



# 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

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 12:30pm

### St. Hubert Church, Kaycee

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 2:00pm

**Confessions** Saturday 11:00am  
Saturday after 5pm Mass  
By Appointment

## Religious Education / Meetings

Sunday, April 26 – 7pm Parish Council meeting  
Tuesday, April 28 – 5pm Finance Council meeting  
7:30pm Knights of Columbus  
Wednesday, April 29 – 6 & 10am, 7pm Job classes  
3:45pm & 7pm CCD  
5:00 pm Adoration  
Thursday, April 30 – 6:30am Men of St. Joseph  
*KC Meals-on-Wheels – Greg Smith*  
Saturday, May 2 – 9am First Confessions  
Sunday, May 3 – 10am Mass/First Communion and  
KC Breakfast  
Tuesday, May 5 – 6pm CCW Mary's Daughters  
Banquet & Baby shower

## 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

**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](mailto: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

## **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**APRIL 26, 2015**

Altar Assistants:

**SATURDAY, May 2, 5:00pm**

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Jean Borgialli

Altar Servers: Volunteers

**SUNDAY, May 3, 8:00am**

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteers

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

**SUNDAY, May 3, 10:00am**

Lector: Mary Ann Cummins

EM: Volunteers

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

Fieldgrove

**Homebound Ministry, Friday, May 1**

Jim Fitzsimmons

### **Collections for Week of April 19, 2015**

St. John's	\$ 3,659.66	YTD \$ 156,221.74
St. Mary's	\$ 10.00	YTD \$ 5,609.61
St. Hubert's	\$ 205.00	YTD \$ 3,480.00
Poor contributions	\$ 396.00	

### **Mass Intentions for the Week:**

Mon.	04.28	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	04.29	8:00 a.m.	+Neil (Mick) McMurry
Wed.	04.30	8:00 a.m.	+Jim Cook
Thu.	05.01	8:00 a.m.	+Mary O'Neil
Fri.	05.02	8:00 a.m.	+Pete Camino
Sat.	05.03	5:00 p.m.	+Pete Camino
Sun.	05.04	8:00 a.m.	+Pete Camino
		10:00 a.m.	for the parishes
		2:00 p.m.	Kaycee: Fr. Pete's intention

### **Readings for the Week:**

Mon-Acts of the Apostles 11:1-18; Gospel: John 10:1-10

Tue-Acts of the Apostles 11:19-26; Gospel: John 10:22-30

Wed-Acts of the Apostles 12:24—13:5a; Gospel: John 12:44-50 *Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor*

Thu-Acts of the Apostles 13:13-25; Gospel: John 13:16-20

Fri-Acts of the Apostles 13:26-33; Gospel: John 14:1-6

Sat-Acts of the Apostles 13:44-52; Gospel: John 14:7-14  
*Saint Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor*

### **FROM FR. PETE:**

**Please keep Sarah and Isaac Finkle, in your prayers.** They are our parishioners. Their newborn son was not doing very well and had to be sent to Billings. Additional complications occurred and the baby had to be taken to Children's Hospital in Denver.

**A request about the Missals in the pew racks.** The parish has finally fixed the issue of having adequate and attractive pew racks. We have switched to a clear plastic covering for the Missals so we can have easy access to them and the hymnals as well as to the daily prayer for vocations Bishop Etienne asks us to offer at Masses. Please place your book in the pew rack so that the front cover with the prayer card is facing forward. It makes it easier for the next person to use it. Thank you.

Once again, many thanks to Paul Geis who did such a wonderful job on designing, building, staining and installing the pew racks. You would think they were always there! Paul likes to do this kind of specialty work with wood, something you might consider if you have a special project in mind.

**Many thanks to all those in the parish who assisted with the benefit dinner for Cooper!** We had a lot of folks roll up their sleeves, pitch in and help with everything from cooking to cleaning up. It was a lot of work but it went to a good cause that was appreciated by the Schroefel family. All in all it was a great community-wide event.

**An update on St. Hubert's in Kaycee.** We are now concluding the first CCD classes after a nearly 20 year absence of CCD classes. The adult education classes are beginning to wind down as well. The little Church is in desperate need of a new roof. The problem is that the parish does not own the building or the property and with its growth needs a facility that has a bathroom, running water and a fellowship hall. The congregation is currently looking at temporary alternatives until such time a more permanent solution can be found. This is a good problem to have!

**Diocesan investments.** As of February 2015 the parish has \$501,059.97. In September of 2012 we invested \$213,664.22 and in May of 2013 we added \$200,000.00 to the portfolio. We have gained \$87,395.75 from our investments thus far.

**Parish savings.** As of March 2015 the parish has \$327,413.61 in savings.

## **FR. PETE (cont.)**

**St. John's Foundation.** I do not have an exact figure but the Foundation's portfolio currently exceeds \$300,000.00. The principle is never touched. A check is issued each year to the parish from the interest that is earned. This was the brain child of the late Fr. Joe Daley and as it grows it serves us well.

**Parish Hall project is nearly complete.** Geoff Spiering, the contractor, has assured us that the hall will be available for use on the first Sunday of May.

**Thank you in advance to the Knights of Columbus.** The Knights have graciously offered to make breakfast in honor of our children who will be making their First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 3, at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. All are invited to come!

**Many thanks to the choir.** They have agreed to sing for those receiving First Holy Communion and for those who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday, May 13. At the risk of sounding like a broken record, I think we need to be reminded that parishes our size do not normally have choirs. I am very proud of the work that Mary Finney and the choir have done. I believe they will soon take a break for the summer months.

**Sacrament of the Sick.** Because we have First Communion on Sunday, May 3 at the 10:00 a.m. Mass and Fr. Pete has to stay for pictures and then attend the reception / breakfast he will not be able to administer the Sacrament of the Sick after that Mass. He will offer the Sacrament of the Sick after the 10:00 a.m. Mass the following Sunday.

*Please make every effort to come to the Confirmation Mass on Wednesday, May 13 at 6:00 p.m. Bishop Etienne is not able to get around to the parishes as much as he would like to and it would be a sign of support and unity if you attended the Mass whether or not you have a relative receiving the Sacrament. There will be a reception afterwards. All are invited.*

**Parish Council Members, Finance Council Members and Trustees.** You have all received your packets for our meetings. Please do your best

to attend. There are two issues that I wish to bring to some conclusion: the Young Adult Ministry position and the renovation of the large classroom to make it a space for adults. There will be only one more meeting in May unless, of course, there is a major issue that needs to be addressed by the parish leadership.

**Help needed:** volunteers to study the Scriptures with those who are homebound. We do have a few people would enjoy visits and studying the Scriptures. If this is something that you would be interested in, please contact Fr. Pete at the parish office or by email. You must have passed the Diocesan background check and have or will have taken the Safe Environment training.

**From Fr. Pete.....Ah.....can you feel the summer months coming?** There are no plans for any ongoing adult education during the summer months. This does not mean there can't be any, just that I have no intention of leading them. I hope to get a lot of personal reading and study time in. If there are people who wish to pursue a course of study during the summer you have my full support and assurance that you will have access to materials and a place to meet. If you are interested in suggesting a course of study, a book discussion group, or topics for conversation as a group and are prepared to lead it, please call or email me.

***Living and Giving in Christ: Unity through Diocesan Ministries*** continues as we ask for your financial commitment in support of the ministries of our local Church, the Diocese of Cheyenne.

If you have supported these ministries in the past with a gift, we thank you and ask that you give again this year at the same level or, if you are able, to increase your gift;

If you have not supported these ministries in the past, please prayerfully consider doing so this year.

All registered parishioners should have received a letter from the Bishop and a pledge card. If you have not extras can be found on the table at the front entrance of the Church.

**"Islam is a religion of peace....."** This is what we are constantly told by our government officials. They must assume we do not watch the evening news or go to our various websites. No doubt for many law abiding Muslims in our country and for Muslims in other countries that have a long history of

living in peace with Christians that may be true. But it cannot be denied that there is a growing trend for Islamic intolerance for Christianity. To wit:

April 16, 2015. According to CNN Muslims who were attempting to migrate to Italy from Libya via boat threw 12 Christians overboard simply because they were Christians. The Christians drowned. Italian authorities have arrested 15 people thus far.

April 19, 2015. According to Reuters ISIS has beheaded 15 Ethiopian Christians and shot another 15 in the head. Their "crime" was being Christian.

April 22, 2015. According to Fox News French police have arrested a young Algerian Muslim who was plotting to blow up a Church. It is alleged that this was at the request of a group in Syria. He had been known for some time as a potential terrorist and was caught with a large cache of weapons and plans to detonate bombs in a Church.

Islam has a long and sordid history of periodic intolerance of other religions. Historically it sees itself as the only true religion willed by their God. They claim that their holy book, the Koran, always existed in heaven and what was given to their prophet is a direct and perfect copy of the heavenly text. Judaism and Christianity are distortions of the true religion, Islam, and all who do not submit to Islam are "infidels" and "idolaters" who must be forced to submit or will go to hell. For Islamic extremists, therefore, any means is justified to force people to submit to Islam. When Pope Benedict pointed out Islam's tendency to use violence early on in its history, citing an example from a Byzantine emperor in a lecture given in Regensburg, he was lambasted by the politically correct media. Muslims around the world angrily protested insisting that Islam is a religion of peace while at the same time killing nuns, priests and burning down Churches. A rather odd way of

proving how peaceful one's religion is. And the media blamed the Pope for the violence of Muslims!

Islam has never hesitated to employ violence to achieve its ultimate goal: the conversion of the world to Islam or at the very least the total subjugation and humiliation of other religious groups by forcing them to pay a tax and reducing them to second class citizens unless they convert.

When we hear Islamic extremists say that they have a duty to kill Christians, they mean it. They can and do quote from the Koran to justify murdering non-Muslims. They also quote from the Koran to justify lying to and deceiving non-Muslims if such measures will help in achieving the spread of Islam. And they use the Koran to justify the slaughter of Muslims who dare to oppose them.

As the extremist movement within Islam grows we can expect to see more atrocities committed against Christians, Jews and other Muslims who do not interpret their holy book as the radicals do and wish to live in peace as neighbors with Christians and Jews.

Things are going to get much worse and Westerners, especially those in political leadership, need to stop playing the ostrich by hiding their heads in the sands of political correctness. There is a growing extremist movement within Islam that wants either the extermination or total submission of Christians and Jews. For radical Islamists Islam is a religion of peace only when all other religions have been annihilated and when all other Muslims believe as they do. It is dangerously foolish to pretend otherwise.

"*LIVING & GIVING*" CAMPAIGN video if interested can be accessed at this YouTube site:

[http://youtu.be/LqLz7us\\_AnQ](http://youtu.be/LqLz7us_AnQ)