



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

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

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

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 5, 2018

Altar Assisters:

SATURDAY, August 11, 5pm

Lector: Janelle Gonzales

EM: Mary Smith, Phil Gonzales

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, August 12, 9am

Lector: Colleen Donahue

EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Homebound Ministry, Friday, August 10

Mary Ann Dahl

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK July 29, 2018

St. John's \$ 3,765.17 YTD \$ 15,223.17

St. Mary's \$ 7.00 YTD \$ 446.00

St. Hubert's \$ 25.00 YTD \$ 282.00

Poor Donations \$ 226.00

Online Donations \$ 490.00

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon. 08.06 8:00 a.m. No Mass
Tue. 08.07 8:00 a.m. +Arthur Endrizzi
Wed. 08.08 8:00 a.m. +Arthur and Mary
 Endrizzi
Thu. 08.09 8:00 a.m. +Pat Marton
Fri. 08.10 8:00 a.m. +Pat Marton
 8:30 a.m. Adoration until 9:30
 a.m.
Sat. 08.11 5:00 p.m. Begonia Ibarra
Sun. 08.12 9:00 A.M. Begonia Ibarra
 12:30 p.m. Clearmont: for the
 parishes

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon-Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Gospel:

Mark 9:2-10 ***The Transfiguration of the Lord***

Tue-Jeremiah 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Gospel: Matthew
14:22-36

Wed-Jeremiah 31:1-7; Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

Thu-Jeremiah 31:31-34; Gospel: Matthew 16:13-23

Fri-2 Corinthians 9:6-10; Gospel: John 12:24-26

Saint Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr

Sat-Habakkuk 1:12—2:4; Gospel: Matthew 17:14-20

FR. PETE:

This is the Johnson County Fair and Rodeo weekend and we welcome all who have come to enjoy the various events. We hope you enjoy your time in our community and get a chance to explore. May God grant you a safe journey when you head home.

A little something to reflect on if you think the world is going to hell in a handbasket and nothing makes a lick of sense and no matter what you do nothing seems to work. This comes from the later Father Dajczer, a Polish priest and professor who co-founded the Families of Nazareth Movement.

When I see that everything around me is collapsing, increasing evil and darkness that may engulf me, I need to remember the words of Saint Paul: *"where sin increased, grace abounded all the more"* (Rom. 5:20). If I see my personal selfishness or egoism in those around me, I can see it as an opportunity to look for the solution in the one place I can find it. I need to turn to the One Who loves me and unceasingly transmits His redeeming graces on the altar. In my difficulties, He is here and now closer to me than ever.

The Chosen People's forty years of wandering in the desert mirrors humankind's journey towards God. It is an image of my history too. I can detect in it some of my own

temptations to doubt in the face of what seems to be overpowering. For Moses, who led the wandering during his lifetime, it sometimes seemed that everything was falling apart. He felt as though his life was one big failure. Perseverance seemed to bring him to the breaking point. The Bible sums up his extraordinary perseverance: *"He endured as seeing Him Who is invisible"* (Heb. 11:27).

I need to be reminded that everything is taking place according to God's will or at least with His consent. After all, He foresees it all from the beginning and decides how opposition to His will can best be utilized.

"Wicked men," writes Saint Augustine, *"do many things contrary to God's will; but so great is His wisdom and power, that all things which seem averse to His purpose do still tend towards those just and good ends and issues which He Himself has foreknown."*

And somewhere else: *"For almighty God.... because He is supremely good, would never allow any evil whatsoever to exist in His works if He were not so*

all-powerful and good as to cause good to emerge from evil itself."

August 15: The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. Two Masses will be offered: Tuesday evening, August 14, 6:00 p.m. and Wednesday morning, August 15, 7:00 a.m. You might wish to check the parishes in Sheridan or Gillette for their Mass schedules if what is offered here does not fit your needs.

"Fr. Pete...Could the statue of St. John the Baptist be moved into the sanctuary, so more people can see it? Why isn't it outside?" I suppose it could be put between the two icons. Let me think about it. Certainly, worth a shot.

While the original intention was to put it outside I am hesitant with escalating vandalism of Churches taking place. The statue would be an easy target if it was outside.

"Fr. Pete...Will there be a Basque Mass for the Feast of the Assumption?" I received a letter on July 24 from the Diocese of Boise, Idaho informing me that Fr. Antonio Eguiguren, was invited by the Basque Community to celebrate Mass for them at their annual feast-picnic on August 15. But I have not heard from either Fr. Eguiguren or the Basque Community as to the time or place of the Mass. So... I don't know what to tell you. I'm assuming someone will give me that information in the not too distant future.

"Fr. Pete...Would it be possible to celebrate the Mass with you facing the altar instead of the people?" I understand your question to mean *ad orientem* ("toward the east") which has been the traditional posture of the priest until the reforms of the 1960's.

When I have had the privilege of concelebrating the Divine Liturgy of the Ukrainian Catholic Church it was *ad orientem*, with priest and people facing the same direction. I find that posture far more prayerful for me as the priest, allowing me to focus more on offering the prayers at the altar. I believe that it better stresses the role of the priest interceding for his people.

There are pluses and minuses to both the traditional and contemporary positioning of the priest at the altar.

I would be willing to “experiment” with it if the people were willing to open themselves to the experience. I would, however, limit it to only the weekday Masses and not consider doing this at the weekend Masses without first consulting with the Bishop and instructing the larger congregation.

If this is something you would like to try, please call or email me and let me know.

CCW MEETING at noon on Tuesday, August 7 to finalize plans for the state convention to be held here in September; to plan for the August 21 election meals; to discuss the Sheridan Deanery meeting in October in Sundance, etc. 8/7/18 at 12 noon!

ELECTION MEALS prepared by CCW for August 21 include a lunch and dinner. Call Mary Ann Cummins, 620-9656 to help with the lunch and Vickie Abbott, 307-737-2281 to help with dinner.

Bishop Steven invites Catholic high school students from our diocese who graduate in 2019, 2020, or 2021 and their parents to participate in a pilgrimage to Italy. The pilgrimage will be June 14-24, 2019 and the cost is \$4895 per person. All details including trip inclusions, criteria for attending, itinerary and the registration packet are available at <http://www.dioceseofcheyenne.org/youth.html>

YOU CAN HELP YOUR MARRIAGE – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend in Utah on August 24-26, call 801-450-4965 or email 4007@retrouvaille.org or visit the website www.HelpOurMarriage.com

The tentacles of **HUMAN TRAFFICKING** have stretched across the globe: 21 million people are victims of forced labor and sexual exploitation,

and 60% are women and children. It generates \$32 billion a year. Rani Hong is a survivor of child trafficking. She was taken from her home of Kerala in southern India at 7 years old, forced into slavery and taken to a neighboring state where she didn't know the language. “There was no choice, nothing I could do. As a child, I didn't understand what was going on, so if an adult tells you something, you just go with them.” Within one year, she was near death, intimidated and abandoned. “I had been beaten, starved and tortured in order to get me to submit to the will of my owner.” As she approached her 9th birthday in 1979, she was too weak to be of use to her master. She was sold into illegal international adoption to a single mother near Seattle. Hong's biological family thought she was dead, but 21 years later she was united with her birth mom. She was lucky. From slave to activist, Hong dedicates her life to speaking on the behalf of millions of victims.

St. John's will hear the story of Dr. Katariina Rosenblatt, PhD, who herself was a victim to this criminal activity in the USA. The WCCW convention in Buffalo Sunday & Monday, Sept. 23 & 24 will feature Dr. Kat's story and her journey today to help victims. Convention registration is available throughout the diocese. Each parish priest and secretary has forms for the \$80 registration. Please encourage your family members and friends in other parts of Wyoming to attend. This evil is something we all need to learn about and to educate ourselves as to how we can help. Anyone can attend her talk on Monday morning (9am to 11am) ... men included, as well as the police and sheriff's deputies and child protection team of our county. Jennifer Schroefel, PO Box 1085. is the person to get your registration to as soon as you can. Lori Zink, 620-5113 or Mary Ann Cummins, 620-9656 can answer your questions. We will be seeking help from our female parishioners for all the details of the convention 😊

Our convention theme, **“Reflecting God's Joy: Missionary Disciples – Mission Possible”** will be addressed Sunday evening during dinner (6pm) in a talk by Monique Barron of Ranchester. We will have Mass Sunday evening at 5pm and Monday Mass at 11am. Everyone is welcome to attend these Masses 😊