



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, March 25 – 11:15am Youth group
HOLY WEEK BEGINS
Tuesday, March 27 – 7:30pm Knights of Columbus
Wednesday, March 28 – 8:30am Clean church
3:45pm & 7pm CCD
Thursday, March 29 – 7pm HOLY THURSDAY
MASS & Confessions
Friday, March 30 – 12 noon GOOD FRIDAY
Service
7pm Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 31 – 8pm EASTER VIGIL
Sunday, April 1 – EASTER
11am Easter egg hunt

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

PALM SUNDAY

March 25, 2018

Altar Assisters:

SATURDAY, March 31, 8pm

Lector: Mary Ann Cummins & others
EM: Phil/Janelle Gonzales, Vexie Reimann
Altar Servers: A Snyder, B Camino, A Belus, M Harrison, A Seeman, A Thiele, J Reimann

SUNDAY, April 1, 8am

Lector: Richard Frankovic
EM: Don/Sheila Camino, Dennis Lawrence
Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, April 1, 10am

Lector: Marilyn Maxwell
EM: Janelle Gonzales
Altar Servers: Volunteers

Homebound Ministry, Friday, March 30

Valerie Spanos

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK March 18, 2018

St. John's	\$ 3,267.00	YTD \$ 146,052.77
St. Mary's	\$	YTD \$ 3,363.15
St. Hubert's	\$ 180.00	YTD \$ 3,437.50
Poor Donations	\$ 48.72	
Online Donations	75.60	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon.	03.26	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	03.27	8:00 a.m.	+Russell Maxwell
Wed.	03.28	8:00 a.m.	Gladys Esponda

HOLY WEEK LITURGIES

Holy Thursday, March 29

03.29	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
	7:00 p.m.	Peace with North Korea
	8:00 p.m.	Adoration until 10:00 p.m.
	8:00 p.m.	Confessions until the last person leaves the Church

Good Friday, March 30

03.30	12:00 noon	Veneration of the Cross / Holy Communion
	7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
	7:30 p.m.	Confessions until the last person leaves the Church

Easter Vigil, March 31

03.31	11:00 a.m.	NO CONFESSIONS
	8:00 p.m.	+Jeanette Maxwell

Easter Sunday, April 1

04.01	8:00 a.m.	Safety in our schools for the people
	10:00 a.m.	Easter egg hunt for the little ones
	11:00 a.m.	

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon-Isaiah 42:1-7; Gospel: John 12:1-11

Tue-Isaiah 49:1-6; Gospel: John 13:21-33, 36-38
Wed-Isaiah 50:4-8a; Gospel: Matthew 26:14-25
Thu-Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26;
Gospel: John 13:1-15
Fri-Isaiah 52:13—53:12; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9;
Gospel: John 18:1—19:42
Sat-Easter Vigil readings

FR. PETE:

Please note that in accordance with ancient tradition the only Mass permitted on Holy Thursday is the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper.

Men of St. Joseph prayer group will meet on Holy Thursday morning for Morning Prayer.

Please take the time to read the

following. "Stephen Tarleton

Dougherty, a former Catholic priest of the Diocese of Corpus Christi, Texas and former member of the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity, was convicted in Texas of raping a teenage girl in 2011. We are notifying the people within the Diocese of Cheyenne because he also served at St. Ann Parish in Saratoga from November 2003 until December 2004. As a Diocese we reaffirm our commitment to the safety of all God's children. Together let us be vigilant in providing a safe environment and praying for all victims of clergy sexual abuse. If anyone has experienced abuse by a member of the clergy or anyone

representing the Catholic Church,
please contact Fr. Carl Gallinger, Vicar
General, at (307) 638-1530."

Easter flowers are for sale. If you would like to purchase a flower to decorate the Sanctuary for Easter in the name of a deceased loved one, please call the parish office as soon as possible. The names of those being remembered will be put in the Easter bulletin. The following flowers are available:

- 19, 6-inch Easter lilies at \$21.00 each
- 4, 8-inch palm plants at \$37.50 each
- 3, 8-inch ivy plants at \$37.50 each

We continue to use the Posy Patch because of the excellent service they provide in getting us the best plants.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner. Many thanks to all who helped to set up for the feast, cooked the meal and the Irish soda bread, the Confirmation students who served, all who helped to entertain and all who helped to clean up afterwards. It was one of the best St. Patrick's Day dinners we've had since I've been here. Special thanks to Mary Davis for all her hard work in organizing and cooking.

**A reflection on the Passion of Christ by
Bishop Kallistos Ware of the Greek
Orthodox Church.**

The Incarnation, it was said, is an act of identification and sharing. God saves us by identifying Himself with us, by knowing our human experience from the inside. The Cross signifies, in the most stark and uncompromising manner, that this act of sharing is carried to the utmost limit. God incarnate enters into all our experience. Jesus Christ our companion shares not only in the fullness of human life but also in the fullness of human death...Death has

both a physical and a spiritual aspect, and of the two it is the spiritual that is the more terrible. Physical death is the separation of man's body from his soul; spiritual death, the separation of man's soul from God. When we say that Christ became 'obedient unto death' (Phil. 2:8), we are not to limit these words to physical death alone. We should not think only of the bodily sufferings which Christ endured at His Passion...The true meaning of the Passion is to be found, not in this only, but much more in His spiritual sufferings, His sense of failure, isolation and utter loneliness, the pain of love offered but rejected.

The Gospels are understandably reticent in speaking about this inward suffering, yet they provide us with certain glimpses. First, there is Christ's Agony in the garden of Gethsemane, when He is overwhelmed by horror and dismay, when He prays in anguish to His Father, 'If it is possible, let this cup pass from Me' (Matt.26:39). Christ is here confronted by a choice. Under no compulsion to die, freely He chooses to do so; and by this act of voluntary self-offering He turns what would have been a piece of arbitrary violence, a judicial murder, into a redemptive sacrifice. Jesus enters at this moment totally into the experience of spiritual death. He is at this moment identifying Himself with all the despair and mental pain of humanity; and this identification is far more important to us than His participation in our physical pain.

'He descended into hell' (Apostle's Creed). Hell is a point not in space but in the soul. It is the place where God is not. (And yet God is everywhere!). If

Christ truly 'descended into hell,' that means He descended into the depths of the absence of God. Totally, unreservedly, He identified Himself with all man's anguish and alienation. He assumed it into Himself, and by assuming it He healed it. There was no other way He could heal it, except by making it His own.

At the moment of Christ's deepest humiliation on the Cross, He is as much the eternal and living God as He is at His transfiguration in glory upon Mount Tabor. Looking upon Christ crucified, I see not only a suffering man but a suffering God.

Christ's death upon the Cross is not a failure which was somehow put right afterwards by His Resurrection. In itself the death upon the Cross is a victory. The victory of what? There can be only one answer: The victory of suffering love.

After the Easter Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass there will be an Easter egg hunt for our little ones. There will be designated areas for different age groups with the very young ones staying on the east side of the Church, so they don't have to wonder too far. There will be people outside of the Church to make sure that children go to the area reserved for them.

What to do with the palm branches when you take them home. Because they are blessed, they cannot be thrown out in the trash. You can bury them in your garden if you wish. You are welcome to bring them back to the Church after they have dried out. Fr. Pete will collect them and then burn them to make the ashes for next Ash Wednesday.

Confession schedule. We were very fortunate to have Fr. Joel Rogers of the Fathers of Mercy help with Confessions last week. And next week we will be fortunate again to have the help of my friend Fr. Larry

Bailey to hear Confessions as well. Confessions will be heard: after the Holy Thursday Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper until the last person leaves the Church and Good Friday after the evening Stations of the Cross until the last person leaves the Church. Please note that Confessions will not be heard on Holy Saturday Morning since there have been more than ample opportunities.

"Fr. Pete...Is the Pope changing the laws about marriage?" No. Despite all the irresponsible hype found in liberal and conservative blogs and mainline media the Pope is not changing the laws regarding marriage. Even if he wanted to he has no such authority. Sadly, some are misinterpreting the Holy Father. This is somewhat understandable because our Pope often lacks clarity in his writings and easily opens himself to misinterpretation. The same happens when he speaks "off the cuff" to the delight of those, animated by their own agendas, who take the Pope's words out of context to make it appear he is saying something he isn't. Remember the confusion created by the media when the Pope said, "Who am I to judge?" The media got it all wrong and one cannot help but think it was deliberate.

It is true there are some bishops trying to "reinvent the wheel" about marriage. They should be ignored. Faithful laypeople and clergy have no obligation to go against a sound conscience formed by orthodox Church teaching to obey divisive innovations.

Hope that helps.

CHURCH CLEANING Wednesday after morning Mass, 8:30am.

KNIGHTS' Meeting on Tuesday, March 27 at 7:30pm.

CCW meeting at noon on Tuesday, April 10. Bring your lunch and help plan a social event for the end of April 😊

