



# 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

Sunday, Feb. 20 – 3-4pm SYNOD mtg. in hall  
5pm YOUTH group

Wednesday, Feb. 23 – 3:45 & 7pm CCD

Thursday, Feb. 24 – 6:30am Men of St. Joseph

Tuesday, March 1 – KC Fish Fry/pie sale

Wednesday, March 2 – ASH WEDNESDAY

Friday, March 4 – 6pm Stations of the Cross

Sunday, March 13 – 10:15am Confirmation  
Retreat

Sun-Thurs, March 13-17 – 7pm Parish Mission

Tuesday, April 5 – CCW meeting

Sunday, April 17 - EASTER

## Email:

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## Parish Staff

Pastor	<i>Fr. Pete Johnson</i>	684-7268
Deacon	<i>Jay Garland</i>	217-2750
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>Darin Gagliano</i>	217-3248
K of C Grand Knight	<i>Jason Sutton</i>	217-0468
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

## **SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**FEBRUARY 20 2022**

**Altar Assisters:**

### **SATURDAY, February 26, 5pm**

Lector: Marilyn Maxwell

Altar Servers: Asher/Kieran Murray, Ryan Merritt,  
Carson Bergstresser

### **SUNDAY, February 27, 9am**

Lector: Mike Herth

Altar Servers: Jeron/Jaxon Sutton, Brody Farris,  
Michael Ihnat/James Ihnat, Fletcher Kozisek

### **COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK Feb. 13, 2022**

St. John's	\$ 3,821.50	YTD\$ 139,025.00
St. Mary's	\$ 135.00	YTD \$ 4,055.50
St. Hubert's	\$ 30.00	YTD \$ 3,312.00
Poor Donations	\$ 231.00	
Online	\$	

### **MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:**

Mon.	02.21	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	02.22	8:00 a.m.	+Chris Schafer
Wed.	02.23	8:00 a.m.	+Chris Schafer
Thu.	02.24	8:00 a.m.	+Chris Schafer
Fri.	02.25	8:00 a.m.	+Chris Schafer
		8:30 a.m.	Adoration
		9:30 a.m.	Reposition
Sat.	02.26	5:00 p.m.	+Chris Schafer
Sun.	02.27	9:00 a.m.	+Chris Schafer
		12:30 p.m.	Clearmont: for the people

### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

Mon-James 3:13-18; Gospel: Mark 9:14-29

Tue-1 Peter 5:1-4; Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19

*The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle*

Wed-James 4:13-17; Gospel: Mark 9: 38-40

*Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr*

Thu-James 5:1-6; Gospel: Mark 9:41-50

Fri-James 5:9-12; Gospel: Mark 10:1-12

Sat-James 5:13-20; Gospel: Mark 10:13-16

***LET'S THANK these individuals for supporting St. John the Baptist Church!***

1. **THANK YOU** to Phil Gonzales for spear-heading all maintenance projects.

2. **THANK YOU** to the Knights for the breakfasts, Fish Fry, etc. to bring us together as community.

3. **THANK YOU** to all our ladies who bake pies, cook and help with funeral dinners, parish dinners, etc.

### **FR. PETE:**

**Fish Fry is back!** The Knights of Columbus are offering a Fish Fry on Tuesday, March 1 at the Fairgrounds from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tickets will be available after weekend Masses and/or ask a Knight. \$15 adults & \$5 children (5years to 14 years).

**Bishop Steven has signed up all parishes in the Diocese to participate in the "Called for More" program under the Catholic Leadership Institute.** The "Called for More" program consists of parishioners completing a simple survey that should not take more than 10 to 15 minutes. The survey can be completed either online or on a paper copy provided by the parish.

***The window for our parish to complete the survey begins on March 2 and ends on April 4.***

The survey will focus on your spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback. All responses are anonymous and confidential. The data is unique to our parish and not shared with other parishes. The findings of our parish will be made available to us either in the late spring or early summer.

I cannot stress enough the potential your input can have, especially with a new pastor coming in June. He, with the Parish Council and Finance Council, can use the information to develop new programs to address specific needs.

***Having said that, however, I am asking every parishioner age 15 and up to take this survey seriously.***

Statistically less than 10 percent of a congregation responds to a survey. I would like to see at least 50 percent of this congregation respond. Higher

would be better! The more who complete the survey, the more accurate the data and the better the parish can plan.

A link to take the survey on line will be in the Sunday bulletin just before March 2. A paper form of the survey can be obtained from the Parish Office for those who do not use a computer, are not comfortable using one, or do not have access to one.

I am very grateful to Tammy Miller for volunteering to be the liaison between our parish and the "Called to More" initiative.

More information will be coming!

**Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2.** The schedule: Mass at 7:00 a.m. with distribution of ashes; Liturgy of the Word at 12:00 o'clock noon with distribution of ashes; and Mass at 7:00 p.m. with distribution of ashes. Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstaining from meat.

**Lenten Parish Mission with the Fathers of Mercy will be held on Sunday, March 13 to Thursday, March 17 at 7:00 p.m. each evening.** Fr. Tony Stevens will preach the weekend Masses and lead in the evening mission sessions. Fr. Tony and I will hear confessions at the conclusion of each evening mission.

**Confirmation Students and their Parents will have a mini-retreat with Fr. Tony of the Fathers of Mercy on Sunday, March 13 at 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** The parish will provide pizza. Parents, you are strongly encouraged to attend.

**Stations of the Cross will be celebrated each Friday of Lent at 6:00 p.m.** Confessions will be heard after Stations.

**The following article is from the Catholic League. It addresses the bizarre reactions from some in our society about public prayer or**

**religious discussions.** The title of the article is "The Prayer Scare and Beyond." It was sent on February 14, 2022. What do you think?

Catholic League president Bill Donohue comments on [critical reactions to prayer and religious conversations](#):

A half century ago, those who were not religious tended not to be anti-religious, so they had no impact on the faithful. That's changed. With almost three in ten Americans not adhering to any religion, there has been an increase in secular militancy, the likes of which we have never seen before in this country.

It's not just the increase in the "nones" that is troubling (those who answer "none" when asked what their religious affiliation is), it's the changing cultural milieu that is a problem. We can thank the ruling class—the elites who command our most important institutions—for this development. Their hostility to religion is so strong that they even object to people praying, or talking about religion, in public.

A high school student from Plainwell, Michigan was suspended for three days this year when he was caught talking to another student about religion on school property. The conversation was private and there was no attempt at proselytizing: the student who was engaged in dialogue shared the convictions of the student who opened the conversation.

The suspended student says that he was told by a teacher that he must stop talking about his Christian religion with other students for fear of hurting their feelings. Those who might overhear their commentary, he was informed, might be offended or feel unsafe. Furthermore, he was told that it was his responsibility to contact school officials if he heard about hurtful comments made by other students. His case is now in federal court.

A year ago, an off-duty police officer in Louisville, Kentucky was suspended for four months for praying outside an abortion clinic. He stopped to pray with his father, who was

part of a pro-life group. He was wearing his police uniform at the time but tried to cover it up with his coat. His lawyer said the cop did not engage in political activity and prayed quietly outside the facility. He recently won a settlement from Louisville of \$75,000.

In a suburb of Seattle, a high school football coach was fired for engaging in voluntary silent prayer with his players after games. The school told him he should have prayed in a school-hall closet or the press box—that way he would not be seen by other students—and not on the 50-yard-line. The Supreme Court has agreed to hear his case.

Ironically, the first person I ever met who exhibited a prayer scare was the founder of the ACLU, Roger Baldwin. I interviewed him in his home in New York City in 1978 (it was part of my New York University Ph.D. dissertation). Here is the exchange (it can be found in my first book, *The Politics of the American Civil Liberties Union*):

"Donohue: The ACLU has even gone so far as to deny the right of people to voluntarily take the time during the day, as a schoolchild, to say a prayer.

Baldwin: Not on school time.

Donohue: Well, whose rights are being infringed upon if there is a silent prayer voluntarily said by a student?

Baldwin: If they don't say anything? You mean if they don't----

Donohue: Right. Are you afraid they are going to proselytize the rest of the class?

Baldwin: Well, they tried to get around it. They've tried to get around it even further than you by calling it meditation.

Donohue: What's wrong with that?

Baldwin: You don't say anything about God or religion or anything. I suppose you can get by with that but it's a subterfuge, because the implication is that you're meditating about the hereafter or God or something.

Donohue: Well, what's wrong with that? Doesn't a person have the right to do that? Or to meditate about popcorn for that matter?

Baldwin: I suppose that—it sounds very silly to me because it looks like an obvious evasion of the constitutional provision."

In the three current aforementioned cases, and the Baldwin one, there is something going on here that transcends any alleged constitutional problem.

It's ironic: These people accuse religious Americans, especially those who talk about religion in public, or pray in public, as being irrational, yet their prayer scare makes no rational sense. What are they really afraid of?

The cancel culture is more than just about speech—it's about religious thoughts. These mind-control freaks are beyond weird. Indeed, they are a danger to a free society.

You can contact the Catholic League:

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**RECYCLE!** – God recycles. He made you from dust.

**DAILY CATHOLIC WISDOM** – “For it is not earthly riches which make us happy; for they must either be lost by us in our lifetime, or be possessed when we are dead, by whom we know not, or perhaps by whom we would not. But it is God who makes us happy, who is the true riches.” -St. Augustine

“The more you go to confession, the more realistic you are about the state of your soul. When you receive the sacrament more often, you see more flaws in yourself because you examine your conscience more frequently.”  
-Aurora Griffin in her book *How I Stayed Catholic at Harvard*

**ANYONE INTERESTED** in helping with a parish pictorial directory? Contact Tammy Miller, 703-753-0630.

**RESPECT LIFE HOLY HOUR** – Monday, Feb. 21 at 7pm. Come pray for each human life – the dignity and sanctity – the inestimable worth especially the least of God’s children. In this Eucharistic Holy Hour, we will be praying a rosary for life: The Joyful Mysteries. We will hear the Gospel proclaimed and from Saint John Paul II’s prophetic encyclical *The Gospel of Life*. Spend time with our risen savior who is the way, the truth, and the life. This is our Eucharistic Lord who can lead us to a culture of life.