



# 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

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

## 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

Tuesday, August 7 – 12noon CCW meeting  
Tuesday, August 14 – 6pm Mass for Holy Day  
Wednesday, August 15 – 7am Mass HOLY DAY,  
    Assumption of Mary  
Tuesday, August 21 – Election meals by CCW  
Sunday-Monday, Sept. 23-24 – WCCW convention  
    at St. John's

**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

## **16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**JULY 22, 2018**

### **Altar Assistors:**

**SATURDAY, July 28, 5pm**

Lector: Janelle Gonzales

EM: Mary Smith, Phil Gonzales

Altar Servers: Volunteers

**SUNDAY, July 29, 9am**

Lector: Mike Herth

EM: Sue Herth, Mary Ann Cummins

Altar Servers: Volunteers

**Homebound Ministry, Friday, July 27**

Lynn Ridgeway

### **COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK July 15, 2018**

St. John's	\$	4,002.00	YTD \$	7,694.00
St. Mary's	\$		YTD \$	180.00
St. Hubert's	\$	257.00	YTD \$	257.00
Poor Donations	\$	245.00		
Online Donations	\$	40.00		

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

Mon.	07.30	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	07.31	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Wed.	08.01	8:00 a.m.	+Pat Marton
Thu.	08.02	8:00 a.m.	+Pat Marton
Fri.	08.03	8:00 a.m.	+Pat Marton
		8:30 a.m.	Adoration until 9:30 a.m.
Sat.	08.04	5:00 p.m.	+Charles Marton
Sun.	08.05	9:00 a.m.	+Charles Marton
		2:00 p.m.	Kaycee: for the parishes

### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

Mon-Micah 6:1-4, 6-8; Gospel: Matthew 12:38-42

Tue-Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Gospel: Matthew 12:46-50

Wed-2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Gospel: Matthew 20:20-28

#### ***Saint James, Apostle***

Thu-Jeremiah 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Gospel: Matthew 13:10-

17 ***Saints Joachim & Anne, Blessed Virgin Mary's parents***

Fri-Jeremiah 3:14-17; Gospel: Matthew 13:18-23

Sat-Jeremiah 7:1-11; Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30

### **FR. PETE:**

**The insurance bills for the parish and the mission churches have arrived.** They break down as follows: St. John the Baptist, \$9,878.00; St. Hubert's in Kaycee, \$2,081.00 and St. Mary's in Clearmont, \$1,924.00. This makes for a grand total of \$13,883.00 up \$443.00 from last year. We were warned by Catholic Mutual that there would be an increase and the Finance Council prudently budgeted for it for this fiscal year. I think we can anticipate that the costs of insuring the parish plant and the missions will continue to rise each year.

**Welcome to those who are visiting!** The wonderful thing is that people are coming from all over the country and from Europe as well. We offer coffee and donuts after the Sunday morning Mass and you are invited to join us. May God grant you safe travel!

**The following reflection is one we all need to think about: a divided heart.** It is offered by the late Archbishop Luis Maria Martinez who was the archbishop of Mexico. He was also a well-known spiritual writer in his day. He died in 1956.

But one thing God will not overlook, because He cannot tolerate it – namely a divided love. He does not wish our heart to be shared between Him and creatures, because He desires our whole heart.

One would say that He is satisfied with the heart. It is true that, besides the heart, we must give Him all our strength and all our will, because He Himself has said so: You shall love the Lord your God with your whole heart and with your whole soul and with your whole mind (Mt. 22:37). But with the exception of the heart, He seems to admit delays in all things else, and to bear Himself indulgently. Should there be failing in our

exterior life, should we have certain faults of character, should we not give Him the full fruits of our garden – no matter. Our Lord waits. He bears with our weaknesses. But what He will not compound with is our heart; He desire it in its entirety.

And He desires it completely because He loves u, because love is like that: the desire for complete possession is its essential characteristic.

For this reason, our Lord battles unremittingly and at times cruelly - at least, so it appears to us - against the inordinate affections of our heart. He is even capable of allowing us to fall into sin in order to cure us of some hidden affection in our heart,

How many times, for instance, in the case of proud souls who are enamored of themselves and consequently deny Him the pledged homage of their love, He lets them fall into sin - yes, and even into mortal sin – when there is no other way whereby to arouse them to a holy humility!

What awe-inspiring mystery! To think that our Lord would tolerate such a catastrophe to save that poor soul, so that, after having sunk into the mire, it would rise and understand its misery, and then cast away the little idol that it was cherishing in its heart, and at length give itself to Him without reserve!

**Many thanks to Mick Camino and Don Sullivan.** Last week Mick discovered that some sprinklers on the Church lawn were not working properly. Then he discovered water

gushing all over the area by the apple tree. He shut the water off but still the water was coming out. The City crew came and shut off the water from the sidewalk valve. Don came over and discovered what had happened and spent the better part of the day (July 12) making the necessary repairs to the water pipe system and made sure the sprinklers were working properly before he and Peg left for their trip.

**Many thanks to Rick Anderson.** For years now, Rick has graciously hauled aluminum cans to the recycling center. The money from the cans goes into a restricted account for youth activities which I hope gets used.

**Guys...looking for a rugged but handsome rosary for yourself or your son who is leaving for university or the military?**

**Want a rosary that will stand up to virtually anything you subject it to?** Check out the following website

[RuggedRosaries.com](http://RuggedRosaries.com). You will find rosaries made for those in the Armed Forces, Police, Fire Fighters and rescue personnel. You will even find rosaries made of stainless steel that are exact replicas of rosaries issued to soldiers who fought in World War II!

You can choose from rosaries made with tough acrylic beads or with gunmetal beads. They are all made with highly durable, military grade 550 paracord so they are guaranteed to never fall apart on you. You can select from a variety of medals to be attached to your rosary if you wish. I have found the prices very fair and the quality to be excellent.

Still not convinced? Read the review articles from customers.

There is currently an offer of 15% off your order until August 18, 2018. You will need to use the promotional code GRACE15 to secure the discount.

If you would like to see one of these rosaries up close and get a feel for it, give me a call and I will show you the one I have.

**“Fr. Pete...I’m confused. Is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary a Holy Day of Obligation or not? Sometimes it is and sometimes it isn’t.”** I agree with you. It is often confusing. This year the Feast of the Assumption, August 15, IS a holy day of obligation. The rule of thumb is that if a Holy Day falls on a Monday it is not a Holy Day. Don’t ask me why, I don’t make the rules. I don’t know how the bishops think and frankly I’m not sure God knows either. But that seems to be the logic at play. Thank you for asking!

**“Fr. Pete...Why aren’t we flying the American flag in front of the Church?”** It gets snagged and ripped to shreds by the spruce tree which is not a very respectful way to treat our flag.

**“Fr. Pete...I really like the little plaza that you created in front of the Church and would like to see it done on the other side to make it look more symmetrical.”** A number of people have approached me about this which I find surprising because it means cutting down another spruce tree! The last time I cut down a tree I was nearly hung up the flag pole! I suppose if enough people would like to see this it can be planned for next year’s budget. Please let me know if you support this.

**“Fr. Pete...Why can’t we have coffee and donuts after the Saturday evening Mass since we have only one Sunday Mass?”** I’m not sure what the connection is between the number of Masses and having coffee and donuts, but I see no point in offering such hospitality after the Saturday evening Mass for several reasons.

(1) Some like to go out to dinner immediately after Mass.

(2) People make all kinds of plans for Saturday evening, so it is unlikely they will hang around to have a cup of coffee.

(3) Who is going to assume responsibility to oversee the purchase of the donuts, making the coffee, throw out the trash, clean the tables, and make sure the hall is locked? It isn’t going to be me. And Honey Harriet does enough as it is seeing to the parish’s hospitality on Sunday mornings.

So...we will not offer coffee and donuts after the Saturday evening Mass.

**“Fr. Pete...Many of us don’t like the plants around the shrine. It’s too cluttered. We would prefer to keep it simple.”** Well...since there are “many” of you this is a no-brainer. Please organize yourselves to become the official Custodians of the Shrine and present your proposals to me with the promise that your group will assume responsibility for the work and its ongoing maintenance. You will need to prepare a budget to submit to the Finance Council. I look forward to hearing from you.

**“Fr. Pete...When Fr. Clark was here he intended on building a gazebo on the north side of the Church where people could sit and visit. Is this possible?”** While I like the idea, I don’t like the possibility that it would become an easy target for vandalism or be used at night by transients. I will not support such a project.

**“Fr. Pete...Some visitors complained that there isn’t a Sunday evening Mass which they would find more convenient.”** Please let them know that Sheridan and Gillette have Sunday evening Masses.

**WCCW Convention** held this year in Buffalo September 23 & 24. Our main speaker is Dr. Katariina Rosenblatt, a human trafficking victim and now lawyer & PhD. She will tell of her experiences and how she helps victims today as well as law enforcement with her knowledge. Plan to attend!