



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, September 9 – 10am Knights' breakfast

Sunday, September 9 – 10:30am Confirmation students to set up display on Court House lawn for Suicide Prevention Week

Monday, September 10 – Last day to register for the WCCW convention

Wednesday, September 12 – noon CCW meets to finalize convention plans

Wednesday, September 12 – 3:45pm & 7pm CCD begins

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

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

Altar Assisters:

SATURDAY, Sept. 15, 5pm

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, Sept. 16, 9am

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Doug/Yolanda Graslie, Mary Ann Cummins

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Homebound Ministry, Friday, Sept. 14

Lynn Ridgeway

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK September 2, 2018

St. John's \$ 4,708.00 YTD \$ 34,683.97

St. Mary's \$ 10.00 YTD \$ 990.00

St. Hubert's \$ 270.00 YTD \$ 827.00

Poor Donations \$ 622.00

Online Donations \$

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon. 09.10 8:00 a.m. No Mass
Tue. 09.11 8:00 a.m. Flitner Family
Wed. 09.12 8:00 a.m. Flitner Family
Thu. 09.13 8:00 a.m. +Jeanne Marianna
 and John Gampetro
Fri. 09.14 8:00 a.m. +Robert Gresser
 8:30 a.m. Adoration until 9:30
 a.m.
Sat. 09.15 5:00 p.m. +Tony Shutway
Sun. 09.16 9:00 a.m. Gampetro Family
 2:00 p.m. Kaycee: for the
 parishes

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon-1 Corinthians 5:1-8; Gospel: Luke 6:6-11

Tue-1 Corinthians 6:1-11; Gospel: Luke 6:12-19

Wed-1 Corinthians 7:25-31; Gospel: Luke 6:20-26

Thu-1 Corinthians 8:1b-7, 11-13; Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor

Fri-Numbers 21:4b-9; Philipians 2:6-11; Gospel: John

3:13-17 ***The Exaltation of the Holy Cross***

Sat-1 Corinthians 10:14-22; Gospel: John 19:25-27

Our Lady of Sorrows

MOPS NEEDS BABYSITTERS! 2 Wednesdays each month. Call Claudia Elliot to volunteer, 620-0850.

FR. PETE:

The following comes from the Catholic League.

There is no other organization that does so good a job defending the Church from the irrational loons. At the same time there is no other organization that makes legitimate criticisms of Church leaders who fail. The article is entitled, "Foes Bash the Catholic Church."

September 4, 2018

Scandal brings out the worst in some friends, as well as many foes. Some of those organizations associated with the "pro-Church" side are using news reports of clergy sexual abuse as a pretext to raise money (as if they are going to do something constructive with the cash), while a lot of the Church's foes are going for the jugular. Both are exploitative, though only the latter are motivated by hate.

The letters-to-the editor page in many newspapers, as well as the op-ed page, are rife with anger visited on the Catholic Church by professed ex-Catholics and atheists. For example, Timothy Egan, a self-confessed "somewhat lapsed" Catholic, argues that the Church's teachings on sexuality "have no connection to the words of Jesus."

This is the kind of sophomoric comment we might expect from a high school dropout, not an op-ed columnist for the *New York Times*. Perhaps the Jesuit-educated Egan missed last Sunday's Gospel: Jesus condemned "unchastity," "adultery," and "licentiousness," among other sins.

Garry Wills, another angry ex-Catholic, also fantasizes that Jesus did not advocate sexual reticence. In the pages of the *New York Review of Books*, the former seminarian accused the Church of promoting "sexual sillinesses" by counseling against such things as "gender choice" and "abortion." Wills thinks it is not silly for a cross-dressing man to conclude that he is a woman, or for a pregnant woman to conclude that she is not carrying a human being.

"Are You an Atheist? How to Leave the Catholic Church." That is the title of a piece by Andrew Hall on patheos.com. "Common Heathens" is a podcast that is reveling in news stories of old cases of clergy abuse, as is the "Naked Diner Podcast"; both are available on patheos.

Freedom from Religion Foundation, an extremist atheist entity, is begging the public for money so it can get Catholics to quit the Church. American Atheists and the Center for Inquiry have sent out "Action Alerts" targeting the Catholic Church. And Americans United for Separation of Church and State, founded as an expressly anti-Catholic organization, is beating the drums for more investigations of the Church.

This is what we have come to expect. Not one of these persons or media outlets has said a word about current cases of the sexual molestation of minors taking place in venues outside the Catholic Church. It is not the victims of sexual abuse who energize them; it is who the alleged victimizers are.

So why would they specifically go after the Catholic Church and give everyone else a pass? Egan and Wills provide the answer: What animates them is a deep-seated hostility to the teachings of the Church on matters sexual. Their goal is to deny the Biblical source of those teachings—even though the strictures are grounded in Scripture—so that Catholics will push for more relaxed rulings.

Ironically, it is libertinism—the exact opposite of the Church's teachings—that created the scandal in the first place. But the truth does not matter to ideologues—winning does.

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Advanced notice: There will be no daily Masses on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 18 and 19. Priests are required to attend the September Institute.

Many thanks to Donna Nelson, Claudia Elliot, Mary Smith, Barb Mueller and Pat Kalus. These women offered to make the baptismal garments that will be used for infant baptisms. This ministry was lovingly done by Helen Siegoski for decades. Helen, however, has asked that someone else take her place.

Many thanks to Jane Carr. Jane has offered to make baptismal garments for baptisms that take place at St. Hubert's in Kaycee.

Questions have been coming in on how to access the sermons. You can get them at the parish website www.sjbc-buffalo.com.

Click on the column "Liturgy / Sacraments". Then go down three spaces and click on "Sermons". You can also access the sermons on the cloud at <https://soundcloud.com/st-johns-1>.

Some great food for thought as we each consider our responsibility to evangelize.

The following comes from the British mystic, poet and spiritual teacher Caryl Houselander who passed into eternal life in 1954.

Most people who want to know God and who are outside the Church have just one thing that is precious to them, though to us with our clear-cut definitions, our discipline, and our sacraments it may seem so vague that it is hard for us to realize how much it means to them. This is their personal approach to God. Very often it seems to be hardly that at all, so vague is it, so closely does it lean to sentimentality. It may be simply a memory of childhood, or a stirring of the spirit when a certain familiar hymn is heard; it may be just a fling of the heart to God, on seeing the first wild spray of blossom that proclaims the spring. But it is quite surely an indication of that individual's approach to God and of His approach to them, and it is as sweet to them, as it would be to a blind man if, reaching out in the darkness, he touched the garment hem of Christ.

Too often, through our own fault, we give people who are thus clinging to their own personal contact with God the idea that Catholicism would sweep it away. Quite wrongly, we give them, the idea that we are not seeking any more, that we have a formula for everything, that we hold feeling in contempt, live only by acts of will, and that there is nothing that we cannot explain.

Of course, this is untrue. We too are always seeking for God, always reaching out blind fingers to touch His garment, and we are blinded by the very light of the mysteries of our faith, which we can live by but cannot explain and can barely begin to understand.

To the enquirer, our hard, unanswerable arguments, dealt out blow by blow with our sledgehammer of zeal, are all too convincing – to the mind. But the heart rises up on revolt against "apologetics" which may convince against the will and sweep away that lovely touch in the darkness which is at the heart of their lives.

Here are the days, times and events for the upcoming conference on human trafficking:

Sunday, Sept. 23 –

- 11am Registration in parish hall
- 1pm Break-out sessions in the parish hall & at the Wool Mill
- 3:30pm WCCW Business meeting in the parish hall
- 5pm Mass
- 6:30pm Dinner in the hall with speaker Monique Barron, Ranchester

Monday, Sept. 24 –

- 8:30am continental breakfast
- 9am Dr. Katariina Rosenblatt speaks in the church
- 11:30am Mass
- 1pm Lunch in the parish hall
- 2pm Human trafficking video
- 3pm Purse auction / music by Jeanette
- 4pm Gather new socks/underwear for children
- 5pm Happy Hour at Colonel Bozeman's
- 5:45pm Dinner at Colonel Bozeman's

REGISTRATION is still possible for the convention. Please register (forms in back of church) with Jennifer Schroefel, 217-2542 or Lori Zink, 620-5113 or Mary Ann Cummins, 620-9656. \$80 full convention; \$50 all day Monday; \$30 for just Monday's banquet; \$30 for part of Sunday; \$30 for part of Monday, excluding banquet. No cost to hear Dr. Kat talk.

“Fr. Pete...The Sunday 9:00 a.m. Mass is getting very full. Often people are going into the choir loft. Could we please have another Mass? I've heard that people come in the door and turn around and leave because there isn't any room.” There's room. There is nothing wrong with having a packed Church. Frankly, I am very pleased to hear the quality of singing and the participation at the Masses as well as the turn out for coffee and donuts on Sunday. This parish simply has never needed, nor does it now need three weekend Masses. The era of having one's "favorite Mass time" is over. Besides, I simply can no longer physically do that amount of standing. Any time you would like another priest to be your pastor please feel free to call Bishop Biegler at 1-866-790-0014.

“Fr. Pete.... Do you think you might be offering some courses in January?” Yes. I hopefully will have three months of healing after the upcoming surgery. I am looking at a couple of books for group discussion. More on those later.

“Fr. Pete.... Will you be doing an RCIA Class?” Yes. I will be starting it in October. Please read the bulletin for starting day and time.

MONEY found last weekend of a sizeable amount. If you lost it, please call the parish office and identify the amount.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE to meet Thursday, September 20 at 10am in the rectory.

LITURGY COMMITTEE to meet on Thursday, September 27 at 11am in the rectory.

CONFIRMANDI to meet at 10:30am today (Sunday, Sept. 9) to set up the Suicide Prevention display on the Court House lawn. Service hours available.

CCD classes begin next week on Wednesday – 3:45pm to 5pm Grades Pre-K thru 4th; 7pm to 8pm Grades 5-8th

FIRST CONFIRMATION CLASS will be Wednesday, October 10 at 7pm. Confirmation date is set for Sunday, April 28 at the 9am Mass with a 7:30am meeting with Bishop Steven! Mark your calendars now to invite family and friends ☺

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: SAVE THE DATE for “Ride for the Brand” in Thermopolis, November 17-18, 2018. More details to follow.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE is a weekend program that offers healing and renewal to divorced, widowed and separated men and women. The next one is in Casper and starts on Friday, October 12 at 7pm and runs through Sunday, October 14 around noon. Donation is \$150 which includes sleeping arrangements, meals, and materials. Scholarships are available. No one is turned away due to finances. Registration deadline is October 10. Contact Curtis, 307-240-1232 or Diane at 307-262-4142 for more information.