



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, April 12 – Easter

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 29, 2020

Altar Assistors:

SATURDAY, April 4, 5pm

Lector:

EM:

CUP: None

Altar Servers:

SUNDAY, April 5, 9am

Lector:

EM:

CUP: None

Altar Servers:

Homebound Ministry, Friday, April 3

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK March 22, 2020

St. John's	\$	890.00	YTD \$	133,538.08
St. Mary's	\$		YTD \$	4,074.00
St. Hubert's	\$		YTD \$	3,702.00
Poor Donations	\$	250.00		
Online donations	\$			

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon.	03.30	6:00 p.m.	No Mass
Tue.	03.31	6:00 p.m.	for all in Johnson County
Wed.	04.01	6:00 p.m.	for all in Johnson County
Thu.	04.02	6:00 p.m.	for all our doctors and nurses
Fri.	04.03	8:30 a.m.	No Adoration
		6:00 p.m.	for all our doctors and nurses
		6:30 p.m.	No Stations of the Cross
Sat.	04.04	5:00 p.m.	for all our doctors and nurses
Sun.	04.05	9:00 a.m.	for all in our county who are sick

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon-2 Kings 5:1-15b; Gospel: Luke 4:24-30
Tue-Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35
Wed-Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Gospel: Matthew 5:17-19
Thu-2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Romans 4:13, 16-18,
22; Gospel: Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Fri-Hosea 14:2-10; Gospel: Mark 12:28-34

Sat-Hosea 6:1-6; Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

FR. PETE:

A Lenten meditation. The following comes from Dom Boylan, a monk of the Cistercian Abbey of Mount Saint Joseph, Roscrea, Ireland. He passed into eternal life in 1964.

His chief desire was to press on to the final stage of His life...the baptism wherewith He was to be baptized...and to which He hurries on, if one may say so, with the impatience of a lover...The one pre-eminence He seemed determined to reserve for Himself was that of suffering. Looking at His work as it appeared on the day of His death, it seemed to have been a complete failure. The crowds who had acclaimed Him on the previous Sunday are replaced on Friday by a mob who clamor for His death. The thousands who heard Him and saw His wonderful miracles, and who were helped by Him and healed by Him, seem to have disappeared. At His death on the cross we find only His Mother, one of the apostles, a few faithful women; and in the crowd, a few of His followers, whose eminence, perhaps, gave them courage to be present. He Himself is branded as an imposter, disgraced as criminal, and put to a death that carries with it the stigma of the deepest degradation.

All this is part of a plan, but the plan is one which shatters our standards of value. On that very end of our Lord's life, which material standards condemn as a complete failure, the whole history of the human race hangs in eternal dependence. Since our Lord was God, since the person Who acted and suffered in the human nature of Christ was Divine, all His acts were of infinite value. Had God so willed, any single one of them, however small, would have been more than sufficient to satisfy for the sins of the world and to redeem all

men. Yet God's love had decided otherwise. For His own wise reasons, to help men to understand the enormity of sin, to win their confidence and their love, and to show them His own immense love and desire for their happiness, God had decreed that the salvation of the world should be purchased by the Passion and Death of His Son.

Help our local restaurants! They may not be able to allow people to dine inside but they can prepare delicious meals for us to pick up. Please remember that these people are our neighbors, perhaps fellow parishioners.

So... how is everyone doing out there? We have a team (Kathy Smith, Tony and Nolcha Fox, Jimmy Gampetro, Vickie Abbot and Eric Wilhelm) who are trying to call our older parishioners at least once a week to see how they are doing and if they are in need of anything that we can get for them.

One small benefit from all this... Mary Ann is doing a great job updating our parish listing. The last mailing, I sent out had only a few letters returned as "undeliverable." As Mary Ann was preparing an email listing, she discovered that some folks have changed their email address. *If you have updated your email address or changed your phone number, please do not assume we have that information. Best to call or email the Parish Office so we can get it right on the parish files.* Thank you! Which brings me to the next issue...

Keeping parishioners informed. We are publishing the Sunday Bulletin on the parish website. We know that not everyone has a computer and we are mailing the Sunday Bulletin to those who don't. Please check with your fellow parishioners and see if they have a computer and if not, let us know so we can

mail a Bulletin to them. Thank you for your help!

Some ideas for a spiritual life without the Sacraments. Betty Andersen sent a suggestion based on what she and her husband Rick are doing. They go to YouTube and type in "Holy Rosary" and "Stations of the Cross." There are a variety of options available. Click on the one you would like and join in.

You can read the Scripture readings for the day. Mary Ann posts them in the Sunday Bulletin.

The Church is open on Tuesday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Come in and pray. You are asked to please keep at least six feet away from others (front, back and side). Pray for our community that we may be spared from this disease. And pray for the grace of the Sacraments to be restored and they will be received with gratitude.

Men of St. Joseph are encouraged to come to the office to pick up the April edition of the *Magnificat*. It will be left on the kitchen table.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week. For the first time in my "career" as a priest there will not be a Holy Week. So, what am I going to do? I am going to use the time to PRAY the Liturgies with the Holy Father as he celebrates them in Rome. I urge you to do the same. Perhaps the deprivation we are experiencing has a silver lining to it. It might make us consider how important our faith is and that we should never allow it to be on the back burner.

Palm strips. When Bishop Biegler announced that there would not be any Holy Week Liturgies our supplier, Gerken Church Supply in Denver, cancelled the order I made for palm strips and decorative fans. If you have any from last year, hang on to them. I reserved a few from last year to become ashes for next Ash Wednesday.

Many thanks to those who are mailing in their weekly donations! It is a great help as it means we have to take less out of the bank to cover our bills.

Wouldn't you know...One of the hot water heaters next to the kitchen malfunctioned. Mick Camino caught it. He called the plumber. At first it was thought to be a malfunctioning thermal coupler. Nope. We weren't that lucky. We have to replace the whole thing. That hot water heater was only 9 years old! Oh well....

Parish Council Members, Finance Council Members, Directors. We will not meet this month. It is likely we will not meet next month either. A packet of information and requests for feedback on some issues is being sent to your homes.

“Fr. Pete...Do you think there's a chance that the Churches will be open for Easter?” I don't see that happening. Then again, information about the covid-19 virus changes so often that it is theoretically possible. When the Churches are allowed to resume their Mass schedules I will send a parish wide mailing to all registered parishioners letting them know.

“Fr. Pete...Is CCD over for the year?” I will visit with Carol Gagliano and let you know in next week's Sunday Bulletin. My guess is that we will follow what the public schools decide to do.

“Fr. Pete...Will there be Vacation Bible School?” Originally slated for June, I asked Carol to visit with her volunteers to see if there might possibly be a later date in July or August.

“Fr. Pete...What about First Communion?” Originally slated for May, I suggested to Carol that we may have to postpone until the end of September or early October.

“Fr. Pete...Can we make confessions over the phone?” I know this has been done in emergency situations but the Bishop has not given permission at this time. My advice: make a good Act of Contrition, be genuinely sorry for your sins not because you feel guilty but because you realize how they offend God, and then make the firm resolve to go to confession when you can. God will take care of you! Don't ever despair of God's forgiveness and mercy!

ATTENTION all graduating high school seniors! Applications for the James & Matilda Goar Scholarship Program, administered by the Holy Name School Foundation, are available from the church office or your high school counselor's office. The Scholarship is \$4000 per year, up to five years, for a total of \$20,000. The scholarship is available only to Johnson and Sheridan County residents, and is based on economic need, scholastic achievement and involvement in parish and community activities. All applications must be received by May 1, 2020 to the Holy Name School Foundation at PO Box 6611, Sheridan, WY 82801. For further information, please contact Dr. Pat Meehan at 674-7339 or John Rotellini at 752-2742.

PARISH HALL – The hall is off limits to anyone from the parish to use it. The hospital has made it a place for emergencies.

REMEMBER eCatholic and online giving? You can go to our website – www.sjbc-buffalo.com and click on the link for online giving to get yourself set up for donations. That way you don't need envelopes and don't have to remember to write a check 😊

MASS WITH BISHOP STEVEN is Sunday at 9am on Facebook. You can use the diocesan website, <http://www.dioceseofcheyenne.org/covid19/> to access this Mass also. There is a Mass daily with Bishop Robert Baron of Los Angeles on our parish website. Please utilize these resources to keep the faith alive in you. EWTN has a daily Mass on television and on the radio (at 8am on Sirius 129).

