



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

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| 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 / Meeting

Sunday, April 9 – Palm Sunday
Tuesday, April 11 – 7:30pm Knights of Columbus
Wednesday, April 12 – 8:30am Clean Church
3:45pm & 7pm CCD
Thursday, April 13 – 6:30am Men of St. Joseph
7pm Holy Thursday Mass
Friday, April 14 – 12noon Good Friday services
7pm Stations of the Cross
Saturday, April 5 – 8pm Easter Vigil Mass
Monday, April 24 – 6:30pm Ladies' Night Out
Sunday, April 30 – 10am Mass - CONFIRMATION

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 307-660-4936 for meeting place

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

PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 9, 2017

Altar Assisters:

SATURDAY, April 15, 5pm

Lector: Steve Reimann and 5 readers

EM: Kathy Urruty, Janelle/Phil Gonzales

Altar Servers: A Snyder, A Thiele, J Reimann, M Harrison, M Ihnat, C Zink

SUNDAY, April 16, 8am

Lector: Dennis Lawrence

EM: Don/Sheila Camino, Monica Isbell

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, April 16, 10am

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Homebound Ministry, Thursday, April 13

Mary Ann Dahl

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK OF APRIL 2, 2017

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| St. John's | \$ 5,197.76 | YTD \$ 157,484.21 |
| St. Mary's | \$ | YTD \$ 4,691.00 |
| St. Hubert's | \$ 145.00 | YTD \$ 3,535.25 |
| Poor Donations | \$ 711.00 | |
| Online Donations | \$ 75.60 | |

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon-Isaiah 42:1-7; Gospel: John 12:1-11

Tue-Isaiah 49:1-6; Gospel: John 13:21-33, 36-38

Wed-Isaiah 50:4-9a; Gospel: Matthew 26:14-25

Thu-Isaiah 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Revelation 1:5-8; Gospel: Luke 4:16-21

Fri-Isaiah 52:13—53:12; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Gospel: John 18:1—19:42

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

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| Sat. | 04.08 | 5:00 p.m. | +Anthony Swain |
| Sun. | 04.09 | 8:00 a.m. | +Anthony Swain |
| | | 10:00 a.m. | for the parishes |
| | | 7:00 p.m. | Confessions |
| Mon. | 04.10 | 8:00 a.m. | No Mass |
| | | 7:00 p.m. | Confessions |
| Tue. | 04.11 | 8:00 a.m. | +Domingo Martirena |
| | | 2:00 p.m. | Confessions at Kaycee |
| | | 7:00 p.m. | Confessions |
| Wed. | 04.12 | 8:00 a.m. | +Fr. Philip Colibraro |
| | | 7:00 p.m. | Confessions |

Holy Thursday:

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| 04.13 | 8:00 a.m. | No morning Mass is permitted |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Mass: +Margaret Nelson |
| | 8:00 p.m. | Adoration until 10:00 p.m. |

8:00 p.m. Confessions

Good Friday:

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| 04.14 | 12:00 noon | Liturgy of the Pre-sanctified Gifts |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Stations of the Cross |
| | 7:30 p.m. | Confessions |

Easter Vigil, Holy Saturday:

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| 04.15 | 11:00 a.m. | No confessions |
| | 8:00 p.m. | The Vigil begins: +Fr. Bill Espenshade |

Easter Sunday:

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| 04.16 | 8:00 a.m. | +Fr. Joe Daley for the parishes |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Easter egg hunt for the little ones! |
| | 11:00 a.m. | |

First Week of Easter

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| Mon. | 04.17 | 8:00 a.m. | No Mass |
| Tue. | 04.18 | 8:00 a.m. | No Mass |
| Wed. | 04.19 | 8:00 a.m. | No Mass |
| Thu. | 04.20 | 8:00 a.m. | No Mass |
| Fri. | 04.21 | 8:00 a.m. | No Mass |

Divine Mercy Sunday:

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| Sat. | 04.22 | 11:00 a.m. | Confessions |
| | | 5:00 p.m. | +Margaret Nelson |
| | | 6:00 p.m. | Confessions |
| Sun. | 04.23 | 8:00 a.m. | +Margaret Nelson for the parishes |
| | | 10:00 a.m. | Clearmont: +Fr. Charles Taylor |
| | | 12:30 p.m. | |

FROM FR. PETE:

Please note that confessions will be heard each evening from this Sunday through Good Friday at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Confessions will not be heard on Holy Saturday morning unless there is an emergency. Please plan accordingly.

An Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Easter Sunday after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. There will be three areas designated for three age groups. "Area 1" will be for children up to Pre-Kindergarten; "Area 2" will be for Kindergarten to 2nd grade; and "Area 3" will be for the older

elementary grade children. Parents are welcome to bring an Easter basket from home with them or some other item to carry the "eggs". A limited supply of plastic bags will be on hand.

The "eggs" are made of plastic and contain candy. Nothing like a bunch of kids in the back seat with a sugar fix!

The following is a Palm Sunday mediation from St. Frances de Sales. Frances attended a Jesuit college in Paris and, to appease his father, took the Doctor of Law degree. As a young man he enjoyed riding, fencing and dancing and took on the life of a gentleman of his time. Everything was going well until he refused to accept a marriage arranged by his father. Frances had experienced a call to the priesthood. His exuberance had no limits and desired to serve as a missionary in an area dominated by Calvinist Protestantism, the tradition I was raised in. He was frequently threatened and beaten but he persevered and managed not only to bolster the faith of Catholics but converted a number of Calvinists. He became the Bishop of Geneva, Switzerland at the age of 35. Unlike many clerics of his day, Bishop Frances' emphasis was on the average lay person achieving holiness. He died in 1622 and was declared a saint some forty years later.

Now our Lord, Who was humble and came to destroy pride, chose not to use the proud horse to carry Him. He chose the most simple and the most humble of all animals, the ass, because He so loved lowliness and humility that only a humble mount could serve Him. God dwells and abides only in the simple and humble of heart (Is. 57:15). Wishing to show His esteem for this virtue, He chose lowliness and abjection for the day of His triumph. He emptied and humbled Himself. He would not have been humiliated and despised by others except He willed it. He Himself emptied Himself, choosing abjection.

He emptied and abased Himself; He humbled Himself; He came mounted upon an ass and a colt. He bent His bow and darted His arrows of love into the hearts of the people of Israel. All were moved at His coming and sang: "Hosanna, blessed be the Son of David, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord; glory be to the Most High." His gentleness and humility captivated all their hearts. Had He come on any other conveyance He would have frightened them. This is the first quality that made the ass appropriate for our Lord's use on this occasion: its humility.

The second quality is its patience. Not only is the ass humble, it is exceedingly patient, allowing itself to be beaten and maltreated without ever forgetting its origin. It neither complains, nor bites, nor kicks. It endures all with great patience. Our Lord so loved patience that he wished to become its mirror and pattern. He endured scourging and ill treatment with invincible patience; He supported so many blasphemies, so many calumnies, without saying a word.

Now humility and patience have such an affinity with one another that one can hardly exist without the other. He who desires to be humble must be patient enough to endure the contempt, the censure, the reprehensions that the humble suffer. Likewise, he who desires to be patient must be humble, because one cannot long support the labors and adversities of this life without the humility which makes us gentle and patient. Finding these two qualities in this animal, our

Lord chose it rather than any other for His entry into Jerusalem.

The third reason is that this animal is obedient, permitting us to burden it as much as we want without offering any resistance. It carries the load with remarkable submission and suppleness. So much did our Divine Master love obedience and suppleness that He Himself chose to give us an example of it. So He bore the heavy burden of our iniquities and suffered for them all that we had merited. Oh, how blessed are they who are supple and submissive, who allow themselves to be commanded as others wish, subjecting themselves to all kinds of obediences without reply or excuse, supporting with good heart the burden imposed on them! Only when clothed with these qualities of humility, patience, and submission can we be worthy to carry our Lord. Then the Savior will mount upon our hearts and, as a Divine riding master, conduct us under His obedience.

Update on the Parish Hall sound / video link system. Thus far, a total of \$2,870.00 has been donated. Many thanks to those who have contributed.

The committee that studied what would best meet our present and future needs determined that such project could cost up to \$16,000.00 depending on how many speakers will be needed to maximize sound quality.

If the funds are not raised by July 1, I will interpret this to mean that the congregation does not support the project and I will return what has been collected to the donors.

If you wish to make a contribution, please note "Parish Hall" on the check. This way we will know what it is for.

Thank you.

"Fr. Pete... What will be done with the tree stumps around the shrine?" The Finance Council has approved the expenditure to have them ground down. That will run about \$1,470.00.

"Fr. Pete... The shrine is a mess. When will it be cleaned up?" When the weather cooperates, there is a person who has offered to clean it up, put new flowers in and tidy up the area.

"Fr. Pete... Why does the Easter Vigil start so late?" Late!!!??? In the Eastern Churches in communion with Rome the Vigil of Easter begins at 11:00 p.m. The Divine Liturgy begins anywhere from forty minutes to an hour later and doesn't end until 2:00 a.m. or 3:00 a.m. After that there is no such thing as going home. Nope! Everyone brings some of the foods they gave up during Lent and there is a communal pot luck! And in most Eastern Churches, which tend to be small in the number of congregants, if you don't attend the Vigil you miss Easter since there aren't any Easter Sunday liturgies! We Latins have it easy!

The Vigil is supposed to start when it is dark, according the strictest meaning of dark. All the priests were informed that the Vigil should not start any earlier than 8:30 p.m. but I know that if I started it "that late" many will not come, so we are having ours at 8:00 p.m.

"Fr. Pete... Why is that the time for Easter changes every year?" In an effort to keep Easter (also known as Pascha in the Eastern Churches) close to the Jewish feast of Passover, the Fathers of the Council of Nicea in 325 determined a formula: Easter (Pascha) falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox. That is the tradition we have kept since 325. The Orthodox Churches use a different calendar and their calculations for Easter are often different. Efforts have been made to establish a common date, but there doesn't seem to be any genuine desire to do so at this point.

Easter Flowers are available.

If you wish to purchase a plant in the name of a loved one, please call Mary Ann at the office. The plants & costs are: 20 6" Lilies for \$20; 1 8" Lily for \$35; 2 8" ivy for \$37.50; and 4 8" palm plants for \$37.50 are left.

FREE FINANCIAL WORKSHOP at Colonel Bozeman's Conference Center on Tuesday, April 11 at 7pm for ages 20's thru 40's. Workshop led by parishioner Ross Elliot, Certified Financial Planner.

CONGRATULATIONS to new Council of Catholic Women Officers (CCW) – President Lori Zink; Secretary Britni Camino; Treasurer Jennifer Schroefel! They will be installed at the Mary's Daughters Banquet on Thursday, May 4 at 6pm in the parish hall. Papa Binos will cater the main course (celebrating Cinco de Maya) and everyone is asked to bring a side dish. The newest mothers of the past year will be honored with a gift. The oldest mothers in our parish over 90 years will be celebrated. Generations of a single family will be honored. Fun to be had by all the women in our parish...plan now to attend 😊

DONNA CORI GIBSON will present a free concert in Sheridan at Holy Name on Friday, May 12 at 7pm. "Sing of Mary" is her theme. Once a professional singer/songwriter in NY's secular market, now a Lay Carmelite, Donna can be seen on Catholic TV programs and heard on stations around the world singing music that includes word for word prayers from the Bible (singing helps memorization), the Saints, and well-known prayers of the Church all done in radio friendly style. Heard on EWTN and Catholic radio/TV, Donna travels throughout the continent and internationally sharing the Catholic Faith with music, scripture, teaching, stories, video and prayer. Her amazing, beautiful and powerful voice is sure to captivate you and draw you into prayer and praise. Her music "is a conductor that God uses to touch my soul."-C. Neisen

Donna is a fabulous singer and has been in Wyoming several times at youth events and WCCW events 😊

MOTHER TERESA

The world is in awe
Of the tiny
Wisp of a woman
Now called
Saint Teresa of Calcutta.

Strong in conviction
Of God's will for her
Strong in prayer
And love of God.
She was a beacon of light
For the destitute poor
And dying.

Mother Teresa
Was an example
Of God's love
Of what all of us could
And should be.

--Eugene M Gagliano

100TH YEAR CELEBRATION OF FATIMA – on the weekend Masses of May 13 (date of first Fatima vision to the 3 children) and May 14, we will PRAY the rosary ATER all Masses. Plan to stay and join the rosary ladies who will lead us in prayer

CHURCH CLEANING this week on Wednesday, April 12 after morning Mass. Please bring supplies and plan to help to make our church beautiful to celebrate the sacred mysteries of Easter!

STATIONS on Good Fridays at 7pm in the church.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL help needed for crew leaders (young adults of college age or high school age) for the week of June 12-16 from 1-4pm. Please consider helping and contact Carol Gagliano, 684-5751, to volunteer!