



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
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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, March 20 – NO more youth group
Monday, March 21 – 7pm Holy Hour
Wednesday, March 23 – NO CCD
Thursday, March 24 – 6:30am Men of St. Joseph
Friday, March 25 – 6pm Stations of the Cross
Tuesday, April 12 – CCW meeting at noon
Sunday, April 17 - EASTER

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Parish Staff

Pastor	<i>Fr. Pete Johnson</i>	684-7268
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CCW Leader	<i>Nancy Garland</i>	217-2783
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Religious Education	<i>Carol Gagliano</i>	684-7217
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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 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

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 20 2022

Altar Assisters:

SATURDAY, March 26, 5pm

Lector: Mary Smith

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

SUNDAY, March 27, 9am

Lector: Mary Ann Cummins

Altar Servers: Will Finkle, Jeron/Jaxon Sutton,
Redic Mader, Marco Monterastelli

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK March 13, 2022

St. John's	\$ 3,509.87	YTD\$ 155,652.22
St. Mary's	\$ 88.90	YTD \$ 4,485.90
St. Hubert's	\$ 50.00	YTD \$ 3,487.00
Poor Donations	\$ 130.00	
Online	\$	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon.	03.21	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	03.22	8:00 a.m.	+Dean and Iola Cosner
Wed.	03.23	8:00 a.m.	+Cooper Schroefel
Thu.	03.24	8:00 a.m.	+Cooper Schroefel
Fri.	03.25	8:00 a.m.	+Cooper Schroefel
		8:30 a.m.	Adoration
		9:30 a.m.	Reposition
		6:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
		6:30 p.m.	Confessions
Sat.	03.26	5:00 p.m.	+Gladys Esponda
Sun.	03.27	9:00 a.m.	+Jeanette Maxwell
		12:30 p.m.	Clearmont: for the parishes

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon-2 Kings 5:1-15b; Gospel: Luke 4:24-30
Tue-Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35
Wed-Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Gospel: Matthew 5:17-19
Thu-Jeremiah 7:23-28; Gospel: Luke 11:14-23
Fri-Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Hebrews 10:4-10; Gospel:
Luke 1:26-38 *The Annunciation of the Lord*
Sat-Hosea 6:1-6; Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

THANK YOU to Nate Peterson & Larry/Jean Vignaroli of Modern Electric for the new lights at the southern entrance of the church.

FR. PETE:

Many thanks to Bryan Bergstresser, Mary Kay Stafford, Mike and Marcie Scarlett. This team fulfilled our parish's obligation to the SYNOD request of Pope Francis. The responses from those who attended the listening sessions will be compiled and sent to the Diocese. Special thanks to Bryan who gave a presentation to the congregation this weekend.

Many thanks to the Knights of Columbus for making breakfast for the parish last Sunday.

This is a wonderful opportunity to develop fellowship.

Many thanks to the Ladies of the CCW for hosting the funeral dinner for Susan Harriet's family and friends. I am very proud of how well this ministry of hospitality is carried out by the CCW. It takes a lot of pressure off families already burdened with grief.

I hope you found the Lenten Parish Mission given by Fr. Tony of the Fathers of Mercy to be helpful.

I have been asked if I have made arrangements for missions for next Advent and Lent. I have not. Since I will not be the pastor it would be inappropriate for me to make such plans for the parish. You will have to discuss this with your new pastor.

Many thanks to Deacon Jay for all the assistance he gave to Fr. Tony during the parish mission.

Request for help. I ordered plastic Easter eggs with the hope of the little ones having an Easter egg hunt after Easter Sunday morning Mass. Volunteers are needed to stuff the eggs with candy and to lay out the eggs on the Church lawns before the Easter Sunday Mass begins. If you are interested in helping, please call the Parish Office 684-7268.

The Diocese of Cheyenne, responding to requests from pastors on how to help those suffering in Ukraine, responded with the following message:

With Catholic Relief Services (CRS) support, Caritas Ukraine is providing internally displaced families with food, collective shelter, and psychological support from diocesan offices and centers around the country. In Romania, the three CRS-supported collective centers organized by Caritas Romania at the order are at-capacity and hosting

arrangements are being organized through parish communities. In Poland, CRS is assisting Caritas Poland to provide immediate cash assistance to an initial 2,000 families and the planning for longer term assistance for up to 300,000 families. Discussions are also underway among CRS, Caritas Poland, Caritas Ukraine, and Caritas Spes to organize cross border humanitarian convoys to move desperately needed food and living supplies into the country.

To learn more and to give to Catholic Relief Services, go to <https://www.crs.org/meiacurrent-issues/ukraine-conflict-facts-and-how-help>

As with all charities it is important to verify that your money will go to those in need and not to an organization's bureaucratic expenses.

Have you sent in your evaluation of the parish yet? Please consider doing so by logging in at

<https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/kp4ayk>. If you prefer you can call the Parish Office (684-7268) for a paper copy of the survey and the parish will mail it in for you.

Some people have told me that they were a bit put off by some of the questions and felt they couldn't answer them. Don't answer what you don't want to.

All in all, this survey has the potential to offer the parish some important feedback that will help your next pastor and the parish leadership to set goals, objectives, and methods.

The following article is from the Catholic League entitled, "The Radical Nature of Lent." It was sent on March 16, 2022.

Catholic League president Bill Donohue [comments on Lent](#):

Those who observe Lent are not known as cultural radicals, yet they clearly qualify as such.

Repenting for our sins is common practice for Catholics during Lent, though it is not understood—may even be the object of scorn—by secularists. Many of them do not believe in the existence of sin, never

mind making reparations for it. Even more countercultural is the Lenten practice of self-denial.

In a society marked by self-absorption, nothing could be more extreme than self-denial. The idea that we should deny ourselves what we want rings hollow with narcissists, many of whom are secularists. They are the true children of Humanist Psychology.

Abraham Maslow posited that we all have needs, some of which are basic, such as food and water and feeling safe. At the top of Maslow's hierarchy of needs is self-actualization, the idea that we owe it to ourselves to be self-fulfilled.

Not surprisingly, his work was celebrated in the 1960s and 1970s, the two most culturally corrupt decades in American history. It was in the 1970s that Tom Wolfe coined the phrase the "Me Society," and Christopher Lasch wrote *The Culture of Narcissism*.

Carl Rogers, another humanist psychologist at this time, wrote that self-actualization means we are all arbiters of our own truth, and only by acting on our feelings can we be truly human. He argued that rebellion against traditional moral norms, as found in Christianity, was good for the individual and society.

Maslow and Rogers helped destroy people's lives. In fact, Rogers destroyed an entire order of nuns in Los Angeles, the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The naive nuns followed his advice by questioning the norms and values they had committed themselves to, and wound up totally deracinated.

Maslow and Rogers got it all wrong. They never understood the Lenten precept that self-denial can be liberating. By giving of ourselves to Jesus, and to others, we experience real self-actualization, not the one steeped in self-absorption. Selflessness has its own rewards.

Selflessness also pays significant social dividends. Mother Teresa could not

have comforted so many of the sick and dying had it not been for her selflessness. Had she been self-absorbed, no one would have benefited from her care. There are many other persons who have also yielded great social dividends by sacrificing for others, though they are not publicly known.

Who were the men and women who risked their lives to save Jews during the Holocaust? They were not secularists—they were people of faith.

Samuel P. Oliner, and his wife, Pearl M. Oliner, are the authors of *The Altruistic Personality*, a book about who risked their lives to save Jews during the Holocaust. These two non-believing Jewish sociologists interviewed nearly seven hundred persons, comprising rescuers, nonrescuers, and survivors in several countries in Nazi-occupied Europe.

They found there was a significant difference between rescuers and nonrescuers when it came to accepting "the importance of responsibility in maintaining their attachments to people." They learned that "More rescuers were willing to give more than what they might necessarily receive in return."

Catholics and Protestants who were imbued with their faith were the most likely to rescue Jews. Pearl Oliner explained why Catholics had the best record. They were "significantly marked by a Sharing disposition." In short, these Catholics embodied the "altruistic personality."

Who were the least likely to rescue Jews? The self-absorbed. The Oliners concluded that "self-preoccupation," or the tendency to focus on oneself, not others, was the principal reason why they failed to act. "In recalling the values learned from their parents, rescuers emphasized values relating to self significantly less frequently than nonrescuers." It was the "free spirits," the self-actualization types, who balked when it came to helping Jews.

Regrettably, our society is more self-absorbed now than ever before.

Lent is delightfully different. It signals an awareness that there is much more to this world than "me," and that self-giving is a national treasure, not simply a personal attribute. We need more Lenten cultural radicals, not less of them.

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DAILY CATHOLIC WISDOM – "The best reason for praying to saints in Heaven is that they, unlike friends on earth, never pray for anything outside God's will, which is always the best thing for us; and since their prayers are thus more conformed to God's will than ours are, they are (1) wiser than ours, (2) more powerful than ours, and (3) always effective, since they are one with God's will, which is omnipotent." -Peter Kreeft from his book, *Practical Theology*

"We have come to the beginning of Lent, and I hope we will not allow ourselves to think of it as 'just another Lent'. There is a very deep sense in which there is not another Lent and then another and another after that. This Lent is unlike any other. It is this acceptable time. We do not know if there will be another Lent for us... -Mother Mary Francis from her book *A Time of Renewal*

STATIONS OF THE CROSS Fridays at 6pm. Confessions to follow Stations.

GOAR SCHOLARSHIP applications in the parish office. They are due by May 6, 2022. This scholarship is administered by the Holy Name School Foundation. It is \$4000 per year, up to 5 years. It is based on economic need, scholastic achievement and involvement in parish and community activities. Only Johnson & Sheridan County residents may apply.

This month's **Respect Life Holy Hour** will be Monday, March 21 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 as we pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, appealing for God's ocean of mercy and renewing our efforts to pray and offer reparation for the great evil of the sin against human life, especially for 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.