



St. John the Baptist Church

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

Office and Rectory

532 North Lobban Avenue
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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

Wednesday, April 6 – 3:45 & 7pm CCD
7pm Confirmation
Thursday, April 7 – 6:30am Men of St. Joseph
Friday, April 8 – 6pm Stations of the Cross
Tuesday, April 12 – CCW meeting at noon
6:30pm Knights' meeting
Thursday, April 14 – 7pm Mass
Friday, April 15 – Noon, Good Friday Services
6pm Stations of the Cross
Saturday, April 16 – 8pm Easter Vigil Mass
Sunday, April 17 – 9am EASTER MASS

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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>Nancy Garland</i>	217-2783
Finance Council Chair	<i>Steve Reimann</i>	217-0119
Maintenance Technician	<i>Darin Gagliano</i>	217-3248
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Parish Council Chair	Vacant	
Religious Education	<i>Carol Gagliano</i>	684-7217
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	<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 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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

APRIL 3, 2022

Altar Assistors:

SATURDAY, April 9, 5pm

Lector: Mary Smith

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, April 10, 9am

Lector: Mary Ann Cummins

Altar Servers: Cortlan/Luke Smith, Redic Mader,

Gio/Marco Monterastelli, Hayden Geis

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK March 27, 2022

St. John's	\$ 2,865.50	YTD\$ 161,339.47
St. Mary's	\$ 20.00	YTD \$ 4,625.90
St. Hubert's	\$ 240.80	YTD \$ 3,922.80
Poor Donations	\$ 235.00	
Online	\$	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon.	04.04	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	04.05	8:00 a.m.	Special Intention
Wed.	04.06	8:00 a.m.	+Bertha Maxwell
Thu.	04.07	8:00 a.m.	+Vern Maxwell
Fri.	04.08	8:00 a.m.	+John B. Esponda
		8:30 a.m.	Adoration
		9:30 a.m.	Reposition
		6:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
		6:30 p.m.	Confession

Palm Sunday:

Sat.	04.09	5:00 p.m.	+Dominica Esponda
Sun.	04.10	9:00 a.m.	Special Intention

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon-Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Gospel: John 8:12-20

Tue-Numbers 21:4-9; Gospel: John 8:21-30

Wed-Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Gospel: John 8:31-42

Thu-Genesis 17:3-9; Gospel: John 8:51-59

Fri-Jeremiah 20:10-13; Gospel: John 10:31-42

Sat-Ezekiel 37:21-28; Gospel: John 11:45-56

FR. PETE:

A meditation in preparation for Palm

Sunday. The following comes from Raissa Maritain, the wife of theologian Jacques Maritain. Raissa went into eternal life in 1960.

God's will is adorable in all ways and under all its aspects. It is we who in homage and thanksgiving, and by an act of faith that can sometimes rend our hearts, proclaim that everything our Father in heaven wills, whatever He may will to decree and whatever He may permit, is good because it is He Who has willed it. In saying, "Thy will be done," we rejoice that there is nothing evil in the will of God even if He deals sternly with us.

To ask that the will of God be done is therefore sometimes a gift and abandonment of ourselves made in full agony. Perhaps it will be necessary to go so far even as to the sweating of blood. Jesus gave us the example. After having first said: "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass away from Me," He added: "Yet not as I will, but as You will."

This prayer of Jesus is at the heart of all human sorrow and of all human hope. He had to die because He had taken upon Himself all the sins and all the sufferings of the world - in consummation of His obedience and of the work He had come to do. It was before the definitive will of Him He loved more than His life that He bowed His own human will and made abandon of it. Our God is a crucified God. Christ's beatitude, of which He cannot be deprived, did not prevent Him from fearing or mourning, or from sweating blood in unimaginable agony or from passing through the throes of death on the cross. It is by a suffering God that we have been redeemed.

This kind of glory of suffering - perhaps it is to this that correspond on earth the suffering of the innocent, the tears of children, certain excesses of humiliation and misery it is almost impossible for the heart to accept without being scandalized, and which, when the face of the enigmatic world has passed away, will appear at the summit of the Beatitudes.

May honor and witness be rendered to God's holiness. May His reign come to all men, and that kingdom where His very divinity is participated in. May the superabounding

Love which is one with His Being, may the desire of His heart may His will find accomplishment.

Many thanks to Nancy Garland! Nancy offered her skill as a vocalist to lead the singing last Saturday. She did a wonderful job and her efforts were greatly appreciated. A number of you commented that Saturday what a pleasure it was to have someone lead the congregation in singing.

This is something I would like to see other people volunteer to do. I don't expect the same people to serve every weekend. That would be unfair.

Mission parishes please note. As is our custom there will not be Masses at either St. Mary's or St. Hubert's on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. It is hoped you will come to join the main parish at St. John's.

Many thanks to George Schafer. George took one of the credence tables in the Sanctuary and fully restored it. It looks as if it just came from a furniture store!

Many thanks to Jason Sutton and the Knights of Columbus. They have taken on two projects.

The first was to build an external wheelchair ramp for Jim and Mary Finney's house. The men who volunteered their time and talent for the project are: Terry Ridgeway, Dan Cosner, Mick Camino, and Jim Finney.

The second project will be a thorough cleaning of the stove. To accomplish this the Knights will take the stove to an outfit in Denver after the last breakfast in May and bring it back late summer. The Knights are assuming all costs connected with this project. This will also provide an opportunity to make sure the floor under the stove is properly cleaned.

Thanks, guys, for all your service to the parish.

Happy Birthday to Bautista Juanicotena! Bautista turned "40" last Friday, twice that is! May God grant him many happy and healthy years.

Holy Week Liturgies:

—**Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper,** Thursday, April 14, 7:00 p.m. followed by Confession and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

—**Good Friday,** Friday, April 15, 12:00 o'clock noon. Stations of the Cross at 6:00 p.m. followed by Confessions at 6:30 p.m.

—**Holy Saturday Easter Vigil,** Saturday, April 16, 8:00 p.m.

—**Easter Sunday,** Sunday, April 17 at 9:00 a.m. followed by an Easter Egg Hunt for the little ones.

Please be advised that there will be no Masses from Monday, April 18 to Friday, April 22.

Fr. Larry Bailey will be arriving on either April 7 or 8. Fr. Larry will assist with hearing Confessions. Please note that with all the opportunities to celebrate Confession with Fr. Tony of the Fathers of Mercy, the scheduled slots since, and now with Fr. Larry there is no excuse not to have gone. Confessions will not be heard on Holy Saturday morning.

I have put in an order for palms for Palm Sunday but we will not be purchasing Easter lilies. I realize that this has been a long-standing tradition but as was the case with the poinsettias for Christmas there is no guarantee that we can have a reliable supply of live flowers for Easter from a single source. We were spoiled when Jean Borgialli ran her floral shop and made sure that we received the freshest plants possible.

I am also concerned that given the current state of the economy, the highest inflation rate in forty years, rising costs in fuel and groceries, family budgets are pretty much stretched to the max. I do not think we should burden them by asking them to provide expensive flowers that will last for only a few weeks and then be thrown out. Perhaps after the midterm elections things will improve.

If you had any plans to purchase a flower, please consider offering that money as a contribution to the Food Pantry, the Family Crisis Center, the Salvation Army, the Boys and Girls Club, CASA, Habitat for Humanity, or

our Parish Emergency Assistance Fund. The best charity is that which is local.

We are very fortunate to have the skills of Gene Gagliano who has produced beautiful floral displays with artificial plants. He has a knack for making them look life-like.

Plan a Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Peace Mass in Pine Bluffs, WY on June 11, 2022.

Presiding over the Pilgrimage will be Reverend August Koeune and Reverend Clark Lenz. Station of the Cross will be at 9 AM, Mass at 10AM. For more information, please visit www.ourladyofpeaceshrine.com or email ourladyofpeaceshrine@gmail.com

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

<https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/kp4ayk>
Hard copies available in the back of the church. Deadline is Monday, April 4.

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Scholarship applications are in the back of the church. \$1000 for one year for a graduate of Buffalo, Kaycee or Clearmont High Schools. Deadline is May 6, 2022.

VBS will be held June 6-10, 2022 in the mornings. Carol Gagliano is looking for helpers that week and the week previous to decorate and set up things. Call her at 684-5751.

"It is a poverty to decide that a child must die so that you may live as you wish." – Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta

"Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use violence to get what they want. That is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion." – Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta

THE FEAST OF THE DIVINE MERCY – Our Lord asked Sister Faustine to pray and work towards establishing a Feast of the Divine Mercy on the Sunday after Easter. He told her: On that day, the very depths of my mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon souls who approach the fount of My mercy; a day that would celebrate the paschal mystery with a focus on God's covenant of mercy. It would be a day of complete forgiveness and pardon. We receive this forgiveness and pardon by going to confession eight days before or after Divine Mercy Sunday and in receiving Holy Communion on that day. We further honor the mercy of the Lord by our prayers and works of mercy. DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY IS APRIL 24. The Divine Mercy novena will begin on Good Friday at 11:30am.

A memorial Mass for **Chris Schafer** will be held on Saturday, April 9 at 8:30am. Fr. Pete Johnson will also have a graveside Internment Service at Willow Grove Cemetery at 10am on that same day.

Please consider volunteering at the Happy Apple hospital gift shop for three hours a month. It involves ringing up sales and occasionally helping people find their way. It is a relaxed environment, and a great way to interact with staff and visitors.

In addition to a background check, volunteers are required to have TB skin tests, Flu and Covid vaccinations and proof of immunization for the following: Measles, Mumps, Rubella, and Varicella. If you don't have paper proof of vaccinations, a simple titer (small blood draw) will determine any missing vaccinations. Any needed vaccinations or titer blood draws are provided to volunteers at no cost. Contact Nolcha Fox, 620-0296.

GRAY LADY volunteers at Amie Holt needed – 2nd & 4th Mondays at 2:30pm for an hour serving desserts. Please contact Claudia Elliot, 620-0850.

