



St. John the Baptist Church

St. Mary Church – Clearmont
 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-11:30am
 Or by Appointment

Religious Education / Meeting

Tuesday, April 4 – 8:30am Clean the Church
Thursday, April 5 – 6:30am Men of St. Joseph
 7pm Holy Thursday Mass;
 Confessions after Mass & Adoration until 10pm
Friday, April 7 – 12noon Good Friday services
 1pm Divine Mercy prayer
 6pm Stations of the Cross and
 Confessions after Stations
Saturday, April 8 – 12:30pm Divine Mercy
 8pm Easter Vigil Mass
Sunday, April 9 – 9am Easter Mass
 10am Divine Mercy prayer
Monday, April 10 – 12 noon Divine Mercy
 7pm Divine Mercy prayer
Tuesday, April 11 – Noon CCW meeting

Parish Staff

Pastor	<i>Fr. Jim Heiser</i>	684-7268
Deacon	<i>Jay Garland</i>	
Parish Administrator	<i>Mary Ann Cummins</i>	684-7268
CCW Leader	<i>Nancy Garland</i>	
Finance Council Chair	<i>Steve Reimann</i>	
Maintenance Technician	<i>Darin Gagliano</i>	
K of C Grand Knight	<i>Danny Cosner</i>	
Parish Council Chair	<i>Barbara Mueller</i>	
Religious Education	<i>Carol Gagliano</i>	
Director of Music	<i>Nancy Garland</i>	
Ministry		
Corporate Board of	<i>Bishop Steve Biegler, President</i>	
Directors	<i>Very Rev. Carl Gallinger, Vice-P</i>	
	<i>Very Rev. Jim Heiser, Sec & Treas</i>	
	<i>Phil Gonzales, Trustee</i>	
	<i>Sheila Camino, Trustee</i>	

Baptisms – Please call Fr. Heiser, 684-7268

Marriage – Planning and preparation 6 months in advance- Mentors Jim/Lori Johnson and Jim/Darcie Gampetro

Prayer line Requests –Jan Edgcomb –
jmpe@wyoming.com or Honey Harriet, 620-1890

Rosary Guild – Thursdays at 8:30am to 10am.

Sacrament of the Sick – After first Sunday Masses or call the Parish Office

SIXTH SUNDAY OF LENT

April 2, 2023

Liturgical Ministers at Mass:

THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 7pm

Lector: Mike Herth

EMHC: Mary Ann Cummins, Gonzales

Altar Servers: Fletcher Kozisek, Finn Johnson

FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 12 noon

Lector: Mary Ann Cummins

Altar Servers: Ellie/Brody Farris, Fletcher Kozisek, Finn Johnson

SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 5pm

Lector: Mary Smith with Jenn Schroefel, Gene

Gagliano, Janelle Gonzales, Mike Herth

EMHC: Phil/Janelle Gonzales

Altar Servers: Kendal Bergstresser

SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 9am

Lector: Mike Herth

EMHC: Barb Mueller

Altar Servers: Ellie/Brody Farris

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK March 26, 2023

St. John's	\$	4092.35	YTD\$	132,088.09
St. Mary's	\$		YTD \$	2,415.47
St. Hubert's	\$		YTD \$	32072.00
Poor Donations	\$	120.00		
Online Giving	\$			

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sat	04/01	5pm	+Nancy Zupence
Sun	04/02	9am	+James Spaulding
		2pm	People of the Parishes
Mon	04/03		No Mass
Tue	04/04	8am	Emersyn Stone
Wed	04/05	8am	+Jim Shippy
Thu	04/06	7pm	+Camile Rucki
Fri	04/07	12noon	Passion of the Lord
Sat	04/08	8pm	+Fr. Bob Fox
Sun	04/09	9am	People of the Parishes

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon-Isaiah 42:1-7; Gospel: John 12:1-11

Tue-Isaiah 49:1-6; Gospel: John 13:21-33, 36-38

Wed-Isaiah 50:4-9a; Gospel: Matthew 26:14-25

Thu-Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26;

Gospel: John 13:1-15

Fri-Isaiah 52:13—53:12; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9;

Gospel: John 18:1—19:12

Sat-7 readings, Romans 6:3-11; Gospel: Matthew 28:1-

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“PRAISED BE JESUS CHRIST”

“PRAISE HIM NOW AND ALWAYS”

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST after Sunday Mass, 4/2 this weekend! Come for food and fellowship 😊

HEADS UP – incense will be used during the Holy Thursday Mass, April 6 and Easter Vigil.

DAILY CATHOLIC WISDOM - “Mary is your spiritual mother, and St. Joseph is your spiritual father. The spiritual fatherhood of St. Joseph is extremely important for your spiritual growth...Mary wants you to consecrate yourself to St. Joseph! Everything you have given to Jesus and Mary can also be given to St. Joseph. Be at peace. The Hearts of Jesus, Mary, and St. Joseph are one. -Fr. Don Calloway from his book *Consecration to St. Joseph*

“Christians are more than mere followers of Christ. We are His Body and are drawn, somehow, into His own sufferings. We are even ‘crucified’ with Him.” - Thomas Howard from his book *Evangelical Is Not Enough*

“The Church and the world also need ‘apparitions’ of St. Joseph: men and women who radiate the virtues of St. Joseph, especially his faithful love as a husband and father. In a world plagued with gender ideology and confusion about marriage and the family, reflections of Mary and St. Joseph are very much needed.” -Fr. Don Calloway

ATTENTION ALL GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOLS SENIORS! Applications for the James and Matilda Goar Scholarship Program, administered by the Holy Name School Foundation, are available from the church office. The Scholarship is \$4000 per year, up to five years, for a total of \$20,000. The scholarship is available only to Johnson and Sheridan County residents, and is based on economic need, scholastic achievement and involvement in parish and community activities. All applications must be received by May 6, 2023 to the Holy Name School Foundation at PO Box 6611, Sheridan, WY 82801. For further information, please contact Dr. Pat Meehan at 674-7339 or John Rotellini at 752-2742.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP - \$1000 for one year. Applicants must graduate this spring from Buffalo, Kaycee, or Clearmont high schools and must use the scholarship to advance

his/her education in a college, university, technical institute, or trade school. Application deadline is May 5, 2023. Applications to the left when entering the back of the church. More details listed on the form.

BUFFALO SENIOR CENTER VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER on April 18 at 5:30pm. To all of you who generously give your time and effort to make our center great! Please come for soup, salads, and bread on us. We will be raffling off prizes to celebrate you!

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER – As we enter into Holy Week and prepare to celebrate Christ's passion and death, we invite you to consider the small sacrifice of a weekend away from life's pleasures to focus on the greatest treasure as a couple – your marriage. Your Sacrament is the visible sign of Christ's love and desire to be in relationship with His Church. The impact of your love is a powerful gift. A single weekend can make that gift great! Upcoming Weekend dates are Elk Mountain Historic Hotel April 21-23, Malta, MT, June 9-11 and The Ranch at Ucross, Nov. 3-5. Apply today by calling, 307-215-9444 or visit the website: wwme.org

CONFESSIONS AFTER Holy Thursday Mass on April 6th.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS on Good Friday at 6pm, followed by Confessions. **LAST CONFESSIONS BEFORE EASTER!**

DONATIONS to the renovation at St. Hubert's can be made through The St. John the Baptist Church Foundation, if you are so willing. Thanks in advance!

SHERIDAN DEANERY SPRING CCW meeting will be at St. John's, ladies, on Thursday, April 20. Plan now to attend! Mass at 8am begins the day. Registration will follow in the parish hall at 8:30am. A "sweets" brunch will precede the meeting at 9am. Guest speaker will be Genevieve Mougey from the Diocesan Office of Catholic Charities. Lunch will be catered by The Foodie Chic and will be \$13 at registration. Deacon Carroll Schell of Cheyenne will speak also, and his topic will be the Eucharist. The day shall conclude around 2:30pm. Please come. Sheridan Deanery President Valerie Spanos will be in charge of the day.

We need urgent action to protect kids from technology

"A frightening trend emerged when I was working in Catholic school administration. The acceleration of problems related to sexuality for young kids was startling, beginning even as early as kindergarten. There was one common source: technology. Without a doubt, the fact that young children regularly use smartphones has led to frequent exposure to sexual images and messages that have made some kids question their own God-given identity. After hearing of problems week after week, I wanted to shout an SOS to every parent: "Please, take away devices from your children, because it's really wounding them." We must exercise greater vigilance.

This is not just the overreaction of one Catholic educator. Even Denver Public Schools offered a workshop I attended on "Teens and Screens," speaking of a public health emergency due to the impact of social media on the mental health of teenagers. Coming under increasing scrutiny, TikTok recently placed a 60-minute-a-day limit on usage for those under 18 (although they can continue after entering a passcode), with the head of their "trust and safety" department stating, "We believe digital experiences should bring joy and play a positive role in how people express themselves, discover ideas, and connect." The opposite is occurring, with the CDC finding that nearly 60 percent of teen girls struggle with depression and almost a third have considered suicide. The spike in depression and suicide began in 2012, at the same time smartphones were introduced. As technology use has increased each year, mental health difficulties have increased as well.

We cannot keep our heads in the sand while this major crisis unfolds. Young people are experiencing an identity crisis, inflamed by ideological forces using social media and

entertainment to call their sexual identity into question at young ages. In Catholic schools, we saw kindergartners and first graders imitating inappropriate things they had seen on screens. We heard from a third grader that she identified as asexual after she was groomed by an adult through an iPad, given to her by her parents. We often heard of bullying and sexting occurring over phones, even among elementary school students. These are the cases that make me repeat: "Parents, don't give your kids a phone. Please take away their phones!"

I am a father of six with three teenagers and try to be very vigilant. We use Gab phones and Light phones for our teenagers that prevent any direct internet access. Our younger kids have never needed a phone. In Catholic schools, we often had to remind school parents that they could always call their kids at school and their kids would always be allowed to call them if there was a need. In their desire to protect their kids by having constant access to them through a phone, parents are inadvertently harming them by giving them this constant exposure to harmful influences on the web and social media.

Parents also need to examine their own technology usage. I took the drastic step, almost three years ago now, of introducing my smartphone to a sledgehammer. It was one of the most freeing moments of my life, as I felt a weight lift from my shoulders and a greater peace of mind. It cut out many distractions and gave me more freedom for reading and prayer. It also gave me the opportunity to witness to my kids that they, too, can live without a smartphone, that we had traded too much for the conveniences of its apps: namely, peace of mind and space for others, including God! It's hard to protect our children if we are not protecting ourselves!

Lent provides us an opportunity to unplug. As we approach the end of this holy season, you

could perhaps try an experiment. Keep your phone turned off for a few hours at a time. Instead, spend some more time in prayer and reading a spiritual book. See if you can stay focused, growing a little bit each day in your ability to tune out distractions and increase your ability to attend to God. And then, when Lent is over, try to keep it going. Carve out technology-free spaces in your life and dedicate more time both to God and to the tangible presence of the people right in front of you.

If we are going to protect our children from the harmful effects of technology, especially the saturation of social media, we will need to model an alternative path. We need God's grace to make the sacrifice of stepping back from the convenience that technology brings. In return, there is much to gain, going back to a greater peace of mind and the ability to focus on others. Without the barrier of screens, you can also be more present to the teens that need your help in breaking out of the net in which they are caught." Dr. R. Jared Staudt

THANK YOU to Phil & Janelle Gonzales and Fr. Phil for shoveling snow recently! We appreciate you 😊

WELCOME to our newest parishioner, *Miss Vivian Rose Curuchet*, daughter of Bridget (Geis) & Shay Curutchet 😊

THANK YOU to Fr. Jim and our anonymous donor for the books, Holy Moments! Please read and share 😊

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA starts Good Friday with prayer after the noon services. Prayer each day through Divine Mercy Sunday at 3pm, a Holy Hour of Mercy. Holy Saturday at 12:30pm; Easter Sunday after 10am Mass; Easter Monday at 12 noon and at 7pm; Easter Tuesday at 8:30am; Easter Wednesday at 8:30am; Easter Thursday at 8:30am; Easter Friday before Mass at 7:30am; Easter Saturday at 11:30am; and Divine Mercy Sunday at 3pm.