



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

November 2, 2025

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, Nov. 2 – 10am Knights' breakfast

10:30am OCIA classes in the
parish hall

2pm Kaycee

4:30pm Rosary

5pm Mass

Monday, Nov. 3 – 7pm- Rosary

Tuesday, Nov. 4 – 6pm Rotary Bingo in hall

Wednesday, Nov. 5 – 3:45pm Faith Formation

5:15pm Mass

6pm Youth meal

6:30pm Faith Formation

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

Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 15-16 – Holy Land sales
of wooden goods in the hall

Parish Staff

Pastor *Fr. Bryce Lungren* 684-7268

Deacon *Jay Garland*

Parish Administrator *Mary Ann Cummins* 684-7268

CCW Leader *Vacant*

Finance Council Chair *Steve Reimann*

Maintenance Technician *Darin Gagliano*

K of C Grand Knight *Bob Fox*

Parish Council Chair *Barbara Mueller*

Religious Education *Carol Gagliano*

Music Ministry *Vacant*

Corporate Board of *Bishop Steve Biegler, President*

Directors *Very Rev. Carl Gallinger, Vice-P*

Rev. Bryce Lungren, Sec & Treas

Phil Gonzales, Director

Julie Snyder, Director

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

****CCW dues/surveys - \$2825 collected to date!**

ALL SOULS' DAY
NOVEMBER 2, 2025

Liturgical Ministers at Mass:

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 5pm

Lector: Janelle Gonzales
EMHC: Dennis Lawrence, Donna Nelson
Altar Server: Volunteers

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 9am

Lector: Judy Wigginton
EMHC: Marcie/Mike Scarlett
Altar Servers: Marianna/Jack Gampetro

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 5pm

Lector: Judy Wigginton
EMHC: Janelle/Phil Gonzales
Altar Server: Volunteers

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 9am

Lector: Karen Hostetler
EMHC: Lynn Ridgeway, Barb Mueller
Altar Servers: Hayden Geis, Greyson Thom

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK Oct. 26, 2025

St. John's	\$ 4,532.95	YTD \$	80,606.81
St. Mary's	\$ 87.00	YTD \$	1,848.50
St. Hubert's	\$	YTD \$	1,775.00
Poor Donations	\$ 125.00		

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sat	11/1	5pm	Caysea
Sun	11/2	9am	Pro Populo
		2pm	Intention of the Donor
		5pm	+Chris Schafer
Mon	11/3	8am	Shirley Bellan
Tue	11/4	8am	+Tony Rodriguez
Wed	11/5	8am	+Chris Schafer
		5:15p	Nate Griffith
Thu	11/6	8am	+Rosita Ibarra
Fri	11/7	8am	LWHC
		8:30a	Eucharistic Adoration
Sat	11/8	5pm	+Mary Louise Arambel
Sun	11/9	9am	Pro Populo
		1pm	Intention of the Donor
		5pm	+John Druzik

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon-Romans 11:29-36; Gospel: Luke 14:12-14

Tue-Romans 12:5-16b; Gospel: Luke 14:15-24

Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop

Wed-Romans 13:8-10; Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

Thu-Romans 14:7-12; Gospel: Luke 15:1-10

Fri-Romans 15:14-21; Gospel: Luke 16:1-8

Sat-Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Gospel: Luke 16:9-15

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST this Sunday after 9am Mass. Come for food and fellowship 😊

PRAY for the repose of the soul of **Silverio Maya** who was buried from our church this past week. May he rest in peace.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER – Nov. 7-9, Gillette. Call Paul/Tracy at 307-689-2820 or apply at www.wwme.org

THANK YOU to **Jenn/Rob Hicks, Kassahn/Dave Mathson, Alecia/James Kozisek** for the youth meal on Wednesday 😊

ANYONE INTERESTED in becoming a Knight, please text Ross Elliot, 620-0851. Grand Knight Dinner upcoming in November.

BIG HORN BASQUE CLUB DINNER “Basque Fall Gathering” – November 8, 2025, at Bombshells American Cantina. 6 pm Entertainment of Basque music & dancers to follow. Limited tickets of \$50 each. Purchase from any member, get them at Bombshells or Trinity Rodriguez at 509 Fort St.

FOOD PANTRY -

It is time once again to plan our annual Thanksgiving meal distribution to those in need. We provide a turkey and all the sides for patrons to make their own Thanksgiving meal. In order to make this happen, we rely on donations from those who would like to sponsor a meal for a family. The amount to sponsor one meal this year is \$40.00, but a donation of any amount is appreciated. If you would like to help with this, please send your donation to us at Bread of Life Food Pantry, P.O. Box 909, and indicate that it is for Thanksgiving meals. You may also donate with PayPal on our website at breadoflifebuffalo.org

We are hosting **Hope in the Heartache: A Catholic Retreat for Grieving Parents** on Saturday, November 15th from 8:00-2:00 at Holy Name in Sheridan. If you have any parishioners who would be interested, please let them know. Please contact James Blackwell if you have any

questions regarding the retreat itself, 716-352-7517 This begins with Mass at 8am. Cost is \$40 to include snacks and a lunch. You can RSVP by Nov. 3 to mbarron@dcwy.org

THANK YOU to everyone who has donated and/or pledged to support Bishop Steven's *Communion for Mission Campaign!* We are over the goal given us and much of that money comes back to us for our projects! You are so generous 😊 God bless you!

CONGRATULATIONS to *Fr. Bryce* on his second published book! This one is on prayer 😊 Great gifts!

“To always be close to Jesus, that’s my life plan.”

– St. Carlo Acutis

“The Eucharist is my highway to heaven.”

– St. Carlo Acutis

A Jubilee Minute: Jubilee Year of Hope; Jubilee of the World of Education, Oct. 27th – Nov. 1st
This week’s Reflection on the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope by Deacon Jay Garland

From October 27 to November 1, Rome will host the Jubilee of the World of Education, one of the major events of the Holy Year, dedicated to the theme “Pilgrims of Hope”.

Promoted by the Dicastery for Culture and Education of the Holy See, the Jubilee brought together students, families, educators, institutions, and educational networks from 14 countries, with over 15,000 participants already registered. At the heart of the initiative is the role of education as an act of hope and a tool for building the common good.

“Education is the new name for peace and puts hope on the map of the present and the future,” said Cardinal José Tolentino de Mendonça, Prefect of the Dicastery for Culture and Education, during the press conference presenting the program.

The Jubilee opened on Monday, October 27, at 5:30 pm in St. Peter’s Basilica with a Mass presided over by Pope Leo XIV, for the Roman Universities and Pontifical Institutions, symbolically marking the beginning of the academic year.

Tuesday, October 28, marked the 60th anniversary of the Vatican II Declaration *Gravissimum Educationis*. On this day, the Pope will publish a new document on current educational issues and will relaunch the Global Compact on Education.

As announced by Cardinal Tolentino, “Pope Leo XIV added three new objectives to the seven objectives already outlined by Pope Francis: the development of the interior life; the humanization of digital technology; and education for peace.”

Wednesday, October 29, was dedicated to the dialogue between art and education. The exhibition “Living, Believing, Gazing at This Sky” by Tommaso Spazzini Villa was inaugurated at the Dicastery. At the same time, at Via della Conciliazione 5, an exhibition by artist Vivian Suter on the relationship between humanity and the environment was opened, inspired by the reference to the “ecological debt” contained in the Bull of Indiction of the Jubilee.

On Thursday, October 30, at 11:00 am the Holy Father met with over 6,000 students from schools and universities from all around the world in the Paul VI Hall. On the same day, the International Congress “Educational Constellations, a Pact with the Future” was held in the Conciliazione Auditorium. In parallel, “The School of the Heart” project and the Educational Village, dedicated to global Catholic educational networks, was opened.

On Friday, October 31, Pope Leo XIV met with educators and trainers in a special audience in the Paul VI Hall, followed by a pilgrimage to the Holy Door. Other initiatives remain ongoing, including the installation “From Roots to Stars – A Journey in Education” at Santo Spirito in Sassia.

On Saturday, November 1, in St. Peter’s Square, during Mass the Pope proclaimed St. John Henry Newman a “Doctor of the Church” and co-patron of the educational mission together with St. Thomas Aquinas.

REMEMBER we have ***Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*** each Friday at 8:30am for an hour and each Wednesday at 5:45pm for 2 hours. Come sit with Jesus.

FROM THE PASTOR:

A fairly rare anomaly happens this Sunday, we celebrate All Souls Day together. Always celebrated on November 2nd. All Souls Day usually lands during the week. Following All Saints Day, November 1st, All Souls Day kicks off the month that we *remember and pray for the faithfully departed*.

As Christians, death does separate us from each other. This is what is known as the Communion of Saints. It is highlighted at All Saints Day, but also at All Souls. Where All Saints is a day to remember the Church Triumphant in Heaven, All Souls is a day where the Church Militant, you and I, remember the Church Suffering in Purgatory. And not only do we *remember* the souls in Purgatory, but we also *pray* for them.

All of my growing up, and to this day, my family adds to our prayer before meals: *May all the souls of the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace*. Interesting piety. But what exactly is Purgatory and what does it mean to pray for the Faithful who have died? Good question.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* describes Purgatory in this way. "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven" (CCC 1031). Often misunderstood, Purgatory is one of the most logical teachings of the Catholic Church.

If I were to die right now, I could safely say that I am *in God's grace and friendship*. However, I don't know that I have the *unclean* heart that is necessary to enter Heaven (see Rev. 21:27). Though I love God and my neighbor, I still probably have some disordered attachments to snowmobiling and Coors Light that need to be purified before my heart is properly ordered to see *the face of God* (Rev. 22:4).

Such *attachments*, and the like, are not directly sinful. But they are often *disordered*, in the sense that they can take a place in my heart that should be first filled with *love of God and love of neighbor* (Mark 12:30-31). Though *disordered*, they would not merit the *eternal punishment of Hell*, where all love of God and neighbor are extinguished.

Purgatory is that preparatory place where are hearts can *undergo purification* to fully order them toward love of God and neighbor. I find such Christian teaching, not only to be logical, but also merciful. Few relationships on earth are perfect. But

that doesn't mean that they should therefore be *written off*? The good outweighs the bad.

This might not be the best analogy, but the point is that even an unperfect soul can still go to Heaven. It just has to be purified first. Though Purgatory is not a *little hell*, it is also not a pleasant place to be. St. Paul speaks that "fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire" (1st Corinthians 3:13-15). Though he does not mention the term Purgatory, St. Paul's teaching does illustrate that our works will be tested, and if need be, burned up, with *fire*.

This is probably where Christian tradition has got the imagery of the *fires of Purgatory*. Though modern sentiments have tried to dumb-down the suffering that goes on in Purgatory, the Saints suggest it is not a place that you want to be. St. Teresa of Avila is said to have said, *I'd rather spend three years of intense suffering on earth than three minutes in purgatory*. Whether that is accurate or not, Purgatory is a place to avoid and a place to get out of as soon as you can.

This is why we pray for the *poor souls in Purgatory*. Once we have died, we can no longer do anything to *merit our sanctification*. In other words, we can no longer do good works and grow in virtue and purify our own hearts. After death, only Christ and those in communion with Christ, can aid in these *meritorious* efforts.

You and I, because of our *communion with Christ*, can continue to intercede on behalf of our deceased brothers and sisters. An example of this is found in the book of Maccabees where Judas had a *collection taken up and prayers offered for certain men who had died in battle* (2 Mac. 12:42-43). Scripture testifies that, "Therefore he made atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin" (2 Macc. 12:45). In similar fashion, our prayers and offerings to God on behalf of the faithfully departed, makes *atonement* (with and in Christ) for the purification of their hearts.

All this to say, pray for those who have died! For one, it helps our loved ones get through the pains of Purgatory and enter the eternal glory of Heaven. And secondly, the more souls we have in Heaven interceding on our behalf, the stronger the Church on earth is.

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