes” that will be offered during the dinner.

**Fr. Pete is caught up on all the Mass intentions.** If you wish to have a Mass offered for someone, deceased or living, please call the parish office at 684-7268.

**The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at St. Mary’s Cathedral in Cheyenne on Wednesday, March 21 at 5:30 p.m.** All are invited to attend. This is the Mass where the Bishop consecrates the Sacred Oils to be used in all the parishes for the year. If you have never been to the Chrism Mass, it is worth the effort to attend.

**“Fr. Pete...Why does the date for Easter constantly change?”** Very early in the life of the Church there was a desire to keep Easter close to the Jewish celebration of the Passover. In order to do this, the Church, already using a solar calendar, had to calculate when Easter would fall using the Jewish lunar calendar. During the First Ecumenical Council of Nicea in 325 (from which we get our Creed) the bishops of the Church determined that the best formula for establishing Easter would be the first Sunday after the first full moon of the vernal (spring) equinox. That has been the formula the Church has used ever since and has become the norm for nearly all Protestant Churches. The Orthodox Church uses a different solar calendar and therefore has different dates, though from time to time their celebration of Easter falls on the date we use. There has been endless discussion between the Catholic and Orthodox Churches on establishing a common date for Easter but thus far little agreement.

**“Fr. Pete...If you go to the Easter Vigil you do not have to go to Church on Easter Sunday. Correct? And if you do go to the Vigil and Easter Sunday you can go to Holy Communion on both dates. Correct?”** Correct on both.

**“Fr. Pete...Are there ever conditions in which non-Catholic Christians can be allowed to go to Holy Communion in the Catholic Church?”** Yes. The most common is that of people who belong to any of the Orthodox Churches. All Orthodox Christians are welcome to receive the Sacraments with us. The Catholic and Orthodox Churches are the only Churches that possess the fullness of the Apostolic Succession thereby having validly consecrated bishops and ordained priests. This means that only in the Catholic and Orthodox Churches is there a true, valid, Eucharist. Protestant Churches like the Episcopal and Lutheran Churches claim to have a Eucharist but in fact do not because they broke from the Apostolic Succession. This is why it is always a gravely sinful matter for a Catholic to receive communion in those Churches. Any Catholic who knows this yet still went to a Protestant communion should not present himself or herself at the altar until he or she has been to confession.

A Catholic who cannot find a Church for Mass may approach an Orthodox priest and request permission to go to Holy Communion though to be honest this is not usually granted.

There can be unique situations in which a Protestant might be allowed to go to Holy Communion but his or case must be presented to the bishop who alone has the authority to grant the request. In my 26 years of priesthood I’ve done this only twice.

**“Fr. Pete...When Bishop Steven was here he chanted parts of the Mass. It was wonderful. I know some priests who chant the entire Mass. Why don’t you?”** Several reasons. First, I don’t like to sing. Never did, even as a Protestant. And please spare me the popular quote from St. Augustine that “To sing is to pray twice.” What most forget is that St. Augustine referred to those who can sing well! Second, while I don’t mind chanting some parts of the Mass I find that excessive chanting artificially prolongs the Mass and I try very hard to keep it to an hour or less. When I chant the Divine Liturgy of the Eastern Church it is an entirely different matter because that is the norm and is expected with only the sermon spoken. In our Roman Rite I am keenly aware that people are giving me the gift of their time and I wish to honor that as best I can. Third, and this is just my opinion, singing the Mass does not carry the reverence that saying the Mass well does. I realize many may vehemently disagree but that is my opinion... and I’m sticking to it! Perhaps when clergy changes are made you might get a priest who does want to sing the whole Mass! Have fun! But, as long as I’m here, it will never happen.