



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

Religious Education / Meetings

Tuesday, Sept. 8 – 7:30pm Knights of Columbus
Wednesday, September 9 – 3:45pm CCD begins,
grades Pre-K thru 5th
7pm CCD, grades 6-8
Thursday, Sept. 10 – 6:30am Men of St. Joseph
KC Meals-on-Wheels – Ross Elliot
Saturday, Sept. 12 – 9am Safe Environment
training in the parish hall
Saturday, Sept. 19 – 7:30pm Donna Cori-Gibson,
noted Catholic Recording Artist performing at Holy
Name Church, \$5 tickets

Parish Staff

Pastor	<i>Fr. Pete Johnson</i>	684-7268
Parish Administrator	<i>Mary Ann Cummins</i>	684-7268
CCW Leaders	<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

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

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPT. 6, 2015

Altar Assistants:

SATURDAY, Sept. 12, 5:00pm

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteer

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, Sept. 13, 8:00am

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteer

Altar Servers: Andrew Snyder, Aaron Seeman, Aaron Thiele

SUNDAY, Sept. 13, 10:00am

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteer

Altar Servers: Tom Fieldgrove, Adam Belus, Michael Ihnat

Homebound Ministry, Friday, Sept. 11

Jim Fitzsimmons

Collections for Week of August 30, 2015

St. John's	\$ 5,735.66	YTD \$	40,051.07
St. Mary's	\$	YTD \$	866.33
St. Hubert's	\$	YTD \$	680.00
Poor contributions	\$ 75.00		
Online Donations	\$	YTD \$	1930.76

Mass intentions for the next week:

Mon.	09.07	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	09.08	8:00 a.m.	+Matthew Belus
Wed.	09.09	8:00 a.m.	+Mike Lander
		5:00 p.m.	Adoration until 6:00 p.m.
Thu.	09.10	8:00 a.m.	Fr. Pete's intention
Fri.	09.11	8:00 a.m.	Fr. Pete's intention
Sat.	09.12	5:00 p.m.	Fr. Pete's intention
Sun.	09.13	8:00 a.m.	Fr. Pete's intention
		10:00 a.m.	for the parishes
		12:30 p.m.	Clearmont: Fr. Pete's intention

Readings for the Week:

Mon-Colossians 1:24—2:3; Gospel: Luke 6:6-11
 Tue-Micah 5:1-4a; Gospel: Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23
The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Wed-Colossians 3:1-11; Gospel: Luke 6:20-26
Saint Peter Claver, Priest
 Thu-Colossians 3:12-17; Gospel: Luke 6:27-38
 Fri-1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14; Gospel: Luke 6:39-42
 Sat-1 Timothy 1:15-17; Gospel: Luke 6:43-49

FROM FR. PETE:

Knights of Columbus Sunday Breakfast is next Sunday. This wonderful gift of time and service to the parish is deeply appreciated. It helps to cement relationships within the parish and gives our visitors an opportunity to get to know us. You would be surprised how many people I have met this summer between the coffee / donuts and the breakfasts who spoke about moving to Buffalo.

If you do not normally take advantage of this opportunity, please re-consider. It is a marvelous blessing offered to us through the hard work of the men in the Knights of Columbus.

One thing....please consider sitting next to and visiting with someone you do not know. That kind of hospitality is also a great gift.

Looking for a gift? There will be a couple from Kayez who are preparing to move and are selling a number of the items they have made: wallets, knives, etc. These will be displayed during the breakfasts next Sunday. Because there will be knives I will have the couple stationed in the large CCD classroom. Parents are urged not to allow their children to go into that room unescorted by an adult.

Many thanks to all who have signed up for the Adult Faith Formation classes being offered this fall and winter. There will be more classes offered in January. The response of the congregation is wonderful. It is not too late to come to any of the classes but you will have to make your own arrangements to get any books used for the courses.

FR. PETE (cont.)

MEETING TIMES FOR THE COURSES

BEING OFFERED THIS FALL AND WINTER:

Bible Study on the Gospel of St. John:

Starts Wednesday, September 9, 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. at the rectory.

Books needed: Ignatius Catholic Study Bible: The Gospel of John. Those who signed up had a book ordered for them. The cost of the workbook is \$13.00 payable the first day of class. Please make the check payable to St. John the Baptist Church and mark "adult ed" on the memo section please.

Forming Intentional Disciples: Starts Thursday, September 10, 6:00 p.m. at the parish hall.

Books needed: Forming Intentional Disciples: The Path to Knowing and Following Jesus by Sherry A. Weddell; and the workbook Forming Intentional Disciples. Those who signed up for the course had a textbook and workbook ordered for them. The cost of the textbook is \$16.00 payable by check on the first day of class. The parish will pay for the workbook. Please make the check payable to St. John the Baptist Church and mark "adult ed" in the memo section please.

CATHOLICISM DVD SERIES by Fr. Frank Barron: This is the adult faith program for the congregation in Kaycee. It starts on Wednesday, September 22, 4:00 p.m. at the Red Wall Community Center.

Books needed: a workbook is being provided by the parish at no cost.

SYMBOLON: Starts Thursday, September 24, 7:00 p.m. at the parish hall.

Books needed: Catechism of the Catholic Church and a Bible. If you do not have these the parish can supply them. Donations of \$10.00 for the Catechism of the Catholic Church and \$25.00 for the Bible would be appreciated, but not required. If you wish to purchase your own study Bible the New Catholic Answer Bible is highly recommended. If this Bible was around during the time of Martin Luther the Reformation have been very different! It is published by Fireside Catholic Publishing.

Religious Liberty in America: Starts Monday, October 5, 7:00 p.m. at the parish hall.

Books needed: none.

Welcome to our visitors. We have had people from all over the country and from Europe come to worship with us this summer and it has been wonderful to be able to visit with them over coffee and donuts after the Sunday morning Masses. If you are traveling, thank you for taking time and worshipping with us this weekend. If you are here on a Sunday, please consider coming over to the parish hall to enjoy coffee, juice, a donut and most importantly some fellowship before you go your way. May God grant you safe travel!

CCD begins at St. John's on Wednesday, September 9! Pre-K through fifth grade begins at 3:45 p.m. There will be a shuttle bus available to get children to CCD if parents are unable to do so (after the first class). Please call Carol Gagliano immediately if this is a service you need to use or sign up week #1 of classes. The parish must have an adult on the bus who has been to the Safe Environment Training and has successfully passed a Department of Criminal Investigation screening.

The classes for sixth grade and up begin at 7:00 p.m.

Confirmation classes meet on the first Wednesday of each month.

Parents are strongly urged not to let their children either walk to CCD or walk home from CCD. There are a number of registered sex offenders living in the area and the parish cannot assume responsibility for any child that is walking to or from the CCD program.

Pre-registration has been taking place. If you wish avoid the last minute crunch, there will be registration forms for CCD after Mass. You must fill one out for each child. Under no conditions may a child be part of the program until he or she is registered. Please make sure

to let us know if your child has any food allergies that we need to be aware of. If your child needs medication of any sort you will have to arrange to come to class to administer it. CCD teachers and aides are not permitted to administer medication.

It is the policy of this parish that parents are never charged any fees for CCD. This is not typical for most parishes, but it is our view that we need to do what we can to assist parents in transmitting the Faith and not hinder them by fees. The costs for CCD are planned in the annual parish budget.

CCD begins at St. Hubert's in Kaycee on Wednesday, September 16. Classes begin at 4:00 p.m. Classes will be held at the Red Wall Community Center. There are no fees. All children must be registered in order to participate.

Doug Graslíe's Post Confirmation Youth Group is back! Doug will continue to hold this highly informative program for all students who have made their Confirmation. It will begin on Sunday, September 20 at 5:00 p.m. at the parish hall. A number of college students who took this course while in high school have told me that it helped them immensely to better practice and to defend their Catholic Faith against the imposed secularist views of many colleges and universities and from other students who had little or no religious upbringing.

Parents....please support this ministry and require your children to participate. *It may be one of the*

last things you can do to help your children stay connected with the Church when they graduate high school and leave home.

“Fr. Pete....Pope Frances is supposed to be giving all priests the authority to forgive the sin of abortion in confession. I thought priests could.” Your confusion is understandable. The Pope did not do a very good job explaining himself.

For the last several decades it has been the standard pastoral practice of bishops in the United States and Canada to delegate to their priests the authority to absolve those who repent of the sin of abortion: the woman who had the abortion, the father of the child who pressured the woman into having the abortion to avoid his obligations to the child, family members who pressured her into having the abortion, the doctors and nurses who assisted, the person who drove her to the clinic knowing full well what he or she was taking part in, and the one who pays for the execution of the innocent child. All too often the focus is on the woman when in fact there are many others who share in the guilt of this horrible offense against God and His gift of life. This is the insidious, infective nature of sin.

It seems that the practice of bishops delegating this authority to priests is not very common in the rest of the world. Those bishops reserve giving absolution for abortion to themselves. It is neither very pastoral nor practical, but it is their call. The Pope is making it clear that for the Jubilee Year of Mercy that begins in December and ends in November of 2016, priests throughout the world will be allowed to absolve those confessing this sin. The Pope's authority in this matter overrides the authority of any bishop.

Hope this clarifies things for you.

NO CCD BUS available September 9th. **Teachers** may work in their classrooms Tues, Sept. 8 from 1-4:30pm; Saturday, Sept. 5 or on Wed, Sept. 9 from 1-3:45pm.