



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, Feb. 21 – 5pm Youth Group

Monday, Feb. 22 – 60 pm QPR training at the hall

Tuesday, Feb. 23 – 5pm Finance Council mtg.
7:30pm Knights of Columbus

Wednesday, Feb. 24 – 6 & 10am St. John class
3:45pm & 7pm CCD

Thursday, Feb. 25 – 6:30am Men of St. Joseph
KC Meals-on-Wheels – Nick Smith
6pm Intentional Disciples class
7pm Symbolon class

Sunday, Feb. 28 – 5pm Youth Group
7pm Parish Council

Monday, Feb. 29 – 6:30pm Ladies' Night Out

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 21, 2016

Altar Assisters:

SATURDAY, Feb. 27, 5:00pm

Lector: Dennis Lawrence

EM: Colleen Donahue

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, Feb. 28, 8:00am

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteers

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

SUNDAY, Feb. 28, 10:00am

Lector: Mary Ann Cummins

EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Cole & Eli Linden, Jeron & Jaxon

Sutton

Homebound Ministry, Friday, Feb. 26

Mary Ann Dahl

Collections for Week of Feb. 14, 2015

St. John's \$ 2,668.46 YTD \$ 128,744.89

St. Mary's \$ 175.00 YTD \$ 3,797.33

St. Hubert's \$ 25.00 YTD \$ 2,412.00

Poor contributions \$ 1420.00

Online Donations \$ 75.60

Mass intentions for the week:

Mon.	02.22	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	02.23	8:00 a.m.	+Robert Gresser
Wed.	02.24	8:00 a.m.	+Mike Barrett
Thu.	02.25	8:00 a.m.	Ladies of the CCW
Fri.	02.26	8:00 a.m.	+Jean Gandy
		7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Sat.	02.27	5:00 p.m.	+Jean Gandy
Sun.	02.28	8:00 a.m.	Ladies of the CCW
		10:00 a.m.	for the parishes
		12:30 p.m.	Clearmont: Fr. Pete's intention

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Sun-Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18; Philippians 3:17—4:1;
Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36

Mon-1 Peter 5:1-4; Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19

The Chair of Saint Peter, the Apostle

Tue-Isaiah 1:10, 16-20; Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12

Wed-Jeremiah 18:18-20; Gospel: Matthew 20:17-28

Thu-Jeremiah 17:5-10; Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

Fri-Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

Sat-Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

FROM FR. PETE:

Social Justice Committee. For some time I have wanted to establish a Social Justice Committee in our parish. The difficulty is that everyone has their own ideas of what a Social Justice Committee should be.

There will be an open meeting on Sunday, March 6 at 7:00 p.m. at the rectory for those who are interested in *establishing and serving* on such a committee in the parish. The purpose of this first meeting is to simply articulate what the objectives of such a committee should be by those who wish to be involved.

Parents of children preparing for their First Confession and First Holy Communion. There will be a meeting on Wednesday, March 9, 5:00 p.m. at the parish hall. Please make every effort to attend.

First Confessions will be heard on Saturday, April 30, 9:00 a.m.

First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, May 1 at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. The Knights of Columbus have offered to make breakfast to help continue celebrating this important spiritual milestone in our children's lives.

Finance Council Members and Trustees. You should have received your information packets. Our meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 23, 5:00 p.m. at the rectory.

Parish Council Members. You should have received your information packets. Our meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 28, 7:00 p.m. at the rectory.

The "Easter Letter" will be sent out on March 3. If you know someone who has stopped practicing the Faith, please share the letter with him or her and invite that person to come to the Lenten Parish Mission. I think you will find that Fr. Ken Geraci will have a powerful message for that person.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, March 12, 6:00 p.m.! Whether Irish or not, come and enjoy a traditional corned beef meal. There is

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nothing for you to bring except yourself, your family and a hearty appetite!

Lenten Parish Mission coming soon! Fr. Ken Geraci of the Fathers of Mercy will lead us in our Lenten meditations. He will preach the weekend Masses of March 12 and 13 and begin the Mission on Sunday, March 13 at 7:00 p.m. The Mission will be held each evening Monday thru Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

The topic will be "Why Be Catholic?" Fr. Ken was raised a Catholic but abandoned the Church and pursued a successful business career. He became an agnostic, then a non-denominational Christian, and then with some powerful experiences, returned to the Catholic Church and realized he was being called to the priesthood. He is sure to give us all some food for thought and possibly some ideas how we can help people who have stopped practicing the Faith.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO TAKE ONE EVENING EACH TO BABYSIT FOR THE PARISH MISSION. Our goal is to offer parents of young children the opportunity to come to the parish mission by providing babysitting services for as many evenings of the Parish Mission as possible.

If you had a diocesan background check done and would like to help babysit at the parish hall on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday (March 13 to 17) evening of the Lenten Parish

Mission your help would be greatly appreciated.

Please call the Parish Office as soon as possible (684-7268) or email either Mary Ann or Fr. Pete and let us know which evening you would be willing to cover.

Chrism Mass Invitation. The following message comes from Bishop Etienne: *"No Lenten journey is complete without the diocesan celebration of the Chrism Mass. This year's Chrism Mass will be held at St. Patrick Church in Casper at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 17. The Chrism Mass, with the priests of the Diocese gathered around the bishop along with representatives from the parishes of the Diocese, expresses the unity of the local Church (The Diocese of Cheyenne). The oils that will be used throughout the liturgical year to administer the sacraments are consecrated during this Mass. It is one of the most beautiful liturgical celebrations of the year, and sure to renew and strengthen the faith of all in attendance! Please come join us!"*

A Lenten meditation from St. Theophilus of Antioch, bishop. Theophilus was originally a pagan philosopher who detested Christianity. In an effort to "debunk" the Faith he committed himself to an intensive study of Scripture. The more he studied, however, the more he found himself seeing the truth to such a point that he could no longer remain a pagan and converted to the Faith. From then on he became one of the early Church's most prominent apologists, one who explains and defends the Faith. He became the seventh Bishop of Antioch (modern day Turkey) and served as bishop from 169 to 183. He wrote three books addressed to a man named Autolycus. The early Church historian, Eusebius and St. Jerome (342 to 420) mention a number of his works but only the three books to Autolycus have survived.

If you say, "Show me your God," I will say to you, "Show me what kind of person you are, and I will show you my God." Show me then whether the eyes of your mind can see, and the ears of your heart hear.

It is like this. Those who can see with the eyes of their bodies are aware of what is happening in this life on earth. They get to know things that are different from each other. They distinguish light and darkness, black and white, ugliness and beauty, elegance and inelegance, proportion and lack of proportion, excess and defect. The same is true with the ears of our heart and the eyes of our mind in the capacity to hear and see God.

God is seen by those who have the capacity to see Him, provided that they keep the eyes of their minds open. All have eyes, but some have eyes that are shrouded in darkness, unable to see the light of the sun. Because the blind cannot see it, it does not follow that the sun does not shine. The blind must trace the cause back to themselves and their eyes. In the same way, you have eyes in your mind that are shrouded in darkness because of your sins and evil deeds.

A person's soul should be clean, like a mirror reflecting light. If there is rust on the mirror his face cannot be seen in it. In the same way, no one who has sin within him can see God.

But if you will, you can be healed. Hand yourself over to the doctor, and he will open the eyes of your mind and heart. Who is to be the doctor? It is God, Who heals and gives life through His Word and wisdom. Through His Word and wisdom He created the universe, for "by His Word

the heavens were established, and by His Spirit all their array." His wisdom is supreme. God "by wisdom founded the earth, by understanding He arranged the heavens, by His knowledge the depths broke forth and the clouds poured out the dew."

If you understand this, and live in purity and holiness and justice, you may see God. But, before all, faith and the fear of God must take the first place in your heart, and then you will understand all this. When you have laid aside mortality and been clothed in immortality, then you will see God according to your merits. God raises up your flesh to immortality along with your soul, and then, once made immortal, you will see the Immortal One, if you believe in Him now.

Holy Week Schedule:

Palm Sunday: Saturday, March 19, 5:00 p.m.; Sunday, March 20, 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. No Masses in the Missions.

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday): March 24, 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts: March 25, 12:00 o'clock noon

Easter Vigil: Saturday, March 26, 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday: March 27, 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. No Masses in the Missions

<p>QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) training Monday, Feb. 22 at 6:30pm, parish hall. A Suicide Prevention technique that everyone from high school age youth on up should know and be able to use! Bill Hawley is the trainer.</p>
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