



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>Blaine Horn</i> | 217-1075 |
| 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 / Meetings

Sunday, March 6 – 9am Knights' Breakfast
5pm Youth Group
7pm Social Justice meeting
Tuesday, March 8 – 7:30pm Knights' meeting
Wednesday, March 9 – 3:45 pm & 7 pm CCD
5pm Parents of 2nd graders
Thursday, March 10 – 6:30am Men of St. Joseph
KC Meals-on-Wheels – Mike Johnson
6pm Intentional Disciples class
7pm Symbolon class
Friday, March 11 – 7pm Stations
Saturday, March 12 – 6pm St. Patrick's dinner
Sunday, March 13 – 11am Confirmation retreat
5pm Youth group

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 217-0150 or 307-660-4936 for place

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 6, 2016

Altar Assistors:

SATURDAY, March 12, 5pm

Lector: Sarah Sandman

EM: Janelle Gonzales, Tim Sandman

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, March 13, 8am

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: J Reimann, B/B Camino, M Harrison

SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 10am

Lector: Mary Ann Cummins

EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Cole/Eli Linden, Jeron/Jaxon Sutton

Homebound Ministry, Friday, March 11

Valerie Spanos

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK OF FEB. 28, 2016

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| St. John's | \$ 2,994.35 | YTD \$ 134,826.97 |
| St. Mary's | \$ 351.25 | YTD \$ 4,155.58 |
| St. Hubert's | \$ 20.00 | YTD \$ 2,737.00 |
| Poor Donations | \$ 11.00 | |
| Online Donations | \$ 75.60 | |

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

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| Mon. | 03.07 | 8:00 a.m. | No Mass |
| Tue. | 03.08 | 8:00 a.m. | No Mass |
| Wed. | 03.09 | 8:00 a.m. | +Paula Little |
| Thu. | 03.10 | 8:00 a.m. | +Katie Ryan |
| Fri. | 03.11 | 8:00 a.m. | +Rose Monaco |
| | | 7:00 p.m. | Stations of the Cross |
| Sat. | 03.12. | 5:00 p.m. | +Charlie Geis |
| | | 6:00 p.m. | St. Patrick's Day Parish Dinner |
| Sun. | 03.13 | 8:00 a.m. | Pro Life |
| | | 10:00 a.m. | for the people |
| | | 12:30 p.m. | Clearmont: Fr. Pete's intention |

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Sun-1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

Mon-Isaiah 65:17-21; Gospel: John 4:43-54

Tue-Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; Gospel: John 5:1-16

Wed-Isaiah 49:8-15; Gospel: John 5:17-30

Thu-Exodus 32:7-14; Gospel: John 5:31-47

Fri-Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22; Gospel: John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Sat-Jeremiah 11:18-20; Gospel: John 7:40-53

FROM FR. PETE:

Please pray for Wanda James. Wanda was recently baptized and struggling with illness.

Please pray for Ann O'Keefe. Ann is the mother of Mary Litzel and Cece Ihnat. Ann is seriously ill. Her family is with her.

Easter flowers are for sale. Would you like to donate a flower or plant in the memory of a loved one? Please call Mary Ann (684-7268) as soon as possible. We would like to distribute the list of donors and their loved ones at the Easter Masses. The following are available:

- 30 six inch Easter lilies at \$20.00 each.
- 3 eight inch Easter lilies at \$35.00 each.
- 2 Peace lilies at \$37.50 each.
- 2 Palm plants at \$37.50 each.
- 5 ivy plants at \$37.50 each.

You might want to read the bulletin. In last week's bulletin, under "Mass intentions", I indicated that there was not going to be a Mass on Tuesday, March 1. I know a number of you showed up because I could see you from the kitchen window as I was casually sipping my coffee!

Priests are allowed to take one day off per month in addition to their one day per week. I have never done it in nearly 25 years but I like it and will make it a monthly practice.

Hopefully you noticed that I will not be here next Tuesday. I have to be in Cheyenne.

St. Patrick's Day Parish Dinner is on Saturday, March 12 after the evening Mass. It will be the traditional corned beef, cabbage, potatoes and carrots meal. Who knows....maybe there will even be some Irish soda bread?????? You do not need to bring a thing other than yourself, your family and a hearty appetite!

Oh.....there will be a surprise gift from the parish for all who attend.

Knights of Columbus breakfast today after Masses. Donations accepted☺

FR. PETE (cont.)

Lenten Parish Mission starts next

week! Fr. Ken Geraci will preach the weekend Masses of March 12 and 13. He will begin the Mission on Sunday, March 13, 7:00 p.m. The Mission will be held each evening Monday thru Thursday at 7:00 p.m. The focus will be "Why Be Catholic?"

Confirmation students and their parents and sponsors. Fr. Ken Geraci will lead a mandatory retreat for those preparing to make their Confirmation. Parents and sponsors are strongly urged to attend. The parish will provide lunch for everyone.

Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 13. Make sure to turn your clocks ahead one hour before going to be on Saturday.

Holy Week Schedule:

Palm Sunday: Saturday, March 19, 5:00 p.m.; Sunday, March 20, 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday): Thursday, March 24, 7:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the baptistery while confessions are heard until the last person leaves the Church.

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts (Good Friday): Friday, March 25, 12:00 o'clock noon. The Liturgy will take less than an hour so people can get back to work.

Easter Vigil: Saturday, March 26, 8:00 p.m. This is the Mass of Easter. If you

haven't been to one, you owe it to yourself to attend. Those who attend the Vigil do not have to attend the Sunday Mass.

Easter Sunday: 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

There will be no Holy Week or Easter services at the mission churches.

Confessions in these final days of Lent.

Confessions are heard after the daily Mass. (Please just stand by the confessional so I know you wish to go to Confession).

Confessions will be heard during the Lenten Parish Mission, Sunday thru Thursday (March 13 to 17) both in the morning after Mass and after each evening of the Mission.

Confessions are heard on Saturday at 11:00 a.m. and after the Saturday evening Mass. Confessions will be heard after the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday) until the last person leaves the Church.

Confessions will **not** be heard on Good Friday or Holy Saturday morning unless there is an emergency. With all the opportunities that have been provided no one has an excuse not to have made their confession.

Divine Mercy / Marian Retreat being offered on Friday and Saturday, April 15 to 16 at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Rapid City.

Fr. Chris M. Alar of the Marians of the Immaculate Conception will lead the retreat. His talks will be: "The Church...Vessel of Mercy," "Mary...God's Gift of Mercy," and "Understanding Divine Mercy." A "healing Mass" will be celebrated by Bishop Gruss, Bishop of the Diocese of Rapid City and Fr. Alar. You may pre-register on line at www.terrasancta.org/divinemeracy2016. For more information you may contact Fr. Mark McCormick at mmccormick@diorc.org or Frank Birkholt at 605-890-0700 or fabhome@gwtc.net

Men of St. Joseph prayer group. We are having a wonderful response with up to 18 men coming on Thursday mornings at 6:30

a.m. to 7:30 a.m. to share God's Word in the Church's Morning Prayer. All men in the parish, Catholic or not, are welcome to attend. We meet in the rectory. There are no fees, no meetings, and no programs. Just guys coming to pray the Morning Office and discuss the Scripture readings. The parish provides the prayer books and, of course, lots of coffee!

I am considering offering Evening Prayer at 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for those men who are unable to come in the morning because of work and family obligations. If this is something that you would be interested in, please give me a call or email me (684-7268, frpete@bresnan.net) so I can get an idea of how many additional prayer books I need to order. This will not begin until after Easter.

Knights of Columbus Scholarship

applications in the back of the church, in the parish office or available from Gene Baehler, 684-9632.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP at the Hospital, Lake Angeline room beginning Thursday, March 10 at 4pm. "Understanding Grief: Helping Yourself Heal" is the topic to be discussed and led by Jodi Verplancke, 684-6152.

APRIL RETREAT for the entire parish to be led by Susan Conroy, lived and worked with Mother Teresa, on Saturday, April 16. A parish potluck will be held that night after Mass.

CCW Spring Deanery meeting will also feature Susan Conroy and new Spiritual Advisor, Deacon Carroll Schell, on Monday, April 18 in Sheridan.

"Fr. Pete....Why don't you offer penance service like other parishes do?" I am asked this question quite often but am happy to answer it as often as needed.

I used to offer and participate in communal penance services for many years until it became apparent that while the theory of a communal penance service is great, in reality it rewards laziness. People know they have to go to Confession but make every excuse not to until the last possible moment. They claim they would like to go to confession with another priest but make no effort to go to another priest. Instead the expectation is that priests shall leave their parishes at the busiest time of the year, drive all over the deanery often in bad weather, stay for several hours and then drive home late at night. That is simply unjust.

I have made sure that every Advent and Lent there is a priest from the Fathers of Mercy here to give a parish mission so people can visit with a different priest. The priest and I hear confessions not just one evening but Sunday thru Thursday in addition to the normal parish confession schedule. More than sufficient opportunities are provided. If people do not take advantage of them that is their responsibility not mine.

"Fr. Pete....There are rumors flying around that parishes are opening up and that a lot of clergy changes are going to be made."

Ah....Wyoming really is just one big small town with no secrets! Five parishes are officially "open". How many priests will be shuffled around depends on how many pastors wish to have new assignments and how many pastors the Bishop believes he needs to move to new assignments. The Deans have met with the Bishop to offer their advice. I doubt priests will know anything until May. No one but the Bishop really knows what will happen but that won't stop the rumor mill!

RISEN, the movie about the resurrection of Jesus coming to Buffalo this week! Great movie☺