



St. John the Baptist Church

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

Office and Rectory

532 North Lobban Avenue
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Website: www.sjbc-buffalo.com
Sermon link – <https://soundcloud.com/st-johns-1>

Foundation – www.SJBC-Foundation.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, Feb. 21 – NO Youth Group
Monday, Feb. 22 – 7pm HOLY HOUR
Wednesday, Feb. 24 – 3:45 & 7pm CCD
Friday, Feb. 26 – 6pm Stations of the Cross
Sunday, Feb. 28 – 5pm Youth Group
Sunday, April 4 is EASTER SUNDAY

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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

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

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

February 21, 2021

Altar Assistants:

SATURDAY, Feb. 27, 5pm

Lector: Blaine Horn

EM:

CUP: None

Altar Servers:

SUNDAY, Feb. 28, 9am

Lector: Dianne, Urruty

EM:

CUP: None

Altar Servers:

Homebound Ministry, Friday, Feb. 26

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK Feb. 14, 2021

St. John's	\$ 5,002.00	YTD \$106,413.19
St. Mary's	\$ 250.00	YTD \$ 3,732.00
St. Hubert's	\$	YTD \$ 8,315.00
Poor Donations	\$ 220.00	
Online	\$	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon.	02.22	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
		5:30 p.m.	No Mass
			1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 16:13-19
Tue.	02.23	8:00 a.m.	Jan Edgcomb
		5:30 p.m.	Liturgy of the Word
			Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7; 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wed.	02.24	8:00 a.m.	Jan Edgcomb
		5:30 p.m.	+Fr. Tom Sheridan
			Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Thu.	02.25	8:00 a.m.	Special intention of donor
		5:30 p.m.	+Fr. Tom Sheridan
			Est C:12,14-16,23-25; Ps 138:1-3,7-8; Mt 7:7-12
Fri.	02.26	8:00 a.m.	Special intention of donor
		5:30 p.m.	+Fr. Tom Sheridan
		6:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
			Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Sat.	02.27	5:00 p.m.	Special intention of donor
			Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2,4-5,7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sun	02.28	9:00 a.m.	Special intention of donor
		12:30 p.m.	+Fr. Tom Sheridan
			Pete's intention
		5:00 p.m.	for the parishes

Gn 22:1-2,9-13, 15-28; Ps 116:10,15-19; Rom 8:31-34; Mk 9:2-10

FR. PETE:

Some interesting thoughts on the modern world that inspired the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council:

The world of today reveals itself as at once powerful and weak, capable of achieving the best or the worst. There lies open before it the way to freedom or slavery, progress or regression, brotherhood or hatred. In addition, man is becoming aware that it is for himself to give the right direction to the forces that he has himself awakened, forces that can be his master or his servant. He therefore puts questions to himself.

The tensions disturbing the world of today are in fact related to a more fundamental tension rooted in the human heart. In man himself many elements are in conflict with each other. On one side, he has experience of his many limitations as a creature. On the other, he knows that there is no limit to his aspirations, and that he is called to a higher kind of life.

Many things compete for his attention, but he is always compelled to make a choice among them, and to renounce some. What is more, in his weakness and sinfulness he often does what he does not want to do, and fails to do what he would like to do. In consequence, he suffers from a conflict within himself, and this in turn gives rise to so many great tensions in society.

Very many people, infected as they are with a materialistic way of life, cannot see this dramatic state of affairs in all its clarity, or at least are prevented from giving thought to it because of the unhappiness that they themselves experience.

Many think that they can find peace in the different philosophies that are proposed.

Some look for complete and genuine liberation for man from man's efforts alone. They are convinced that the coming kingdom of man on earth will satisfy all the desires of the heart.

There are those who despair of finding any meaning in life: they commend the boldness of those who deny all significance to

human existence itself, and seek to impose a total meaning on it only from within themselves.

But in the face of the way in which the world is developing today there is an ever-increasing number of people who are asking the most fundamental questions or are seeing them with a keener awareness: What is man? What is the meaning of pain, of evil, of death, which still persist in spite of such great progress? What is the use of those successes, achieved at such a cost? What can man contribute to society, what can he expect from society? What will come after this life on earth?

The Church believes that Christ died and rose for all, and can give man light and strength through His Spirit to fulfill his highest calling; His is the only name under heaven in which men can be saved.

So too the Church believes that the center and goal of all human history is found in her Lord and Master.

The Church also affirms that underlying all changes there are many things that do not change; they have their ultimate foundation in Christ, Who is the same yesterday, today and forever.

A reminder to those who will attend Stations of the Cross during COVID:

1. Only one book is being used.
2. People are asked to take a book and keep it. No sharing of books allowed. I will order additional books next year.
3. The person leading Stations will not walk around the Church or in the center aisle. He / she will use the pulpit.
4. The Stabat Mater will not be sung, but recited or simply be omitted.

Confessions during Lent:

1. After the daily morning and evening Masses. Please line up by the west wall. I will go to the Baptistery as soon as I finish cleaning up.
2. Saturday morning at 11:00 a.m.
3. Any time by appointment.

4. Once the Holy Week Liturgies are clarified by the Bishop's Office, I will make extra time for confession.

A wonderful little prayer for clergy and laity to offer before going to Holy Communion.

The following prayer is from the Eastern Churches in communion with Rome. It is also used in the Orthodox Churches. I make it a practice to say it every day before celebrating the Holy Mass.

I believe, O Lord, and I confess that Thou art truly the Christ, the Son of the Living God, Who didst come into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. And I believe that this is truly Thine own immaculate Body, and that this is truly Thine own precious Blood. Wherefore I pray Thee, have mercy upon me and forgive my transgressions both voluntary and involuntary, of word and of deed, of knowledge and of ignorance; and make me worthy to partake without condemnation of Thine immaculate Mysteries, unto remission of my sins and unto life everlasting. Amen.

Of Thy Mystic Supper, O Son of God, accept me today as a communicant: for I will not speak of Thy Mystery to Thine enemies, neither will I give Thee a kiss as did Judas; but like the thief will I confess Thee: Remember me, O Lord, in Thy kingdom.

Not unto judgment nor unto condemnation be my partaking of Thy Holy Mysteries, O Lord, but unto the healing of soul and body

“Fr. Pete...Would it be possible to have someone lead the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy before the weekday and weekend Masses?” I have no problem with that provided that (1) a person from the congregation will do it and (2) it is done ten minutes before the Mass begins so that there is quiet

time for private prayer. Organize this among yourselves.

“Fr. Pete...What is your opinion about the Sunday Evening Mass?” Early days. It will take time to get a sense if it is genuinely needed. I will make a decision by the end of this month or by mid-March. It pretty much boils down to a simple principle: use it or lose it. If we are allowed to get back to “normal” I will definitely drop the Sunday evening Mass.

“Fr. Pete...Why isn’t there music at the Sunday evening Mass?” We have not budgeted for extra music slots and right now every penny counts.

“Fr. Pete...What is the schedule for Holy Week?” I have no idea. The priests are waiting to hear from the Bishop about what will and what will not be permitted. As soon as I hear anything, I will let the congregation know.

“Fr. Pete...Some bishops are now restoring the Sunday obligation to attend Mass. Where is our bishop with this?” Bishop Steven has not said anything thus far. I don’t see how he could possibly lift the dispensation and require people to go to Mass without also lifting all the restrictions we have, especially the limited number we currently allow to attend Mass.

HOLY HOUR – Monday, Feb. 22 at 7pm. Come join us as we pray for each human life which is cherished, chosen and sent. Each year, the Church offers periods of grace, like that of Lent, to renew our covenant with God – a covenant sealed in the Eucharist. Come join us in Eucharistic Adoration as we renew that covenant with God before the Blessed Sacrament. Also, to renew our efforts to pray and offer reparation for the great evil of the sin against human life, especially those children in the womb denied the right to life. Our Eucharistic Lord is the one who will lead us to a culture of life.

THE MESSAGE OF THE DIVINE MERCY – The message of the Divine Mercy is that God is merciful. He is love itself poured out for us, and He wants no one to escape that merciful love.

The message is that God wants us to turn to Him with trust and repentance while it is still a time of mercy, before He comes as the just Judge. This turning with trust to Him who is Mercy itself is the only source of peace for mankind. Turning to and imploring God’s mercy is the answer to the troubled world. There is no escaping that answer.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER – Show her how much you love her by spending time together on a WWME weekend. Upcoming dates: virtual experience Sundays 2-5pm and Tuesdays 7-9pm Feb. 28-March 23. For more information and to apply visit www.wwme.org

“The fight for the right to life is not the cause of a special few, but the cause of every man, woman and child who cares not only about his or her own family, but the whole family of man.” –Dr. Mildred Jefferson

“I think we have deluded ourselves into believing that people don’t know that abortion is killing. So, any pretense that abortion is not killing is a signal of our ambivalence, a signal that we cannot say yes, it kills a fetus.” –Faye Wattleton

FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING on Tuesday, Feb. 23 at 5pm in the rectory.

THE FEAST OF THE DIVINE MERCY – Our Lord asked Sister Faustina to pray and work towards establishing a Feast of the Divine Mercy on the Sunday after Easter. He told her: *On that day, the very depths of my mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon souls who approach the fount of My mercy. It is a day that would celebrate the paschal mystery with a focus on God’s covenant of mercy. It would be a day of complete forgiveness and pardon.* We receive this forgiveness and pardon by going to confession eight days before or after Divine Mercy Sunday and in receiving Holy Communion on that day. We further honor the mercy of the Lord by our prayers and works of mercy.