



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

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

Religious Education / Meeting

Sunday, June 24 – St. John the Baptist Feast Day

Tuesday, June 26 – 8:30pm Clean HALL kitchen

Thursday, July 12 – 5pm CCW Progressive Dinner

NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

JUNE 24, 2018

Altar Assisters:

SATURDAY, June 30, 5pm

Lector: Sarah Sandman

EM: Tim Sandman

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, July 1, 9am

Lector: Sally Blanford

EM: Volunteer

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Homebound Ministry, Friday, June 29

Lynn Ridgeway

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK June 17, 2018

St. John's \$ 2,457.00 YTD \$ 194,660.01

St. Mary's \$ 10.00 YTD \$ 4,985.15

St. Hubert's \$ 170.00 YTD \$ 4,487.50

Poor Donations \$ 11.00

Online Donations \$ 160.60

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon.	06.25	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	06.26	8:00 a.m.	Fr. Pete's intention
Wed.	06.27	8:00 a.m.	Fr. Pete's intention
Thu.	06.28	8:00 a.m.	Fr. Pete's intention
Fri.	06.29	8:00 a.m.	Fr. Pete's intention
		8:30 a.m.	Adoration until 9:30 a.m.
Sat.	06.30	5:00 p.m.	Fr. Pete's intention
Sun.	07.01	9:00 a.m.	For the parishes
		2:00 p.m.	Kaycee: Fr. Pete's intention

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon-2 Kings 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Gospel: Matthew 7:1-5

Tue-2 Kings 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Gospel: Matthew 7:6, 12-14

Wed-2 Kings 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Gospel: Matthew 7:15-20

Thu-2 Kings 24:8-17; Gospel: Matthew 7:21-29

Saint Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr

Fri-Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18; Gospel; Matthew 16:13-19

Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

Sat-Lamentations 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Gospel: Matthew 8:5-17

FR. PETE:

Left in the Church: a bronze tone "Carex" cane with adjustable height, rubber grip and a strap at the end of the handle. If this belongs to you, please call the parish office at 684-7268. We will wait until the end of July and then donate it to the Senior Citizen Center if it goes unclaimed.

And the story continues Two weeks ago, a family stood outside the front entrance of the Church holding a sign that read they needed money for food and gas. I offered to help them provided they first went to the Police Station, so their identification could be verified. They refused, which always raises red flags for me. They continued to beg. I urged people coming out of the Church not to give them money.

A parishioner recently informed me that he went to the couple and offered them a job, so they could earn the money they needed. They refused that offer as well.

So.... these people refused to go to the Police Station to make sure their identification checked out, so the parish could help them, and they refused the offer of decent work to earn the money they needed. Hmmmm.....

I hope no one gave them money. You might have been scammed or you possibly supported something illegal.

A reflection on the birth of St. John the Baptist. The following comes from St. Peter Chrysologus, Archbishop of Ravenna in Italy. He died in the year 450 and is considered a Doctor of the Church.

Fortunate is John, who through the spirit of God deserved to express his joy before he uttered any infant cries. Fortunate is he who deserved to possess divine benefits before he got human goods. Fortunate is he who deserved acquaintance with heaven sooner than with earth. Fortunate is he who deserved to announce future events before he saw any present ones. Fortunate is he who could receive God before he was received into his own body. Fortunate, yes outstandingly fortunate, is he who acquired merit before he knew how to seek it.

Fortunate is he who did not come to grace through toil but was ennobled by grace and then proceeded to his labors.

John comes in the spirit of Elijah, and he walks in his power....by his food, clothing, honor, chastity, abstinence, and all the virtues, he represented both Elijah and Christ.

To prepare for the Lord a perfect people. May our God and Lord deign to prepare this in your own case, too, unto the glory of His name.

Fall courses. I will not offer any courses this fall. If my plans work out I will have the second surgery done in early October when the “new leg” is more fully healed. I will have to go through another couple of months of physical therapy. I will be out of commission until early November. Fr. Carl Beavers is scheduled to cover the weekend Masses for that period of time. There will be no daily Masses for that period of time or until I get the “ok” from my surgeon.

I have been teaching steadily for the last ten years and will take a “sabbatical” this fall. I might consider offering something in the spring.

However, this is the perfect opportunity for people to organize their own study groups. If there are people who wish to do this, please contact me so we can get things organized.

“Fr. Pete...Will Victor Hannuneh from Bethlehem be here before Christmas. I would like to be able to buy some of the olive wood carvings for Christmas presents.” Victor and his son will be here the last weekend of September. That is probably the last chance you will get.

“Fr. Pete...Please stop praying for rain.” Ok. Snow it is.

“Fr. Pete...The shrine to Mary on the north side of the Church looks so much better now that it isn’t covered over by trees.” I agree. I have noticed more people parking their cars and walk over to the shrine to offer a prayer.

Trees are wonderful, but when they come to the end of their life cycle they need to be cut down before they fall and possibly kill someone. I understand that no one likes to see trees cut down, but at some point, it has to be done. Most of the trees that needed to be culled are gone: the cottonwoods in front of the rectory, the cottonwoods along the Knights of Columbus property on Lobban and Snider, and five spruce trees. There are a few more sickly trees that need to be removed.

We have taken measures to ensure that the trees we have remain healthy. Last year we contracted with a company for deep root fertilization and to spray a few trees that had blight and insect infestation. This is something we will do every other year. One could argue that the trees are much healthier than they have been for quite some time.

“Fr. Pete...What is being done about the side walk on the Knights of Columbus property?” I have raised this issue with the Knights and that is all I can do. It is their property and their responsibility.

“Fr. Pete...I did not care for your comments in last Sunday’s bulletin about helping people. We should do what we can for anyone no matter what.” I stand by what I wrote; i.e. most who come to a church are in genuine need and it is an honor to help them, but there are “others” who are opportunists who try to soften you up with a story, have a deeply entrenched attitude of entitlement and

can be best helped by offering emotional support and training while they deal with the consequences of their choices and will hopefully make better choices in the future.

If your conscience directs you to “do what we can for anyone no matter what” then go for it. My conscience directs me to use the money the parishioners have given to the Parish Emergency Assistance Fund prudently.

“Fr. Pete...What does it say to visitors when our Church is locked? It is not very hospitable.” It says several things: First, we are not idealistic fools. Second, we acknowledge that we live in a very different world than it was a few decades ago. Third, it says we care enough about our Church that we will do what we can to reduce incidents of vandalism like we’ve had the last couple of years. If I’m here I will do my best to protect our Church and that means it is kept locked when not in use.

PARISH HALL KITCHEN cleaning set for Tuesday, June 26 at 8:30am. Please come with supplies to clean and inventory the kitchen for new pots & pans.

We have changed internet providers and are now with Visionary...so to contact the parish or Mary Ann Cummins use sjbc532@gmail.com and Fr. Pete at frpete307@gmail.com

CCW PROGRESSIVE DINNER is set for Thursday, July 12 beginning with appetizers at the home of Carol Gagliano (20 Hillside Dr) at 5pm. (MORE DETAILS NEXT WEEK!) We will carpool from the church parking lot at 4:50pm. Call Lori Zink (620-5113) or Mary Ann Cummins (620-9656) to volunteer to bring an appetizer, main course items or a dessert. All women of the parish are welcome and encouraged to come out for this fun evening 😊

