



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, March 29 – Palm Sunday
Tuesday, March 31 – 8:30am church cleaning
4pm Kaycee classes
Wednesday, April 1 – 6am, 10am & 7pm Job
NO CCD
5-6pm Adoration
Thursday, April 2 – 6:30am Men of St. Joseph
7pm Mass
Friday, April 3 – 12 Noon services
5:30pm Stations of the Cross
Saturday, April 4 – 8pm Easter Vigil
Sunday, April 5 – Happy Easter!

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>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 |

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

PALM SUNDAY
MARCH 29, 2015

Altar Assisters:

SATURDAY, April 4, 8:00pm

Lector: Mike Herth & others

EM: Phil/Janelle Gonzales

Altar Servers: A Snyder, T Fieldgrove, C Gonzales,
J Reimann, C Borgialli

SUNDAY, April 5, 8:00am

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Don/Sheila Camino

Altar Servers: Seth Thiele, Matt Harrison

SUNDAY, April 5, 10:00am

Lector: Dennis Lawrence

EM: Kathy Urruty, MA Cummins, Donna Nelson

Altar Servers: Ben Camino, Adam Belus

Homebound Ministry, Thursday, April 2

Jean Vignaroli

Collections for Week of March 22, 2015

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| St. John's | \$ 3,500.14 | YTD \$ | 143,858.70 |
| St. Mary's | \$ 308.00 | YTD \$ | 5,298.61 |
| St. Hubert's | \$ 45.00 | YTD \$ | 3,175.00 |
| Poor contributions | \$ 270.00 | | |

Mass Intentions for the Week:

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

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| Mon. | 03.30 | 8:00 a.m. | No Mass |
| Tue. | 03.31 | 8:00 a.m. | Cooper Schroefel and family |
| Wed. | 04.01 | 8:00 a.m. | Ladies of the Parish |
| | | 5:00 p.m. | Adoration |

HOLY THURSDAY

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| Thu. | 04.02 | 8:00 a.m. | No Mass |
| | | 7:00 p.m. | for the parish |
| | | 8:00 p.m. | Adoration in the chapel |
| | | 8:00 p.m. | Confessions will be heard |
| | | 10:00 p.m. | Adoration ends |

GOOD FRIDAY

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| Fri. | 04.03 | 12:00 o'clock noon | |
| | | 5:30 p.m. | Stations of the Cross |

EASTER VIGIL

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| Sat. | 04.04 | 8:00 p.m. | Fr. Pete's intention |
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EASTER SUNDAY

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| Sun. | 04.05 | 8:00 a.m. | for the parishes |
| | | 10:00 a.m. | +Pete Camino |

FROM FR. PETE:

Confessions. The time available to get to confession before Easter is dwindling. Please note that confessions will not be heard on Good Friday or on Holy Saturday morning. There have been five weeks of Lent to get to Confession and we just finished a wonderful Lenten Parish Mission where two priests were available for confession. The only time left for confessions will be after the Holy Thursday Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper.

Many thanks to Paul Geis! Paul and his family are parishioners. Paul did a wonderful job in making the new pew racks. He meticulously made models, tinkered with them and then made the apparatus to properly space the pew racks and install them in the right position so that there was a uniform appearance. He spent quite a bit of time experimenting with various stains to best match the pews which don't match each other! The result is that the pew racks look as if they were always part of the pews! Paul has spent the last couple of days paying attention to all kinds of little details. I was so impressed that I asked Paul to design and make a case for my chalice, which is the kind of woodwork he likes to do.

If there are special wood projects that you would like to get done, consider giving Paul a call. You can reach him at 505-273-0704.

Now...at the risk of saying what should be self-evident, please do not use the pew racks to "pull" yourself up. These are not designed to take such weight and stress.

FR. PETE (cont.)

Happy Birthday! We have a few folks in the parish whose birthdays fell in March: Betty Andersen, Bautista Juanicotena, Mary Davis, and Honey Harriet. Each turned 35!

Thank you to all the people who stayed after the Wednesday morning Mass to change out the books! It took longer than usual since we placed the books for Holy Week and the hymnals in new, clear covers. Thank you for your time and for taking the old books to the recycling plant.

“Fr. Pete....How many bishops and priests are there in the world?” The Vatican has just released its census figures. There are 1.253 billion Catholics, up some 25 million from the last census. There are 5,173 bishops; 415,348 priests, 42,195 deacons and 118,251 seminarians.

“Fr. Pete....I heard a priest say that Pope Francis will soon allow married priests.”

There are all kinds of rumors flying around. I've not heard anything.

Keep in mind, however, that men who have been ordained cannot and never will be permitted to marry. They took a promise / vow of celibacy after many years of training and prayer. They had ample time for reflection to make that choice. How can God Who gave the grace to say “yes” wish to hear “no”?

Uncharitable as it may seem, I am tired of the whining of those priests who left the priesthood because they were “lonely”, got married and now want to come back into ministry. Tough. Bottom line: whatever their reason for leaving, they ultimately said “no” to God and that is something each of those men will have to work out in their relationship with the Lord. I have met a number of these guys over the years and I feel sorry for them, but they made a choice and need to get on with their lives without the priesthood they chose to abandon.

Men who have married first and later wish to become priests is an entirely different matter. The Church has always ordained married men to the priesthood, a historical fact many forget. They went for theological and pastoral training, married and, with the

permission of their wives, were ordained deacons and after a period of time ordained priests. This is the practice of the 24 Eastern Churches that are in communion with Rome and the practice of all the Orthodox Churches. It is something that Pope Francis or his successor could restore for the Latin rite of the Church to which we belong. What I have doubts about are the psychological and financial readiness of the typical Catholic parish to have a married priest with family responsibilities.

The current practice of having only celibate priests in the Latin rite of the Catholic Church is a discipline, not a doctrine. There is nothing in Sacred Scripture or Sacred Tradition that mandates celibacy. There is nothing intrinsic to the Sacrament of Holy Orders that requires celibacy. Jesus simply said that those who can accept it should, but He never required it. In fact He chose married men as His Apostles. The discipline of celibacy can be changed if and when the Church believes it should.

I sincerely hope that the Church will change the discipline and admit married men to the priesthood when the Church deems it appropriate to do so. The Church does great damage to Herself when she does not bring to the Sacrament of Holy Orders the vast pool of talent, experience, insights and dedication that married men can offer in ordained ministry to the People of God.

And for those who wish to resurrect the idea of ordaining women to the priesthood, give it up. St. John Paul II, pope; Pope Benedict XVI and recently Pope Francis have all upheld the long standing position of the Church: She is not free to ordain women to the priesthood. The matter is closed.

“Fr. Pete....There are rumors that Pope Francis is planning to retire in a few years.”

The rumors are understandable since this pope enjoys talking “off the top of his head” though he really doesn't have the skill for it and creates chaos for his PR people. (I sometimes wonder if Pope Francis does it on purpose).

The Holy Father has expressed great frustration that he isn't free to just walk out of the Vatican and get a pizza. Who can blame him? Being pope is like being a prisoner. The

Vatican is a beautiful prison to be sure but a prison nonetheless when your freedom is greatly restricted.

Does Pope Francis want to retire? He has been recorded as saying that he has only a few years left to serve as pope. What does that mean exactly? I don't know. But let's use the common sense God gives to geese. Everyone who works reaches that point when one realizes that one can no longer do the job as well as one used to and staying on does more harm than it does good to both the individual and the institution one works for. One, for example, can only wonder had Pope John Paul II retired when his health seriously declined if a more vigorous pope would have dealt with the sex abuse scandal a lot more aggressively and decisively. Sooner or later we all reach that point when we know we don't have the energy level the job requires. That was the humbling conclusion Pope Benedict came to and he chose to retire so the Church could move on. I suspect he started a new and healthy papal tradition.

So, if and when Pope Francis chooses to retire, good for him.

ATTENTION ALL GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS! Applications for the James and Matilda Goar Scholarship Program, administered by the Holy Name School Foundation, are available from your high school counselor's office. The Scholarship is \$4,000 per year, up to five years, for a total of \$20,000. The scholarship is available only to Johnson and Sheridan County residents, and is based on economic need, scholastic achievement and involvement in the parish and community activities. All applications must be received by May 8, 2015 to the Holy Name School Foundation at PO Box 6611, Sheridan, WY 82801. For further information, please contact Dr. Pat Meehan at 674-7339 or John Rotellini at 752-2742.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER – Are you looking to put Christ in your marriage? Deepen your communication, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending the next WWME weekend April 17-19, 2015 in Cheyenne, WY; June 12-14, 2015

in Casper, WY. Contact Tom and Mary Frances at 307-577-7456.

CHURCH CLEANING on Tuesday morning after Mass, 8:30am! Bring your cleaning supplies and your energy☺

CHURCH DECORATING FOR EASTER on Saturday, April 4 at 9am. Come and bring your artistic talents☺

SPRING BREAK for Johnson County Schools next week during Holy Week. Altar servers note your practice times for Holy Week Masses!

NO CCD classes during Holy Week! Next classes will be Wednesday, April 8 at 3:45pm and CONFIRMATION at 7pm.

CONFIRMATION will be Wednesday, May 13 at 6pm.

FIRST COMMUNION will be Sunday, May 3 during 10am Mass.

CCW meeting on Monday, April 13 at 12:30pm at the Wool Mill. Bring your sack lunch and plan to attend. Business includes the benefit for Cooper Schroefel, Mary's Daughters Banquet, and new officer elections for May for our parish! 95th birthday celebration for National Council of Catholic Women!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS meet next on Tuesday, April 14 at 7:30pm. Scholarship applications for high school seniors due to the Knights by May 12th!

NO doughnuts on Easter!

