



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 9:00 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, May 13 – HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

Tuesday, May 15 – Mary's Daughters' dinner @6pm

Wednesday, May 16 – CCD ends

Sunday, May 20 – **9am Mass** – Graduates

Sunday, June 24 – St. John the Baptist Day – picnic
at 11:15am

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

ASCENSION SUNDAY

MAY 13, 2018

Altar Assistors:

SATURDAY, May 19, 5pm

Lector: Keith Leppert

EM: Dennis Lawrence

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, May 20, 9am

Lector: Mary Ann Cummins/graduate

EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Homebound Ministry, Friday, May 18

Jim Fitzsimmons

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK April 29, 2018

St. John's \$ 3,189.11 YTD \$ 171,258.14

St. Mary's \$ 25.00 YTD \$ 4,036.15

St. Hubert's \$ 25.00 YTD \$ 3,937.50

Poor Donations \$ 45.00

Online Donations \$ 884.35

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon. 05.14 8:00 a.m. No Mass
Tue. 05.15 8:00 a.m. Coog Meyers
Wed. 05.16 8:00 a.m. +Whitey Maxwell
Thu. 05.17 8:00 a.m. Chris Schafer
Fri. 05.18 8:00 a.m. +Vern Maxwell
8:30 a.m. Adoration until 9:30
a.m.
Sat. 05.19 5:00 p.m. Safety in Churches
Sun. 05.20 9:00 a.m. +Margaret Nelson
2:00 p.m. Kaycee: for the
parishes

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon-Acts of the Apostles 1:15-17, 20-26; Gospel: John 15:9-17 Saint Matthias, Apostle

Tue-Acts of the Apostles 20:17-27; Gospel: John 17:1-11a

Wed-Acts of the Apostles 20:28-38; Gospel: John 17:11b-19

Thu-Acts of the Apostles 22:30; 23:6-11; Gospel: John 17:20-26

Fri-Acts of the Apostles 25:13b-21; Gospel: John 21:15-19

Sat-Acts of the Apostles 28:16-20, 30-31; Gospel: John 21:20-25

FR. PETE:

Many thanks to Carleen Cosner and Mary Blaine for all their work in organizing the First Holy Communion celebration AND for teaching these young children! One young man told me that he was both a bit scared but excited at the same time! Would we all have that approach to receiving the Holy Sacrament!

A Happy Mother's Day to all the moms in the parish! Let us take a moment out of our schedules to reflect on all the sacrifices our mothers made for us. This applies as well to step-mothers, foster mothers, and grandmothers.

As indicated in the bulletins for the last few weeks and in the letter that was sent to all registered parishioners, the weekend of May 19 / 20 is the first weekend of the new Mass schedule. Weekend Masses will be on Saturday, 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

Some ancient reflections on the mystery of the Ascension of Jesus into heaven:

From St. Augustine (354 to 430): "Do not doubt, then, that the man Christ Jesus is now there whence He shall come again. Cherish in your memory and hold faithfully to the profession of your Christian faith that He rose from the dead, ascended into heaven, sits at the right hand of the Father, and will come from no other place but there to judge the living and the dead. He will so come, on the testimony of the angel's voice, as He was seen going into heaven, that is, in the same form and substance of flesh to which, it is true, He gave immortality, but did not take away its nature. According to this fleshly form, we are not to think that He is everywhere present. We must beware of so

stressing the Divinity of the man that we destroy the reality of His body. It does not follow that what is in God is in Him so as to be everywhere as God is.

The Scripture says, with perfect truth: "In Him we live and move and are," yet we are not everywhere present as He is, but man is in God in one manner, while God is in man quite differently, in His own unique manner. God and man in Him are one person, and both are the one Jesus Christ Who is everywhere as God, but in heaven as man."

St. Pope Leo the Great (served as Pope from 440 to 461): "And so while at Easter it was the Lord's resurrection which was the cause of our joy, our present rejoicing is due to His ascension into heaven. With all due solemnity we are commemorating that day on which our poor human nature was carried up in Christ above all the hosts of heaven, above all the ranks of angels, beyond those heavenly powers to the very throne of God the Father. It is upon this ordered structure of Divine acts that we have been firmly established, so that the grace of God may show itself still more marvelous when, in spite of the withdrawal from our sight of everything that is rightly felt to command our reverence, faith does not fail, hope is not shaken, charity does not grow cold.

It was in order that we might be capable of such blessedness that on the fortieth day after His resurrection, after He

had made careful provision for everything concerning the preaching of the gospel and the mysteries of the new covenant, our Lord Jesus Christ was taken up to heaven before the eyes of His disciples, and so His bodily presence among them came to an end. From that time onward, He was to remain at the Father's right hand until the completion of the period ordained by God for the church's children to increase and multiply, after which, in the same body with which He ascended, He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

And so, our Redeemer's visible presence has passed into the Sacraments. Our faith is nobler and stronger because empirical sight has been replaced by a reliable teaching whose authority is accepted by believing hearts, enlightened from on high."

From Venerable Bede (672 to 735): "Because He Who was taken up into heaven is both God and a human being, He remains on earth with the saints in the humanity which He took from the earth, but in the Divinity with which He fills earth and heaven equally He remains "all days, even to the consummation of the world."

Many thanks to Don Sullivan for thatching the Church and rectory lawns and getting the water going on the Church lawn.

Definitely a sign of spring and summer, though it is not out of the question to get hit with another snow storm!

The parish is indebted to the Knights of Columbus for the wonderful breakfast they put on for the First Communicants, their families, friends and for us. Sometimes we get so used to having these blessings that we fail to appreciate the sacrifices made by the people who make them possible. A word of thanks from you to one of the Knights would not only be appropriate but appreciated.

It has been a year since the parish offered the My Parish App for those who have smart phones. The intention was to allow easier communication about parish events. The parish is now being billed for this service after its first year of use. We need to know if those who have smart phones are using this service, find it helpful or of little value. Please email Fr. Pete (frpete307@gmail.com) or call the parish office (684-7268) and let us know.

Parish Budget. The Diocese has recently informed all parishes that health insurance and property insurance rates are increasing by 6% and 5% respectively beginning July 1. While we anticipate minor increases, these caught us off guard but must nevertheless work into our budget. *Groups in the parish that rely on parish funds for their programs are asked to submit a budget request no later than the end of this month.* If a request is not submitted, we will use last year's budget request. The current fiscal year ends the last day of June and the new fiscal year begins July 1. The Finance Council has the authority to make whatever changes it deems necessary to any budget requests, including mine.

The Diocese has sent the parish the final bill for last year's Living and Giving in Christ campaign. We owe a little over \$22,000.00 after 98% of pledges have been paid. We had set aside \$23,000.00 for the shortfall so we squeaked by on this one.

"Fr. Pete...How much did it cost to have Fr. Larry here?" The parish, in accordance with Diocesan guidelines, paid Fr. Larry one month's salary and reimbursed him for his round-trip airfare, a total of \$3,000.00. By the way.... that is what is *normally* expected when a pastor goes on vacation or is sick and needs a replacement, something I have not done until now and thus saving the parish about \$30,000.00 over ten years.

MARY'S DAUGHTERS DINNER set for Tuesday, May 15 at 6pm. All ladies in our parish and their mother/daughter guests are invited. We will especially honor our newest mothers of the past year – **Sarah Finkle, Anna Merritt, Bonnie Beliveau, Jordan Camino and Britni Camino** – and our over 90 years mothers – **Mary Lawrence, Madeline Harriet, Eileen Nelson, Virginia Rockett, Pat Marton, Helen Marton, Jackie Perry and Mary Louise Arambel** 😊 Please come and bring a salad, appetizer, veggie or dessert dish to share. CCW will provide chicken. Also bring diapers and/or wipes to give to our new moms!



OUR CATHOLIC SENIORS will be honored as graduates next Sunday, May 20 at the 9am Mass. Graduates are **Cassie Hengel, Hallie Jette, Hayden Peterson, Joe Reimann, Aaron Seeman, Andrew Snyder and Katie Wilhelm.** Congratulations to each one of you 😊