



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

Religious Education / Meeting

Sunday, March 10 – First Sunday of Lent
Tuesday, March 12 – 7:30pm Knights' mtg.
Wednesday, March 13 – 3:45pm & 7pm CCD
Friday, March 15 – 6:30pm Stations of the Cross
Sunday, March 17 – Happy St. Patrick's Day!
Tuesday, March 26 – 6pm Rotary Big Bucks
 Bingo in the hall

Parish Staff

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| Pastor | <i>Fr. Pete Johnson</i> | 684-7268 |
| Parish Administrator | <i>Mary Ann Cummins</i> | 684-7268 |
| CCW Leader | <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 |
| 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 – Jan Edgcomb – jmpe@wyoming.com or Honey Harriet, 620-1890

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 10, 2019

Altar Assisters:

SATURDAY, March 16, 5pm

Lector: Mary Smith

EM: Dennis Lawrence

CUP: Phil/Janelle Gonzales

Altar Servers: Lance Rabel, Adam Belus

SUNDAY, March 17, 9am

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteers

CUP: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Aaron Thiele, Gio Monterastelli, Tye

Tanachion, Carter Zink

Homebound Ministry, Friday, March 8

Lynn Ridgeway

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK Mar. 3, 2019

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| St. John's | \$ | 4,011.50 | YTD \$ | 142,381.44 |
| St. Mary's | \$ | | YTD \$ | 4,049.00 |
| St. Hubert's | \$ | 30.00 | YTD \$ | 3,027.00 |
| Poor Donations | \$ | 869.00 | | |
| Online Donations | | 128.75 | | |

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

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| Mon. | 03.11 | 8:00 a.m. | <i>No Mass</i> |
| Tue. | 03.12 | 8:00 a.m. | <i>No Mass</i> |
| | | 6:00 p.m. | <i>No Mass</i> |
| Wed. | 03.13 | 8:00 a.m. | <i>No Mass</i> |
| | | 6:00 p.m. | Fr. Ray Moss |
| | | 6:30 p.m. | Confession |
| Thu. | 03.14 | 8:00 a.m. | Fr. Robert Fox |
| | | 8:30 a.m. | Confession |
| | | 6:00 p.m. | +Jackie Perry |
| | | 6:30 p.m. | Confession |
| Fri. | 03.15 | 8:00 a.m. | +Clare Casey |
| | | 8:30 a.m. | Confession |
| | | 8:30 a.m. | Adoration until 9:30 a.m. |
| | | 6:00 p.m. | Mass: Fr. Pete's intention |
| | | 6:30 p.m. | Confession and Stations of the Cross |
| Sat. | 03.16 | 5:00 p.m. | Mitch Esponda |
| | | 6:00 p.m. | Confession |
| Sun. | 03.17 | 9:00 a.m. | +Rudie Frankovic |
| | | 2:00 p.m. | Clearmont: for the Parishes |

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon-Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18; Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Tue-Isaiah 55:10-11; Gospel: Matthew 6:7-15

Wed- Jonah 3:1-10; Gospel: Luke 11:29-32

Thu-Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Gospel: Matthew 7:7-12

Fri-Ezekiel 18:21-28; Gospel: Matthew 5:20-26

Sat-Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Gospel: Matthew 5:43-48

FR. PETE:

Time for Stations of the Cross has been changed. Many prefer to have Stations immediately after the Friday evening Mass. Stations will begin around 6:30 p.m.

The following meditation comes from the works of Caryl Houselander. A British author, poet and mystic she lived in London and endured the savagery of both World Wars. She also suffered from chronic physical illness and emotional distress. Still, she came to the conclusion that her only real consolation to survive the darkness of the world, her only chance to have some measure of happiness in this life was in her relationship with Christ. She died in 1954.

In the wilderness Christ experienced the temptations that face everyone today. The temptation to the ideals of materialism, presumption, and power. *"Bid these stones turn into loaves of bread."*

It is all too easy for us, shocked by the world's hunger, to think that "bread only" - material good - is happiness. Easier because we know that if we do not feed the hungry, we will surely hear Christ's voice saying - *"I was hungry and you did not give Me to eat."*

It is good to work for material bread, to be grateful for it, but bad to be satisfied by it, terrible to be sated by it - not to hunger for the love that gives life, to be content to live without wonder, impotent in the eternal arms.

When Christ looked out over *"all the kingdoms of the world,"* He saw our cities today....in all their splendor and all the squalor, their cinemas and restaurants, their churches and brothels, their luxury flats and their slums, their parks and their docks. He saw the shambles of our bombed cities,

“The kingdoms of the world and the glory of them!”

His limitations were straighter than those of any modern disciple. Poor, unknown, without influential friends, no press, no radio, no speed, no traveling only one language. Miracles? Then as now they convinced no one who did not want to believe; then “worked by Satan,” now “a natural explanation or a fake.”

Only love can give life.

Only Christ’s love can redeem and forgive and illumine.

Only Christ’s love can waken the world from apathy to wonder.

Only Christ’s love can quicken the world with new life.

Love is given only in man’s gift of himself. There is no other way.

Christ had only Himself. He has given Himself to us, that we may love the world with His love and that the world may live.

The new offering envelopes...By this time you should all have received your new envelopes. The parish switched to a different company that offered us a savings of over \$800.00 per year. You will notice that the envelope “for the poor” may look like the normal Sunday offering envelope. This is unfortunate. But the “poor” offering envelope is marked as **for the poor**. Please be aware of this. Thank you.

Many thanks to the Knights of Columbus for continuing the tradition of having the Fish Fry on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. Special thanks to Gene Baehler for overseeing the details.

A BIG THANKS to our Confirmation youth - Hazen Camino, Bryce Camino, Adam Belus, Cam Johnson, Grace Wagner and

Iyana Stewart - who helped with the clean up at the Fish Fry 😊

“Fr. Pete...I have to take a lot of medication so how do I obey the fasting rules?” You may not be able to so don’t worry about it. You can still fast by having simple meals, giving up meat a few days of the week instead of only Friday. I have chosen to follow the fast of the Eastern Church and don’t eat meat or dairy products for Lent and it really isn’t that difficult once you get used to it. So, giving up meat more than once a week shouldn’t be that difficult.

If you need to eat a meal with your medications do so. There is no need to feel guilty about going to Holy Communion. Our Lord expects us to use common sense.

“Fr. Pete...How long does Lent last?”

Great and Holy Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and continues until the Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday. However, we are expected to keep the fast through Good Friday.

“Fr. Pete...Since we will not be having the Fathers of Mercy come this year, what will the confession schedule be?”

Confessions will be heard after the daily morning and evening Masses, Saturday at 11:00 a.m., Saturday after the evening Mass, any time by appointment, after the Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper during Adoration on Holy Thursday, and after Stations of the Cross on the evening of Good Friday.

Since there will have been ample opportunities to go to confession, I will **NOT** hear confessions on Holy Saturday morning.

WCCW (Wyoming Council of Catholic Women) **Mary’s Fund for 2019** is to be for 3 projects in India. The South India Relief

Fund will go for (1) the Bethel Orphanage Project – The Bethlehemite Sisters/Daughters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus are requesting support for accommodation, education, food, clothing and medical care for the poor and marginalized; (2) Tailoring & Sewing in the Dornaia Parish – This parish has proposed to teach 27 women and older girls sewing skills with resources to continue to provide for their families. Once trained, trainees can begin earning money, and help the project expand by providing help for others to learn; and (3) the Ram Lamb Project – 33 women will be given the opportunity to raise and sell Ram Lambs (a unit of 6 lambs). This will provide opportunities for about 175 people and continue to grow moving forward. We will have a GO GREEN, NO BAKE bake sale on Sunday, March 17 to gather donations for the Mary's Fund! Our diocese has several priests from India who will be involved in this project.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER plan in the works for CCW and CCD joint efforts on Wednesday, March 27 between CCD classes. We will serve for a “free will” offering soups, bread and cookies. The offering collected will go to provide funds for the backpacks of food given out each weekend to those in need of it as per the schools. Our Confirmation youth will pack the backpacks this night with CCW ladies delivering them to the schools the following day. Call Mary Ann Cummins, 684-7268 or Lori Zink, 620-5113 if you can make a soup, bread or cookies, please ☺
Everyone will be welcome to come and share in this Lenten meal!

NEW OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE HERE! If you need some, come to the parish office.

CCW ladies profited \$639 from the Fish Fry pie sales ☺ Thanks, everyone!

THANKS to those four people who have completed online the background check for the diocese to work with the elderly and children ☺ If you need assistance, call the parish office and Mary Ann can walk you through it. Go to CMG Connect to get started. Every 5 years, this process will have to be repeated as per diocesan guidelines.

Go to our website, www.sjbc-buffalo.com to read the latest Lenten news.

