



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

Religious Education / Meeting

Sunday, March 11 – 11:15am Youth group
Tuesday, March 13 – 6:30pm BIG BUCKS BINGO
7:30pm Knights' meeting
Wednesday, March 14 - 3:45pm & 7pm CCD
Friday, March 16 – 7pm Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 17 – 6pm St. Patrick's Day dinner
Sunday, March 18 – 11:15am Youth group
7pm Parish Mission begins
Sunday, March 25 – Palm Sunday/Holy Week

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

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 OF LENT

March 11, 2018

Altar Assisters:

SATURDAY, March 17, 5pm

Lector: Janelle Gonzales

EM: Fr. Joel

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, March 18, 8am

Lector: Steve Reimann

EM: Fr. Joel

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, March 18, 10am

Lector: Valerie Spanos

EM: Fr. Joel

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Homebound Ministry, Friday, March 16

Valerie Spanos

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK March 4, 2018

St. John's	\$ 5,157.00	YTD \$ 138,894.26
St. Mary's	\$	YTD \$ 3,095.15
St. Hubert's	\$	YTD \$ 3,232.50
Poor Donations	\$ 495.00	
Online Donations	1023.75	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon.	03.12	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	03.13	8:00 a.m.	+Whitey Maxwell
Wed.	03.14	8:00 a.m.	Coog Myers
Thu.	03.15	8:00 a.m.	+John Esponda
Fri.	03.16	8:00 a.m.	+Dominica Esponda
		8:30 a.m.	Adoration until 9:30 a.m.
		7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Sat.	03.17	5:00 p.m.	+Vern Maxwell
		6:00 p.m.	St. Patrick's Day
		dinner for those	who purchased tickets
Sun.	03.18	8:00 a.m.	+Jeanette Maxwell
		10:00 a.m.	for the people
		2:00 p.m.	Kaycee: James Curuchet

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon-Isaiah 65:17-21; Gospel: John 4:43-54
Tue-Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; Gospel: John 5:1-16
Wed-Isaiah 49:8-15; Gospel: John 5:17-30
Thu-Exodus 32:7-14; Gospel: John 5:31-47
Fri-Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22; Gospel: John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Sat-Jeremiah 11:18-20; Gospel: John 7:40-53

FR. PETE:

A Lenten meditation from the ancient past that is valid now and shall be for all time.

The following comes from St. Athanasius. Born in 293 of Egyptian parents, Athanasius received the best classical education available in Alexandria, Egypt, the intellectual center of Christianity at the time. He was ordained a deacon under Patriarch Alexander and went with the Patriarch to the first ecumenical council in the Church, the Council of Nicea in 325. In 328 Athanasius became the Patriarch of Alexandria and immediately began to implement reforms to make sure that orthodox theology was taught against the heresy of Arianism which denied the Divinity of Jesus. A number of bishops were jealous of the Patriarch and forced him into exile in 335 but he came under Papal protection. He returned to his Diocese in 346 but only to suffer exile again under an Arian leaning emperor, Constantius. Athanasius refused to compromise with the orthodox faith. When the emperor died, Athanasius returned to his Diocese in 361 but was again forced into exile under the Emperor Julian "the Apostate" who attempted to restore the ancient pagan worship. When Julian died in 363, Athanasius returned to his Diocese but was again forced into exile under the Emperor Valens. At this point the people of the Diocese insisted that the emperor allow Athanasius to remain and he did until his death in 373. Despite all the upheavals in his life, he did not take the easy way out and compromise the faith. He was rooted in the Word of God become flesh.

The Word Who became all things for us is close to us, our Lord Jesus Christ Who promises to remain with us always. He cries out, saying: "See, I am with you all the days of this age." He is Himself the shepherd, the high priest, the way and the door, and has become all things at once for us. In the same way, He has come among us as our feast and holy day as well. The blessed Apostle says of Him Who was awaited: "Christ has been sacrificed as

our Passover.” It was Christ Who shed His light on the psalmist as he prayed: “You are my joy, deliver me from those surrounding me.” True joy, genuine festival, means the casting out of wickedness. To achieve this one must live a life of perfect goodness and, in the serenity of the fear of God, practice contemplation in one’s heart.

This was the way of the saints, who in their lifetime and at every stage of life rejoiced as at a feast. Blessed David, for example, not once but seven times rose at night to win God’s favor through prayer. The great Moses was full of joy as he sang God’s praises in hymns of victory for the defeat of Pharaoh and the oppressors of the Hebrew people. Others had hearts filled always with gladness as they performed their sacred duty of worship, like the great Samuel and the blessed Elijah. Because of their holy lives they gained freedom, and now keep festival in heaven. They rejoice after their pilgrimage in shadows, and now distinguish the reality from the promise.

When we celebrate the feast in our own day, what path are we to take? As we draw near to this feast, who is to be our guide? Beloved, it must be none other than the One Whom you will address with me as our Lord Jesus Christ. He says: “I am the way.” As blessed John tells us: it is Christ “Who takes away the sin of the world.” It is He Who purifies our souls, as the prophet Jeremiah says: “Stand upon the ways; look and see which is the good path, and you will find in it the way of amendment for your souls.”

In former times the blood of goats and the ashes of a calf were sprinkled

on those who were unclean, but they were able to purify only the body. Now through the grace of God’s Word everyone is made abundantly clean. If we follow Christ closely we shall be allowed, even on this earth, to stand as it were on the threshold of the heavenly Jerusalem, and enjoy the contemplation of that everlasting feast, like the blessed apostles, who in following the Savior as their leader, showed, and still show, the way to obtain the same gift from God. They said: “See, we have left all things and followed You.” We too follow the Lord, and we keep His feast by deeds rather than by words.

St. Patrick’s Day Dinner is Saturday

evening, March 17. All 125 tickets have been sold. If you purchased a ticket, come on over after Mass for some great food, door prizes and opportunities to make new connections with people or renew old ones. Bring your ticket!

Many thanks to the Knights of Columbus for putting on another wonderful breakfast.

The parish is indebted to the few who do so much for the rest of us.

Altar Servers and their Parents. Thank you for working with Mary Ann and volunteering to serve the Holy Week Liturgies. The schedule will be sent out to you shortly. Please note that there will also be rehearsal days and times for the Holy Week Liturgies.

Lenten Parish Mission with the Fathers of Mercy begins on Sunday, March 18, with Fr. Joel Rogers!

Father Joel is known to be a compassionate speaker. Each evening of the Mission begins at 7:00 p.m. Sunday thru Thursday. Fr. Joel and I will hear Confessions after each evening session.

Fr. Larry Bailey will be with us again for Holy Week and the month of April. Fr. Larry and I will hear Confessions on Holy Thursday after the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper and Good Friday after the Stations of the Cross. We will not hear Confessions on Holy Saturday morning so please plan accordingly. Fr. Larry will cover for me for the month of April while recuperating from surgery.

We have extra Magnificat books for March and for Holy Week. You can find them at the front entrance of the Church. You might consider subscribing to this wonderful spiritual aid.

Parents of young children. We are having a traditional parish Easter Egg hunt after the 10:00 a.m. Easter Sunday morning Mass. You are encouraged to bring a basket or container for your child or we will provide plastic bags. If you ever had doubts about the reality of Original Sin, watch an Easter Egg hunt!

A request to parents with infants. We don't mind your baby crying. We don't mind you bringing cereal or toys or whatever it takes to keep your child distracted for a few minutes, so you can focus on the Mass. But please...please do not leave poopy diapers in the cry room! You can understand why! If you can pack them in, you can pack them out. Thank you.

The Holy Week Schedule:

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

Holy Thursday: Thursday, March 29, 7:00 p.m. with Adoration immediately after. Confessions will be heard until the last person leaves the Church.

Good Friday: Friday, March 30, 12:00 o'clock noon. Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.

Confessions will be heard after Stations until the last person leaves the Church.

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

Easter Sunday: Sunday, April 1, 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. There will be an Easter Egg hunt for the little ones after the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT – All young adults (ages 18-40) are invited to the Ramkota Hotel in Casper on March 24-25, 2018 for an inspirational and interactive retreat led by Deacon Vernon Dobelmann and Maria Ward. The cost for registration is \$15 which includes Saturday dinner and Sunday lunch. The retreat will feature engaging talks focused on preparing for Holy Week and the Easter season and time for socializing with other Catholic young adults from across Wyoming. To register go to <http://www.dioceseofcheyenne.org/retreats.htm>
! Registration closes March 15.

BABY BOTTLES – please return filled bottles ASAP! Thanks 😊

BIG BUCKS BINGO – Tuesday at 6:30pm in our parish hall.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS meeting on Tuesday, March 13 at 7:30pm.

