



# 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

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

## Parish Staff

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, April 17 – Welcome Susan Conroy!!

Monday, April 18 – 8am CCW Sheridan Deanery  
Day in Sheridan; carpool 7:15

Wednesday, April 20 – 3:45pm & 7 pm CCD

Thursday, April 21 – 6:30am Men of St. Joseph  
*KC Meals-on-Wheels – Pete Dube*

Sunday, April 24 – 7pm Parish Council

Tuesday, April 26 – 5pm Finance Council

NO YOUNG ADULTS/COUPLES THIS MONTH!

**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 8:30am 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 EASTER**

**APRIL 17, 2016**

### **Altar Assisters:**

**SATURDAY, April 23, 5pm**

Lector: Keith Leppert

EM: Janelle Gonzales

Altar Servers: Volunteers

**SUNDAY, April 24, 8am**

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Rick Andersen

Altar Servers: Volunteers

**SUNDAY, April 24, 10am**

Lector: Michael Donovan

EM: Mary Ann Cummins

Altar Servers: Volunteers

**Homebound Ministry, Friday, April 22**

Kathy Smith

### **COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK OF April 10, 2016**

St. John's	\$ 4,307.00	YTD \$ 156,090.22
St. Mary's	\$ 230.00	YTD \$ 4,617.43
St. Hubert's	\$ 20.00	YTD \$ 3,347.00
Poor Donations	\$ 315.00	
Online Donations	\$ 550.60	

### **MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:**

Mon.	04.18	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	04.19	8:00 a.m.	+Charles Geis
Wed.	04.20	8:00 a.m.	+Charles Geis
Thu.	04.21	8:00 a.m.	+Pauline Ney
Fri.	04.22	8:00 a.m.	+Pauline Ney
Sat.	04.23	8:00 a.m.	+James Finney
Sun.	04.24	8:00 a.m.	+James Finney
		10:00 a.m.	for the people
		12:30 p.m.	Clearmont: Fr. Pete's intention

### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

Sun-Acts of the Apostles 13:14, 43-52; Revelation 7:9, 14b-17; Gospel: John 10:27-30

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

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

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

**To our visitors.** A word about a very horrible practice in many parishes in the United States. I am referring to people leaving Mass immediately after Holy Communion. *Unless there is an emergency or some very serious reason for doing so it is wrong. It is sinful. It shows a total lack of respect for our Lord and a total lack of respect for the people of this parish.*

If your parish priest doesn't say anything he is either a fool, a coward or both. Feel free to share this bulletin and my contact information with him.

Do not leave after Holy Communion. Return to your pew and give thanks to the Lord for the forgiveness of sins and His pledge of eternal life you were graced to receive in His Body and Blood.

If you are reading this before Mass begins and it is still your intention to leave Church after Holy Communion please leave right now. There is no point in your being here since the love and worship of the Lord is not your priority.

If you attempt to dart out, be aware that I have no problems chasing you into the parking lot. I don't care how embarrassed you become. I do care about your soul.

**Joe Goryl passed away on January 16, 2016 at the age of 97.** He was 93 when he hunted down his last elk! Joe was a life-long member of St. John's except for his service in the Army during World War II when he fought in the

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European theater and was severely wounded at the Battle of Anzio. Joe wouldn't think of missing Mass until old age and frailty made it impossible for him to come to Church. I visited Joe on Fridays and he was often worried that he wasn't doing his "fair share" because he was not contributing to the Church. My asking him not to worry about it didn't help. I think that for Joe it boiled down to a matter of honor.

A week ago I received a letter from his niece. Joe left the St. John the Baptist Church Foundation \$10,000.00 in his will, a very princely sum indeed for a man who made very little in life as an auto mechanic. I handed the check over to a member of the Foundation.

Will you consider leaving the Church or the Foundation in your will or estate planning? Each generation has the obligation to leave the parish in better condition for the next generation so it can move forward. Joe and others like him have done so. Will you?

Rest in peace Joe. You served God, your Church and your country well with love and honor.

**A meditation on the Eucharist from Caryll Houselander taken from the April issue of the Magnificat.** Caryll died in 1954. He was a British mystic, poet and spiritual teacher. The Eucharist was at the core of his spiritual life. Is it at the core of ours?

*Every day thousands of people receive Holy Communion. Christ Who has been sacrificed on the altar is laid in the tomb of their hearts. There is no place where He will not come: prisons, hospitals, schools, camps, ships at sea, cathedrals and little tin churches; He comes to them all. He comes into the houses of the sick and the dying, regardless whether they are mansions or slums.*

*He come to all kinds of people, from little children at First Communion, who bring Him their first tender acts of love and reparation to be myrrh and aloes on His wounds, to*

*old sinners who open their empty hearts to Him hurriedly, at the last minute, just as Joseph of Arimathea's empty tomb was opened hurriedly, at the last minute before the feast, to receive His crucified body.*

*Every day crowds of unknown people come to Him, who feel as hard, as cold, as empty as the tomb. They come with the first light, before going to the day's work, and with the grey mind of early morning, hardly able to concentrate at all on the mystery which they themselves are part of: impelled only by the persistent will of love, not by any sweetness of consolation, and it seems to them as if nothing happens at all. But Christ's response to that dogged, devoted will of a multitude of insignificant people is His coming to life in them, His Resurrection in their souls. In the eyes of the world they are without importance, but in fact, because of them and their unemotional Communion, when the world seems to be finished, given up to hatred and pride, secretly, in unimaginable humility, Love comes to life again. There is resurrection everywhere.*

**Bake sale this weekend to help Catholic Vacation Bible School.** VBS will be held from June 13 to June 18. There are no fees! It is open to any child who will be entering Pre-Kindergarten to sixth grade. Please register your child as soon as possible so we can make sure to have the necessary supplies to provide a wonderful and fun experience for the children!

**Sign-up sheet is out for men interested in joining the Men of St. Joseph for Evening Prayer.** The morning group has been doing well for several years now and there have been

requests for an evening group for those who cannot make it to Morning Prayer.

Please indicate which evening would work best for you. While it is impossible to make everyone happy there may be a majority that will agree on a specific day.

As with the Morning Prayer group, the parish will provide the *Magnificat*. The format will be the same: using the Evening Prayer in the *Magnificat* (also called Vespers), and discussion of the Scripture readings. This is open to any man in the parish. And yes....coffee will be provided!

**Parish Council Members.** You should have received your information packet this weekend. We will meet on Sunday, April 24, 7:00 p.m. at the rectory. We have a number of items we need to go over so please make every effort to attend. We will meet in May and then break for the summer months unless there is an emergency that requires us to meet.

**Finance Council Members and Trustees.** You should have received your information packet this weekend. We will meet on Tuesday, April 26, 5:00 p.m. We have a number of items to go over so please make every effort to attend. We will meet in May and then break for the summer months unless there is an emergency that requires us to meet.

**Many thanks to our choir.** I know I sound like a broken record but small parishes like ours normally do not have choirs. I am very grateful for the time that our choir sacrifices to help lend beauty and dignity to the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. The choir will sing for the last time on the Feast of Pentecost, Sunday, May 15 and then break for the summer.

If you have thought about joining the choir or are new to the parish and would like to be part of a wonderful group of parishioners (whether you are Catholic or not, whether you can read music or not), please call Fr. Pete and let him know.

All that is required is a desire to offer God your voice with others.

**Altar Servers.** I think I have the best servers in the Diocese. They serve well and with dignity. I am one of the few priests who has

high school men serving. Following the tradition that Fr. Joe Daley established, the servers will be scheduled for the month of May and then have the summer months off. They will receive a schedule before the beginning of September.

**New Altar Servers.** There will be a training session on the last week of August for those young men who wish to serve the Lord and His Church at the altar.

**“Fr. Pete....Can adult men serve at the altar?”**

Yes. We have one gentleman who serves every Thursday morning and almost every funeral Mass. If you are interested in serving please call me (684-7268) and I will be happy to train you.

**“Fr. Pete....Sheridan still offers a Sunday evening Mass. Please reconsider offering one here.”**

I haven't been asked this question for a year or two but I'm happy to answer it. No. I know that particular Mass is poorly attended which tells me that it is not needed except by those who like to spend the weekend in the mountains and scramble at the last minute to fulfill their Sunday obligation. Sheridan has three priests so it is not burdensome to offer a Sunday evening Mass. This parish has only one priest and offers three Masses during the weekend and then a Mass at one of the mission churches. It does not need another Sunday Mass. But I will make a deal with you. Fulfill your obligation as a member of the Body of Christ and evangelize those who are not practicing the Faith and when all the Masses are standing room only I will add a Sunday evening Mass. Do we have a deal?

**“Fr. Pete....since you will be here for the next few years are you planning to celebrate your 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary?”**

Yes. I will offer an evening Mass on Monday, August 22 at 7:00 p.m. That was the day I was ordained a priest at St. Barbara's in Powell. As I remember it was 101 degrees that evening and the Church did not have air conditioning! I asked Bishop Hart if I could be ordained on August 29, the Feast of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist. Bishop said, “No....You've had enough trouble. It will be on the Feast of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary!”

**ERROR last week**—Fr. Jim Heiser will be transferred to St. Stephens Mission as pastor. Fr. Randy Oswald will become pastor in Thermopolis.