

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

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	Fr. Pete Johnson	684-7268
Parish Administrator	Mary Ann Cummins	684-7268
CCW Leaders	Vickie Abbott	307-737-2281
Finance Council Chair	Steve Reimann	684-7439
Janitor	Mick Camino	217-1575
K of C Grand Knight	Blaine Horn	217-1075
Choir Director	Mary Finney	278-0137
Organist	Judi Semroska	620-1964
Parish Council Chair	Mike Ihnat	684-7698
Religious Education	Carol Gagliano	684-7217
Trustees	Jean Urruty	684-7093
	Phil Gonzales	684-5920

Religious Education / Meetings

Sunday, June 14 – 3pm Dr. Kirven's Retirement Party, Fairgrounds

<u>Thursday, June 18</u> – 6:30am Men of St. Joseph

**KC Meals-on-Wheels -Ron Glassock
7pm NEW Eucharistic Minister training

Sunday, June 21 – Father's Day

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

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

11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 14, 2015

Altar Assisters:

SATURDAY, June 19, 5:00pm

Lector: Volunteers EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Volunteers **SUNDAY, June 20, 8:00am**

Lector: Volunteers EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Volunteers **SUNDAY, June 20, 10:00am**

Lector: Volunteers

EM: Mary Ann Cummins Altar Servers: Volunteers

Homebound Ministry, Friday, June 18

Jim Fitzsimmons

Collections for Week of JUNE 6, 2015

St. John's	\$ 4,010.81	YTD \$	182,193.88
St. Mary's	\$ 10.00	YTD \$	5,973.61
St. Hubert's	\$ 145.00	YTD \$	3,860.00
Poor contributions	\$ 615.00		
Online Donations	\$	YTD \$	516.30

Mass intentions for the next week:

Mon.	06.15	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	06.16	8:00 a.m.	+Dominica Esponda
Wed.	06.17	8:00 a.m.	+Hermanetta
			Christian
		5:00 p.m.	Simple Adoration
Thu.	06.18	8:00 a.m.	+Hermanetta
			Christian
Fri.	06.19	8:00 a.m.	+Hermanetta
			Christian
Sat.	06.20	5:00 p.m.	+Hermanetta
			Christian
Sun.	06.21	8:00 a.m.	+Hermanetta
			Christian
		10:00 a.m.	for the people
		2:00 p.m.	Kaycee: Fr. Pete's
			intention

Readings for the Week:

Mon-2 Corinthians 6:1-10; Gospel: Matthew 5:38-42 Tue-2 Corinthians 8:1-9; Gospel Matthew 5:43-48 Wed-2 Corinthians 9:6-11; Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18 Thu-2 Corinthians 11:1-11; Gospel: Matthew 6:7-15 Fri- 2 Corinthians 11:18, 21-30; Gospel: Matthew 6:19-

Sat-2 Corinthians 12:1-10; Gospel: Matthew 6:24-34

FROM FR. PETE:

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph and Sarah Zigmont. Sarah (formerly Sarah Goehring) and Joe were married last week in Rapid City, South Dakota after doing their marriage preparation here. Both are from Buffalo and will settle in Casper. May God grant them many happy years together!

Eternal rest grant onto Lillie Mae Graves, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul rest in peace. Lilli is the mother of Penny Wagner. Lillie passed away on June 11 at the age of 71. Lilli was not a Catholic but did attend Mass while a resident at the Amie Holt Care Center. She was buried from the Church on Thursday, June 11. Please keep Penny in your prayers as she mourns the passing of her mother.

It's budget time. We need to finalize the budget for the upcoming fiscal year. If your organization has not submitted a budget to the parish office, please do so by Tuesday of next week. If we do not hear from you we will assume that last year's budget was sufficient for your needs. Thank you.

We are now in air conditioning mode.....so please do not keep the Church doors open. It seems people leave the doors propped open, especially the side door along the west side of the Church. Please make sure the doors are shut behind you. Thank you.

Distribution from the Parish Emergency Assistance Fund. For the month of June the parish distributed \$5,305.66. For the month of May we distributed \$930.84. Thus far the summer demand on the fund is less than in previous years.

Remember....the new parish website is constantly changing. You can access it at www.sjbc-buffalo.com. As programs for the fall are finalized they will be posted on the website.

Welcome to our visitors. We are happy you came to celebrate the Mass with us. Fellowship, coffee, donuts, juice are served after the Sunday morning Masses. Please come over and have a little something before you hit the road. Enjoy some time visiting with our parishioners. We enjoy visiting with people from around the country and from other nations.

FR. PETE (cont.)

How insulting it is when people leave Mass early without a good excuse.

Sadly, it is our experience that some visitors think they can leave Mass immediately after they go to Holy Communion. You can't. Not unless there is a very serious reason for doing so. Otherwise your action is an insult to the Lord and to the rest of us. It is the height of ingratitude. Of course, you could argue that you are following an apostolic tradition. After all, that was what Judas did. Do you really want to be in his company?

If you are reading this before Mass begins and it is still your intention to leave after you receive the Sacrament and not return to the pew to thank the Lord for the Holy Mystery you have just received and receive the final blessing, would you kindly do yourself and us a favor? Please....leave right now before Mass begins! No joke. You don't even have to put anything in the collection plate. Your attitude says your heart is somewhere else. And with that attitude you certainly have no right to go to Holy Communion.

Many thanks to the ushers! I appreciate the way you tidy up the pews after the weekend Masses. Your kindness does not go unnoticed.

Many thanks to the Knights of Columbus for last Sunday's breakfast! The food was great. I know that you normally take the summer months off and I'm grateful for the service you offer to our parishioners and to our visitors last weekend.

Error in last weekend's bulletin. I incorrectly wrote that the Knights of Columbus will offer breakfast the first Sunday of the summer months. They will not be able to in July because of the 4th of July weekend. It is unclear if they will be able to do so in August either.

Men of St. Joseph. This is a men's prayer group. We meet every Thursday morning at 6:30 a.m. and end promptly at 7:30 a.m. We use the *Magnificat* for a form of the Church's Morning Prayer and discuss the Scripture

readings and what they mean to us. The parish provides for copies of the Magnificat.

There are no meetings, no dues, no special programs. Just men who wish to share the Word of God and hold each other up in prayer.

All men who attend the parish (and this includes non-Catholic men) are welcome to attend.

And yes.....coffee is definitely served at that hour of the morning!

The kids are out of school and doing what kids do on summer days. And this often means they are not paying attention to the road as they are riding their bikes or skateboards. Please be alert and exercise caution. None of us wants to see a child hurt or killed.

Does anyone have a book case they don't need? I would like to get one or possibly a pair into the basement where I can set up a library. If you have something please call the parish office 684-7268.

"Fr. Pete....When I go to Adoration I wish we could have Benediction." The idea is to offer a simple, quiet and prayerful opportunity to spend time in the Divine Presence. There is certainly a time for the more elaborate ceremony such as at the parish missions, but the weekly Adoration is designed for utter simplicity.

"Fr. Pete.....What does the Church teach about the Second Coming of Christ?" We firmly believe that the Lord is coming. We profess this every Sunday in the Creed: "He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and His kingdom will have no end." The entire liturgical season of Advent is a time in which we pray for the Lord to return.

However, before that time, and may it be soon, the Church will be shaken to its core. The Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraph 675, states, "Before Christ's second coming the Church must pass through a final trial that will shake the faith of many believers (Cf. Lk 18:8; Mt. 24:12). The persecution that accompanies her pilgrimage on earth (Cf. Lk. 21:12; Jn.15:19-20) will unveil the 'mystery of iniquity' in the form of a religious deception

offering men an apparent solution to their problems at the price of apostasy from the truth. The supreme religious deception is that of the Antichrist, a pseudo-messianism by which man glorifies himself in place of God and of His Messiah come in the flesh."

The Catechism continues this frightening scenario in paragraph 677: "The Church will enter the glory of the kingdom only through this final Passover, when she will follow the Lord in His death and Resurrection (Cf. Rev. 19:1-9). The kingdom will be fulfilled, then, not by a historic triumph of the Church through a progressive ascendancy, but only by God's victory over the final unleashing of evil, which will cause the Bride to come down from heaven (Cf. Rev. 13:8; 20:7; 21:2-4). God's triumph over the revolt of evil will take the form of the Last Judgment after the final cosmic upheaval of this passing world (Cf. Rev. 20:12; 2 Pet. 3:12-13)."

There are many Christians who think that the Second Coming will be preceded by a theological and moral evolution in which man betters himself. I never believed that as a Protestant and certainly do not now as a Catholic. Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition assert what we try so hard to ignore: we are fallen creatures, not gods in the making. So long as the Church stands for truth the faithful shall be subject to hatred, derision, persecution where law allows and outright violence.

The danger is that each generation tends to be rather self-absorbed and thinks that it is living in the worst of times. Ours is no different. As bad as things are with people thinking they have a right to redefine marriage, the new "gender ideology" that insists gender is merely a cultural issue and not a biological one, that there exists some "right" to suck a living child out of its mother's womb, that it is an act of kindness to judicially murder the elderly or the terminally ill things are going to get much, much worse.

So what are we and other Christians to do?

 Accept that we are in a state of spiritual warfare and this means we are going to get bloodied from time to time.

- 2. Grow in the knowledge of the Faith given to us by Christ through the Church He personally established.
- 3. Use the graces we are given to become the men, the women we were created to be and support each other in the community of the baptized.
- 4. Speak the truth and not allow political correctness or political coercion to silence us. Silence is evil's preferred steroid.
- 5. Be faithful to Mass and regularly receive the Divine Life that is given to us in the Sacraments.
- Always give a reason for the hope that is ours. Evil is very powerful, but it cannot win. The Cross has already won the war, but we have to endure the battles.
- 7. Be prepared for death.

"Fr. Pete....I haven't seen you use that beautiful silver chalice in some time. Could you use it from time to time?" I'm planning to. I am waiting from the appropriate veils being made for it to arrive.

"Fr. Pete....What adult ed. / faith formation courses are you planning?" Still working out the details. When that's done I will let you know via the bulletin and the website.

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DIOCESE OF CHEYENNE still has some rooms available for the 2015 World Meeting of Families and Papal Visit to take place in Philadelphia, Sept. 21-28. For more info call Amy at the diocese, 307-638-1530 or alarsen@dioceseofcheyenne.org

