



# St. John the Baptist Church

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

## Office and Rectory

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Sermon link – <https://soundcloud.com/st-johns-1>

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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, Feb. 14 – Happy Valentine's Day!

5pm Youth Group

Wednesday, Feb. 17 – 6 & 10am St. John class

3:45pm & 7pm CCD

Thursday, Feb. 18 – 6:30am Men of St. Joseph

*KC Meals-on-Wheels – Jason Carder*

6pm Intentional Disciples class

7pm Symbolon class

Saturday, Feb. 20 – 4:30pm Young Adults at brewery

Sunday, Feb. 21 – 5pm Youth Group

Baby bottles dispersed

Monday, Feb. 22 – 6:30pm QPR training, hall

## 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](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

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**FEBRUARY 14, 2016**

Altar Assisters:

**SATURDAY, Feb. 20, 5:00pm**

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Volunteers

**SUNDAY, Feb. 21, 8:00am**

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: A Snyder, A Seeman, A Thiele

**SUNDAY, Feb. 21, 10:00am**

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteers

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

Zink, L Rable

**Homebound Ministry, Friday, Feb. 19**

Jim Fitzsimmons

**Collections for Week of Feb. 7, 2015**

St. John's           \$ 5,266.78       YTD \$ 126,076.43

St. Mary's           \$                    YTD \$ 3,622.33

St. Hubert's       \$ 170.00       YTD \$ 2,387.00

Poor contributions \$ 475.00

Online Donations \$ 420.60

**Mass intentions for the week:**

Mon.	02.15	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	02.16	8:00 a.m.	+Marilyn Gibbons
Wed.	02.17	8:00 a.m.	+Claire Hollcroft
Thu.	02.18	8:00 a.m.	+Claire Hollcroft
Fri.	02.19	8:00 a.m.	+Jean Gandy
		7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Sat.	02.20	5:00 p.m.	+Claire Hollcroft
Sun.	02.21	8:00 a.m.	+Robert Gresser
		10:00 a.m.	for the parishes
		2:00 p.m.	Kaycee: Fr. Pete's intention

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

Sun-Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Romans 10:8-13; Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

Mon-Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18; Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Tue-Isaiah 55:10-11; Gospel: Matthew 6:7-15

Wed-Jonah 3:1-10; Gospel: Luke 11:29-32

Thu-Esther C: 12, 14-16, 23-25; Gospel: Matthew 7:7-12

Fri-Ezekiel 18:21-28; Gospel: Matthew 5:20-26

Sat-Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Gospel: Matthew 5:43-48

**FROM FR. PETE:**

Lent is not just about giving up things, but building a family, parish and community in charity. The Church teaches that we are all bound by our immersion in Christ in the Sacrament of Baptism to use the graces we receive to engage in the Corporal Works of Mercy and the Spiritual Works of Mercy. But what are they? Very simple, actually!

*Corporal Works of Mercy:* Feed the hungry. Give drink to the thirsty. Clothe the naked. Shelter the homeless. Visit the sick. Visit the imprisoned. Bury the dead.

*Spiritual Works of Mercy:* Counsel the doubtful. Instruct the ignorant. Admonish the sinner. Comfort the sorrowful. Forgive injuries. Bear wrongs patiently. Pray for the living and the dead.

Every Christian is called and graced, in accordance with one's skills, gifts, talents and vocations, to make one's faith evident in these works of mercy.

**Confession schedule for Lent:** After the morning daily Mass (please just stand on line by the wall near the confessional so I know you wish to go), on Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. and after the evening Mass, during the five nights of the Lenten Parish Mission, after the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday and any time by appointment. There are more than ample opportunities to go to confession. Confessions will not be heard on Good Friday and Holy Saturday Morning.

**Do you know someone for whom porn is becoming a problem, interfering in personal relationships and work?**

At their November 2015 General Assembly, the United States Bishops approved the formal Statement, "Create in Me a Clean Heart: A Pastoral Response to Pornography." The full text of this statement can be found through the USCCB website. In part the text reads, "The Church as a field hospital is called to proclaim the truth of the human person in love, to protect people – especially children – from pornography, and to provide the Lord's mercy and healing for those wounded by pornography."

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

*Many means of support are available for those who have been harmed by pornography and who desire to be free from it and its effects."*

There are some wonderful websites you can utilize:

[http://www.archkck.org/ss\\_freedom-from-pornography\\_spousal\\_healing](http://www.archkck.org/ss_freedom-from-pornography_spousal_healing)

<http://theporneffect.com/>

<http://reclaimsexualhealth.com/>

<http://www.sa.org/>

<http://dads.org/category/breaking-free-blog/>

<http://www.freedom-coaching.net/>

<http://integrityrestored.com/>

There is also the Sexaholics

Anonymous phone number you can call: 866-424-8777

An excellent book is The Porn Trap: The Essential Guide to Overcoming Problems Caused by Pornography by Wendy and Larry Maltz.

**A great opportunity offered for this Year of Mercy.** As part of the Jubilee Year of Mercy, the Diocese of Cheyenne will be hosting a day-long retreat in each deanery. Presenters include Bishop Paul Etienne, Fr. Cliff Jacobson, pastor of St. Matthew's in Gillette, and Deacon Kim Carroll, Gillette. In this retreat we will consider what is mercy; look at our own stories of where we have experienced mercy and who have been the Angels of Mercy in our lives; we will look at Jesus, the face of mercy, and experience His merciful love through the gift of Reconciliation and Prayer; we will break open the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy and set goals to be Angels of Mercy in our families and communities.

The retreats will be offered in the Sheridan Deanery February 20, St. Matthew's Catholic Church, 900 Butler Spaeth Rd., Gillette; Casper Deanery March 12, St. Anthony's Catholic Church, 604 S. Center Street, Casper; Cheyenne Deanery, April 9, St. Mary's Cathedral, 2107 Capitol Avenue, Cheyenne; Rock Springs Deanery, September 10, Our Lady of Sorrows, 116 Broadway, Rock Springs; and Thermopolis Deanery, September 17, St. Francis Catholic Church, 808 Arapahoe Street, Thermopolis.

All the retreats will be held from 9 to 4, followed by the regularly scheduled parish Mass.

To register, text Mary Sue, 903-930-6912 or call St. Matthew's in Gillette, 307-682-3319, ext. 112. Please indicate the retreat location and your name, phone number and the number of people in your party.

**A sermon from St. John Chrysostom (born in 344, died in 407); prayer is the light of the spirit.**

*Prayer and converse with God is a supreme good: it is a partnership and union with God. As the eyes of the body are enlightened when they see light, so our spirit, when it is intent on God, is illumined by His infinite light. I do not mean the prayer of outward observance but prayer from the heart, not confined to fixed times or periods but continuous throughout the day and night.*

*Our spirit should be quick to reach out toward God, not only when it is engaged in meditation; at other times also, when it is carrying out its duties, caring for the needy, performing works of charity, giving generously in the service of others, our spirit should long for God and call Him to mind, so that these works may be seasoned with the salt of God's love, and so make a palatable offering to the Lord of the universe. Throughout the whole of our lives we may enjoy the benefit that comes from prayer if we devote a great deal of time to it.*

*Prayer is the light of the spirit, true knowledge of God, mediating between God and man. The spirit, raised up to heaven by prayer, clings to God with the utmost tenderness; like a child crying for its mother, it craves the milk that God provides. It seeks the*

*satisfaction of its own desires, and receives gifts outweighing the whole world of nature.*

*Prayer stands before God as an honored ambassador. It gives joy to the spirit, peace to the heart. I speak of prayer, not words. It is the longing for God, love too deep for words, a gift not given by man but by God's grace. The apostle Paul says: We do not know how we are to pray but the Spirit Himself pleads for us with inexpressible longings.*

*When the Lord gives this kind of prayer to a man, He gives him riches that cannot be taken away, heavenly food that satisfies the spirit. One who tastes this food is set on fire with an eternal longing for the Lord: his spirit burns as in a fire of the utmost intensity.*

*Practice prayer from the beginning. Paint your house with the colors of modesty and humility. Make it radiant with the light of justice. Decorate it with the finest gold leaf of good deeds. Adorn it with the walls and stones of faith and generosity. Crown it with the pinnacle of prayer. In this way you will make it a perfect dwelling place for the Lord. You will be able to receive Him as in a splendid palace, and through His grace you will already possess Him, His image enthroned in the temple of your spirit.*

**Have you considered what you will do this year to make this Lenten season the most meaningful for you?**

The Diocese of Cheyenne is offering a wonderful opportunity through a resource being made available to every parishioner in every parish of the Diocese. It is called "Best Lent Ever," based on Matthew Kelly's new bestseller Rediscover Jesus. It is available to every

parishioner at no cost other than shipping (\$5.95 each).

The process is simple. Go to <http://dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever/> and sign up! Participants will receive daily emails with a short video from Matthew Kelly and a member of their team who guides them through 40 chapters in Rediscover Jesus. The chapters are very short.

Parishioners discover simple ways to bring Jesus into their daily lives, leading to a more personal relationship with Him and their best Lent ever.

**Mandatory Confirmation Retreat, Sunday, March 13, 11:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** This will be led by Fr. Ken Geraci of the Fathers of Mercy. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend this mini-retreat with their young people. The Confirmation students are welcome to invite their sponsors to attend as well. The parish will provide lunch for all who attend.

**Lenten Parish Mission.** Fr. Ken will begin the Lenten Parish Mission on Sunday, March 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. The Mission will be held each evening, Monday thru Thursday, at 7:00 p.m.

The focus of Fr. Ken's talks will be "Why be Catholic?" Fr. Ken was raised a Catholic but left the Church, became an agnostic, then a non-denominational Christian and then returned to the Catholic Church and ultimately responded to the call to become a priest! He knows why people don't want to go to Church or think they don't need Church. Please make every effort to attend all his talks and consider inviting someone you know who has stopped practicing the Faith.

Fr. Ken and I will hear confessions every evening at the conclusion of his talks and we will stay until the last person leaves the Church. Take advantage of having two priests here for the last week of Lent.

**QPR (Question, Persuade, Respond) training** Monday, Feb. 22 at 6:30pm, parish hall.