



# St. John the Baptist Church

St. Mary Church – Clearmont  
 St. Hubert Church – Kaycee

## Office and Rectory

532 North Lobban Avenue  
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 307-684-7268  
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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

## Religious Education / Meeting

Sunday, March 24 – 6pm Altar Server training  
Tuesday, March 26 – 5pm Finance Council mtg.  
     6pm Rotary Big Bucks  
     Bingo in the hall  
     7:30pm KC meeting  
Wednesday, March 27 – 3:45pm CCD  
     5pm Soup Supper  
     6:30pm Confirmation  
     students pack backpacks for schools  
     7pm CCD  
Friday, March 29 – 6:30pm Stations of the Cross  
Sunday, March 31 – 7pm Parish Council mtg.

## Parish Staff

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](mailto: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

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

**MARCH 24, 2019**

**Altar Assisters:**

**SATURDAY, March 30, 5pm**

Lector: Keith Leppert

EM: Dennis Lawrence

CUP: Donna Nelson

Altar Servers: Lance Rabel, Adam Belus

**SUNDAY, March 31, 9am**

Lector: Marilyn Maxwell

EM: Mary Ann Cummins

CUP: Monica Smithers

Altar Servers: Aaron Thiele, Gio Monterastelli, Tye

Tanachion, Carter Zink

**Homebound Ministry, Friday, March 29**

Liz Camino Ramsey

**COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK Mar. 17, 2019**

St. John's	\$	3,386.00	YTD \$ 153,549.44
St. Mary's	\$		YTD \$ 4,185.00
St. Hubert's	\$	220.00	YTD \$ 3,247.00
Poor Donations	\$	145.00	
Online Donations		86.80	

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:**

Mon.	03.25	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	03.26	8:00 a.m.	+Russell Maxwell
		6:00 p.m.	Fr. Pete's intention
Wed.	03.27	8:00 a.m.	Gladys Esponda
		6:00 p.m.	Fr. Pete's intention
Thu.	03.28	8:00 a.m.	+Whitey Maxwell
		6:00 p.m.	Fr. Pete's intention
Fri.	03.29	8:00 a.m.	+Jeanette Maxwell
		8:30 a.m.	Adoration until 9:30 a.m.
		6:00 p.m.	Mass: Fr. Pete's intention
		6:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Sat.	03.30	5:00 p.m.	+Larry Harness
		9:00 a.m.	for the parishes

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

Mon-Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Hebrews 10:4-10; Gospel: Luke 1:26-38 ***Annunciation of the Lord***  
 Tue-Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35  
 Wed-Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Gospel: Matthew 5:17-19  
 Thu-Jeremiah 7:23-28; Gospel: Luke 11:14-23  
 Fri-Hosea 14:2-10; Gospel: Mark 12:28-34  
 Sat-Hosea 6:1-6; Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

**FR. PETE:**

**POSITION VACANCY: DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION – SHERIDAN, WY**

Under the guidance of the Diocese of Cheyenne, and in collaboration with the pastor, the Director of Faith Formation develops and maintains an ongoing formation for the children and adults in the parish, which includes those in Holy Name School, religious education, youth groups and adult formation programs. The DFF is responsible to help foster a deeper spiritual life for all members of the parish.

**Qualifications:**

- Knowledge of adolescent and young adult development, Catholic curriculum and activities appropriate for children and adults.
- Bachelor's degree in Education, or equivalent, or experience in teaching.
- Fully initiated, practicing Catholic free from canonical penalties and of proven faith, good morals and reputation.
- Ability to organize and coordinate VBS, youth retreats and special events for children and adults.
- Knowledge and ability to administer sacramental preparation programs for First Holy Communion and Confirmation.
- Physical strength and stamina to maintain youth activities; good decision-making skills and ability to cope with stress.

To apply, please fill out an application (available on our website) or mail a resume to the parish office: 9 S Connor St. Sheridan, WY 82801

**“Fr. Pete...How are Catholics responding to the scandal?”** The best way to answer that is with the following article by Bill Donohue of the Catholic League. A sociologist by training he is adept in interpreting data. He has done so with data from recent polls. Pay close attention to what he writes:

March 14, 2019

Catholic League president Bill Donohue comments on [a recent survey of Catholics](#):

A recent Gallup survey shows that news stories about clergy sexual abuse have Catholics questioning their affiliation with the Church. Before examining why, an analysis of the data is warranted; it reveals a nuanced portrait of Catholics.

The survey found that 37% of Catholics said they are questioning whether to remain in the Church; the figure in 2002 was 22%. Who are these Catholics? Most of them seldom or never go to church: 46% of these Catholics are questioning whether to remain versus 22% of those who attend church weekly. In other words, those with one foot out the door are more likely to consider exiting, which is precisely what we would expect.

A more interesting picture emerges when Catholics are asked how much confidence they have in the priests in their parish versus priests in general. Six in ten have confidence in their own priests (41% said "a great deal" and 18% said "quite a lot") versus only a third for priests nationwide (20% said "a great deal" and 12% "quite a lot"). The figures for the bishops are similar to the latter.

Not surprisingly, Catholics who are regular attendees have a great deal of confidence in their priests, sporting a figure of 86%; but only 39% of those who seldom or never attend church feel this way. Most of the latter probably wouldn't be able to name the priests in their parish.

The difference between Church-goers and lapsed Catholics is most revealing when

considering the second bank of questions. There is a reason why Church-goers have a lot of confidence in their priests: though it was not mentioned in the survey or in the concluding analysis, *almost all priests have never had an accusation made against them.*

Thus, the everyday experience that Catholics who are regular church-goers have is a positive one—they and their priests are untouched by the scandal. But they read a lot about other priests, clergymen they do not know, and that explains the big drop in confidence for priests nationwide.

What Catholics are reading, of course, matters. For example, most of the news stories on the recent Vatican summit left the impression that the sexual abuse scandal is ongoing. It is not. It is certainly not true in the United States: most of the offenses that took place were in the last century.

Here's a quick anecdote that demonstrates why Catholics may think that conditions have not improved.

"New Jersey Priest Accused of Sexual Abuse Found Shot to Death." That was the headline flashed before the reader in a *New York Times* story on March 13. It's misleading—he was an ex-priest. He was defrocked in 1992 after earlier charges of abuse, homosexual in nature, were revealed.

The *Times* did identify him as a "former priest" in the article (he was also a former public-school teacher, but that got little attention). However, his ex-priest status was not noted in the headline (which is the way other newspapers treated this story).

The point is that many people these days only glance at the headlines and then move on to a story they want to read. The reader was left with the impression that

nothing has changed in the Catholic Church. In reality, what never changed was the *New York Times*.

This is just one example among many. Time and again the media have put the worst possible face on the scandal, leaving the public to believe that it will never end.

The fact is there are reporters, pundits, educators, activists, entertainers, lawyers, and professional victims' groups, as well as Catholic dissidents, *who don't want it to end*. Their goal is to keep it alive so they can push for their secular reforms.

Beware of being played by those with an agenda.

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### **Confession schedule during Lent.**

\*\*\*after the daily morning and evening Masses. Please stand against the wall so I will know you wish to go to Confession.

\*\*\*Saturday morning at 11:00 a.m. and after the evening Mass.

\*\*\*Holy Thursday after the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper.

\*\*\*Good Friday after the Stations of the Cross.

\*\*\*Confessions will NOT be heard on Holy Saturday Morning as there is a great deal of work to do to get the Church ready for the Easter Vigil and train the altar servers.

**Easter Flowers are now available for purchase.** If you would like to purchase a plant for the Sanctuary in memory of a loved one, please call Mary Ann at the Parish

**Office (684-7268). We have 28 Easter Lilies (6-inch plants) at \$22.00 each and 3 Peace Lilies (8-inch plants) at \$45.00 each. Yes...the cost of flowers has gone up.**

**Finance Council and Trustees.** We will meet on Tuesday, March 26 at 5:00 p.m.

### **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 helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped 100's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriages. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend in Denver, CO on April 5-7, 2019 call 303-317-5111 or email:

[retrouvaille.co@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvaille.co@gmail.com)

**SOUP SUPPER** on Wednesday, March 27 from 5pm to 7pm. Soups, breads and cookies will be available. Please come and share a meal with your CCD children and fellow parishioners 😊 A "free will" offering will be taken to give to the weekend backpack program for the school children who don't have food over the weekend. **CONFIRMATION YOUTH** will be packing the backpacks at Cotant Dentistry at 6:30pm.

**PIE PAN**, heavy silver pan, needs to find its owner. In the parish office if it is yours.