



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

Sunday, Jan. 31 – 5pm Youth Group

7pm Parish Council mtg.

Monday, Feb. 1 – 12:30pm CCW meeting in hall

Wednesday, Feb. 3 – 6 & 10am St. John class

3:45pm/7pm Confirmation

Thursday, Feb. 4 – 6:30am Men of St. Joseph

KC Meals-on-Wheels – Jim Hicks

6pm Intentional Disciples class

Sunday, Feb. 7 – NO Youth Group

Tuesday, Feb. 9 – 4:30pm FISH FRY

Wednesday, Feb. 10 – Ash Wednesday

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

4TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIMES

JANUARY 31, 2016

Altar Assistants:

SATURDAY, Feb. 6, 5:00pm

Lector: Patty Tass

EM: Dennis Lawrence, Kathy Urruty, Julie Seeman

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, Feb. 7, 8:00am

Lector: Karen Hostetler

EM: David Lausen, Colleen Donahue

Altar Servers: J Reimann, B/B Camino, Matt Harrison

SUNDAY, Feb. 7, 10:00am

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Mary Ann Cummins

Altar Servers: C/E Linden, J/J Sutton

Homebound Ministry, Friday, Feb. 5

Liz Camino-Ramsey

Collections for Week of Jan. 24, 2015

St. John's \$ 3,270.50 YTD \$ 117,776.96

St. Mary's \$ 435.00 YTD \$ 3,592.33

St. Hubert's \$ 25.00 YTD \$ 2,322.00

Poor contributions \$ 55.00

Online Donations \$ 95.60

Mass intentions for the week:

Mon.	02.01	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	02.02	8:00 a.m.	+Lea Mathis
Wed.	02.03	8:00 a.m.	+Lea Mathis
Thu.	02.04	8:00 a.m.	for the parish
Fri.	02.05	8:00 a.m.	for the parish
Sat.	02.06	5:00 p.m.	John Urruty
Sun.	02.07	8:00 a.m.	+Peg Rogers
		10:00 a.m.	for the parish
		2:00 p.m.	Kaycee: Fr. Pete's intention

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Sun-Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 12:31—13:13;
Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

Mon-2Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Gospel: Mark 5:1-20

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

Wed-2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17; Gospel: Mark 6:1-6

Thu-1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12; Gospel: Mark 6:7-13

Fri-Sirach 47:2-11; Gospel: Mark 6:14-29

Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

Sat- 1 Kings 3:4-13; Gospel: Mark 6:30-34

Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

FROM FR. PETE:

Anti-Catholicism in the Trump campaign? It is no secret that Hilary Clinton has made a number of veiled statements to work against the moral teachings on the sanctity of human life in the Catholic Church and orthodox Christianity, insisting they must change. But read the following. It comes from the **Catholic League**. It is quoted in full:

January 25, 2016

Bill Donohue comments on a remark made by Donald Trump's national spokeswoman, Katrina Pierson:

On December 18, 2011, Katrina Pierson sent the following tweet:

"Just saw a commercial from the Catholic Church stating that Catholic Church was started by Jesus. I bet they believe that too."

No one makes a comment like this without harboring an animus against Catholicism. It would be instructive to learn more about Pierson's thoughts on the subject. Perhaps she can share them with us.

In the meantime, Pierson needs to apologize to Catholics for making such a snide remark. We would also like to hear assurances from Donald Trump that he will not tolerate anti-Catholicism in his campaign.

Contact Trump's Press Secretary, Hope Hicks:
HHTTrump2016@gmail.com

Worship Committee meets on Tuesday, February 2, 11:00 a.m. at the rectory.

Welcoming – Hospitality Committee meets on Tuesday, February 9, 11:00 a.m. at the rectory.

FR. PETE (cont.)

A fantastic opportunity for our high school youth is offered through our Diocesan Youth Office.

The Diocese of Cheyenne pastoral ministries office is coordinating a group of 30 youth and 8 adults to attend the *“One Bread, One Cup”* leadership conference at St. Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology, June 27 to July 1, in St. Meinrad, Indiana.

“One Bread, One Cup” is a five-day liturgical leadership conference focusing on the Word, Sacrament and Mission of the Roman Catholic Church for high school youth groups and their campus and youth ministers. Conferences focus on community building, leadership development, catechesis, liturgical and spiritual formation, and theological reflection

There are opportunities for personal prayer and contemplation, liturgical prayer, charity and action, and vocational discernment while living and actively participating in an intentional Christian community.

At the conferences, youth and adults discover the Church’s treasures of Word, Sacrament and Mission and enjoy opportunities for fellowship and fun through team building, outdoor recreation, a variety show and a dance. Participants come to appreciate the Benedictine balance of prayer, work and recreation.”

The conference is open to 8th to 11th graders who are interested in not only growing in their Catholic Faith, but who also have a desire to serve their local parishes through the different liturgical ministries and catechesis. Each parish that sends youth participants is also encouraged to send an adult who is active within the parish and will be a strong advocate for integrating their participants back into the life of the parish. (The number of adults we can take is restricted to 1 for every 3 to 4 youth).

The total cost is \$960 per participant. This includes registration, flight, transportation and meals. Through a generous grant from the Wyoming Catholic Ministries Foundation, we are able to offer every participant a \$425 scholarship, leaving a balance of \$530 per participant. We are asking each parish to make a \$200 participant commitment to those attending, leaving a \$330 per

participant balance. *[Fr. Pete will offer \$300 per participant, reducing the balance to \$230].*

Applications for both youth and adults are at the parish office. These must be sent to the Diocese no later than February 26 with a \$100 deposit per participant.

For all the information you need for you and your parents to make an informed decision, please contact the parish office. You will be given a full handout describing this wonderful opportunity and the applications for both youth and adults.

You can also go to

<http://www.saintmeinrad.edu/youth/summer-conferences/> or you can contact Diocesan Youth

Minister Amy Larsen at

alarsen@dioceseofcheyenne.org

Great and Holy Lent begins with Ash

Wednesday, February 10. Masses with the distribution of ashes will be at 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday. There is a *possibility* of a noon Mass.

Sign-up Sheets for leading Stations of the Cross are available at the front entrance of the Church. Stations will be held at 7:00 p.m. in response to those who requested a later time so the family could have dinner. It is a very simple and yet moving liturgical practice. All it requires is to devoutly read out loud the clearly marked out leader’s parts as you move in numerical order from one station to the other. Very simple.

A different way of thinking about Great and Holy Lent. There are some who wince at the mere mention of Lent. They think of the “sacrifices”, the things they have to give up. May I suggest there is a much better way to approach this grace filled season?

Consider it as a spring-time for the soul, an interior “house cleaning” of all those elements of our fallen nature that constantly creep into our lives. Sometimes we are so used to them we don’t realize how harmful they really are in making spiritual progress and could threaten our salvation.

The three pillars of any authentic spiritual life are what the Lord tells us in the Gospel reading for Ash Wednesday: fasting, giving alms and prayer.

Fasting: Clearly this implies giving up food. When I was in the seminary I began to adopt the Eastern Christian practice of giving up meat and dairy products for Lent. I do not recommend this practice to beginners. The first two years I did it I became sick. But I do suggest that giving up a meal

a few times a week or keeping one's meals quite simple, even if eating out at a restaurant, is a good practice. Before fasting, ask the Lord for His strength to fast.

Every year the Lenten Fast reminds me of just how blessed I am to be in a nation where food is in plentiful supply and yet there are people in our own community who cannot afford to feed themselves or their families without assistance. It reminds me of how ungrateful I usually am as I go to the supermarket or mindlessly shove food into my mouth forgetting what a blessing it is. Fasting is a wonderful corrective to ingratitude. In addition, consider fasting from those wonderful snack foods we so enjoy and have become a habit. Consider giving the money you would otherwise spend on food and snack items to our local Food Pantry. While fasting from food consider fasting from the steady diet of gossip, anger, bitterness and resentments and instead feast on kindness and forgiveness.

Giving alms. Give to those who are in need. Very simple and yet very powerful. If that makes you uncomfortable, give to a charity in the community that serves the poor.

Prayer.

-Make attendance at a daily Mass a priority.

-On the parish website the daily Scripture readings are made available. Dust off your Bible and read the daily texts for Lent. Ask God to open your mind and heart to the power of His transformative Word.

-How long has it been since you prayed the Rosary?

-Do you know the "Jesus Prayer"? It is a marvelous devotion from the Eastern Church. It is very simple. You can use your Rosary beads if you wish. It goes: "*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner.*"

-Take advantage of the opportunity to enter into the Mystery of our Lord's Passion through the devout celebration of the Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings.

-Create a time where you can devote a few minutes of prayer to God. All prayer should follow a pattern: first, praise God for all He has done for you; second, petition God for your needs and the needs of others; third, and most important, thanking God. Prayer is so simple and yet can be a transforming experience because it calls us to open ourselves to the graces God desires to give us.

Many thanks to Mike Hostetler. Mike graciously

removed the evergreen boughs from the front steps of the Church and the light pole. The last vestige of Christmas is gone. How sad.

CCW Meeting on Monday, Feb. 1 at 12:30pm. Bring your own lunch and join in the plans for the pie sale during the Fish Fry, Lent, church cleaning before Easter, retreat in April with Susan Conroy and Sheridan Deanery information!

CONFIRMATION CLASS on Wednesday, Feb. 3 at 7pm. Please remember to bring your service hours and your tablets that accompany you to Mass each week. Service hours during the Knights' Fish Fry will be available to sign up for between 4:30pm and 7:30pm.

"Fr. Pete.....I recently read that Pope Francis has changed the ritual of foot washing on Holy Thursday to include women. Is this new?" It is for Rome! Most priests and bishops in the United States, Canada, most Latin American and European nations have been doing it for decades even though the directives in the Roman Missal state that only men are to be selected. The Pope washed the feet of both men and women when he was the Archbishop of Buenos Aires.

I do know that the Pope's decree to admit women to this part of the Holy Thursday Liturgy has deeply angered a number of liturgical purists who insist that only men can have their feet washed since Jesus washed the feet of only His male apostles.

Pope Francis indicated that this "new" liturgical practice on Holy Thursday better conveys the message that Christ reaches out to all people to be His disciples.

Frankly, there are more serious issues in the Church we should be concerned about.

"Fr. Pete....Would you be willing to offer a noon Mass on Ash Wednesday?" I've been asked that several times. I am certainly open to doing so. I will take a "vote" at the Masses this weekend to see if there is any interest.

"Fr. Pete....Can non-Catholics receive ashes on Ash Wednesday?" Of course! All are welcome to receive this external sign of an interior desire to enter into the Season of Great Lent as a time of personal spiritual renewal. They may not, however, receive Holy Communion. To receive Holy Communion one must be in communion with the Church. As the Eucharist is distributed, please encourage that person to come up and receive a blessing if he or she wishes.