



St. John the Baptist Church

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

Office and Rectory

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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	<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>Jason Sutton</i>	217-0468
Choir Director	<i>Mary Finney</i>	278-0137
Organist	<i>Judi Semroska</i>	684-2171
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

Religious Education / Meetings

Monday, August 15 – 7am & 6pm Masses

Tuesday, August 16 – primary elections

Wednesday, Aug. 17 – 5:30pm Beginning/Advanced
Basque dancing in hall

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

Saturday, August 20 – 5pm Basque Mass &
dinner/dancing celebration at
Folded Hills Ranch

Monday, August 22 – 6pm Mass for Fr. Pete's 25th
Anniversary & reception

Saturday, August 27 – 6pm Young Couples dinner

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

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 8:30am to 10am;
call 217-0150 or 307-660-4936 for place

Sacrament of the Sick – After first Sunday
Masses or call the Parish Office

20TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 14, 2016

Altar Assisters:

SATURDAY, August 20, 5pm

Lector: Keith Leppert

EM: Mary Smith

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, August 21, 8am

Lector: Marilyn Maxwell

EM: Volunteer

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, August 21, 10am

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Doug Graslie

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Homebound Ministry, Friday, August 19

Lynn Ridgeway

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK OF August 7, 2016

St. John's	\$ 3,459.00	YTD \$	25,681.98
St. Mary's	\$	YTD \$	493.00
St. Hubert's	\$ 35.00	YTD \$	210.00
Poor Donations	\$ 668.00		
Online Donations	\$ 470.60		

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon.	08.15	7:00 a.m.	Kris Schuman
		6:00 p.m.	for the parishes
Tue.	08.16	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Wed.	08.17	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Thu.	08.18	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Fri.	08.19	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Sat.	08.20	5:00 p.m.	Kris Schuman
Sun.	08.21	8:00 a.m.	Kris Schuman
		10:00 a.m.	for the parishes
		2:00 p.m.	Kaycee: Fr. Pete's intention

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon-Revelation 11:19a; 12:6a, 10ab; 1 Corinthians 15:20-27; Gospel: Luke 1:39-56

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tue-Ezekiel 28:1-10; Gospel: Matthew 19:23-30

Wed-Ezekiel 34:1-11; Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

Thu-Ezekiel 36:23-28; Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Fri-Ezekiel 37:1-14; Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

Sat-Ezekiel 43:1-7ab; Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12

Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor

A HUGE THANK YOU to Judi Semroska

For all her time & effort providing us with music for Mass each weekend!

FROM FR. PETE:

Monday, August 15, is Feast of the

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is not a holy day of obligation this year since it falls immediately after Sunday. Why that should make any difference is a mystery to me, but there you have it. Please don't ask me why.....I don't make these silly rules. Still, for those who wish to honor the Blessed Virgin as the model of the Church, as the perfect disciple of her Son, two Masses will be offered: one at 7:00 a.m. (so you have plenty of time to get to work) and one at 6:00 p.m. (so you have plenty of time to get from work to Church).

Please note: there are no Masses on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. You can show up, but I won't be here!

Men of St. Joseph. This is a wonderful men's prayer group.

We meet every Thursday morning at 6:30 a.m. sharp and conclude at 7:30 a.m. sharp so guys can get to work or return home to help get the kids ready for school.

We use the Magnificat, supplied by the parish, for the Morning Prayer of the Church and to discuss the Scripture readings for the day.

All men in the parish, Catholic and non-Catholic, are invited to attend. Sometimes men need the support of other men to help them stay faithful to God. And sometimes they need to know that there are other men who are holding them up in prayer. Why don't you consider being one of those guys?

And yes.....coffee is definitely served at that hour!

Mass on Monday, August 22, the Queenship of Mary, at 6:00 p.m. This is the 25th anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood.

FR. PETE (CONT.)

After Mass there will be refreshments at the parish hall. All are invited to come. I have four priest friends who are planning to come: Fr. Ray Moss of Torrington, Fr. Phil Wagner of Powell, Fr. David Erickson of Laramie, and Fr. Randy Oswald of Thermopolis. Fr. Randy will give the sermon. *Fr. Randy, in my opinion, is the best preacher in the diocese.* He asked if he could use the sermon to “roast” me. I told him he could do what he wishes. This should be interesting!

I would be deeply honored by your presence.

Many thanks to Clark Bennett who offered to serve on the Building Committee. The purpose of this committee is to go over the parish plant and consider what building issues we need to address for the next five years. The tasks of the committee are limited to: inspection, prioritizing projects, and making recommendations to the pastor who will forward them to the Parish Council, Finance Council and Trustees. When that is done the Building Committee can disband.

If you have experience with being on a building committee, building inspection, construction, etc. and would like to serve the parish in this capacity, please call Fr. Pete at 307-684-7268.

While we have finally completed nearly all the “deferred maintenance” issues from the last 20 years, it is imperative that a parish constantly inspect its buildings and be proactive in their maintenance.

Many thanks to the Buffalo Police Department. I have seen officers occasionally patrol the Church and stay for a while in the Church parking lot. It serves as a good deterrence and I appreciate their presence.

The Diocese of Cheyenne will sponsor the September Institute in Laramie entitled, “Cherish the Gift, A Call to Stewardship.” The Institute will be from September 20 to 22 at the Hilton Garden Inn (2229 Grand Avenue) in Laramie. Bishop Etienne will deliver the introductory address and some final comments at the end of the Institute. There will be five

speakers who are experts in the area of stewardship.

The topics are: “The Spirituality of Stewardship,” “Our Stewardship Journey at Christ the King parish,” “Developing a Total Stewardship Parish at Queen of Peace parish,” “Stewardship and Youth,” “Successful Stewardship Development in Multiple Parishes,” and “Best Practices of Parish Stewardship.”

The parish will pay the fee of \$50.00 per person which will cover all institute meals at the Hilton Garden Inn (Tuesday evening, Wednesday breakfast and lunch....dinner is on your own..., and Thursday breakfast). *But you MUST call Fr. Pete no later than Thursday, September 1. That deadline is firm.*

You will have to cover your own lodging expenses. If you wish to stay at the Hilton Garden Inn you will have to make your own reservations (307-745-5500). There is a discounted rate of \$104.00 per night if you mention “the Diocese of Cheyenne.”

Book Discussion: *Evangelical Exodus* by Dr. Douglas Beaumont, Ph.D. This wonderful book describes the decision of evangelical Protestant seminarians and faculty at Southern Evangelical Seminary in North Carolina to leave their studies and careers to join the Catholic Church. Why? The book offers the conversion stories of a number these men and women and their concerns: the nature of the Biblical canon, the identification of Christian orthodoxy and problems with the Protestant tradition that holds to the doctrines of “sola scriptura” (scripture alone) and “sola fide” (faith alone).

The discussion group will meet on Tuesdays, 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. at the rectory, beginning September 27.

The book costs \$18.00.

Sign-up sheets are available after Mass this weekend. Please understand that if you sign up you will be charged for the book whether you attend or not.

Ignatius Catholic Bible Series: a study on the Book of Judges and the Book of Ruth. *Two sessions will be held on Wednesdays, 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. at the rectory, beginning September 7.*

The cost of the book will be \$12.50.

Sign-up sheets are available after Mass this weekend. Please understand that if you sign up you will be charged for the book whether you attend or not.

Eucharist: Discovering the Mass in the Bible.

This is a fascinating course of instruction on how the Mystery of Eucharist is prefigured in the Old Testament, as early as the Book of Genesis. *Classes will be held at the parish hall on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. starting September 8.*

There are no workbooks, but you must bring a Bible with you and a notebook to take what will become valuable notes for future reference.

Sign-up sheets are available after Mass this weekend.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) or sometimes called "Convert Instructions" will be held on Saturday evenings at 7:00 p.m. at the rectory. The format to be used this year will be discussions on articles taken from the New Catholic Answer Bible. We will begin on September 17.

In past years it has been very difficult to get everyone to agree on a common day and time. While I appreciate that everyone's schedules are difficult it is important that those considering joining the Church have a "community" of fellow seekers for support. So I ask that that you do the best you can to make Saturdays at 7:00 p.m. a priority.

Our first visit will be brief: giving out material, talking about the program and registration. We will begin in earnest on Saturday, September 24.

There is no cost for the books.

This class is for non-Catholics curious about or interested in joining the Catholic Church and their sponsors.

"Fr. Pete....When will the Church be unlocked again?" When the transients have left for warmer climes.

We have had all sorts of strange people floating around which is not surprising since we are the first Church they encounter when they come off the interstate. And while most are not destructive it only takes a few incidents, as we had this summer, to make the decision to lock the Church to minimize vandalism. I remember the days when a Catholic Church was left unlocked all day and night. Not anymore. We live in an irreverent and barbaric world and we have to make prudent decisions.

"Fr. Pete....Why is the grass in the quad being allowed to grow so tall?" You should not mow newly laid sod for a few weeks. In addition, it is better to allow grass to grow long since it helps to retain moisture in the soil during these very hot days. The sod should be ready for mowing by this weekend.

"Fr. Pete....The parking stalls are too large! We could have made them smaller and got more parking spaces in the lot." That's odd. I recall people complaining the last time we paved and striped the parking lot that the stalls were too small, especially for pickups or vans and there wasn't enough maneuvering room in the parking lot. Now they're too large? It's beginning to sound a bit like the fairy tale of "Goldie Locks and the Three Bears." Maybe four years from now when we do it again we'll get it just right!

A "spiritual bouquet" is a promise to pray a rosary, offer up your Mass, offer up your communion, pray the Divine Mercy prayer, etc. – any of these for the particular request you have in mind or particular person.

TEDDY BEARS to be placed in basket at church entrance. Please consider attending the Interfaith Memorial Service for these victims Saturday, August 20 at the Capitol Building.