



# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

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

## Office and Rectory

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## St. John the Baptist Church

Saturday 5:00 PM  
Sunday 9:00 AM, 5 PM  
Daily Mass M-Th 8:00 AM  
Holy Days  
Anticipatory 6:00 PM  
Day of... 8:00 AM, 6 PM

## St. Mary Church, Clearmont

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays 1:00pm

## St. Hubert Church, Kaycee

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 2:00pm

**Confessions** Saturday 3pm-4:30pm  
Or by Appointment

## Religious Education / Meeting

Sunday, April 6 – 10am KC Breakfast  
10:30am Fr. Bryce's class  
4:30pm Rosary  
5pm Mass

Monday, April 7 - 7pm Rosary

Tuesday, April 8 – 12noon CCW meeting

Wednesday, April 9 – 3:45pm/5:45pm CCD

Thursday, April 10 – 6:30am Men of St. Joseph

Friday, April 11 – 6pm Stations of the Cross  
Soup Supper to follow

Sunday, April 13 – Palm Sunday

Thursday, April 17 – 7pm Holy Thursday Mass

Friday, April 18 – 3pm Good Friday Services

Saturday, April 19 – 8:30pm Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 20 – 9am & 11am Easter Masses

## Parish Staff

Pastor	<i>Fr. Bryce Lungren</i>	684-7268
Deacon	<i>Jay Garland</i>	
Parish Administrator	<i>Mary Ann Cummins</i>	684-7268
CCW Leader	<i>Vacant</i>	
Finance Council Chair	<i>Steve Reimann</i>	
Maintenance Technician	<i>Darin Gagliano</i>	
K of C Grand Knight	<i>Bob Fox</i>	
Parish Council Chair	<i>Barbara Mueller</i>	
Religious Education	<i>Carol Gagliano</i>	
Music Ministry	<i>Vacant</i>	
Corporate Board of Directors	<i>Bishop Steve Biegler, President</i> <i>Very Rev. Carl Gallinger, Vice-P</i> <i>Rev. Bryce Lungren, Sec &amp; Treas</i> <i>Phil Gonzales, Lay Director</i> <i>Julie Snyder, Lay Director</i>	

**Baptisms** – Please call Fr. Bryce, 684-7268

**Marriage** – Planning and preparation 6 months in advance- Mentors Jim/Lori Johnson. Call Fr. Bryce.

**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.

**Sacrament of the Sick** – Call the Parish Office

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**MARCH 30, 2025**

**Liturgical Ministers at Mass:**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 5pm**

Lector: Nancy Garland  
EMHC: Lynn Ridgeway, Dennis Lawrence  
Altar Server: Volunteer

**SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 9am**

Lector: Marcie Scarlett  
EMHC: Karen Hostetler, Barb Mueller  
Altar Servers: Asher Murray, Hayden Geis

**SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 5pm**

Lector/Narrator: Mary Ann Cummins  
EMHC: Janelle/Phil Gonzales  
Atar Server: Volunteer

**SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 9am**

Lector/Narrator: Judy Wigginton  
EMHC: Karen Hostetler, Lynn Ridgeway  
Altar Servers: Milan/Marco Monterastelli

**COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK March 30, 2025**

St. John's	\$ 4,311.00	YTD \$ 137,469.42
St. Mary's	\$ 10.00	YTD \$ 2,488.50
St. Hubert's	\$ 65.00	YTD \$ 3,851.80
Poor Donations	\$ 50.00	

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:**

Sat	4/5	5pm	+Marcus Gertner
Sun	4/6	9am	Pro Populo
		2pm	+Wanda Lohse
		5pm	Intention of the Donor
Mon	4/7	8am	Fr. Clement
Tue	4/8	8am	+Domingo Martirena
Wed	4/9	8am	LWHC
Thu	4/10	8am	LWHC
Fri	4/11	8am	LWHC
		8:30a	Eucharistic Adoration
Sat	4/12	5pm	+Domingo Martirena
Sun	4/13	9am	Pro Populo
		1pm	Intention of the Donor
		5pm	+Vyonne Kraen

**POPE FRANCIS' APRIL INTENTION –**  
**For the use of the new technologies**

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

**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

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST**

today, April 6 after Mass. Please go and socialize with fellow parishioners. Donations gratefully accepted 😊

**REST IN PEACE Vyonne Kraen and Phil Little**, both recently buried from our church. May perpetual light shine upon them and all the souls of the faithfully departed.

**CLERGY INSTITUTE IN CASPER THIS NEXT WEEK** Tuesday-Thursday ( April 8-10) ending with the Chrism Mass at 5:30pm at St. Anthony Church.

**LAST LENTEN CLASS** by Fr. Bryce is this Sunday after Mass from 10:30am to 11:30am. The topic is ***Behold the Lamb of God***. Everyone is invited to participate.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** on 1 more Friday (April 11) at 6pm. Bring a soup to share afterward in the parish hall if you'd like.

**CCD classes** resume Wednesday, April 9 at 3:45pm and 5:45pm.

**THANK YOU** to ***Joan Marshall & Mary Ann Cummins*** for feeding the priests before the Penance Service 😊

**THANK YOU** to ***Mike Herth & Greg Smith*** for the men's items for the needy man 😊

**CONFESSIONS** before Easter on Saturday at 3-4:30pm and by appointment. The last Confession time before Easter will be after Holy Thursday Mass.

**ATTENTION ALL GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!**

Applications for the James and Matilda Goar Scholarship Program, administered by the Holy Name School Foundation, are available from the church office or the back of the church. 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 2, 2025**, to the Holy Name School Foundation at PO Box 6611, Sheridan, WY 82801. For further information, please contact Dr. Pat Meehan at 307-674-73339 or John Rotellini at 307-752-2742. A Jubilee Minute: Carry Hope to Others: Be a "Pilgrim of Hope"

### **This week's Reflection on the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope by Deacon Jay Garland**

Here are some suggestions so that you may participate more fully in the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope. Prayerfully discern which items can help you to carry hope to others, as a "Pilgrim of Hope."

- Share a positive and hopeful message on your social media.
- Send an encouraging scripture or text message to someone who needs it.
- Do an anonymous random act of kindness.
- Identify someone in your life and write them a letter (or draw a picture.)
- Look up local non-profit and charitable organizations. What opportunities are there to serve or support? Choose one you are passionate about and learn more.
- Visit the elderly in nursing homes or the homebound in your community.
- Light candles at a family meal and share ways you have experienced hope.
- Ask friends and family to share their stories of hope.
- Go through your home and find clothing, shoes, or other items to donate.
- Participate in parish efforts of prayer, worship, and eucharistic adoration.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP** applications are available in the back of the church.

We will be handing out hams to our patrons for Easter. If you would like to help provide a ham to a family or families, you may donate by sending a check to **Bread of Life Food Pantry**, P.O. Box 909, Buffalo, WY 82834,

using our website, [breadoflifebuffalo.org](http://breadoflifebuffalo.org). Please indicate in the memo that it is for Easter hams. Any amount is appreciated. Thank you to our wonderful donors for supporting this worthy cause.

### **LITURGICAL SERVICES DURING HOLY WEEK – April 13-19**

Palm Sunday Masses – Saturday, 5pm & Sunday, 9am

Thursday of the Lord's Supper Mass – 7pm

\*Last Confession time before Easter

Friday of the Passion of the Lord – 3pm

Easter Vigil – 8:30pm

Easter Masses – 9am & 11am

### **BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY –**

You and a guest are invited to a **VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON** on April 26 at noon. St. Luke's Episcopal Church – Onderdonk Hall. For info: call or text 307-217-2269. Attention Meals-on-Wheels volunteers!

"We are not the sum of our weaknesses and failures, we are the sum of our Father's love for us, and our real capacity to become the image of His Son Jesus." -Saint Pope John Paul II

"Fix your minds on the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ."

—St. Francis of Paola

*Patron Saint of boatmen, mariners, and naval officers*

"You either belong wholly to the world or wholly to God."

—St. John Vianney

*Patron Saint of Parish Priests*

**ATTENTION** – Please do NOT park or drive on the lawn by the northside of the hall. Sprinkler heads get broken and ruts are made.

## FROM THE PASTOR:

During one of our Sunday morning classes on the Eucharist, a question was posed to me about reverence inside the church. The comment was based the fact that years ago, no talking was allowed while in the church. Now, there seems to be an open forum of what is discussed beside the pews. What's up with that?

Good question. I think for us to properly understand church etiquette we need to think about where we are at and what we are doing. Our church is a traditional layout. The area we first encounter, coming from the outside, is known as the vestibule or narthex. Both of these terms signify a staging area before entering the body of the church.

Moving forward, through the swinging doors of our church, is known as the nave. This is the main body of the church with the pews. The word *nave* derives from the word *navy*. It is meant to signify a pilgrim people on a journey. Like passengers on a ship, the people in the pews are pilgrims in this life journeying towards the eternal life of Heaven.

The Sanctuary in our church is distinguished by the steps and the hardwood floor. This area represents Heaven on earth. And not just in sign, but in reality. God is fully present in this space by the Sacrament of the Eucharist contained in the Tabernacle. The red sanctuary lamp reminds us of this reality.

With this in mind, we can best discern how to interact with each other inside the church. In the vestibule/narthex is an appropriate place to converse with matters of life and religion, especially as pertains to the liturgical activity that goes on throughout the church. This area can be less formal, as it stands as a middle ground between the world and Heavenly realities.

Inside the nave is a different story. Hat's off in this area, and focus should be solely on God. This is not just because I say so, but because God is present. The nave, whether Mass is going on or not, is intended to remind us that we are pilgrims on a journey. Any speech, gestures, or actions should be Heavenly aimed.

Again, Heaven is not arbitrary within the church. God Himself, Heaven on earth,

resides in the most Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist, which is housed in the Tabernacle within the Sanctuary. This space is off limits unless our business pertains to the Liturgy. Our approach to church space is not to limit us, but to free us! By knowing what particular areas mean and represent, we can more fully enter into the mystery they contain. The church building is not just another social gather place. It mirrors Heaven on earth.

What's beautiful about living out of this mystery while the Liturgy is going on is that we don't have to wait until we die to experience Heaven. This is true in general while the Liturgy is going on. But in particular, when we walk up and receive Holy Communion at the foot of the Altar, Heaven and earth kiss! We and Jesus Christ, with all His members, truly become one in Holy Communion!

This is the mystery of living the Liturgy. And the layout of the church helps us experience this. Not long ago, I asked the folks at daily Mass to refrain from any unnecessary talk in the nave of the church. Doing so helps keep this space as a place of prayer, but it also helps everyone else experience what we have just received.

One great challenge in the spiritual life is to allow the faith we profess inside the church to inform the rest of our lives. The world outside is hectic. And if I am not intentional about letting the mystery of Christ that we encounter inside the church penetrate my life in the world, the grace will likely wither away.

Give yourself a fighting chance. Please do not engage in vain conversation right after participating in Heavenly realities. Kneel and pray after the recessional hymn and before leaving the church. Don't enter into unnecessary conversation before exiting the nave. Allow the grace we have just received in Holy Communion to germinate in your heart and bear fruit in your life!

This is what it means to be Catholic. Our faith is not hypothetical. It is real. And inside the church, it is alive! The church is constructed in such a way to help us experience this truth. Take advantage of this mystery. Let the church space allow you and others to experience the reality of Heaven on earth!

Carry on.