



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 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

Parish Staff

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

Religious Education / Meeting

Sunday, March 1 – NO Knights' breakfast

Tuesday, March 3 – 10am & 7pm class

Wednesday, March 4 – 3:34pm CCD

6pm Mass

7pm CCD/Confirmation

Thursday, March 5 – 6pm Mass

Friday, March 6 – 6pm Mass

6:30pm Stations of the Cross

Sunday, March 8 – Clocks-Spring ahead

Sunday, April 12 – Easter – KC Breakfast

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

March 1, 2020

Altar Assistants:

SATURDAY, March 7, 5pm

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteer

CUP: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Matt Harrison, Asher/Kieran Murray

SUNDAY, March 8, 9am

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteer

CUP: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Will Finkle, Michael/James Ihnat,

Bryce/Ben Camino

Homebound Ministry, Friday, March 6

Kathy Smith

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK Feb. 23, 2020

St. John's	\$ 3,062.80	YTD \$ 121,372.58
St. Mary's	\$ 190.00	YTD \$ 4,054.00
St. Hubert's	\$ 85.00	YTD \$ 3,115.00
Poor Donations	\$ 100.00	
Online donations	\$	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon.	03.02	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
		6:00 p.m.	No Mass
Tue.	03.03	8:00 a.m.	+Blanche Borenstein
		6:00 p.m.	+Tom and Clare Casey
Wed.	03.04	8:00 a.m.	+Blanche Borenstein
		6:00 p.m.	Fr. Pete's intention
Thu.	03.05	8:00 a.m.	+Blanche Borenstein
		6:00 p.m.	Fr. Pete's intention
Fri.	03.06	8:00 a.m.	+Tom Casey
		8:30 a.m.	Adoration until 9:30 a.m.
		6:00 p.m.	Fr. Pete's intention
		6:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Sat.	03.07	5:00 p.m.	+Bud Herzeelle
Sun.	03.08	9:00 a.m.	for the parishes
		12:30 p.m.	Clearmont: Fr. Pete's intention

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon-Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18; Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Tue-Isaiah 55:10-11; Gospel: Matthew 6:7-15

Wed-Jonah 3:1-10; Gospel: Luke 11:29-32

Thu-Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Gospel: Matthew 7:7-12

Fri-Ezekiel 18:21-28; Gospel: Matthew 5:20-26

Sat-Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Gospel: Matthew 5:43-48

FR. PETE:

Attention all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Your three-year term is about to expire in early April. The parish will send in your name for a renewed three-year term unless you contact Mary Ann at the Parish Office and tell her you no longer wish to serve in this ministry.

If there are people who have never served as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion but would like to, there is a sign-up sheet at the front entrance of the Church. Please print your name and the best phone number Fr. Pete can contact you at. He will arrange for training sessions and get your name on the list for the Bishop's approval.

Lenten Parish Mission with the Fathers of Mercy coming soon!

Fr. Jewell Aycona will be coming to our parish the week of March 21 through March 26. He will preach the weekend Masses on March 21 and 22. On Sunday, March 22, he will conduct a retreat for our Confirmation students and their parents from 10:15 a.m. to noon. The Mission will begin on Sunday, March 22 at 7:00 p.m. and be held Monday through Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Fr. Jewell and Fr. Pete will be available for confessions after each evening session. More details to come!

A Lenten meditation from St. Gregory Nazianzen.

St. Gregory was a bishop, a monk, a prolific writer of letters, poems and prayers. He is a Doctor of the Church. He passed into eternal life in the year 390.

Suppose the tempter makes us feel the pinch of poverty, as he did even to Christ, and taking advantage of our hunger talks of turning stones into bread: we must not be taken in by him, but let him learn what he has still not grasped. Refute him with the word of life, with the word that is the bread sent down from heaven and that gives life to the world. He may try to ensnare us through our vanity, as he tried to ensnare Christ when he set Him on the pinnacle of the temple and said, "Prove your divinity: throw yourself down." Let us beware of succumbing to pride, for the tempter will by no means stop at one success. He is never satisfied and is always pursuing us. Often, he

beguiles us with something good and useful, but its end is always evil. That is simply his method of waging war.

We also know how well-versed the devil is in Scripture. When Christ answered the temptation to turn stones into bread with a rebuke from Scripture beginning: *It is written*, the devil countered with the same words, tempting Christ to throw Himself down from the pinnacle of the temple. *For it is written*, he quoted, *He will give His angels charge of you and on their hands they will bear you up*. O past master of all evil, why suppress the verse that follows? You did not finish the quotation, but I know full well what it means: that we shall not tread on you as on an adder or a cobra; protected by the Trinity, we shall trample on you as on serpents or scorpions.

If the tempter tries to overthrow us through our greed, showing us at one glance all the kingdoms of the world - as if they belonged to him - and demanding that we fall down and worship him, we should despise him, we know him to be a penniless impostor. Strong in our baptism, each of us can say, **“I too am made in the image of God, but unlike you, I have not yet become an outcast from heaven through my pride. I have put on Christ; by my baptism I have become one with Him. It is you that should fall prostrate before me.”** By these words he can only surrender and retire in shame; as he retreated before Christ, the light of the world, so will he depart from those illumined by that light. Such are the gifts conferred by baptism on those who understand its power; such the rich banquet it lays before those who hunger for the things of the Spirit.

St. Patrick’s Day Dinner has been planned for Sunday, March 15 at 5:00 p.m. There will be the traditional meal of corned beef, cabbage, potato and carrots along with Irish soda bread. Tickets are being sold after Masses for \$2.00 per person which goes toward “door prizes”. (ONLY 125 tickets available!)

Gene Gagliano will be signing his newest book.

And there will be a “silent auction” for a number of items, the proceeds going to our parish Foundation.

So... save yourself the chore of cooking dinner, cleaning up afterwards and come join fellow parishioners for a wonderful meal and good fun!

Heads up! Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 8. So, make sure to turn your clocks an hour ahead before going to bed on Saturday, March 7. It will be so nice when Wyoming and the surrounding states vote to get rid of this nonsense.

Congratulations to the Knights of Columbus for a wonderful Fish Fry! Nothing but compliments on the quality of the food (delicious fish!) and the friendliness of the Knights serving. It takes a great deal of time and organization to pull off something this big. It is an event that is looked forward to by many in our community. And the pies...WOW!

Many thanks to the confirmation students who helped at the Fish Fry! They worked hard making sure people had their drinks and removing plates. Nice work!

Congratulations to the CCW. They raised nearly \$700.00 selling their pies at the Fish Fry. Proceeds to go to the WCCW Mary’s Fund.

“Fr. Pete...Can the altar be decorated with flowers during Lent?” No. The only exception would be for a funeral Mass but even then, the number of floral pieces in the Sanctuary must be restricted and the rest go to the Parish Hall where the reception will take place after the burial.

“Fr. Pete...Are we supposed to give up meat on the Fridays of Lent?” Yes. In the past some have complained that the schools do not offer a meatless alternative. I don’t know if that’s the case or not. Assuming it is, what is the problem with a kid bringing a meatless lunch to school for lunch? Really...giving up meat one day a week is not much of a burden.

It is not the duty of the schools to accommodate religious dietary needs. It is the duty of parents to encourage their children to embrace such simple sacrifices and help them with alternatives.

“Fr. Pete...How do you answer when someone says that the Church has too many rules?” Show me a religion people take *seriously* that doesn't have rules and regulations.

Can someone please enlighten me as to why rules are bad? You don't drive 50 mph in a 20-mph zone because you might kill someone. Stop signs and red lights are not options but rules that apply to all for the common good. You cannot skip out on supporting the children you brought into the world whether you remain married or not without subjecting them to the scourge of poverty. Your boss expects you to show up for work on time so your absence does not burden fellow employees. We do not take things that do not belong to us thereby building trust with others, even total strangers. We are required to pay taxes to improve the quality of life in our community. Give it some thought and you will come up with a lot more reasons why rules and regulations are vital to both a good personal and communal life.

This common sense understanding of the need for rules applies to the realm of religion. God made us in His love and image, meaning we are rational beings endowed with the capacity to discern and live in the truth. Rules and regulations help us to discipline ourselves for the best possible chance to live in harmony with God and with each other. This is why, using a simple example, the Ten Commandments are not the Ten Suggestions but Commandments that apply to all. They give boundaries so we can peacefully live in truth and not run the risk of substituting our faulty perceptions or fickle feelings for the truth which would ultimately create chaos in our lives and most likely in the lives of others. God commands that we worship Him not because He needs our worship but because if we fail to worship Him, we will end up worshipping ourselves and that always ends in disaster.

WYOMING WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE

ENCOUNTER – The Lord created woman to meet the needs of man and for each to give their life fully to the other. A WWME weekend is the perfect opportunity to reconnect, improve communication and fall more deeply in love. This weekend has something powerful to offer every married couple! Upcoming date: Rock Springs, April 17-19, 2020. For more information and to apply visit www.wwme.org or call Dan & Clare Dooley 406-697-3275.

LEGACY BABY BOTTLES – Bottle pick up date is Sunday, March 8.

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.

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!

CCW FUNERAL GROUP 5 has a retiring leader. We need someone to step up and help be an organizer for this group. Contact Valerie Spanos, 620-5061, if you are willing to co-lead with her and organize funeral dinners.