



# 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 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

**19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**AUGUST 12, 2018**

**Altar Assisters:**

**SATURDAY, August 18, 5pm**

Lector: Dennis Lawrence

EM: Janelle/Phil Gonzales

Altar Servers: Volunteers

**SUNDAY, August 19, 9am**

Lector: Mike Herth

EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Volunteers

**Homebound Ministry, Friday, August 17**

Kathy Smith

**COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK August 5, 2018**

St. John's	\$	4,793.00	YTD \$	20,016.17
St. Mary's	\$		YTD \$	446.00
St. Hubert's	\$	165.00	YTD \$	447.00
Poor Donations	\$	639.00		
Online Donations	\$	535.00		

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:**

Mon.	08.13	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	08.14	8:00 a.m.	+Audrey Budnick
		<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Feast of the</b>
			<b>Assumption of Mary / Dormition of the</b>
			<b>Theotokos</b>
Wed.	08.15	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Feast of the</b>
			<b>Assumption of Mary / Dormition of the</b>
			<b>Theotokos</b>
			+Audrey Budnick
Thu.	08.16	8:00 a.m.	+Audrey Budnick
Fri.	08.17	8:00 a.m.	+Audrey Budnick
		8:30 a.m.	Adoration until 9:30
			a.m.
Sat.	08.18	5:00 p.m.	+Audrey Budnick
Sun.	08.19	9:00 a.m.	Fr. Bob Fox
		2:00 p.m.	Kaycee: for the
			parishes

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

Mon-Ezekiel 1:2-5, 24-28c; Gospel: Matthew 17:22-27

Tue-Ezekiel 2:8—3:4; Gospel: Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14 ***Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr***

Wed-Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Corinthians 15:20-27; Gospel: Luke 1:39-56

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thu-Ezekiel 12:1-12; Gospel: Matthew 18:21—19:1

Fri-Ezekiel 16:1-15, 60, 63; Gospel: Matthew 19:3-12

Sat-Ezekiel 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Gospel: Matthew 19:13-15

**FR. PETE:**

**Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ben and Carissa Hostetler!** Carissa gave birth to a healthy baby girl! Mother and baby are doing fine.

**Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ian and Megan (Belus) Welles!** Megan gave birth to a baby girl this week! All are great.

**The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (also known in the Eastern Churches as the Dormition [the Falling Asleep] of the Theotokos, the Mother of God)** is a Holy Day of Obligation. There are only two Masses: August 14 at 6:00 p.m. and August 15 at 7:00 a.m. If those times are not convenient for you, please call the parishes in Gillette or Sheridan for their Holy Day schedules.

**Sad news...please pray for Fr. Bob Fox.** Fr. Fox is the pastor of St. Louis Church in Glenrock. Recently he was hit with a diagnosis of cancer. At this point he has been transferred to a nursing home in Casper. Glenrock is without a priest.

I would ask that those who direct the Prayer Line please put Fr. Bob on it.

**Welcome to our visitors.** This has been a busy summer! We've had folks from all over the United States come to our parish. We have also had visitors from England, France, Germany, Poland, Croatia and Sweden. We could start our own United Nations here in Buffalo!

We have coffee and donuts after the Sunday morning Mass and invite those visiting to join us.

May God grant you safe travel!

**Some interesting data from Sarah**

**Sandman.** Sarah did a statistical analysis of how often the sermons are listened to via the Soundcloud website. (They are posted on Soundcloud as well as the parish website). She found the following:

From June 2017 to July 2018 the 65 sermons given have been played 1,875 times.

They are being played in some 50 countries, the most popular being the U.S.A.; Saudi Arabia, the United Kingdom, Indonesia, Egypt, Philippines, and France.

I have asked Vanessa Vogel, who oversees the parish website, to do a similar review.

**The parish has received its new computer system and is in the process of getting things set up without losing any data.** Keep Mary Ann in your prayers. This is going to be a long process.

**The following information on the Living and Giving in Christ Campaign was provided by the Diocese on August 7.**

<i>Parish</i>	<i>Goal</i>	<i>Pledged Amount</i>	<i>Paid Amount</i>
St. John's	\$57,628	\$26,350	\$21,548
St. Mary's	1,368	25	25
St. Hubert's	971	935	760

**“Fr. Pete...Why don't you take up second collections? We get the envelopes in our monthly packets.”** I have never taken up second collections since my first pastorate because I am annoyed with how the laity are treated as an endless source of revenue for one thing or another. I hated it as a Protestant when it seemed that the pastor was taking up a second collection (and sometimes a third) every Sunday and I detest the practice as a

Catholic. The envelopes for special collections are in your packet for your use if you so desire. If your conscience directs you to give to that particular cause you may simply put it in the regular collection and the money counters will make sure to record your special collection donation appropriately. The only times I will support second collections are for the retired priests of our Diocese or for the relief of those suffering from a catastrophe.

**“Fr. Pete...Has Pope Francis changed the teaching of the Church on the death penalty?”** Well...he certainly thinks he has.

I had the privilege of studying under Cardinal Avery Dulles when I was a graduate student at the Catholic University of America. Cardinal Dulles made the observation that the teaching of the Church on the death penalty has been very consistent: the state has the right, in some cases the obligation, to execute those who are proven guilty of a capital crime and pose a threat to the lives of others even though incarcerated. He taught that no Pope can contradict the long-standing teaching of the Church or the Scriptures. He also taught that the death penalty has a value; i.e. the certain knowledge that one is going to be put to death might compel one to have a conversion of heart, express sorrow for what one has done, and renew hope for his or her salvation. Obviously, this is a violation of today's politically correct climate where feelings override reason.

Saint Pope John Paul II, who spearheaded the creation of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, taught the death penalty was not necessary if non-lethal means “are sufficient to defend and protect people's safety from the aggressor...” (paragraph 2267). He wrote that the state has means of “effectively preventing crime, by rendering one who has committed an offense incapable of doing harm....” (paragraph 2267). This, he concluded, would result in “the cases, in which the execution of the offender is an absolute necessity are very rare, if not practically non-existent” (paragraph 2267). Still, the saint stayed within the tradition of the teaching authority of the Church: the death penalty is permissible “if this is the only possible way of

effectively defending human lives against the unjust aggressor” (paragraph 2267).

Pope Francis has chosen to venture beyond Church teaching. He plans to re-write paragraph 2267 of the Catechism of the Catholic Church and will hold that it is now the teaching of the Church that the death penalty is “inadmissible” because it is contrary to human dignity. I prefer the sturdier foundation of a saint who stayed within the tradition of the Church to the ground of a sitting pope who wishes to stray from that tradition.

*Is a Catholic obligated to accept Pope Francis’ teaching? No. A Catholic may in good conscience safely adhere to the long-standing tradition of the Church that allows the death penalty if it is necessary to protect the lives of others.* This could be a small comfort for those who may be called upon to serve as jurors in a capital trial, for prosecutors who may seek the death penalty, or when considering those who endorse the death penalty and are running for political office.

It is unfortunate that we have clergy who muddy the water by clumping together the death penalty, abortion and mercy killing as if they are morally equivalent. Some of you might remember that in the 1980’s it was called “The Seamless Garment of Life” position. Each, it was argued, was an equally horrific offense against human dignity. Common sense, however, tells us they are not morally equivalent. A child in the womb, the elderly person in a nursing home, the one who is dying of a terminal disease has done nothing deserving death, is not an aggressor nor poses a threat to the lives of others. There can be no justifiable reason to take the lives of such innocents. The one in prison for murder is not an innocent. And if he or she continues to be a threat to the lives of others outside the prison, to prison staff and their families, or other prisoners and cannot be controlled, then the state has the moral right to seek the death penalty to end such aggression.

It must never become an easy process for the state to execute a prisoner convicted of a capital crime, but there may be cases when an execution is the morally correct action to take.

**CCD TEACHERS needed** – Kindergarten & a helper; 4<sup>th</sup> grade & a helper. Call Carol Gagliano, 684-5751.

**BASQUE MASS & DINNER** at the American Legion Club on Wednesday, August 15. Mass with the Basque priest at 6pm and dinner to follow. Basque club will provide lamb; bring a dish to share.

**NEEDED** for Suicide Prevention Week (Sept. 9-15) display at the Court House 144 old clean shirts to represent the 144 lives lost in Wyoming to suicide in 2016. Please bring to the parish office. Thank you!

**Human Trafficking** – Pope Francis instituted the International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking on St. Josephine Bakhita’s feast day, Feb. 8 and addressed the issue in a July 30 tweet.

“Hear the cry of our many brothers and sisters who are criminally trafficked and exploited. They are not merchandise. They are human beings, and they must be treated as such.” During a recent Sunday Angelus address in St. Peter’s Square, he called us not to remain “Detached and calm spectators” of this epidemic but to live in proximity to it, by which verifies the quality of our faith, personally and in community.

Register for the WCCW convention and hear Dr. Katariina Rosenblatt speak of her ordeal as a trafficked victim. Read her book, Stolen. Registrations were mailed out but are also available on the bookcase to the left as you enter the church. \$80 and the form go to Jennifer Schroefel.

Contact Lori Zink, 620-5113 to help with the Sunday night dinner, the take down & clean up, the set up for Monday, the breakfast and lunch on Monday and the clean up when all is over. Many hands make light work to enable everyone to hear the presentations!

**CCD TEACHER** meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 5 at the parish hall. Please save the date! Time to be announced.