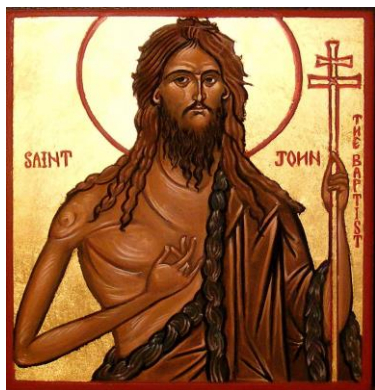




St. John the Baptist Church

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St. Hubert Church – Kaycee

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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

Religious Education / Meeting

Sunday, Jan. 30 – 3-4pm SYNOD meeting in Hall

5pm YOUTH group

Tuesday, Feb. 1 – Noon CCW mtg. with soup

Wednesday, Feb. 2 – 3:45 & 7pm CCD

7pm Confirmation class

Thursday, Feb. 3 – 6:30am Men of St. Joseph

Sunday, Feb. 6 – 3-4pm SYNOD meeting in hall

5pm YOUTH group

Sunday, Feb. 20 – 3-4pm SYNOD meeting in Hall

Tuesday, March 1 – KC Fish Fry

Wednesday, March 2 – ASH WEDNESDAY

Sunday, April 17 - EASTER

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Parish Council Chair	Vacant	
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	Phil Gonzales	684-5920
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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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 30, 2022

Altar Assistants:

SATURDAY, February 5, 5pm

Lector: Janelle Gonzales

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, February 6, 9am

Lector: Mary Ann Cummins

Altar Servers: Cortlan/Luken Smith, Redic Mader,

Finn Johnson, Sawyer Sullivan

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK Jan. 23, 2022

St. John's	\$ 3,019.50	YTD\$ 125,744.55
St. Mary's	\$ 190.00	YTD \$ 3,800.00
St. Hubert's	\$ 50.00	YTD \$ 3,112.00
Poor Donations	\$ 60.00	
Online	\$	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon.	01.31	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	02.01	8:00 a.m.	+John Manzella
Wed.	02.02	8:00 a.m.	+Cooper Schroefel
Thu.	02.03	8:00 a.m.	+Cooper Schroefel
Fri.	02.04	8:00 a.m.	+Cooper Schroefel
		8:30 a.m.	Adoration
		9:30 a.m.	Reposition
Sat.	02.05	5:00 p.m.	+Cooper Schroefel
Sun.	02.06	9:00 a.m.	+Cooper Schroefel
		2:00 p.m.	Kaycee: for the parishes

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon-2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Gospel: Mark 5:1-20 ***Saint John Bosco, Priest***

Tue-2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3; Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

Wed-Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Gospel: Luke 2:22-40 The Presentation of the Lord

Thu-1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12; Gospel: Mark 6:7-13

Fri-Sirach 47:2-11; Gospel: Mark 6:14-29

Sat-1 Kings 3:4-13; Gospel: Mark 6:30-34

Saint Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

DAILY CATHOLIC WISDOM – “Be slow to anger, quick to learn, also slow to speak, as St. James says, equally quick to listen. “-- St Columban

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will hold their Fish Fry this year on Tuesday, March 1!

FR. PETE:

Recently the secular press has been very critical of Pope Benedict XVI. It is certainly necessary and proper to report the news no matter how awful it may be, but there is also an obligation to provide the facts in a balanced way so people can form their own opinion. The secular media often does not provide the details so issues concerning the Church can be put into context. The following article is from Mr. Bill Donohue of the Catholic League. It is entitled, ***“In Defense of Pope Benedict XVI.”*** It was sent on January 25, 2022. Please consider signing up for the Catholic League’s newsletter. Contact information can be found at the conclusion of the article.

Catholic League president Bill Donohue comments on [news stories regarding the role of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI in the clergy sexual abuse scandal:](#)

Ten years ago, Bill Keller, former executive editor of the New York Times, wrote an op-ed in the newspaper about me. He said I was a strong defender of Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger who, he accurately said, "used to be known as 'God's Rottweiler.' Ratzinger is now Pope Benedict XVI, and Bill Donohue is the Rottweiler's Rottweiler."

Not sure whether Keller meant that as high praise or not, but I'll take it.

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI is back in the news, and it is not flattering. He is being accused of not taking action against four molesting priests when he was archbishop of Munich and Freising from 1977 to 1982. Benedict defends himself against these accusations.

The news comes after the publication in German of a 1,900-page independent audit of the Munich archdiocese between 1945 and 2019.

It is important to note that the investigation was not something that government authorities commissioned—it was done at the behest of the Church. No other institution in Germany, religious or secular, has ever asked a law firm to probe its record regarding sexual misconduct.

It is also important to note that attorney Martin Pusch, who is also an author of the report, cannot be certain that Benedict's account is wrong. He explicitly said "we *believe* that this is not so (my italic)."

Of the four cases, two involve priests who were sanctioned by the courts but were permitted to do pastoral work. One was convicted in another country and was allowed to work in the archdiocese. Most of the media attention focuses on Peter Hullermann, a homosexual priest predator.

Regarding the Hullermann case, in his 82-page response to questions posed by the investigators, Benedict initially said he had no recollection of being at a 1980 meeting about the priest. He has since apologized for making a "mistake," saying that an "editing error" inaccurately conveyed that he was not there. The files document that in this meeting, no decision was made to transfer Hullermann.

In 1979, Hullermann was accused of sexual abuse with a postpubescent boy in Essen. After he was convicted, he was transferred to Munich for therapy. After the therapy, he was transferred to another parish. Who made that decision? It wasn't Benedict: it was Fr. Gerhard Gruber, the vicar general. Gruber admits that he, and he alone, was responsible, explaining that he never told Benedict (who was then known as Cardinal Ratzinger).

So, what's the problem? Benedict, we know, approved the transfer, but that's about it. We know that his office "was copied on a memo" about Gruber's decision, but even the New York Times in 2010 admitted that such memos were routine and "unlikely to have landed on the archbishop's desk."

Ratzinger left the archdiocese in February 1982 to head the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. In August 1982, Hullermann was reassigned to Grafting and in 1986 he was convicted of sexually abusing boys while he was there. Benedict was long gone.

If Benedict is guilty of anything, from what we know so far, it is that he did not always act like the "Rottweiler" he is accused of being. When he learned of a priest who was an exhibitionist, but who never physically abused anyone, he did not treat him the way he should have. He should have seen this as a red flag—normal men don't act that way.

In all the news stories on this issue, never once do therapists come in for criticism. Yet they played a big role in persuading elites in every sector of society of their powers to transform

miscreants, especially in the latter part of the 20th century. There was no one they couldn't "fix," or so they thought. Their role was pivotal in the decision of elites, including bishops, not to crack the whip.

The Germans have also been duped by charlatan therapists. In 2020, Germany showed how "progressive" it is when it announced that sex offenders would be allowed to visit prostitutes in brothels as part of their "treatment."

It should also be known that Germany has no mandatory reporting law governing the sexual abuse of minors.

Bild is Germany's biggest tabloid. It is known for running articles questioning whether Benedict covered up sex crimes. Three months ago, its editor, Julian Reichelt, had to step down after allegations that the publisher tried to cover up the findings of an investigation into his sexual misconduct and bullying.

For the record, no one in the Church has done more to stem clergy sexual abuse than Benedict. It was he who took the initiative to issue a document barring men with "deep-seated homosexual tendencies" from entering the priesthood. He was hated by "progressives" long before this, but this decision made him their biggest enemy.

In the first year of his pontificate, Benedict removed the notorious serial molester, Fr. Marcial Maciel Delgollado, founder of the Legionaries of Christ, from ministry. Significantly, he defrocked some 800 molesting priests from 2005 to 2013.

This is hardly the first time that Benedict has been treated unfairly. He is the scourge of the left, both in and out of the Catholic Church.

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Many thanks to Barb Mueller for taking up a petition to rescind the \$400 fee for funerals on Saturdays. Barb started to take signatures after last Sunday Mass and will continue to do so this weekend. Hopefully this will initiate a conversation and come to some kind of mutually agreed policy that is just to all parties.

Coffee and donuts will be offered this Sunday, January 30 after Mass. Thanks to the efforts of Ashley Hunkins McCoy a group of people are

willing to be host to this parish activity. For the time being we will have it only on the last Sunday of the month.

Wednesday, February 2, is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. The following is a reflection on the Feast by Pope Francis:

Before our eyes we can picture Mother Mary as she walks, carrying the baby Jesus in her arms. She brings Him to the Temple; she brings Him to meet His people. The arms of the Mother Mary are like the ladder on which the Son of God comes down to us, the ladder of God's condescension. This is what we heard in the first reading, from the Letter to the Hebrews: Christ became like His brothers and sister in every respect, so that He might be a merciful and faithful high priest. This is the twofold path taken by Jesus: He descended, He became like us in order then to ascend with us to the Father, making us like Himself. In our heart we can contemplate this double movement by imagining the Gospel scene of Mary who enters the Temple holding the Child in her arms. The Mother walks, yet it is the Child Who goes before her. She carries Him, yet He is leading her along the path of the God Who comes to us so that we might go to Him.

Jesus walked the same path as we do, and shows us the new way, the new and living way which is He Himself. This is the one way which, concretely and without alternatives, we must continue to tread with joy and perseverance. The Gospel speaks to us of Mary and Joseph's obedience to the law of the Lord. Jesus came not to do His own will, but the will of the Father. This way - He tells us - was His food (Jn 4:34). In the same way, all those who follow Jesus must set out on the path of obedience.

In the account of Jesus' Presentation in the Temple, wisdom is represented by two elderly persons, Simeon and Anna: persons docile to the Holy Spirit, led by Him, inspired by Him. The Lord granted them wisdom as the fruit of a long journey along the path of obedience to His law, and obedience which likewise humbles and abases, but which also lifts up and protects hope, making them creative, for they are filled with the Holy Spirit. Simeon praises the Lord and Anna proclaims libation. As with Mary, the elderly man holds the Child, but in fact it is the Child Who guides the

elderly man. Mary, the young mother, and Simeon, the kindly old man, hold the Child in their arms, yet it is the Child Himself Who guides them both.

Today we too, like Mary and Simeon, want to take Jesus into our arms, to bring Him to His people. Surely, we will be able to do so if we enter into the mystery in which Jesus Himself is our guide. Let us bring others to Jesus, but let us also allow ourselves to be led by Him. This is what we should be: guides who themselves are guided. May the Lord, through the intercession of Mary our Mother, Saint Joseph and Saints Simeon and Anna, grant to all of us what we sought in today's opening prayer: to be presented to Him with minds made pure. Amen.

All are invited to participate in Pope Francis' Synod on Synodality. Our parish, along with parishes around the world, will hold listening sessions on this Sunday, January 30 at 3:00 p.m., again on Sunday, February 6 at 3:00 p.m. and on Sunday, February 20 at 3:00 p.m. All listening sessions will be held at the Parish Hall. This is your opportunity to provide input on how, as Pope Francis puts it, we are "journeying together." Your comments will be recorded, sent to the Diocese and then to Rome. You need not attend all three.

DAILY CATHOLIC WISDOM - "Lord, thank you for the indelible spiritual mark I received by grace in baptism. By this sacrament, I am adopted as your child and consecrated to live a life of charity." -Mary Sambo from her book *The Life Rosary*

BIBLE STUDY: THE GOSPELS

Led by Nolcha Fox begins Sunday, Feb. 6 at 8am in the hall to read and discuss a different Gospel story. The book, "The Better Part: by John Bartunek, LC ThD will guide in discussions. The book is available on Amazon Kindle edition (price \$9.99) or a single volume (Priced from \$59.98) or as a 4-volume set (price \$70.79). If you don't want to buy the book, no problem. Nolcha will bring her book to all sessions. Sign up in the back of the church.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST on Sunday, Feb. 6 after 9am Mass. Come eat breakfast, eat cake and thank Mick Camino for his years of service to St. John's!