



# St. John the Baptist Church

St. Mary Church - Clearmont  
St. Hubert Church - Kaycee

## Office and Rectory

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The Mission of St. John the Baptist Church, in union with the Universal Church, is to faithfully spread the light of Christ through the teaching of Sacred Scripture, Sacred Tradition and the authority of the Magisterium. We seek to improve the spiritual and daily lives of all who come to us.

## Mass Schedule

### St. John the Baptist Church

Saturday 5:00 PM  
Sunday 8:00 & 10:00 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 / Meetings

Sunday, February 1 – Knights' Breakfast  
11am Youth meet

Monday, February 2 – 12:30pm CCW meeting &  
lunch at THE FIX

Tuesday, February 3 – 11am Worship Committee  
4pm Kaycee classes  
7pm Islam class in HALL

Wednesday, February 4 – 6 & 10am, 7pm Job classes  
3:45pm & 7pm Confirmation

Thursday, February 5 – 6:30am Men of St. Joseph

Sunday, February 8 – 11:30am BIBLEFEST  
5pm Youth meeting  
7pm Feast at Holy Name

## Parish Staff

Pastor	<i>Fr. Pete Johnson</i>	684-7268
Parish Administrator	<i>Mary Ann Cummins</i>	684-7268
CCW Leaders	<i>Cristie Murray</i>	684-2143
	<i>Vickie Abbott</i>	307-737-2281
Finance Council Chair	<i>Steve Reimann</i>	684-7439
Janitor	<i>Mick Camino</i>	217-1575
K of C Grand Knight	<i>Blaine Horn</i>	217-1075
Choir Director	<i>Mary Finney</i>	278-0137
Organist	<i>Judi Semroska</i>	620-1964
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** – Patty Myers, 684-9381 or Jan Edgcomb – [jmpe@wyoming.com](mailto:jmpe@wyoming.com)

**Rosary Guild** - Thursdays at 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM; call 217-0150 or 307-660-4936 for place.

**Sacrament of the Sick** - After first Sunday Masses or call the Parish Office

## **FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**FEBRUARY 1, 2015**

Altar Assistants:

**SATURDAY, Feb. 7, 5:00pm**

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Volunteers

**SUNDAY, Feb. 8, 8:00am**

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: C Borgialli, Seth & Aaron Thiele, A Seeman

**SUNDAY, Feb. 8, 10:00am**

Lector: Volunteer

EM: MA Cummins

Altar Servers: A Snyder, A Belus, M Ihnat, T Fieldgrove

**Homebound Ministry, Friday, Feb. 6**

Kathy Smith

### **Collections for Week of January 25, 2015**

St. John's	\$ 2956.50	YTD \$ 113,787.46
St. Mary's	\$ 235.00	YTD \$ 4,064.61
St. Hubert's	\$	YTD \$ 2,575.00
Poor contributions	\$ 35.00	

### **Mass Intentions for the Week:**

Mon.	02.02	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	02.03	8:00 a.m.	+Russell Maxwell
Wed.	02.04	8:00 a.m.	+Vernon Maxwell
Thu.	02.05	8:00 a.m.	+Jeanette Maxwell
Fri.	02.06	8:00 a.m.	Marty Maxwell
Sat.	02.07	5:00 p.m.	+Zachary Pistulka and +Emily Fugile
Sun.	02.08	8:00 a.m.	+Zachary Pistulka and +Emily Fugile
		10:00 a.m.	for the people
		12:30 p.m.	Clearmont: for a global disaster that will bring humanity back to God

### **Readings for the Week:**

Mon-Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Gospel: Luke 2:22-40 *The Presentation of the Lord*

Tue-Hebrews 12:1-4; Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

Wed-Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15; Gospel: Mark 6:1-6

Thu-Hebrews 12:18-19, 21-24; Gospel; Mark 6:7-13 *Saint Agatha, Virgin & Martyr*

Fri-Hebrews 13:1-8; Gospel: Mark 6:14-29

*Saint Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs*

Sat-Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21; Gospel: Mark 6:30-34

### **FROM FR. PETE:**

**Ash Wednesday is on February 18.** There will be two Masses with the distribution of ashes: 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. There will also be an ecumenical service with the Catholic, Episcopalian and Evangelical Lutheran Churches. This will be held at our parish at 12:00 o'clock noon. This interfaith service will be a Liturgy of the Word (readings from Scripture but without the Eucharist) and the distribution of ashes by the participating clergy.

Lent is a spiritually demanding period of time. It calls us to focus on the three pillars of an authentic spiritual life as Jesus outlines in the Gospel: prayer, fasting and giving to charity.

**Prayer.** How much time do we allow ourselves to sit in silence and simply talk to God and more importantly, listen to Him? Many of us are so plugged in to our smart phones, I-Pads, laptops, cell phones, Facebook page, tweet accounts and a host of other social communication systems that we no longer allow ourselves silence. Have we become so unaccustomed to silence that we are afraid of it? Consider this Lent giving up all those things for just one hour a day. Don't be surprised if your mind fights you with all kinds of wandering thoughts. In time that will stop. Allow that "down time" to be your time to simply put yourself in God's presence.

**Fasting.** It pretty much means what it says; giving up food. Many choose a day or several days in which they confine themselves to one meal a day. Fridays of Lent are days of fast and not eating meat. Some people can fast without any difficulty. Others who are taking medications, or are elderly or have difficulty keeping a healthy blood sugar level cannot fast. Each person has to determine what he or she is capable of. But most of us are capable of giving up one meal. For several years I have slowly taken on the Eastern Church's fast, giving up meat and dairy products for Lent. It is not easy but I have found it rewarding. Why does Jesus call us to fast? It was a well-established tradition in Judaism. Fasting is a kind of tutor. It is when we deprive ourselves of the things we most enjoy that we can so easily get out of sorts, become irritable, perhaps a bit nasty. We are humbled by seeing the reality of just how weak and fragile we really are and that only with God's help can we become what He calls us to be.

## **FR. PETE (cont.)**

In addition we are encouraged to give up those legitimate pleasures we all enjoy: the candy bar, the cookies, the latte, whatever. There is nothing wrong with those things but by willingly abstaining from them and offering that self-denial to God helps us to discipline not only our bodies but our souls. While the Lord refers to fasting in its traditional sense we can also fast in other ways: fasting from gossip, fasting from the grudges we hold against others, fasting from spiritual indifference to the call of Christ and His Church, fasting from arrogance and a smug sense of being superior to others, fasting from being a “know it all”. I am sure we can all think of other similar things we can fast from.

*Giving alms.* We are never permitted to forget the legitimate needs of those who are unable to provide for themselves. Here, of course, we must use prudence. A person who chooses not to work and thinks he or she is entitled to live off the charity of others deserves the consequences of his or her choices. Those consequences can be a life changing lesson. A person who is unable to work deserves our help. I recommend that during Lent donations be made to the Bread of Life Food Pantry, the Family Crisis Center or the Community Resource Center since they are better able than most of us to determine the genuineness of a person’s need. Perhaps the money one saves through fasting and denying oneself the snacks one is normally accustomed to having could be distributed among those agencies.

Roman Catholic Diocese of Cheyenne  
Office of the Legislative Liaison and Communication  
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### **Some “life” issues in the Legislature, so far, in the General Session: Message from the Office of the Legislative Liaison and Communication Director of the Diocese of Cheyenne**

Please note four bills in the General Session of the Wyoming Legislature that merit your attention as bills implicating the Church’s concern about a consistent ethic of life: HB 0097 Death Penalty Repeal; HB 0119 Death with Dignity; HB 0156

Abortion-Ultrasound Information; and HB 0162 Providers’ Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (POLST). As you know from previous communications of this office, the Church supports the abolition of the death penalty, called for by HB 0097.

The so-called death with dignity bill is actually a doctor-prescribed suicide bill, introduced in response to the Brittany Maynard situation. This bill is a move, in the end, against compassionate treatment of the vulnerable near the end of life. It will lead to the self-disposal of people, under influence, because others regard them as inconvenient or too expensive to maintain. It will make all of us more defenseless against pressures, coming from various sources—perhaps, eventually, even the state—to kill ourselves as we near the end of life. The bill is one more means of promoting an essentially negative societal ethic of the disposability of human life that is completely inconsistent with a coherent notion of human rights. The Church urges you to call your legislators to oppose the bill, if you share these concerns.

HB 0156 is, of course, a bill that the Church can affirm as moving in a positive direction. Abortion is hardly a social good and should not be promoted as a social good. Any young woman considering so great an evil should have every opportunity to be as informed as possible about the act that she contemplates before she decides to commit it. Information about the reality that the act effects is critical. Ultrasound information is important to informed consent. Nothing less than the rest of the young woman’s life is at stake. Young women should have a right to such information.

HB 0162 Providers’ Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (“POLST”) is not what the name might lead one to expect. The bill is problematic in many respects, as it allows the issuance of a fully operative medical order (one feature making it different from an advance directive) directing a health care provider to furnish or withhold life-sustaining treatment according to directions on the form in situations that are supposed to be confined to the end of life. The legislation leaves open the possibility that a POLST could be executed many

weeks, months, or even years in advance of an end-of-life scenario. Further, if a person has not executed a POLST, the bill provides that any adult authorized under the laws of the state of Wyoming or any other state, as applicable, could execute one on his or her behalf. Who would qualify as such an adult under the bill is unclear. It could possibly change in meaning over time, since no language in the bill prevents it. The bill, as written, *requires* a health care provider to execute a POLST order if there is one in place. POLST is problematic, among other reasons, because (a) the order is effective immediately, although the situation to which it is supposed to apply is not at hand; (b) people can change their minds about what they want and may simply neglect to change a POLST or forget about it; (c) medical orders should rightly be subject to change if medical circumstances warrant it; and (d) determining what treatment should obtain near end of life should be tailored to the actual facts that exist at that time. The proposed legislation raises a significant possibility of abuse of the elderly, infirm, disabled, and other medically vulnerable. The Diocese urges you to familiarize yourself with this legislation and contact your legislators, if you share the concerns expressed.

**The “Common Good”:** Message from the Office of the Legislative Liaison and Communication Director of the Diocese of Cheyenne

In last week’s bulletin, I mentioned that Romans 14:1-23 (especially at 13-16) was a great text for demonstrating exactly how incompatible selfishness is with the common good. As you may recall from your bible study, St. Paul says at Romans 14:13-16 (NAB):

Then let us no longer judge one another, but rather resolve never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother. 14 I know and am convinced in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself; still, it is unclean for someone who thinks it unclean. 15 If your brother is being hurt by what you eat, your conduct is no longer in accord with love. Do not because of your food destroy him for whom Christ died. 16 So do not let your good be reviled.

The above passage reminds us that we have a duty of restraint in our conduct for the sake of our neighbor, even when we consider ourselves to be more enlightened about some matter of morals or belief and, certainly, when we actually are, in fact, more advanced in understanding than he or she is concerning a matter about which he or she has scruples. We cannot offend our neighbor’s scruples without violence to him or her, including damage to the trust that he or she has in us as people upon whom he or she can count for love and support in the truth. We have an obligation to be considerate to our neighbor and defer to him or her about such matters, lest we damage a faith that may be weaker than our own. The passage reminds us that much of the “in-your-face” attitude that we see in the conduct of people today toward one another, indeed, the willingness to offend and even the seeking of opportunities to offend, as a means of expressing and asserting individual autonomy, is selfish in the extreme and utterly antithetical to love of God and neighbor. We are called upon to put the good of our neighbor ahead of the egoism that would lead us to advance ourselves and our preferences at his or her expense.

**END-OF-YEAR** contribution statements have been mailed out. If you didn’t get yours, please call the parish office, 684-7268. If you wish to receive envelopes to keep track of your contributions, please call the parish office.

**NATIVITY SHEEP** donations are still being accepted through the month of February in memory of our early pioneers in Johnson County who helped build this church.

**LAST WEEKEND** to register for BibleFest; sign on sheet at church entrance. Event to be held on Sunday, Feb. 8 from 11:30am to 1:30pm with Amy Larsen of the diocesan youth office. Pizza lunch to be served to all attendees.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST** today after Masses. Donations accepted!

**CCW meeting and lunch** at the Fix Monday at 12:30pm.

**YOUTH GROUP** meets today at 11am in the parish hall.