



# St. John the Baptist Church

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

## Office and Rectory

532 North Lobban Avenue  
Buffalo, Wyoming 82834  
307-684-7268  
Website: [www.sjbc-buffalo.com](http://www.sjbc-buffalo.com)  
Sermon link – <https://soundcloud.com/st-johns-1>

Foundation – [www.SJBC-Foundation.com](http://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

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 12:30pm

## St. Hubert Church, Kaycee

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 2:00pm

**Confessions** Saturday 11:00am  
Saturday after 5pm Mass  
By Appointment

## Religious Education / Meeting

Thursday, Sept. 2 – 6:30am Men of St. Joseph

Wednesday, September 8 – 3pm CCD  
TEACHER meeting in the hall

Sunday, September 12 – 10am KC Breakfast

Wednesday, September 15 – CCD starts

## Email:

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## Parish Staff

|                       |                         |               |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| Pastor                | <i>Fr. Pete Johnson</i> | 684-7268      |
| Deacon                | <i>Jay Garland</i>      | (303)842-9320 |
| Parish Administrator  | <i>Mary Ann Cummins</i> | 684-7268      |
| CCW Leader            | <i>Nolcha Fox</i>       | 620-0296      |
| 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>         | 620-5491      |

**Baptisms** – Please call Fr. Pete, 684-7268

**Marriage** – Planning and preparation 6 months in advance

**Prayer line Requests** –Jan Edgcomb – [jmpe@wyoming.com](mailto: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

## 23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPT. 5, 2021

Altar Assisters:

SATURDAY, Sept. 11, 5pm

Lector: Mary Smith

SUNDAY, Sept. 12, 9am

Lector: Marilyn Maxwell

### COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK August 31, 2021

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|----------------|-------------|-----------------|
| St. John's     | \$ 2,995.00 | YTD\$ 32,187.70 |
| St. Mary's     | \$ 25.00    | YTD \$ 1073.00  |
| St. Hubert's   | \$ 40.00    | YTD \$ 590.00   |
| Poor Donations | \$ 150.00   |                 |
| Online         | \$          |                 |

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

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|------|-------|------------|--|
| Mon. | 09.06 | 8:00 a.m.  | No Mass  |
| Tue. | 09.07 | 8:00 a.m.  | +Steve Haugen  |
| Wed. | 09.08 | 8:00 a.m.  | +Steve Haugen  |
| Thu. | 09.09 | 8:00 a.m.  | Alan H   |
| Fri. | 09.10 | 8:00 a.m.  | Jesus H  |
|      |       | 8:30 a.m.  | Adoration  |
|      |       | 9:30 a.m.  | Reposition   |
| Sat. | 09.11 | 5:00 p.m.  | those murdered by Muslims in the attack on New York City and the Pentagon. |
| Sun. | 09.12 | 9:00 a.m.  | American service men murdered by Muslims in Afghanistan.                   |
| Sun. | 09.12 | 12:30 p.m. | Clearmont – Parishioners   |

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon-Colossians 1:24—2:3; Gospel: Luke 6:6-11

Tue-Colossians 2:6-15; Gospel: Luke 6:12-19

Wed-Micah 5:1-4a; Gospel: Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23

*The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Thu-Colossians 3:12-17; Gospel: Luke 3:27-38

*Saint Peter Claver, Priest*

Fri-1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14; Gospel: Luke 6:39-42

Sat-1 Timothy 1:15=17; Gospel: Luke 6:43-49

### FR. PETE:

**Wanted: CCD teacher for the combined 6 and 7 grades that meet on Wednesday evenings.** This group uses the *Dynamic Catholic Video Program*, which has been highly acclaimed. There will be assisting adults but we need a teacher for that grade or we will not be able to offer instruction for that population. If interested please contact either the parish office or the CCD Director, Carol Gagliano.

### **CCD TEACHER MEETING on**

Wednesday, September 8 at 3pm in the parish hall.

**The following article comes from the Catholic League, a vigilant organization that does not hesitate to either call out anti-Catholic bigotry or articulate what the Church actually teaches.**

Please consider supporting this organization whose contact information comes at the conclusion of the article entitled "Religion's Role Cited in Florida Curriculum." It appeared on August 31, 2021.

Catholic League president Bill Donohue comments on [Florida's social studies curriculum](#):

Last spring, several critics of Western Civilization, mostly atheists, took aim at Florida's proposed social studies curriculum. Their phobia of religion was on grand display as they railed against supposed religious indoctrination. Over the summer, the draft of the curriculum was revised. Some changes were made, though none were substantial.

Critics were particularly exercised over any mention of the Judeo-Christian roots of Western civilization and American history.

Freedom From Religion Foundation (FFRF) is one of the nation's premier Christian-bashing organizations. The atheists were upset with the draft curriculum which they said emphasized "how Judeo-Christian values influenced American's founding ideals and documents"; they also objected to asking

students to identify "Judeo-Christian values." An attorney for FFRF, Ryan D. Jayne, opined that "Public schools cannot present the government as a Christian or 'Judeo-Christian' entity."

American Atheists also expressed its outrage over the alleged emphasis on the "Judeo-Christian" roots of the American founding, and the need to identify "Judeo-Christian" values.

Jocelyn Williamson of the Central Florida Freethought Community wrote a piece for the Orlando Sentinel where she feared students would learn of "Judeo-Christian" exceptionalism in American history.

These critics are all dishonest. In the draft curriculum, the term "Judeo-Christian" is never mentioned. They made it up. The final version makes one mention, saying it is important for ninth grade students to recognize the historical and religious roots of Western civilization, including the "Judeo-Christian influence."

FFRF does not like the term "God-given rights" in reference to the Declaration of Independence. It should be happy knowing that it was deleted in the final document (though reference to "In God We Trust" and "one nation under God" remained). Similarly, the word "Creator" in the Declaration initially was mentioned twice but was cut to one.

All of these critics were unhappy with mentioning the Ten Commandments, and some were angered over the term "Protestant work ethic." The former appeared once in the draft and was excised from the final document; neither the draft nor the approved version makes any reference to the "Protestant work ethic."

The fact is America has benefited from the Protestant work ethic, and indeed those who do not embody it tend to be at the bottom of the socio-economic scale. Importantly, our rights as Americans do not come from government—they are "God-given," the result of our "Creator," as noted by Jefferson in the

Declaration. Moreover, the Ten Commandments are the moral edifice of Western civilization, which is based on our "Judeo-Christian" values.

The assault on the religious roots of our heritage is not something we should tolerate. The truth can never be sacrificed on the altar of radical secularism.

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### **A meditation from St. Teresa of Calcutta who passed into eternal life on September 5, 1997.**

Confession makes the soul strong because a really good confession - the confession of a child in sin coming back to the Father - always begets humility, and humility is strength.

Confession is nothing but humility in action. We call it penance, but really it is a sacrament of love, a sacrament of forgiveness. It is a place where I allow Jesus to take away from me everything that divides, that destroys. When there is a gap between me and Christ, when my love is divided, anything can come to fill the gap. We should be very simple and childlike in confession. "Here I am as a child going to the Father."

We go to confession a sinner full of sin. We come from confession a sinner without sin by the greatness of the mercy of God. No need for us to despair. No need for us to be discouraged - no need, if we have understood the tenderness of God's love. You are precious to Him. He loves you, and He loves you so tenderly that He has carved you on the palm of His hand. These are God's words written in the Scripture. You know that. Remember that when your heart feels restless, when your heart feels hurt, when your heart feels like breaking - then remember, "I am precious to Him. He loves me. He has called me by my name. I am His. He loves me. God loves me." And to prove that love He died on the cross.

**As announced last weekend at Masses, the following COVID protocol is being used in our parish based on information from Public Health and Dr. Schuler:**

---Face masks are not required but highly recommended.

---Clergy will continue to sanitize their hands before distributing Holy Communion.

---Clergy will wear face masks when distributing Holy Communion.

---Communion on the tongue is allowed.

---All singing, except for the choir, will be discontinued.

---The sign of peace will be replaced with a nod of the head or a bow.

---If you are sick and not sure what it is, please stay home.

---Children in our CCD program do not have to wear face masks. If, however, the public schools implement the use of face masks we will do the same in CCD classes.

---If our local hospital finds itself overwhelmed with COVID patients we will implement the Memorandum of Understanding formed during the early days of the pandemic between the hospital and the parish allowing the hospital to use our CCD wing and Fellowship Hall as a secondary medical facility. This will mean all parish use of the hall will be suspended until the hall is vacated by the hospital and properly sanitized.

---If you have not taken the COVID vaccine please consider doing so. Talk with your primary care physician. Right now, vaccination is the best defense we have.

---Please consider taking a flu shot so our doctors and healthcare workers are not overwhelmed with both COVID patients and those who need to be hospitalized with flu complications. Dr. Schuler suggests that taking the flu shot in October is optimal.

We will use this protocol until we see infection rates in Johnson County go down. Hopefully, that will be in the next month or so.

**Adult Faith Formation Courses are being offered starting late this month.** Course outlines, dates, time, meeting places, and sign-up sheets can be found in the front entrance of the Church. Please do not wait until a week before classes begin to purchase your books. You may encounter difficulties with supplies and delays in shipping.

Deacon Jay will be offering a video course in Catholic bioethics. Fr. Pete will be offering three book discussion courses using C.S. Lewis's books: *The Problem of Pain*, *Mere Christianity*, and *The Screwtape Letters*.

**Volunteers needed** for the Food Pantry. Contact Jean Vignaroli, 684-2562.

**HAPPY 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** to Claudia & Ross Elliot! Congratulations on this milestone 🎉



**DAILY CATHOLIC WISDOM** – “To love is to will the good of another.” –St. Thomas Aquinas

“We’re all searching in this life to fill the void in us. That void is the absence of love, and I’ve found it in God.” –Mother Dolores Hart, OSB from her book *The Ear of the Heart*

“I am in the Church for the same reasons that I am a Christian in the first place. For one cannot believe alone. One can believe only as a fellow believer. Faith is by its nature a force for unification.” – Joseph Ratzinger (Pope Benedict XVI) From his book *Fundamental Speeches from Five Decades*

**MOTHERS OF BUFFALO** group starts again on Wednesday, Sept. 15 from 9 to 11am at the Summit Church. This is for mothers of all ages. Childcare is available. They are looking for additional childcare workers. Call Carissa Hostetler, 303-489-9237. MOB meet each 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month.

