



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>Lori Zink</i>	620-5113
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

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

Religious Education / Meeting

July 21-23 – NABO (North Atlantic Basque Organization) Festival in Buffalo
Monday, July 31 – 6:30pm Ladies' Night Out

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 9, 2017

Altar Assisters:

SATURDAY, July 15, 5pm

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteer

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, July 16, 8am

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteer

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, July 16, 10am

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteer

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Homebound Ministry, Friday, July 14

OPEN – Need volunteer

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK OF JULY 2, 2017

St. John's	\$ 5,946.56	YTD \$	5946.56
St. Mary's	\$ 10.00	YTD \$	10.00
St. Hubert's	\$ 289.00	YTD \$	289.00
Poor Donations	\$ 626.00		
Online Donations	\$ 135.60		

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon.	07.10	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	07.11	8:00 a.m.	+Arturo Vasco
Wed.	07.12	8:00 a.m.	+Arturo Vasco
Thu.	07.13	8:00 a.m.	+Arturo Vasco
Fri.	07.14	8:00 a.m.	+Arturo Vasco
Sat.	07.15	5:00 p.m.	+Arturo Vasco
Sun.	07.16	8:00 a.m.	Joe and Arnette Tiller
		10:00 a.m.	for the parishes
		2:00 p.m.	Kaycee: Fr. Pete's intention

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon-Genesis 28:10-22a; Gospel: Matthew 9:18-26

Tue-Genesis 32:23-33; Gospel: Matthew 9:32-38

Saint Benedict, Abbot

Wed-Genesis 41:55-57; 42:5-7, 17-24a; Gospel:

Matthew 10:1-7

Thu-Genesis 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Gospel: Matthew 10:7-15

Fri-Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30; Gospel: Matthew 10:16-23

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

Sat-Genesis 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Gospel: Matthew 10:24-33

Saint Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

FR. PETE:

Many thanks to Dick and Bonnie Gould for hosting the annual St. Hubert's Mass and picnic at their ranch. About thirty parishioners came. The weather cooperated wonderfully. Lots of shade for the Mass and the picnic. Everyone brought something to share. The kids spent hours playing while the adults spent the time visiting with each other.

Hope you all enjoyed the Fourth of July. Believe it or not a third of the summer has passed by!

Only 168 days left to Christmas from Sunday, July 9.

Welcome to all who are visiting our parish this weekend! We are glad that you took time to join us in worshipping God! May the Lord grant you safe travel. If you are here on Sunday morning you are invited to join us for coffee and donuts.

Guys.....looking for a rosary that is masculine and not "sissified"? I found a great outfit that makes rosaries designed for guys in the Armed Services and law enforcement. It is called *Rugged Rosaries*, located in Modesto, California. There are many different styles you can choose from. There are even stainless-steel rosaries made exactly like the ones issued to troops during World War I.

I recently purchased what is called the "Gentleman's Rosary". The beads are made from steel and copper on paracord with well-designed knots to keep everything in place.

The crucifix is handsome and sturdy. This particular rosary is heavy and substantial which I prefer.

Each rosary is well made, rugged, handsome looking and comes in a cloth pouch. It will never fall apart or unravel in your pocket! The prices? Very reasonable for the quality being offered compared to those you find in religious goods catalogues. The rosary is usually shipped out the day you order it and arrives quickly. Rugged Rosaries offers a full money back / replacement guarantee.

Check it out at ruggedrosaries.com

Two additional courses are being added to the fall and spring adult faith formation program. They are:

Learning Session on the Apostle Peter to be held on Tuesday mornings beginning September 5 at 10:00 a.m. at the parish hall;

Learning Session on the Great Feast – the Eucharist to be held on Wednesday mornings beginning September 6 at 10:00 a.m. at the parish hall.

The only book you need to bring is your Bible. Mike Herth will be the facilitator.

The other courses being offered are:

The Consolation of Philosophy, meeting on Tuesday evenings, beginning September 5 at 7:00 p.m. at the rectory. Cost of book is \$9.00.

Mary and the Fathers of the Church, meeting on Wednesday evenings, beginning September 6 at 7:00 p.m. at the rectory. Cost of the book is \$19.95.

Unmasking Anti-Catholic Bigotry in the Culture, meeting on Thursday evenings, beginning September 7 at 7:00 p.m. at the rectory. Cost of the book is \$22.36.

“Fr. Pete.... There is supposed to be an asteroid heading to earth. God wouldn’t allow it to hit us. Right?”

I assume you are referring to the asteroid commonly called Apophis. It is aptly named after the Egyptian god of evil and destruction.

Discovered in 2004, it is thought at this point to be 885 feet across. An American football field is 160 feet wide, so this asteroid is larger than the width of three football fields. While that sounds big, it is a “baby” compared to the asteroid that hit the earth 65 million years ago. Scientists calculate that asteroid was about six miles wide. That impact, the subsequent impacts from debris thrown into the atmosphere and then raining down on earth, the global firestorms, the earth quakes and volcanic eruptions generated by the impact all contributed to massive changes to earth’s environment that killed off the dinosaurs and nearly 75% of life on the planet. As it turned out, however, it was a blessing. It allowed mammals to dominate and for man to evolve culminating in our species, homo sapiens (“wise man”).

Most scientists believe that Apophis will harmlessly pass by the earth on April 13, 2029. We should be able to see it with just our eyes! Some, however, think it too soon to rule out an impact. All agree, however, that it will come incredibly close to us. At this time, it is thought it will pass by at 19,400 miles above the earth though some are estimating it to come in as low as 18,600 miles. These calculations will be refined as the asteroid gets closer. To put this in context: when our moon is at perigee (when it is closest to us) it is 225,163 miles away while at apogee (when the moon is furthest from us) it is 252,088 miles away. Consider that our communication satellites orbit at 22,370 miles above the earth. This asteroid will be dipping below our satellites! That is real close!

The questions scientists will have to answer from the data they collect as the asteroid approaches are: will earth’s gravitational pull

during this “fly-by” alter its trajectory? Will that alteration be enough for the asteroid to hit us on its return voyage on April 13, 2036? It is thought that if the asteroid passes through a small region of space astrophysicists call a gravitational key hole located 18,700 miles above earth the asteroid’s trajectory will be sufficiently altered to hit the earth when it returns in 2036.

If it hits, it will do so with what is currently estimated to be 880 megatons of energy. Again, that estimate can change as the asteroid gets closer and scientists more accurately assess its mass. It doesn’t matter whether the asteroid hits an ocean or a land mass. It will be bad.... very bad. The impact of an asteroid that size would easily vaporize a metropolitan city and its surrounding area with millions killed instantly. As horrifying as such an initial impact could be that would only be the beginning of the horrors. There will be other impacts from debris thrown into orbit and re-entering the earth’s atmosphere creating massive fires around the globe. Particulate matter kicked up into the atmosphere could effectively reduce the amount of sunlight, changing the climate to a much colder one. Growing crops and sustaining livestock will become very difficult creating global food shortages where millions more will most likely starve to death. Diseases will take their toll. Governments could collapse. Societies that became accustomed to their governments meeting all their needs could descend into chaos.

Would God allow such a thing to happen? Yes. We are fallen creatures living in a fallen universe where bad things happen even at cosmic levels. *God is under no obligation to suspend the laws of physics for us, though He certainly can and at times has. This should make us examine ourselves: by what arrogance do we think we can ignore or deny God, keep Him out of our lives, ban Him from the institutions we create to govern and educate ourselves while insisting on “right” to declare good evil and evil good and then when bad stuff happens run to Him and cry, “Save our sorry butts O Lord”?*

Faith is not about magical talismans and chants to make the bad stuff go away. Faith is entering into intimacy with God and from that intimacy consider how precious the gift of life is, how blessed we are, that our God genuinely loves

us, and repent for our ingratitude and hardness of heart. Then we put that faith into action by using what God has given us: a tenacity for survival, inquisitive minds to study His creation and discern the laws that govern it, minds that can create technologies to deal with the problem, the ability to work together for the common good of all, and the ability to show compassion and care for each other under the most trying of circumstances.

Whether this asteroid passes by harmlessly or hits us, it could become an opportunity to bring out the best of humanity.... or the worst. That is not up to God. It is completely up to us.

64TH ANNUAL WCCW (Wyoming Council of Catholic Women) CONVENTION will be held Sept. 24-25, 2017 in Riverton, WY at the Holiday Inn. Registration fee is \$95. Deadline for registration is August 24. Forms available on the back table of the church. For more information contact Jan Meeboer at 307-856-1812 or jcmeeboer30@gmail.com Deacon Carroll Schell will present a reflection during the banquet on Sunday evening. Dr. Virginia Arbery of the Wyoming Catholic College will speak on Monday of the convention.

WYOMING CATHOLIC MEN’S RETREAT will be held at Table in the wilderness in Centennial, WY on August 25-27, 2017. Peter Herbeck will be the retreat speaker. He is the co-host of the weekly EWTN television programs *The Choices We Face & Crossing the Goal*. Strengthen your relationship with God and enjoy Christian fellowship with other men of Faith! Register at wcmr.eventbrite.com Fees are \$150 before July 26th. Call Kenny at 307-259-9410 with questions.

