



# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

February 1, 2026

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

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, February 1 – 10:30 am Dcn Jay, OCIA

2pm Kaycee Mass

4:30pm Rosary

5pm Mass

Monday, Feb. 3 – 7pm rosary

Tuesday, Feb. 4 – 12 noon CCW meeting

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

5:15pm Mass

6pm Youth meal

6:30pm Faith Formation

Thursday, Feb. 6 – 6am Men of St. Joseph

Saturday, Feb. 7 – 10am Basque Mus

Tournament at Legion Hall

Tuesday, Feb. 17 – KC Fish Fry

Wednesday, Feb. 18 – ASH WEDNESDAY

## 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- Call Fr. Bryce, 684-7268.

**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 ORDINARY TIME**

**FEBRUARY 1, 2026**

**Liturgical Ministers at Mass:**

### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 5pm**

Lector: Janelle Gonzales  
EMHC: Judy/Paul Wigginton  
Altar Server: Rick Andersen

### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 9am**

Lector: Bryan Bergsteser  
EMHC: Lynn Ridgeway, Marcie Scarlett  
Altar Servers: Will/Jonathan Finkle

### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 5pm**

Lector: Nancy Garland  
EMHC: Janelle/Phil Gonzales  
Altar Server: Rick Andersen

### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 9am**

Lector: Gene Gagliano  
EMHC: Paul/Judy Wigginton  
Altar Servers: Brody/Tobin Farris

### **COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK Jan. 25, 2026**

St. John's	\$ 2,976.00	YTD \$ 144,319.52
St. Mary's	\$ 25.00	YTD \$ 2,560.50
St. Hubert's	\$	YTD \$ 4,488.00
Poor Donations	\$ 300.00	

### **MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:**

Sat	1/31	5pm	Caysea
Sun	2/1	9am	Pro Populo
		1pm	Intention of the Donor
		5pm	+Jean Michelena
Mon	2/2	8am	James Asmuth
Tue	2/3	8am	Valerie Spanos
Wed	2/4	8am	2 <sup>nd</sup> graders, First Confession
		5:15pm	Intention of the Donor
Thu	2/5	8am	James Asmuth
Fri	2/6	8am	LWHC
		8:30am	Eucharistic Adoration
Sat	2/7	5pm	+Eileen Nelson
Sun	2/8	9am	+Mary Louise Arambel
		1pm	Pro Populo
		5pm	Michelena Families

### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

Mon-Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Gospel: Luke 2:22-40 *The Presentation of the Lord*  
Tue-2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3; Gospel: Mark 5:21-43  
Wed-2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17; Gospel: Mark 6:1-6  
Thu-1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12; Gospel: Mark 6:7-13  
*Saint Agatha, Virgin & Martyr*  
Fri-Sirach 47:2-11; Gospel: Mark 6:14-29  
*Saint Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs*  
Sat-1 Kings 3:4-13; Gospel: Mark 6:30-34

## **POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION for February:**

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

## **FOOD PANTRY SOUP-ER BOWL CONTEST**

– Bring your dried/canned foods and/or hygiene items (toothbrush, toothpaste, toilet paper, etc.) and put in the box with your favorite Super Bowl Team! Do this through Monday, Feb. 9! Let's see how many items we can gather for the food pantry!!

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST TODAY, SUNDAY, FEB. 1** after 9am Mass.

Come one, come all to eat delicious breakfast items 😊

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY** will be

Tuesday, February 17 at the Fairgrounds beginning at 4pm to 7pm. Adult tickets are \$20; Youth tickets (5-14) are \$5. Get your ticket today from a Knight! Ladies will be contacted to bake homemade pies for this event with proceeds to go to the WCCW Mary's Fund.

**DEATH CAFÉ** – Coffee, cake, and conversations about death on Saturday, Feb. 7 at 1pm. Johnson County Library at the small conference room. Join to discuss what death and dying can teach us about living. This is not grief counseling or an end-of-life planning group. Just an honest conversation over coffee and cake, about this natural part of life. Space is Limited. Pre-Register with Susie Bowling Lawrence Hospice.

**END OF YEAR TAX LETTERS** – They will be sent out by request. If you wish one for your personal taxes, please come into the parish office to pick up or call to have one sent to you, 684-7268.

**THANK YOU** to *Byron/Bridgette Geis, Bob/Lynette Fox, and Cleo Overberg* for the youth meal on Wednesday evening 😊

**Lent is approaching!** Perfect time to use the parish FORMED app on your email or phone and to read Fr. Bryce's blog on [wyomingcatholiccowboys.com](http://wyomingcatholiccowboys.com)

**ADORATION** on Wednesday evenings from after Mass (5:45pm) to 7:45pm. Please sign up to sit before Jesus and adore Him or just stop by to spend time with Our Lord.

**THANK YOU** to the estate of **Pat/Billie Little** who graciously left St. John the Baptist Church as beneficiaries of their annuity! May they rest in peace.

**TUESDAY, FEB. 3** – CCW noon meeting to discuss pie sales at the Fish Fry, Lent, and Spring Cleaning.

**THANK YOU** to all the Meals on Wheels volunteers during January! God bless you 😊 And thanks to those volunteering for February!

**HOST AN EXCHANGE STUDENT!** Contact Lindsey Buckley, 307-217-2404. Two Catholic girls are looking for an experience in Buffalo next school year.

“Be bound to one another by the bond of charity, treating each other with respect, helping one another, bearing with one another in Christ Jesus.”

St. Angela Mercici

"It is therefore in the heart that true treasure is kept, not in earthly safes, not in large financial investments, which today more than ever before are out of control and unjustly concentrated at the bloody price of millions of human lives and the devastation of God's creation."  
Pope Leo XIV

"Today, so often, we lose the ability to listen, to really listen. We listen to music, we have our ears flooded constantly with all kinds of digital input, but sometimes we forget to listen to our own hearts and it's in our hearts that God speaks to us, that God calls us and invites us to know him better and to live in his love."

Pope Leo XIV

**Prayer for moisture:**

**Oh God, our Heavenly Father, you promised to give your children whatever they ask for in the name of Jesus your son (*John 16:23*). Therefore, I ask you to pour out much needed moisture upon our dry land. Grant us adequate means to fill our rivers and reservoirs and provide for spring and summer grass and crops. Please also send your Holy Spirit to grant us wisdom in how to deal with these challenging times. We ask this all with confidence in your providential love and through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## FROM THE PASTOR:

With the days starting to get longer, I'm starting to get spring fever. Along with daisies, the smell of calving season is beginning to linger in my mind. This may be in anticipation of times to come. But I think it is also a recollection of times gone by.

In Montana, we started calving at the end of January. And if you know anything about the northern country, spring doesn't come earlier there than down here. January is still winter. Often, we'd calve out in 12" of snow and well below zero weather.

I thought that was normal. All of the neighbors were calving at the same time. We all fought ice, mud, and scours. But if we made it through, come October we shipped 600 lb. calves.

That was fun and a lot of work. Back then, we still checked the herd every two hours and shedded every pair that calved for a day or two, unless the weather was good and the calf was strong. To get the whole 400 head calved out was about a two-month ordeal for the ranch owner and myself.

The outfit I worked for, south of Great Falls on the Smith River, ran Black Angus with a Charolais cross. They were mainly black mother cows with some white bulls thrown into the mix. 75% of the calves came out black and the rest white, which we usually called grey or blue.

Angus calves are known for *hitting the ground running* when they are born. Even in the cold weather, they would get to their feet and get to sucking while they were still shivering. Charolais, on the other hand, took longer to get to their feet and embrace the new world they found themselves in.

Being naturally bigger calves, if we were going to have trouble with mom giving birth, it was usually with a Charolais calf. A common image stuck in my mind is checking cows at night in the cold and snow, shining my flashlight on the back of a cow, and asking myself, "What is that sticking out of her?" Only to discover that it was two big grey hooves of a Charolais calf.

If the hooves were pointing down, I'd wait it out and hope for the best. If the bottom of the calf's hooves were pointing in the air, however, in the shed we'd go. The proper way for a calf to be born is front legs first, which means hooves are pointing down. Hooves in the air is a calf coming backwards.

With a big Charolais calf coming backwards, mom has poor chances of calving it on her own. And the calf has next to no chance of living. Intervention must happen. We had a good calving set up and cattle working arrangement, though it was all old school with log poles. If I could get her in the corrals from the lot, getting her into the barn and head catch wasn't as big of a chore.

In the barn we had a nice maternity pen. However, it had no crowding gate to force her into the head catch. Once I got her in the 12'x12' pen, then I would tell the mid-labor mother cow all the reasons why she should stick her head in that head catch next to the wall. Let's just say it often got western.

Once caught and penned in place, I'd get busy with a game plan. Sometimes I'd run and fetch some help. But with no cell phones and having to cross the creek on foot, I'd often just tackle the chore myself, especially if it was at night.

Once you start pulling a backwards calf, you don't want to stop. It is also not a good idea to try and pull it by hand because it takes too much effort. So, grab the puller we would. One loop and a half-hitch around each hoof and get to ratcheting.

Often it would start out good, until you got to the shoulders. This was the most important part of the pull to finish in a timely manner. What can happen with a calf coming backwards is that it gets drowned by all the fluid getting pushed right into its nostrils from the contractions. If you can get them out quick, you have a good chance of clearing their lungs and saving their life.

When these big grey calves would come in reverse, you'd almost run out of notches on the calf puller before you got their head clear. Once cleared and on the ground, I'd grab a piece of straw and probe their nostrils so they would want to sneeze and push out any unwanted fluid. Old timers used to try and hang them upside down, but that did nothing but ball up their lungs and make it harder to breathe.

Over the years, I was privileged to help a lot of mother cows deliver a backward calf, both black and white. Done swiftly and calmly, the calf can be saved and united with its mom like nothing went wrong. Stay tuned in for Part II of Montana Calving.

Stories from the road.