



# 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 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

## Religious Education / Meeting

Sunday, May 5 – 9am First Communion  
 CCW Breakfast to follow Mass  
Monday, May 6 – 6pm Mother/Daughter tea  
 party/baby shower  
Sunday, May 12 – Mother's Day!  
Wednesday, May 15 – Last CCD class  
Sunday, May 19 – 9am Mass honoring  
 Graduates  
Monday, May 20 – CCW Spring Deanery mtg.  
 in Upton; carpool at 7am

**Baptisms** – Please call Fr. Pete, 684-7268

**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 EASTER**

**MAY 5, 2019**

**Altar Assistors:**

**SATURDAY, May 11, 5pm**

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteer

CUP: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Lance Rabel, Adam Belus

**SUNDAY, May 12, 9am**

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteer

CUP: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Aaron Thiele, Gio Monterastelli, Tye

Tanachion, Carter Zink, Cortlan/Luken Smith

**Homebound Ministry, Friday, May 10**

Kathy Smith

## **COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK April 28, 2019**

St. John's	\$ 2,499.35	YTD \$ 177,223.84
St. Mary's	\$	YTD \$ 4,666.00
St. Hubert's	\$ 300.00	YTD \$ 3,922.00
Poor Donations	\$ 205.00	
Online Donations	311.20	

## **MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:**

Mon.	05.06	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	05.07	8:00 a.m.	+Art Chavez
Wed.	05.08	8:00 a.m.	<b>No Mass</b>
Thu.	05.09	8:00 a.m.	+Betty Morales
Fri.	05.10	8:00 a.m.	+Mary Mandatory
Sat.	05.11	5:00 p.m.	+Bonalee Johnson
Sun.	05.12	9:00 a.m.	+John Mueller
		12:30 p.m.	Clearmont: for the parishes

## **READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

Mon-Acts of the Apostles 6:8-15; Gospel: John 6:22-29

Tue-Acts of the Apostles 7:51-8:1a; Gospel: John 6:30-35

Wed-Acts of the Apostles 8:1b-8; Gospel: John 6:35-40

Thu-Acts of the Apostles 8:26-40; Gospel: John 6:44-51

Fri-Acts of the Apostles 9:1-20; Gospel: John 6:52-59

Sat-Acts of the Apostles 9:31-42; Gospel: John 6:60-69

**\*\*NOTE – 3 Confirmation “gift books” from Bishop Biegler were left in the CCD classroom. If these belong to you, please come to the parish office to get them.**

## **FR. PETE:**

**An interesting article from the Catholic League.**

*If you have not already done so, I strongly suggest you consider going to the Catholic League website (address at the end of the article) and register for a free subscription to the newsletter it offers. No other Catholic outfit has done as good a job as the Catholic League in calling out anti-Catholic bigots and defending the truth with fairness.*

## ***Common Sense Catholicism:***

### **The Right Tonic For What Ails Us**

April 26, 2019

Catholic League president Bill Donohue comments on his new book:

My new book, [\*Common Sense Catholicism: How to Resolve Our Cultural Crisis\*](#), has just been published.

It declares war on virtually every politically correct idea, demonstrating just how out of touch with reality the deep thinkers are.

"From my years spent as a college professor, I can testify that some of the stupidest people I have ever met teach college." I define stupidity as "a lack of common sense, as in sound judgment." I also write that "it is entirely possible to be well educated yet not possess common sense. This is especially true of intellectuals—they are more likely to lack common sense."

What is it that makes many intellectuals stupid (I hasten to add I am not indicting all of them)? Above all, they believe in neither human nature nor nature's God. And because they get that wrong, they get everything wrong.

The Founders understood human nature, and that is why, despite obvious flaws, America has enjoyed unparalleled freedom and prosperity. That is now imperiled, mostly because of the deep thinkers who reject nature and nature's God. Their stupid ideas are the reigning ideas in education and in our cultural institutions. They have also found their way into law and public policy.

No institution in society better understands human nature than the Catholic Church. Its teachings are a repository of wisdom. The Church is not at war with nature, or nature's God; on the contrary, it is at home with them.

The contrast between the norms and values of the dominant culture, and those that inhere in Catholicism, shine brightly. This is brought to light when we consider the goals of the French Revolution, namely, freedom, equality, and fraternity. These were, and still are, noble ends, but they were completely obliterated by the intellectuals and the architects of the French Revolution, and they are now imperiled by the contemporary wizards of our day.

The dreamers understand liberty as license; the Church knows better. The blue-sky thinkers envision a world where male-female differences, and the inequalities that mark the economic classes, will be eliminated; the Church knows better. The bookworms do not seek fraternity in tradition and religion—they hate both; the Church knows better.

We live in strange times.

There was a time, not too long ago, when it was illegal to burn the American flag on a courthouse lawn, but it was legal to erect a Nativity scene in the same spot. Now the reverse is true.

When TV bloomed in the 1950s, we never even saw the bedroom of Ralph and Alice in "The Honeymooners." Now there is nothing we don't see.

It seems like only yesterday when men who thought they were women, and vice versa, were housed in the asylum. Now they are housed in the university.

Up until just recently, we rewarded those who worked hard. Now college students are told that working hard is a microaggression, a sign of patriarchy that must be eradicated.

Respecting Western civilization was the norm for most of my life. Now the professors want to tear it down.

From the beginning of Hollywood movies, up until at least the 1970s, priests and nuns were portrayed positively. They have since been trashed.

The bottom line is this: Freedom, equality, and fraternity have been distorted by the brainy ones who think they know better. They don't.

The deep thinkers believe human nature and the Almighty are a fiction, and as a result they have created a social and cultural mess. Moreover, their own lives, and the ideas they entertain, are a colossal train wreck.

*Common Sense Catholicism* is the only cure for the stupidity that these geniuses have bequeathed.

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**Many thanks to the Knights of Columbus for the wonderful hospitality** they offered in making breakfast for those who were Confirmed, their families and the parish. There was a large turnout and Bishop Biegler enjoyed mingling with folks over a great meal. He certainly did not leave Buffalo hungry as he headed back to Cheyenne! Great job guys.

**Many thanks to Mike Scarlett, Ben and Carissa Hostetler, Katie Farris, and Mary Ann Cummins** for all the work they put into teaching the Confirmation students.

**Many thanks to Judi Semroska, Tony Fox, and the choir** for putting together the music for the Confirmation Mass. What many do not know is that this was accomplished on something of a last-minute notice. Thanks so much!

**“Fr. Pete...What is all the flurry of activity around the parish about?”** Don and Peggy Sullivan will no longer be able to mow the parish lawns. We thank them for their dedicated service to the parish.

The parish hired Dan Borgialli to take Don’s place. Dan proposed a massive clean-up operation. While expensive, it was thought important to do since nothing like it had been done for many years. With the consent of Finance Council Member Dennis Lawrence (who “crunched the numbers”) and a member of Board of Trustees Member Phil Gonzales, I approved the contract. Dan went at it full throttle. So far three dump truck loads of debris have been removed from parish grounds.

We have contracted with Tree Mechanics to trim the apple trees and the large cottonwood on the north side of the Church. Tree Mechanics was also hired to fertilize the Church and rectory lawns. The grounds are already looking better and by next spring they should be spectacular.

**“Fr. Pete...Now that you removed the trees from the shrine are there any plans to put something around it? The shrine looks so abandoned.”** The Norse in me is thinking of planting holly bushes that will produce leaves year-round and remain green during the winter months. The leaves could be harvested when we make the Christmas wreaths. Any other suggestions?

**Vacation Bible School is fast approaching! VBS will take place June 10 and 14. Hard to believe that we have to plan so early, but plan we must.** This promises to be another exciting program of fun, learning, fun, faith development and did I mention fun? We do, however, need some help to pull this off. There is a board at the front entrance of the Church indicating supplies that are needed. Please consider giving a helping hand. If you wish to volunteer, please remember that all volunteers and employees must have passed their

background checks. If you have any questions about this, please call Mary Ann at the Parish Office ASAP as this process takes some time.

We have been offering Vacation Bible School for several years now and it continues to grow in popularity.

### **Vacation Bible School --**

Looking for the following items:

- Leaf punches (like used for scrapbooking)
- Huge Box
- Small play kitchen
- Super Hero, Princess dress up clothes
- straw beach mat
- wire rack (like for an oven)
- PVC pipe pieces
- cellophane (red/yellow; can be small pieces)
- gallon jugs

**THESE SECOND GRADERS** will make their **FIRST COMMUNION** today, Sunday, May 5 at the 9am Mass: Beth Campbell, Jackson Harriet, Madison Lawson, Noah Miner, Milan Monterastelli, Emmi Pickett, Jonathan Roberts, Creo Rodriguez, Joseph Southerland, Tate Tanachion. Ben Curuchet, Kaycee, will make his in Kaycee in a few weeks 😊

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**SCHOLARSHIP** applications available in the back of the church. Once complete, return to Gene Baehler, 620-5066 by May 14, 2019.

Correction to the Confirmation student list – *Lilian Cortes Bobbitt* was confirmed.

**TOMORROW, Monday, May 6 at 6pm** is the CCW Mary’s Daughters’ Tea Party & Baby shower! Mickory’s is catering the event with appetizers and sweets. Please come. Meet our newest moms & babies. Visit with our oldest moms 😊 Just bring diapers & wipes if you wish.

**VBS** is June 10-1, 9am to 12noon. Registration forms available in the back of the church. Theme: ***Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus.***