



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

Parish Staff

Pastor	<i>Fr. Pete Johnson</i>	684-7268
Parish Administrator	<i>Mary Ann Cummins</i>	684-7268
CCW Leaders	<i>Cristie Murray</i>	684-2143
	<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

Religious Education / Meetings

Sunday, March 1 – 5pm Youth group

Tuesday, March 3 – 4pm Kaycee classes

Wednesday, March 4 – 6am, 10am & 7pm Job
3:45pm CCD
5-6pm Adoration
7pm Confirmation

Thursday, March 5 – 6:30am Men of St. Joseph

Friday, March 6 – 5pm Mass

5:30pm Stations of the Cross

Tuesday, March 10 – 7:30pm Knights of Columbus

Wednesday, March 18 – CCW Spring Deanery mtg.
in Sheridan 9am-2:30pm

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 1, 2015

Altar Assistants:

SATURDAY, March 7, 5:00pm

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, March 8, 8:00am

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: C Borgialli, S & A Thiele, A Seeman

SUNDAY, March 8, 10:00am

Lector: Mary Ann Cummins

EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: A Snyder, A Belus, M Ihnat, T

Fieldgrove

Homebound Ministry, Friday, March 6

Liz Camino-Ramsey

Collections for Week of February 22, 2015

St. John's	\$ 3,474.17	YTD \$	128,424.78
St. Mary's	\$ 100.00	YTD \$	4,510.61
St. Hubert's	\$	YTD \$	2,895.00
Poor contributions	\$ 85.00		

Mass Intentions for the Week:

Mon.	03.02	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	03.03	8:00 a.m.	+Russ Rux
Wed.	03.04	8:00 a.m.	Ladies of the parish
		5:00 p.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thu.	03.05	8:00 a.m.	+Rita Johnson
Fri.	03.06	8:00 a.m.	Pete Camino
		5:00 p.m.	Bernadette Arno
		5:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Sat.	03.07	5:00 p.m.	Joe Goryl
Sun.	03.08	8:00 a.m.	Lynn Kostenbauer
		10:00 a.m.	for the parishes
		2:00 p.m.	Kaycee: Fr. Pete's intention

Readings for the Week:

Mon-Daniel 9:4b-10; Gospel: Luke 6:36-38

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, 11-31

FROM FR. PETE:

From a sermon given by Saint Leo the Great, pope. We do not know the date of his birth. He died on November 11, 461. We know that he was a deacon in the Church in Rome and was noticed very early for his diplomatic skills and doctrinal orthodoxy. He became pope at a very difficult time. The Roman Empire was crumbling. Government was collapsing. Barbarian tribes were becoming quite bold in taking over Roman territories eventually knocking on the gates of Rome itself. It was the emperor and the senate that empowered Pope Leo to deal with King Attila, King of the Huns to turn away from Rome and accept tribute and a few years later to deal with King Gaiseric of the Visigoths to spare the City of Rome and its inhabitants as he invaded it. As soon as the invaders left the pope spared no expense in ransoming as many captives as possible who were taken to North Africa and he began a massive campaign to repair or rebuild Churches. Pope Leo was looked to by believers and pagans alike to make sure grain shipments were maintained, aqueducts repaired to supply Rome with fresh water, and shelters for the homeless were established. And there were all kinds of heretical teachings creating unrest within the Church. All these Pope Leo handled with absolute faith in Christ. He saw himself as the pastor of the universal Church and tackled all obstacles with rigorous ecclesiastical discipline. As that period some historians like to call the "dark ages" descended it was Pope Leo who kept civilization alive.

The Lord reveals His glory in the presence of chosen witnesses. His body is like that of the rest of mankind, but He makes it shine with such splendor that His face becomes like the sun in glory, and His garments as white as snow.

The great reason for this transfiguration was to remove the scandal of the cross from the hearts of His disciples, and to prevent the humiliation of His voluntary suffering from disturbing the faith of those who had witnessed the surpassing glory that lay concealed.

With no less forethought He was also providing a firm foundation for the hope of holy Church. The whole body of Christ was to understand the kind of transformation that it would receive as His gift. The members of that body were to look forward to a share in that glory which first blazed out in Christ their head.

FR. PETE (cont.)

The Lord had Himself spoken of this when He foretold the splendor of His coming: "Then the just shall shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father." St. Paul the apostle bore witness to this same truth when he said: "I consider that the sufferings of the present time are not to be compared with the future glory that is to be revealed in us." In another place he says: "You are dead, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, your life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory."

This marvel of the transfiguration contains another lesson for the apostles, to strengthen them and lead them into the fullness of knowledge. Moses and Elijah, the law and the prophets, appeared with the Lord in conversation with Him. This was in order to fulfill exactly through the presence of these five men, the text which says: "Before two or three witnesses every word is ratified." What word could be more firmly established, more securely based, than the word which is proclaimed by the trumpets of both old and new testaments, sounding in harmony, and by the utterances of ancient prophecy and the teaching of the Gospel, in full agreement with each other?

The writings of the two testaments support each other. The radiance of the transfiguration reveals clearly and unmistakably the one who had been promised by signs foretelling Him under the veils of mystery. As St. John says: "The law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ." In Him the promise made through the shadows of prophecy stands revealed, along with the full meaning of the precepts of the law. He is the one Who teaches the truth of prophecy through His presence, and makes obedience to the commandments possible through grace.

In the preaching of the Holy Gospel all should receive a strengthening of their

faith. No one should be ashamed of the cross of Christ, through which the world has been redeemed.

No one should fear to suffer for the sake of justice; no one should lose confidence in the reward that has been promised. The way to rest is through toil, the way to life is through death. Christ has taken on Himself the whole weakness of our lowly human nature. If then we are steadfast in our faith in Him and in our love for Him, we win the victory that He has won, we receive what He has promised.

When it comes to obeying the commandments or enduring adversity, the words uttered by the Father should always echo in our ears: "This is My Son, the beloved, in Whom I am well pleased; listen to Him."

The structural engineer's report has arrived and was presented to the Finance Council and Trustees at our meeting on February 24. Mr. Bryan Prosinski, P.E, S.E of Pillar Structural Engineering in Casper made the following recommendations. Additional steel columns should be installed at mid-span of each existing beam spanning 19 feet. Each of the six steel columns to be installed shall be supported directly on a new 3 foot x 3 foot x 12 inch thick concrete pad footing. Mr. Prosinski believes that such remediation work *"should be sufficient to stabilize the floor structure and extend the useful life of the building."* The next step is to look for companies that can do this work following the structural engineer's instructions and obtain estimates. The parish has been actively saving and I do not foresee asking the congregation for financial support. The issue now is getting estimates of cost and how soon the work can be completed. Thank you for your patience.

New pew racks are being made for the Church. Mr. Paul Geis has offered to make new pew racks out of oak and stain them to match the color of the pews as closely as possible which is a major task since the pews don't match each other. He presented a

prototype for the Finance Council and Trustees to examine. Each rack is designed to hold three “books”, each “book” holds a missilettes and a music issue. There will be two racks attached to each pew for a total of 72 pew racks. The Finance Council has given permission for the work to be done. Mr. Geis was informed of the Council’s decision and has ordered the wood. He hopes to have the project completed before Holy Week.

Your feedback on creating a new position in the parish is needed. For some time the Parish Council and the Finance Council has been discussing the creation of a Young Adult Minister position to serve the growing number of young adults in our parish who are newly married, married and beginning to have their families, single and those who have suffered the loss of a spouse. Because of the work involved this will be a paid position. Salary, health insurance, dental insurance, parish contribution to a 403(b) retirement program, etc. will depend if the position is full or part time. It is certainly reasonable to start with a part-time position and extend it to a full-time ministry.

The expectations of a Young Adult Minister are to: personally reach out to young adults using the most effective array of social communication media and regularly stay in touch with them; develop monthly social, faith formation programs and family activities for this population; follow up on leads about Catholic young adults who are not practicing the faith to reach out and evangelize them; make monthly reports either in writing or in person to the pastor and parish leadership about the progress being made; inform the pastor about young adults who are interested in joining the Church; inform the pastor if there is a need to address sacramentally irregular marriages or other pastoral issues; work with the finance council to establish and live within a budget; work with the parish director of the children’s religious education program to make sure that children of these couples are enrolled for catechetical instruction; and work with the parish administrator to ensure that couples are registered with the parish.

The candidate for this position must be a mature, outgoing, socially oriented and self-

motivated person capable of setting and meeting goals consistent with the expectations mentioned above. He or she must have a minimum of a Bachelor of Arts or a Bachelor of Science degree from an accredited college or university. Ideally the candidate shall have passed courses in philosophy and theology and was involved in either a Newman Center at a secular university or if a graduate of a Catholic University was involved in the social / ministerial activities of that institution. The candidate must be a practicing Catholic which is defined as: being faithful to Mass, regularly receiving the Sacraments and accepts the magisterial authority of the Church in areas of faith and morals. He or she must be able to pass a mandatory background check through the Wyoming Department of Criminal Investigation. (This is a Diocesan requirement that must be fulfilled before employment begins and will be part of the application process. Costs are covered by the parish). If the candidate is married the spouse must also be able to pass a criminal background check. Four letters of recommendation will be required testifying to the candidate’s character, abilities and work ethic. Three may come from a combination of college professors and employers. If the candidate has been in the community for a year or less one reference may come from his or her previous pastor. References from family members or friends are not acceptable. We will require a resume of the candidate’s education and employment history, a written statement of why he or she is attracted to this unique ministry and what he or she expects to offer.

Whether this is a part-time or full-time position it will require a major financial commitment from the parish.

What are your thoughts about creating this ministry in our parish? You are asked to contact members of the parish leadership to share your thoughts / concerns: Phil Gonzales (Trustee), Jean Urruty (Trustee), Mike Ihnat (Parish Council) or Sheila Camino (Finance Council).

CANS – Please, only aluminum cans in the can bin! No clothes, no steel, etc.