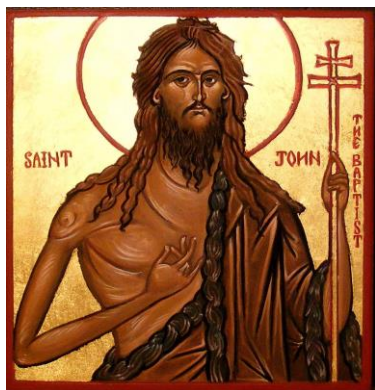




St. John the Baptist Church

St. Mary Church – Clearmont
St. Hubert Church – Kaycee

Office and Rectory

532 North Lobban Avenue
Buffalo, Wyoming 82834
307-684-7268
Website: www.sjbc-buffalo.com
Sermon link – <https://soundcloud.com/st-johns-1>

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Carol Gagliano: Gagliano.carol@gmail.com

St. John the Baptist Church

Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 9:00 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 / Meeting

Sunday, February 23 – LAST Youth Group

Tuesday, February 25– 10am & 7pm class
4pm KC Fish Fry

Wednesday, February 26 – 7am Mass
12noon ashes-Kaycee
6pm Mass

Thursday, February 27 – 6pm Mass
7pm Parish Council

Friday, February 28 – 6pm Mass
7pm Stations of the Cross

Sunday, April 12 - Easter

Parish Staff

Pastor	Fr. Pete Johnson	684-7268
Parish Administrator	Mary Ann Cummins	684-7268
CCW Leader	Lori Zink	620-5113
Finance Council Chair	Steve Reimann	217-0119
Janitor	Mick Camino	217-1575
K of C Grand Knight	Jason Sutton	217-0468
Organist	Judi Semroska	684-2171
Parish Council Chair	Vacant	
Religious Education	Carol Gagliano	684-7217
Trustees	Jean Urruty	684-7093
	Phil Gonzales	684-5920
Choir	Tony Fox	310-339-9162

Baptisms – Please call Fr. Pete, 684-7268

Marriage – Planning and preparation 6 months in advance

Prayer line Requests –Jan Edgcomb –
jmpe@wyoming.com or Honey Harriet, 620-1890

Rosary Guild – Thursdays at 8:30am to 10am;
call 307-660-4936 for meeting place

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

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEB. 23, 2020

Altar Assistants:

SATURDAY, Feb. 29, 5pm

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Mary Smith

CUP: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Matt Harrison, Asher/Kieran Murray

SUNDAY, March 1, 9am

Lector: Patty Tass

EM: Mary Ann Cummins

CUP: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Will Finkle, Carter Zink,

Michael/James Ihnat, Bryce/Ben Camino, Grady

Mathson

Homebound Ministry, Friday, Feb. 28

Lynn Ridgeway

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK Feb. 16, 2020

St. John's	\$ 2,359.07	YTD \$ 118,309.78
St. Mary's	\$	YTD \$ 3,864.00
St. Hubert's	\$ 245.00	YTD \$ 3,030.00
Poor Donations	\$ 40.00	
Online donations	\$	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon.	02.24	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	02.25	8:00 a.m.	+Tom and Clare Casey
<i>Ash Wednesday Masses with distribution of ashes:</i>			
Wed.	02.26	7:00 a.m.	+Tom and Clare Casey
		12:00 noon	Kaycee: for the parishes
		6:00 p.m.	that all Christians will have a Holy Lent
Thu.	02.27	8:00 a.m.	+Tom and Clare Casey
		6:00 p.m.	Fr. Pete's intention
Fri.	02.28	8:00 a.m.	+Tom and Clare Casey
		6:00 p.m.	Fr. Pete's intention
		7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Sat.	02.29	5:00 p.m.	Fr. Pete's intention
Sun.	03.01	9:00 a.m.	Fr. Pete's intention
		2:00 p.m.	Kaycee: for the parishes

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon-James 3:13-18; Gospel: Mark 9:14-29

Tue-James 4:1-10; Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

Wed-Joel 2:12-18; 2 Corinthians 5:20—6:2; Gospel:
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18 ASH WEDNESDAY

Thu-Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Gospel: Luke 9:22-25

Fri-Isaiah 58:1-9a; Gospel: Matthew 9:14-15

FR. PETE:

Two daily Masses during Great and Holy Lent. On Tuesday through Friday Masses will be at 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Some have complained that 6:00 p.m. is too early. Others complain it is too late. It is impossible to please everyone. This is the best that I can do. You can check out what Sheridan and Gillette offer.

Eucharistic Adoration will begin on the First Friday of Lent.

A committee composed of Barb Mueller, Carleen Cosner and Nancy Gillespie met with Fr. Pete on Wednesday, February 19. They shared their concerns and those of others who wish to keep Adoration. They presented a list of 25 people who wish to keep the devotion and the committee members have committed themselves to a role in helping to keep us informed of the purpose and the benefits of this ancient devotion.

The committee gave Fr. Pete some excellent materials that he will cite in the Sunday bulletins as part of an ongoing information campaign.

Adoration will be on Friday mornings from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. starting the First Friday of Lent.

This is the last Sunday for coffee and donuts! We will stop for Lent. So...get your fill while you can!

The Knights of Columbus are having their annual Fish Fry on Tuesday, February 25 at the Fairgrounds from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available from any Knight after Masses. Tickets are \$12.00 for adults and \$4.00 for youth ages 5-12. Come and support the Knights and enjoy a good meal and fellowship. Also available are pies made by the ladies of the Council of Catholic Women! Enjoy before the fast of Great and Holy Lent begins!

A meditation to help prepare to enter into Great and Holy Lent on Ash Wednesday.

The meditation comes from Pope Benedict XVI. It is entitled, "Beginning our Lenten Journey."

On this day, marked by the austere symbol of ashes, we enter the season of Lent, beginning a spiritual journey that prepares us for celebrating worthily the Easter Mysteries. The blessed ashes imposed upon our forehead are a sign that reminds us of our condition as creatures, that invites us to repent, and to intensify our commitment to convert, to follow the Lord ever more closely. Lent is a journey, it means accompanying Jesus Who goes up to Jerusalem, the place of the fulfillment of His mystery of Passion, Death and Resurrection; it reminds us that Christian life is a "way" to take, not so much consistent with a law to observe as with the very Person of Christ, to encounter, to welcome, to follow.

It is above all in the Liturgy, by participating in the Holy Mysteries, that we are led to make this journey with the Lord; it means learning at the school of Jesus, reviewing the events that brought salvation to us but not as a mere commemoration, a remembrance of past events. In the Liturgical actions, Christ makes Himself present through the power of the Holy Spirit and these saving events become real. There is a keyword that recurs frequently in the Liturgy to indicate this: the word "*today*"; and it should be understood in its original and practical, rather than metaphorical, sense.

Today God reveals His law and we are granted to choose today between good and evil, between life and death (Dt. 30:19). *Today* the Kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the Gospel (Mk. 1:15). *Today* Christ died on Calvary and rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father; *today* the Holy Spirit is given to us; *today* is a favorable time.

Dear friends, on this Lenten journey let us be careful to accept Christ's invitation to follow Him more decisively and consistently, renewing the grace and commitments of our Baptism, to cast off the former person within us and put on Christ, in order to arrive at Easter renewed and able to say, with St. Paul: *It is no longer I who live, but Christ Who lives in me*

(Gal. 2:20). I wish you all a good Lenten journey!

Weather permitting, I will be in Casper on Saturday morning, February 29, to preside at a wedding. I will not be able to hear confessions that morning. I will, however, make time after the Saturday evening Mass.

Men of the parish. I would ask two things of you. First, please take the Lenten Season for growth in personal holiness seriously. To help with that task consider making the sacrifice of attending the Men of St. Joseph Prayer Group. We meet every Thursday at the rectory from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. We start and end on time. And yes... coffee is definitely served!

The second thing I would ask you to consider is serving in a "ministry of safety" as an usher. There will be new tasks for ushers in an effort to create as safe an environment as possible in our Church during the Holy Mass. It will require being alert to unusual behavior, assessing potential danger, and being very observant so you can make a good description to the police in the event you must call them. Ushers will, essentially, be a proactive group and the first line of defense for our congregation.

Women are certainly welcome to share in this ministry. More often than not, however, women take on the lion's share of responsibilities in a parish and I am asking the men to step into the breach.

Guns in Church. *It is the official policy of the Diocese of Cheyenne that no one is permitted to carry a weapon into any Church in the Diocese with the exception of those in law enforcement or security guards hired by a parish.* The deranged person intent on killing people could care less about that rule, but there it is. Priests were asked by the company that insures the parishes to place signs on Church buildings that these are "gun free zones." I refused, as have most priests arguing that such a measure does nothing to keep us safe. On the contrary, it sends an invitation to every nut

case to come and wreak havoc and death without fear of reprisal. Besides, my rectory is not a “gun free zone” and I will not give up my guns.

Parish Council Members: We will meet on Thursday, February 27, 7:00 p.m. at the rectory.

Ash Wednesday is February 26. Masses with the distribution of ashes are as follows: 7:00 a.m. in Buffalo, 12:00 o'clock noon in Kaycee, 6:00 p.m. in Buffalo.

We need people to sign up to help distribute ashes for Ash Wednesday. If we don't have help, I can guarantee that the Mass will take much longer. Sign-up sheet is at the front entrance of the Church.

Yes...We are having Vacation Bible School (VBS) this summer. Judging from the sheer quantity of materials arriving at the rectory office it is safe to bet that this year's program will be a fun one! VBS will be held from Monday, June 15 to Friday, June 19, during the morning hours. Children from age four and up are welcome to attend. There are no costs. Please keep watch for LARGE appliance/furniture boxes for us. We will store them!

WYOMING WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER – Today we learn to love our enemies. Sometimes we forget to show our love to those closest to us. Attend a WWME weekend and resolve to show your spouse how much you love them each and every day. These weekends are a powerful time for you to focus on one another, reconnect and grow closer. Upcoming date: Rock Springs, April 17-19, 2020. Call Dan & Clare Dooley 406-697-3275 for more information.

LEGACY BABY BOTTLES – take one and fill it with your spare change during Lent to assist the Legacy Pregnancy Center with their efforts to stop abortions and aid those with

unexpected pregnancies. Bottle pick up date is Sunday, March 8. You can bring it back and put it in the green bag any time before that date.

St. Patrick's dinner on Sunday, March 15...tickets to be sold beginning March 1 for \$2 each.

ST. MARGARET PARISH in Riverton will host a men's retreat beginning at 6pm on Friday, March 20 and ending with 5:30pm Mass on Saturday, March 21. Featured speaker Greg Schlueter of Massimpact.us will challenge men of all ages – father, sons, grandfathers – to become the men God, the Church, our families, and our communities need them to be. Cost of the retreat is \$40 which includes Saturday lunch and snacks throughout the weekend. For more information and to register, visit wyomingcatholicmen.com/retreats

ADULT FAITH CLASS – “The Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius or Manresa” will be offered by Nolcha Fox beginning March 1 on Sundays at 3pm in the parish hall. The book is available on Amazon for \$14.73 (use the Tan Classics edition, published 1999) or at The Catholic Company, item #1003573 for \$16.95 or at TAN Books (www.tanbooks.com) Sku TC1592 for \$16.95.

NO FINANCE COUNCIL meeting until further notice of a new date.

GENE GAGLIANO book signing on Thursday, Feb. 27 at the library, 7 to 8:30pm.

PHONE/INTERNET USAGE AND VAPING/DRUG USAGE presentation at BHS during conferences on Tuesday, Feb. 25 & Thursday, Feb. 27 at 6pm by Buffalo Police Department. More details than the talks we have had with kids/parents in our parish. Good turnout last Wednesday kids & parents! Great questions! **THANK YOU** to **Kari Packard** & **Kassahn Mathson** for sharing their knowledge 😊

BACKGROUND CHECKS – Please get online at CMG Connect and get this done ASAP for involvement in any parish ministry! Thank you to everyone who has accomplished this!