

St. John the Baptist Church

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

Office and Rectory

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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 Leader	<i>Lori Zink</i>	620-5113
Finance Council Chair	<i>Steve Reimann</i>	217-0119
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	Vacant	
Religious Education	<i>Carol Gagliano</i>	684-7217
Trustees	<i>Jean Urruty</i>	684-7093
	<i>Phil Gonzales</i>	684-5920
Choir	<i>Tony Fox</i>	310-339-9162

Religious Education / Meeting

Sunday, September 8 – 9am KC Breakfast
 4:30pm Confirmation
 youth on Court House lawn
Wednesday, September 11 – 3:45 & 7pm CCD
 Bus riders take bus #10
Wednesday, September 18 – 6pm pizza dinner &
 JUUL presentation
Sun-Mon, Sept. 22/23 – WCCW Convention in
 Casper at Our Lady of Fatima/Ramkota Hotel
Wednesday, October 2 – 6:30pm PARENT
 MTG. with Confirmation students/teachers

Baptisms – Please call Fr. Pete, 684-7268

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

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

Altar Assisters:

SATURDAY, Sept. 14, 5pm

Lector: Mary Smith

EM: Dennis Lawrence

CUP: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Matthew Harrison, Asher/Kieran

Murray

SUNDAY, Sept. 15, 9am

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteer

CUP: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Michael/James Ihnat, Bryce/Ben

Camino, Will Finkle

Homebound Ministry, Friday, Sept. 13

Kathy Smith

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK September 1, 2019

St. John's	\$ 4,239.00	YTD \$ 29,418.42
St. Mary's	\$	YTD \$ 1,234.00
St. Hubert's	\$ 225.00	YTD \$ 940.00
Poor Donations	\$ 462.00	
Online Donations	424.95	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon.	09.09	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	09.10	8:00 a.m.	for souls undergoing purification
Wed.	09.11	8:00 a.m.	for the safety of our country
Thu.	09.12	8:00 a.m.	Fr. Pete's intention
Fri.	09.13	8:00 a.m.	Fr. Pete's intention
		8:30 a.m.	Adoration
		9:30 a.m.	Reposition
Sat.	09.14	5:00 p.m.	Fr. Pete's intention
Sun.	09.15	9:00 a.m.	for the parishes
		2:00 p.m.	Kaycee: for the blessing of rain and snow

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon-Colossians 1:24—2:3; Gospel: Luke 6:6-11

Saint Peter Claver, Priest

Tue-Colossians 2:6-15; Gospel: Luke 6:12-19

Wed-Colossians 3:1-11; Gospel: Luke 6:20-26

Thu-Colossians 3:12-17; Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

Fri-1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14; Gospel: Luke 6:39-42

Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor

Sat-Numbers 21:4b-9; Philippians 2:6-11; Gospel: John

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

FR. PETE:

A meditation on Divine Mercy from St.

Ambrose. Ambrose was a classic case of the truth that what God wills He brings about despite human obstacles. Born into the old aristocracy of the Roman Empire, Ambrose had all the perks and privileges of a high-ranking Roman male. He received the best education possible for his time and became an advocate, something akin to an attorney. He eventually became the provincial governor of Milan.

His talent for administration caught everyone's attention and when the heretic bishop of Milan died, the people voted to have Ambrose their bishop! (This was at a time when the people and the clergy voted for their bishop). There was, however, a slight problem: Ambrose was only a catechumen! He had not been baptized! So...in the ancient custom of the Italians this "little problem" was quickly resolved: Ambrose was baptized, confirmed, ordained a deacon, then a priest and then consecrated a bishop!

Knowing that his familiarity with Scripture was woefully inadequate, the newly consecrated bishop began an intensive study of the Sacred Texts and, by God's grace, became a most effective preacher. He was a strong advocate of the monastic life for both men and women.

Ambrose was not afraid to tackle the politicians of his day. When the heretic Empress Justinia insisted that a church in Ambrose's city be handed over to the Arians (those who denied Jesus was divine), the saint refused. The Empress threatened the bishop with arrest. The bishop blockaded himself in the Church and held a perpetual vigil of prayer with the full support of his lay people. The Empress backed down.

It was Ambrose that instructed the future St. Augustine.

St. Ambrose died in Milan in 397.

Not without reason has Saint Luke narrated three parables in order: that of the sheep which was lost and then found, that of the drachma which was mislaid and was located, and that of the son who had died and was brought back to life. All of this so that, having been taught the lesson of the triple remedy, we can cure our wounds, for "a threefold cord is not easily broken" (Eccl. 4:12).

Who, then, is this father, this shepherd, this mother? Could they not, perhaps, represent God

the Father, Christ, and the Church? Christ carries you on His shoulders, the Church seeks you out, and the Father receives you. One, because He is Shepherd, continues carrying you; another, as Mother, ceases not to search for you; and then the Father comes back to dress you. The first as a work of His mercy; the second, looking after you; and third, reconciling yourself to Him. Each one of them matches these qualities perfectly well; the Redeemer came to save, the Church assists, and the Father reconciles. The same mercy is present in all divine activity.

And this drachma, which carries the imprint of the figure of the prince, is not something of little value. The riches of the Church consist in possessing the image of the King. We are His sheep. Let us pray so that we may become worthy of placing ourselves in the waters which give life (cf. Ps. 23:2). I have said that we are sheep: let us ask for the pasture; and as we are sons and daughters, let us run towards the Father.

Truly, He will come out running to meet you, His arms will be all embracing - for the "Lord lifts those who are bowed down" (Ps 147:6) - and He will give you a kiss, a sign of affection and of love; He will order His servants to dress you, to put a ring on you and give you sandals. You still are fearful for the affront you have caused, but He returns to you the dignity which you had lost. You fear punishment, and He kisses you. Finally, you fear being scolded, but He entertains you with a banquet.

Getting frustrated with politics in Washington? Here is a quote from one of the Founding Fathers, John Adams, that might help provide a sense of humor, albeit a dark one! He writes, *"In my many years, I have come to a conclusion that one useless man is a shame, two is a law firm, and three or more is a Congress."*

CCD begins on Wednesday, September 11! Parents please do your best to fill out the registration form (one for each child

please) before classes start! This is a great help to make sure we have all the supplies we need to start of the new academic year. Thank you!

The beginning dates for the Adult Faith Formation classes are:

"The Way of Perfection": Tuesday, September 17, 6:00 p.m., Parish Hall

"Common Sense Catholicism": Tuesday, September 24, 10:00 a.m., Parish Hall

"Behold the Man": Tuesday, September 24, 7:00 p.m., Rectory (course for men only)

"The Catholic Guide to Depression": Wednesday, September 25, 10:00 a.m. Rectory, and 7:00 p.m., Parish Hall

Please consult the parish course outline for specific dates and their reading assignments.

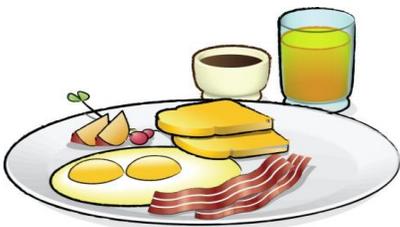
"Fr. Pete...Have you thought of offering a Bible study or a series of courses for youth who have been confirmed?" Yes. Then reality set in. I am not good at teaching those under the age of 18. That's the truth of it. I bore the daylights out of them in part because of my preferred teaching style (traditional academic lecturing) and because I have never embraced the notion that it is the responsibility of the teacher to make learning "fun" but the responsibility of the student to discover joy in learning for himself or herself, which in today's world is an intolerable heresy. There are some who have a natural talent for teaching young people and I am happy to do whatever I can to assist them if they would like to take up this ministry. If interested, please call me at 684-7268.

CCD PRESCHOOL OR KINDERGARTEN TEACHER NEEDED! Please contact Carol Gagliano, 684-5751, if you are interested in teaching these little ones. Also, CCD classroom HELPERS needed. Mrs. Gagliano will set you up with a classroom.

BUS RIDERS FOR CCD – Take school bus #10 on the first run! Do this on Sept. 11.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST will be on Sunday; September 8 after Mass. Donations will be accepted 😊



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Free Complete Breakfast Vector

JUUL INFORMATION for evening CCD classes and parents (AND EVERYONE ELSE WHO IS INTERESTED) on Wednesday, September 18 at 6pm with a pizza dinner. Evening CCD classes will follow the dinner/presentation at 7pm. It is **CRITICALLY** important that all parents and youth from grade 5 on up through senior attend. This JUUL (e-cigarette) is causing deaths and lung damage. Be informed!



CONFIRMATION YOUTH will be setting up a display on the Court House lawn on Sunday, September 8 at 4:30pm. It will consist of placing t-shirts representing the 157 people who were suicide victims in 2017. Bring a hammer and staple gun if you have one.

ONLINE DONORS – We are working on switching from Easy Tithe to eCatholic for online donations. We will have more information next week. Thank you so much for your support through online donations. eCatholic is a more secure site and will cost us and you less.

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY SCHOLARSHIP – Attention students, teachers, parents of high school/home school students in grades 9-12: Buffalo VFW Post 2469 is holding the best scholarship competition ever – no transcript, test scores, resumes required. Just write and record a short essay on “What Make America Great”. You could win the grand prize of \$30,000 in tuition to college or accredited technical school, or many of the local, regional and state awards. One student from every state gets a free 4-day trip to Washington, DC. The deadline is October 31. See your teacher, guidance counselor or call Sally now! 307-620-0710.

NFP EVENT – Are you dating, engaged, or married and want to learn more about the Church’s teachings on contraceptives and the effectiveness of Natural Family Planning (NFP)? All couples and women of reproductive age are invited to a fertility awareness educational event on Monday, Sept. 16 at 6:30pm in the Family Life Center of St. Matthew’s parish in Gillette. Maria Ward of the Diocese of Cheyenne will provide information about why the Catholic Church supports the use of NFP, the different methods of NFP, their effectiveness, and how fertility awareness can help diagnose underlying women’s health issues. Whether you’re familiar with NFP or never heard of it, this event is for you! Children and welcome to attend and refreshments will be provided. Join us for a fun, educational evening and invite your friends!