



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

None scheduled at this time.

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 26, 2020

Altar Assisters:

SATURDAY, May 2, 5pm

Lector:

EM:

CUP: None

Altar Servers:

SUNDAY, May 3, 9am

Lector:

EM:

CUP: None

Altar Servers:

Homebound Ministry, Friday, May 1

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK April 19, 2020

St. John's	\$ 2904.00	YTD \$ 141,816.08
St. Mary's	\$	YTD \$ 4,074.00
St. Hubert's	\$ 250.00	YTD \$ 3,952.00
Poor Donations	\$ 286.00	
Easter	& 320-00	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon. 04.27	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue. 04.28	8:00 a.m.	Fr. Pete's intention
Wed. 04.29	8:00 a.m.	Fr. Pete's intention
Thu. 04.30	8:00 a.m.	Fr. Pete's intention
Fri. 05.01	8:00 a.m.	Fr. Pete's intention
Sat. 05.02	5:00 p.m.	No Mass
Sun. 05.03	9:00 a.m.	for the parishes

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon-Acts of the Apostles 6:8-15; Gospel: John 6:22-29

Tue-Acts of the Apostles 7:51—8:1a; Gospel: John 6:30-35

Wed-Acts of the Apostles 8:1b-8; Gospel: John 6:35-40 ***Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor***

Thu-Acts of the Apostles 8:26-40; Gospel: John 6:44-51

Fri-Acts of the Apostles 9:1-20; Gospel: John 6:52-59

Sat-Acts of the Apostles 9:31-42; Gospel: John 6:60-69 ***Saint Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor***

FR. PETE:

Gratitude! Thank you to all who are financially supporting the parish in these brutal economic times despite not having access to the Sacraments (unless one is in danger of death). I am humbled by your generosity. It looks like we will not have to withdraw from savings this month to pay the bills, and that is a great relief. I am so looking forward to getting things back to normal.

Update on the Parish Emergency

Assistance Fund. For the month of March 2020: total deposits amounted to \$1,340.00; total distributions amounted to \$1072.00. From April 1 to April 23: total deposits amounted to \$1,556.00; total distributions amounted to \$3,093.00. We have covered numerous requests for rental assistance, food assistance, oxygen service, prescriptions and eye glasses. The total amount remaining in the Fund is \$12,353.81. I am anticipating more requests for assistance from those who have recently been laid off.

A message from Victor Hannuneh. The COVID-19 crisis has had a major impact on Victor's ability to bring and display carved olive wood products from the Holy Land. As I am writing this he and his son are in quarantine for the next few weeks in Great Falls and unable to return to Palestine.

The company he works for, Shepherds of the Good Shepherd, is unable to send representatives to sell their olive wood carvings that support Palestinian Christians who live and work in the Holy Land. They have established a website you can visit to purchase a gift for a loved one. You can go to www.shepherdsofthegoodshepherd.org/



What we are going to do about the Easter Bunny. This is a very serious matter indeed. After consulting with the Easter Bunny (aka Gene Baehler), it has been agreed that on the first Sunday when we are in full swing the Easter Bunny will be available after the Sunday Mass for the children. Mr. Jim Fitzsimmons will ensure that there will be an Easter Egg hunt. Both events will happen...even if it is in July! The congregation did a great job raising just over \$14,000.00 for our parish Foundation on the dare by Gene to dress in a bunny suit and we are looking forward to fulfilling our commitment to you. (I've heard a rumor that the Easter Bunny suit is just a tad large on Gene so he will wear a pink ribbon around the waist with a big bow in the back to keep it propped up! Won't that make for nice pictures!).



Coffee and donuts after Sunday morning Mass. I do not foresee this being re-established for quite some time. I think late fall might be possible.

The medical surge facility. I recently visited with hospital staff. It is quite possible that as restrictions are lifted there could be more cases of COVID-19. I assured the hospital that there is no need for them to remove all their equipment from the hall, which right now looks like a MASH unit! If there is no need for a medical surge facility by July, they should remove their equipment and we will get the classrooms and hall back to normal and ready for use in September.

I wish to thank the parishioners for their understanding and cooperation. I could be wrong but I don't think there are many

communities in our country where secular and religious institutions have worked so closely to make the common good of the community a priority. This is something we can all be proud of.

Let us pray over the next month or two that we never have to use the hall as a hospital but let us also thank God that it is available to serve the sick if needed.

You're not going to like this...Everything we've been through should force us to think about next winter. Yes, next winter! Ready to shoot me?

It is a given that we will go through another flu season which kills tens of thousands of Americans every year in all age groups. The flu has thus far killed more Americans than COVID-19.

If you do not take a flu shot please consider that you have a moral obligation to do so unless there is an ingredient in the vaccine that you are allergic to or your doctor has advised you not to take the shot. The more people in our community that are immunized from the flu the less severe it will be in our community and we can reduce the number of people needing medical care and / or hospitalization. Why is this important?

It is very likely that the COVID-19 virus will hit us again next winter. That means a double whammy: flu and COVID-19 at the same time. Many are placing their hopes on a COVID-19 vaccine being ready by then. That is unrealistic. It takes, on average, almost two years for a vaccine to be developed, tested, and approved assuming one can be made at all for this virus. Keep in mind that virologists have been working on creating a vaccine for HIV for the last 40 years with no success. And there are no vaccines for other deadly coronaviruses such as MERS and SARS. Let

us hope and pray a vaccine for COVID-19 is developed quickly. Even if that should be the case it is highly unlikely there would be a sufficient supply to immunize everyone and the vaccine would have to be allocated to “essential personnel” however that will be defined. If, however, EVERYONE in our community got a flu shot next fall we can significantly reduce the chances of having and transmitting the flu which in turn will allow our hospital and medical staff to focus on COVID-19 patients.

I realize how unpleasant this must sound given how raw our current experience is. But Swede that I am, we must be practical and accept the fact that the health choices we make impact not only our lives but the lives of so many others in our community.

“People often **refer to the Gospel** as the greatest story ever told. But it’s not really. It’s just the introduction. Or a prelude. What comes after this life, when the blessed enter into the Beatific Vision and see in the Father’s’ eyes the story of their life, of everyone’s lives, of all the world, that will be the greatest story ever told, the one to which every other story belongs, the story that makes sense of all the stories, the story we’ve been waiting our whole lives to hear.” –*Dr. Scott Hahn*

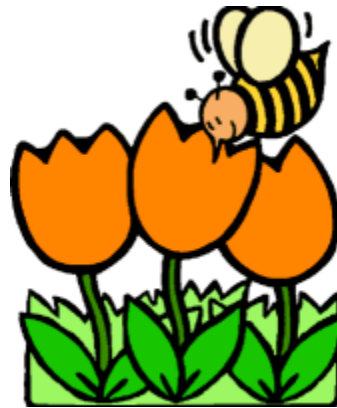
Something to ponder: “What good is a pristine planet if the unborn never get to live in it?” –*Bishop Joseph Strickland*

THANKS to a donor, the Knights of Columbus yard next to the rectory has been cleaned, mowed and much improved!

THANK YOU to everyone who has visited the church during the weekly open hours. God is good! The church is open Tuesday-Friday from 9am to 5pm.

SPRING HAS SPRUNG! Look how beautiful our creation is with the rain and warm

temperatures. Get outside and enjoy with physical distancing from others and hand cleanliness 😊



EARTH DAY was this week...remember to care for God’s creation by reusing, recycling, planting trees and flowers and using care when traveling on wet roads! 50 years since the first Earth Day!



Have a great week! Be safe! Get outside!

St. John the Baptist, pray for us!

