



St. John the Baptist Catholic 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, 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

2nd & 4th Sundays 1:00pm

St. Hubert Church, Kaycee

1st & 3rd Sunday 2:00pm

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

Religious Education / Meeting

Sunday, April 27 – 3pm Divine Mercy Hour

Monday, April 28 - 7pm Holy Hours

Tuesday, April 29 – 5:15pm Finance Council

Wednesday, April 30 – 3:45pm/5:45pm CCD
Confirmation practice

Thursday, May 1 – 6:30am Men of St. Joseph

Saturday, May 3 – 5pm Mass

Sunday, May 4 – 9am Mass / Confirmation
2pm Mass, Kaycee
4:30pm Rosary
5pm Mass

Sunday, May 11 – 9am Mass / First Communion

Sunday, May 18 – 9am Mass / Graduates

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>	
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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 & 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 or Honey Harriet, 620-1890

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

Sacrament of the Sick – Call the Parish Office

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

APRIL 27, 2025

Liturgical Ministers at Mass:

SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 5pm

Lector: Blaine Horn

EMHC: Mary Ann Cummins, E Miura

Altar Server: Volunteer

SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 9am

Lector: Judy Wigginton

EMHC: Carleen Cosner, Jennifer Schroefel

Altar Servers: Redic/Trajten Mader

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 5pm

Lector: Blaine Horn

EMHC: Phil Gonzales, Dennis Lawrence

Altar Server: Volunteer

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 9am

Lector: Mary Ann Cummins

EMHC: Deacon Jay, Doug Graslie

Altar Servers: Gio/Marco Monterastelli

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK April 20, 2025

St. John's	\$	YTD \$	146,017.57
St. Mary's	\$	YTD \$	2,811.82
St. Hubert's	\$	YTD \$	4,130.80
Poor Donations	\$	350.00	
Easter, Buffalo	\$	8,304.26	
Easter, Kaycee	\$	200.00	
Easter, Clearmont		70.00	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sat	4/26	5pm	Fr. Clement
Sun	4/27	9am	Pro Populo
		1pm	Intention of the Donor
		5pm	Ian Welles Family
Mon	4/28	8am	+Wanda Lohse
Tue	4/29	8am	Fr. Clement
Wed	4/30	8am	Intention of the Donor
		5:15p	Nancy Gillespie
Thu	5/1	8am	LWHC
Fri	5/2	8am	LWHC
		8:30a	Eucharistic Adoration
Sat	5/3	5pm	+Vyonne Kraen
Sun	5/4	9am	Pro Populo
		2pm	Bernie Blacketer
		5pm	Intention of the Donor

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon-Acts of the Apostles 4:23-31; Gospel: John 3:1-8

Tue-Acts of the Apostles 4:32-37; Gospel: John 3:7b-15

Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor

Wed-Acts of the Apostles 5:17-26; Gospel: John 3:16-21

Thu-Acts of the Apostles 5:27-33; Gospel: John 3:31-36

Fri-Acts of the Apostles 5:34-42; Gospel: John 6:1-15

Saint Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Sat-1 Corinthians 15:1-8; Gospel: John 14:6-14

Saints Philip & James, Apostles

DIVINE MERCY HOUR Sunday, April 27, at 3pm.

The Rosary Guild invites you to join them in praying the Divine Mercy Novena at the following times at St. John the Baptist:

April 26 Easter Saturday at 12noon

April 27 Divine Mercy Sunday 3pm Holy Hour of Mercy. A day of great grace.

WELCOME to our newest Catholics – **Jacob Dean**, husband of Kelsey Dean; **Christopher Debban**, husband of Jennifer Debban; **William Haines**, husband of Mika Haines (Kaycee) and **Caleb Walter**, husband of Amanda Walter 😊

THANK YOU to everyone who helped out with the Easter preparations for Masses and who helped in the Masses with music, lecturing and EMHC! You are all appreciated 😊

THANK YOU to **Jenn/Robb Hicks, Alecia/James Kozisek, and Kassahn/Dave Mathson** for the youth meal this week 😊

THANK YOU to **Ruth Straessler** for the Easter cookies and every Sunday the donuts that she sets up and dispenses with coffee 😊

The first 3 Sundays in May are busy with sacraments and graduates. Note the Sunday 9am Masses will be full – Sunday, May 4 is Confirmation with Bishop Steven; Sunday, May 11 is First Communion; and Sunday, May 18 will honor our Catholic Graduates.

FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING on Tuesday, April 29 at 5:15pm

CAN TRAILER in parking lot next to shed. Please note this!

MARY'S DAUGHTERS' DINNER on Monday, May 5 at 5:30pm in the parish hall. We will honor the newest mothers of the past year – **Kelsey Dean & Alaina Griffith**. The “over 90” moms to be honored are **Eileen Nelson, Virginia Rockett, Mary Louise Arambel, Rosita Ibarra, Joan Hampton,** and **Kathy Perry**. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend.

NEXT WEEKEND is ***Living and Giving in Christ: Unity through Diocesan Ministries Commitment Sunday***, when the faithful throughout the Diocese of Cheyenne make an offering to the annual appeal. During this coming week, parishioners for whom the Diocese of Cheyenne has mailing addresses should receive a letter and pledge card from Bishop Steven. If you have not done so before, please consider making an annual pledge, which will allow you to budget your contribution. Those who do not receive the mailing, may use in-pew remittance envelopes, made available during Masses. QR codes on the envelopes go straight to the online giving platform for those who wish to make their annual pledge that way. In preparation for next week, please prayerfully discern your annual offering to support immediate and ongoing ministries across Wyoming.

CONFIRMATION is next Sunday, May 4 at the 9am Mass. Bishop Steven will be here to celebrate the sacrament with our 13 youth. The Confirmandi will meet with the Bishop at 8am in the parish hall before Mass begins. The Knights of Columbus will have a breakfast afterward.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST Sunday, May 4 after the 9am Confirmation Mass. Come celebrate with fellow parishioners and the Confirmation youth! Donations are gratefully accepted 😊

A Jubilee Minute: Pope Francis, A Pilgrim of Hope
This week's Reflection on the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope by Deacon Jay Garland

This past Monday, April 21st Pope Francis passed from this life and returned to the home of the Father. On that same Monday night Cardinal Mauro Gambetti, archpriest of St. Peter's Basilica, led the recitation of the rosary on the basilica steps. Cardinal Gambetti, introducing the prayer, told people in the square that it is Easter that tells Christians that “death is not a door that closes but the entrance into the heavenly Jerusalem where

mourning is changed into dance, and sackcloth into the garment of joy.” “We want to thank the Lord for the gifts he has given to the whole Church with the apostolic ministry of Pope Francis, a pilgrim of hope that does not disappoint,” the cardinal said. “We want to entrust him to the merciful Father, in communion with Mary, Queen of Heaven, and through the intercession of the apostle Peter,” Cardinal Gambetti said. “Our prayerful voice is joined by the voices of our brothers and sisters scattered throughout the world. It is the whole flock of Christ, the good shepherd, who prays for Pope Francis.”

The people inside and outside the square came from all over the world. Missionary Franciscan Sister Eliana, from Mozambique, came to St. Peter's Square with another member of her community to pray the rosary for Pope Francis. “Pope Francis, for me, was a man of hope, full of joy, full of life,” she said. Franciscan Father Antanas Grabnickas from Lithuania, “Pope Francis loved St. Francis,” the friar said. “He showed this by choosing his name and by always speaking with his actions more than his words.”

Someone had left a bouquet of spring flowers in St. Peter's Square with a note: “Dearest Holy Father, Thank you for your service to our Lord and His Holy Church. We pray for your soul!!” The card was signed, “From Diocese of Birmingham, Alabama.”

In the coming days let us continue to pray for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis. Let us also reflect during this Jubilee Year of Hope on how we too can be pilgrims of hope by speaking with our actions more than our words so as to testify to that “hope that does not disappoint” (Romans 5:5). And to “always be ready to give a reason for the hope that is in you” (1 Peter 3:15).

During this Holy Easter Season come join us for this month's **Respect Life Holy Hour**, Monday April 28th at 7:00 PM. Come pray for each human life, the dignity and sanctity, of each of God's children. I will share with you a true story entitled “The Miracle of a Single Question” by Andrew Sirotnak, MD. Come hear that not all miracles are physical or tangible. We will also pray the Glorious Mysteries. Spend time with our risen savior who is the resurrection and the life, our Eucharistic Lord who can lead us to a culture of life.

FROM THE PASTOR:

As a young ranch hand, I learned quickly to *take nothing that is said while working cattle, personal!* I call this the Cowboy Disclaimer. For those that have been in the corral with cattle owners or those who have run the show working your own cattle, you know exactly what I mean. For those who haven't, let me explain.

There is usually a lot going on working cattle, whatever the scenario. The main goal is to get the job done. In doing so, there can be some commands and words exchanged that aren't aimed at the persons, but at achieving the goal.

Often those actions are intensified by the emotion of the moment and can come across as sharp and harsh. If taken the wrong way, those gestures towards others can be offensive. However, if seen in light of the task at hand, the point can be made and life goes on.

Once I learned this logic, I was able to follow the lead without feeling offended. Not only that, I was able to do my job better because it wasn't about me, it was about the mission. I also learned to lead without worrying about people's feelings. For better or worse, this dynamic toughened up my character in general and made me more focused doing a job well.

I bring this up, because orchestrating big liturgies is kind of like working cattle. There is a lot going on, timing is everything, many people are involved, and emotions are high. As the presider, I'm focused on worshipping God well and making it the best experience it can be for the People of God. In doing so, I recognize that some of my actions can come across as insensitive.

Maybe this is picked up or maybe not. Whatever the case, I feel like I need to convey my Cowboy Disclaimer to those who work closely with me during liturgical celebrations. Not to justify any uncharitability on my part, as I have plenty of growing yet to do. I just want everyone to know that my focus is the mission. And if I step on a few toes in the processes, my apologies.

All that being said, I think the Triduum Liturgies (Holy Thursday – Easter Sunday) were beautiful! The music was well practiced

and wonderfully timed. The extra participants from the pews rolled with things well. The readers proclaimed well. And the servers were *Johnny on the spot!*

I think the Easter Vigil on Saturday night was probably the biggest event I've ever tried to pull off. Thanks to all the many hands involved, it went off without a hitch! However, I was caught off guard by half the town coming to Mass the next morning. Reliable sources have told me that was the most people they remember ever seeing at a Sunday Mass!

Praise God. The Resurrection of Jesus from the dead is worth packing the house for! There is good momentum going on at St. John the Baptist, and we want to keep it going. Really, all we have to do, is do what we are called to do well. Mainly, to celebrate the Liturgy with reverence while keeping our eyes focused on God.

Special thanks to all involved in the Liturgies surrounding Easter. Through good cooperation, they were beautiful and helped draw all of us into the deeper mystery of God's love. Please keep up the Good work and don't forget the Catholic Cowboy Disclaimer.

Ranch on.

Sound System Update

The installation of the new sound system is complete. There are still a few tweaks to make and an accessory or two to add. Overall, I am very pleased with the end product. It is so much more prayerful to not have to speak loudly all the time and constantly worry about not being heard. I hope the same good vibes are felt on the receiving end.

Special thanks to all who have contributed to this project. First, to Big Horn Integrators, who designed and installed the system. And second, to all who financially contributed to the project. Especially to St. John the Baptist Foundation, who paid for over half of the entire expense.