



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

Wednesday, March 24 – 3:45 & 7pm CCD
Friday, March 26 – 6pm Stations of the Cross
Wednesday, March 31 – SPRING BREAK; No CCD
HOLY THURSDAY is April 1; 7pm Mass
GOOD FRIDAY is April 2; 12 noon & 6pm Services
Sunday, April 4 is EASTER SUNDAY; Masses are 7am, 9am, 11am & 1pm
Sunday, April 11 is Divine Mercy Sunday
Saturday, April 17 – 7pm Confirmation at Bomber Mountain Civic Center
June 7-11 – Vacation Bible School

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Parish Staff

Pastor	<i>Fr. Pete Johnson</i>	684-7268
Parish Administrator	<i>Mary Ann Cummins</i>	684-7268
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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

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 21, 2021

Altar Assistors:

SATURDAY, March 27, 5pm

Lector: Mary Smith

EM:

CUP: None

Altar Servers:

SUNDAY, March 28, 9am

Lector: Dianne, Urruty

EM:

CUP: None

Altar Servers:

Homebound Ministry, Friday, March 26

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK March 14, 2021

St. John's	\$ 1,913.00	YTD \$118,398.19
St. Mary's	\$	YTD \$ 4,038.00
St. Hubert's	\$	YTD \$ 9,055.00
Poor Donations	\$ 76.00	
Online	\$	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon. 03.22 8:00 a.m. No Mass
Dn 13:41-62; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11

Tue. 03.23 8:00 a.m. +Jeanette Maxwell
Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3,16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wed. 03.24 8:00 a.m. Alan H.
Dn 3:14-20, 91-95; Dn (Ps) 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

Thu. 03.25 8:00 a.m. No Mass
Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Fri. 03.26 8:00 a.m. +Coog Myers
8:30 a.m. Adoration
9:30 a.m. Reposition
6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Palm Sunday Masses:

Sat. 03.27 5:00 p.m. Alan H.
Ez 37:21-28; (Ps) Jer 31:10-13; Jn 11:45-56

Sun. 03.28 9:00 a.m. +Vernon Maxwell
12:30 p.m. Clearmont
5:00 p.m. for the parishes
Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 15:1-39

FR. PETE:

A letter has been sent out to all registered parishioners with the schedule for Holy Week Liturgies. They are:

Palm Sunday: March 27, 5:00 p.m.; March 28, 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Holy Thursday: April 1, 7:00 p.m. followed by confessions

Good Friday: April 2, 12:00 o'clock noon and 6:00 p.m. Confessions will be heard after each liturgy.

Stations of the Cross: April 2, 7:00 p.m. after the Good Friday Liturgy. Deacon will lead Stations while Father hears confessions

Easter Vigil: April 3: There will not be a Vigil this year. The letter explains why.

Easter Sunday: 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 1:00 p.m.

Parents of young people receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. A letter has been sent out to you giving the details.

Bishop Steven is allowing parishes to go up to 50% of their capacity. That means we can have up to 125 people at a Mass. This is good news and a step in the right direction. Please make sure to register for a Mass so we stay within the new boundary. Thank you.

The following two articles are from the Catholic League about the recent decree from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (usually referred to as the CDF). It expressly forbids any kind of blessing ceremony of homosexual unions, a crushing defeat for Catholic progressives and others that want the Church to uncritically embrace the values of the world.

March 15, 2021

Catholic League president Bill Donohue comments on a [Vatican statement issued March 15 that is sure to be controversial](#):

There will be no recognition of homosexual unions or marriage by the Catholic Church. It is non-negotiable. End of story.

Pope Francis has been under considerable pressure by gay activists, in and out of the Church, to give the green light to gay marriage. The statement released by the

Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith to queries on this issue is the most decisive rejection of those efforts ever written.

The Church's top doctrinal office said, "it is not licit to impart a blessing on relationships, partnerships, even stable, that involve sexual activity outside of marriage (i.e., outside the indissoluble union of a man and a woman open in itself to the transmission of life), as is the case of the unions between persons of the same sex." It further noted that "since blessings on persons are in relationship with the sacraments, the blessing of homosexual unions cannot be considered licit."

The statement made it clear that this "does not preclude the blessings given to individual persons with homosexual inclinations, who manifest the will to live in fidelity to the revealed plans of God as proposed by Church teaching." It is homosexual unions that are the problem, not homosexuals.

Speaking of homosexuality, Vatican officials said it cannot "approve and encourage a choice and a way of life" that is "objectively disordered." God, they declared, "does not and cannot bless sin." In short, "the Church does not have, and cannot have, the power to bless unions of persons of the same sex."

The Vatican left nothing on the table. The door has been slammed shut on the gay agenda.

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March 16, 2021

Catholic League president Bill Donohue comments on reaction to the Vatican document on gay unions:

The Catholic Church's chief doctrinal office, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, issued a statement on March 15 making it clear that the Church does not approve of gay unions or gay marriage. This was done with the approval of Pope Francis.

This has not set well with those Catholics who have been at war with the Church's teachings on sexuality. The German bishops, in particular, are not happy with the document. They have steadily been moving toward a Protestant church for some time, and

this may force them to decide whether they really belong in the Catholic Church.

On March 16, a group of dissident priests in Austria, the Parish Priest Initiative, pledged to bless gay unions - in open defiance of the Vatican - beckoning a showdown with Rome. In the U.S., so-called progressive Catholics are also angry with the Vatican's position, but then again, they have been so for decades.

It is important to remember that there is nothing fundamentally new about this statement: it reaffirms the Catholic Church's teaching on marriage. Nonetheless, it is being received in some quarters as very controversial, owing in large part to the welcoming approach that Pope Francis has exhibited to homosexuals. In fairness to the pope, it is not his fault that some interpret his friendly stance as signifying an interest in changing Church doctrine. That's their problem.

To put it differently, it is one thing to say all persons possess equal dignity in the eyes of God; it is quite another to say that whatever they do is acceptable to God. Human status and human behavior are not identical.

Also, this document applies equally to heterosexuals. According to Catholic sexual ethics, cohabitating men and women are involved in an illicit relationship, and this statement is very clear about their status. Yet the media have missed this point, so absorbed are they with gay rights.

Many news stories of this Vatican statement are citing surveys that say a majority of Catholics approve of gay marriage. That may be true, especially of non-practicing Catholics, but it is nonetheless deceiving.

There is a difference between a preference and a demand. How many of those Catholics who are okay with gay marriage are incensed that the Church has not changed its teaching? Practically none.

What if the subject were corporal punishment in the schools? If a majority of Catholics favored it, should the bishops ratify their choice?

This begs the question: Should the Catholic Church align its teachings to mirror survey results, or should it align its teachings to mirror Scripture? In other words, should the

Church make it a priority to follow what the public desire, or should it follow God's law?

The Vatican statement reaffirming the Church's opposition to gay unions and gay marriage concludes by noting, "the Church does not have, and cannot have, the power to bless unions of persons of the same sex."

To put it differently, the Church cannot change Scripture, and indeed has no interest in trying to do so. Its allegiance is to the pursuit of truth, not public opinion.

WCCW'S Mary's Fund for 2021 is money collected statewide for women & children in a 3rd World Country. This year we are sponsoring Fr. Clement of St. Peter's in Bida, Nigeria, Africa Widow's Association which lacks basic necessities as they lost their husbands to fighting. Our own Carissa Hostetler put this need before us. She & Ben are friends with Fr. Clement, having him visit our parish a couple of times in recent years. The second recipient of this money is World Villages for Children, the Sisters of Mary Boystowns & Girlstowns transforming the world. Please be as generous as you can. We shall collect your donations this weekend! THANK YOU!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) items needed on a board of 4-leaf clovers in the back of the church. Pick one if you wish and bring those items to CCD, Carol Gagliano on Wednesday afternoon. VBS will be held the first week of June.

DAILY CATHOLIC WISDOM – "When God invites us to the sacrament of penance, He's asking us to look Him in the eye. He wants to make eye contact with us. In that moment, we can see ourselves from His perspective. Yes, our sin is serious. He isn't saying it doesn't matter. But it doesn't diminish His love for us. In the confessional, we look the Lord in the eye and experience a moment of deep tenderness as He whispers, 'It's OK. You're safe here with me. You can stop hiding.'" –Lisa Brenninkmeyer from *Draw close to the Lord Day By Day*

THE DIVINE MERCY MESSAGE AND DEVOTION –

The message of the Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And, He wants us to recognize that His mercy is grater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

A – ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

B – Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

C – Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that all the graces of His mercy can only be received by our trust. The more we open the door of our hearts and lives to Him with trust, the more we can receive.

Spend time to learn more about the mercy of God, learn to trust in Jesus, and live your life as merciful to others, as Christ is merciful to you.



PALM SUNDAY is next weekend – Saturday, March 27 & Sunday, March 28.