



# St. John the Baptist Church

St. Mary Church - Clearmont  
St. Hubert Church - Kaycee

## Office and Rectory

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Sermon link – <https://soundcloud.com/st-johns-1>

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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>Jason Sutton</i>	217-0468
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, Oct. 23 – 5pm Youth Group

Tuesday, Oct. 25 – 6am & 10am Book study  
6:30pm Knights family dinner

Wednesday, Oct. 26 – 6am & 10am Judges study  
3:45 & 7pm CCD

Thursday, Oct. 27 – 6:30am Men of St. Joseph  
10am & 7pm Mass in the Bible

Saturday, Oct. 29 – 10am Young Couples brunch

Monday, Oct. 31 – 6pm Anticipatory Mass  
7pm Ladies' Night Out

Tuesday, Nov. 1 – 7 am All Saints' Day Mass

Wednesday, Nov. 2 – All Souls' Day

Sunday, Nov. 13 – Parish spaghetti dinner

**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

**30TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

**OCTOBER 23, 2016**

**Altar Assisters:**

**SATURDAY, October 29, 5pm**

Lector: Keith Leppert

EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Volunteers

**SUNDAY, October 30, 8am**

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Andrew Snyder, Aaron Seeman,

Aaron Thiele

**SUNDAY, October 30, 10am**

Lector: Mary Ann Cummins

EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Lance Rabel, Adam Belus, Michael

Ihnat, Carter Zink

**Homebound Ministry, Friday, October 28**

Valerie Spanos

**COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK OF OCT. 16, 2016**

St. John's	\$ 4,331.35	YTD \$ 73,199.41
St. Mary's	\$ 30.00	YTD \$ 2,071.00
St. Hubert's	\$ 330.00	YTD \$ 1,270.00
Poor Donations	\$ 375.00	
Online Donations	\$ 155.60	

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:**

Mon.	10.17	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	10.25	8:00 a.m.	+Paul Wilson
Wed.	10.26	8:00 a.m.	+Edith Lopez
Thu.	10.27	8:00 a.m.	+Edith Lopez
Fri.	10.28	8:00 a.m.	+Edith Lopez
Sat.	10.29	8:00 a.m.	+Edith Lopez
Sun.	10.30	8:00 a.m.	+Edith Lopez
		10:00 a.m.	+Edith Lopez
		12:30 p.m.	Clearmont: For the parishes

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

Mon-Ephesians 4:32—5:8; Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

Tue-Ephesians 5:21-33; Gospel: Luke 13:18-21

Wed-Ephesians 6:1-9; Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

Thu-Ephesians 6:10-20; Gospel: Luke 13:31-35

Fri-Ephesians 2:19-22; Gospel: Luke 6:12-16

*Saints Simon & Jude, Apostles*

Sat-Philippians 1:18b-26; Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-11

**FROM FR. PETE:**

**The election will soon be over.** On the morning of November 9<sup>th</sup> our alarm clocks will go off at the appointed time. We will roll out of bed to make the coffee, get the kids ready for school, put the dog out, jump into the shower, scarf down a quick breakfast and head off for another day at work. There will, however, be a major difference. We will have a new president and all the consequences that will be set into motion. If the political pundits are correct that neither candidate had been so much enthusiastically endorsed as reluctantly voted for in opposition to a candidate thought to be more repulsive, then it is likely that over half the American population will be very dissatisfied, disgusted and angry with the election results.

This means that an already deeply polarized nation could become even more so with half the electorate seeing themselves as hopelessly disenfranchised from the nation. Add to that the revelations of chicanery, clandestine efforts by the Democratic Party to sabotage the Catholic Church, the degrading mud-slinging, accusations of the election being rigged, the firebombing of a Republican campaign headquarters as an act of intimidation, serious claims of voter fraud, and a host of others, violence could erupt by those utterly disgusted with the system. Let us pray this does not happen, but it would be prudent to expect it.

As Catholics we have two great advantages to offer our nation. First, we know from Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition that our God is

active in human history. He can and will bring any situation, even the intense political, moral and social divisions in our nation, to the end He desires. He can even bend evil to His will. God is in charge of history, not us. Second, Jesus Christ established His Church on earth as the secure anchor and hope for mankind and has assured us that the "gates of hell shall not prevail against it." No matter what happens, we, His Church will survive. And if we must undergo politically inspired persecution because our moral positions are not in sync with those who are in power, we not only will ultimately prevail but shall emerge stronger. As is always the case, however, this comes at the price of great suffering and many martyrs. History teaches that all kinds of governments have sought to crush the Church to eradicate opposition to their policies. All have failed.

What, however, do these advantages require from us at this time? Here are five:

**First, forgiveness** for those who allowed politics to shred relationships with family and friends.

**Second, contriteness** where our political views have shredded relationships with family and friends.

**Third, relentless Christian political activism at all levels.** All Christians must commit ourselves to bring the values of our Faith in Jesus Christ into all aspects of the public life of our nation and no longer commit the *sin of silence* when told our views are not welcomed or when political power is used to intimidate us. We must unapologetically assert ourselves as good citizens of our nation

understanding that our ability to do so stems precisely from the reality that we are first citizens of the Kingdom of God.

**Fourth, we watch our politicians and our political parties like hawks** and relentlessly confront them when we perceive them veering off course. We get the politicians we deserve.

**Fifth, we vote for men and women who share our vision of the dignity of man** that comes from being created in the love and image of God and that it is the duty of government to protect that dignity from conception to death and not define it, control it or destroy it.

The national wounds are deep and festering. It remains to be seen if our nation will be able to heal. One thing is certain: there can be no chance of healing and remaining a republic of "United States" until each of us is healed from within, seeks to help others heal as well and together return to the task of working for the common good. That is always the work of God's grace, not blind adherence to political agendas be they liberal or conservative.

Lest we forget, our nation has endured one attempt to dissolve the union. It resulted in the Civil War. If we, the people, are not careful, the animosity, the distrust of government, the sense of disenfranchisement by so many, and the growing chasm in how our Constitution is interpreted could set the stage for unimaginable chaos.

**A reflection from The Imitation of Christ by Thomas a Kempis.** This work is considered the

most widely read spiritual book after the Bible! It was composed by Thomas a Kempis in the Netherlands around 1418 to 1427. The original was written in Latin but was very quickly translated into other languages. The printing press wasn't invented until 1440 and not in full swing in Europe until 1500. This means the book was so popular that original copies were handwritten in monasteries and distributed. By 1650 some 745 editions were made!

It is a book for clergy and lay people calling us back to basics: to a relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church. The wording is simple, direct, challenging and comforting. If you have never read it before, do yourself a favor and get a copy.

*My son, says the Lord, listen to My words, the most delightful of all words, surpassing all the knowledge of the philosophers and wise men of this world. "My words are spirit and life" and cannot be comprehended by human senses alone.*

*They are not to be interpreted according to the vain pleasure of the listener, but they must be listened to in silence and received with all humility and great affection.*

*And I said: "Blessed is the man whom You teach, Lord, and whom You instruct in Your law; for him You soften the blow of the evil day," and You do not desert him on the earth.*

*The Lord says, I have instructed My prophets from the beginning and even to the present time I have not stopped speaking to all men, but many are deaf and obstinate in response.*

*Many hear the world more easily than they hear God; they follow the desires of the flesh more easily than the pleasure of God.*

*The world promises rewards that are temporal and insignificant, and these are pursued with great longing; I promise rewards that are eternal and unsurpassable, yet the hearts of mortals respond sluggishly.*

*Who serves and obeys Me in all matters with as much care as the world and its princes are served?*

*Blush, then, you lazy, complaining servant, for men are better prepared for the works of death than you are for the works of life. They take more joy in vanity than you in truth.*

*Yet they are often deceived in their hope, while My promise deceives no one, and leaves empty-handed no one who confides in Me. What I have promised I shall give; what I have said I will fulfill for any man who remains faithful in My love unto the very end. I am the rewarder of all good men, the One Who rigorously tests the devoted.*

*Write My words in your heart and study them diligently, for they will be absolutely necessary in the time of temptation. Whatever you fail to understand in reading My words will become clear to you on the day of your visitation.*

*I am accustomed to visit my elect in a double fashion, that is, with temptation and with consolation. And I read to them two lessons each day: one to rebuke them for their faults; the other to exhort them to increase their virtue.*

*"He who possesses My words yet spurns them earns his own judgment on the last day."*

**What is the biggest reason people fail to vote?  
They fail to plan!**

\*Make sure you are registered to vote.

\*Know where your polling station is and set a time when you will go.

\*If you don't have transportation call a parishioner.

\*Know the candidates! Don't settle for sound bites on TV political ads. Know the candidates' positions on critical issues: abortion, the economy, the state of our military preparedness, immigration to name a few.