



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

February 15, 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

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, February 15 – 10:30 am Dcn Jay, OCIA

2pm Kaycee Mass

4:30pm Rosary

5pm Mass

Monday, Feb. 16 – 7pm rosary

Tuesday, Feb. 17 – 4-7pm KC Fish Fry

Wednesday, Feb. 18 – 8am Ash Wed. Mass

12 noon service/ashes

3:45pm Faith Formation

6 pm Ash Wednesday Mass

Thursday, Feb. 19 – 6am Men of St. Joseph

Friday, Feb. 20 – 6pm Stations of the Cross

6:30pm Soup Supper

Tuesday, Feb. 24 – 5:15pm Finance Council

meeting

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 or Honey Harriet, 620-1890

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

Sacrament of the Sick – Call the Parish Office

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 15, 2026

Liturgical Ministers at Mass:

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 5pm

Lector: Blaine Horn

EMHC: Phil/Janelle Gonzales

Altar Server: Rick Andersen

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 9am

Lector: Jennifer Schroefel

EMHC: Doug Graslie, Barb Mueller

Altar Servers: Iya Spade, Asher Murray

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 5pm

Lector: Dennis Lawrence

EMHC: Donna Nelson, Vexie Reimann

Altar Server: Rick Andersen

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 9am

Lector: Jim Staebler

EMHC: Carleen Cosner, Karen Hostettler

Altar Servers: Redic/Taelyn Mader

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK Feb. 8, 2026

St. John's	\$ 4,332.70	YTD \$ 155,220.22
St. Mary's	\$ 100.00	YTD \$ 2,660.50
St. Hubert's	\$ 40.00	YTD \$ 4,788.00
Poor Donations	\$ 460.00	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sat	2/14	5pm	Luke Gertner
Sun	2/15	9am	James Asmuth
		2pm	Pro Populo
		5pm	+Mary Louise Arambel
Mon	2/16	8am	Intention of the Donor
Tue	2/17	8am	+Chris Schafer
Wed	2/18	8am	+Glenn Miller
		6pm	+Shirley Bellan
Thu	2/19	8am	LWHC
Fri	2/20	8am	LWHC
		8:30am	Eucharistic Adoration
Sat	2/21	5pm	+Marcus Gertner
Sun	2/22	9am	Pro Populo
		1pm	Intention of the Donor
		5pm	+Jean Michelena

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon-James 1:1-11; Gospel: Mark 8:11-13

Tue-James 1:12-18; Gospel: Mark 8:14-21

Wed-Wisdom 11:24, 25, 27; 2 Corinthians 5:20—6:2;

Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18 Ash Wednesday

Thu-Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Gospel: Luke 9:22-25

Fri-Isaiah 58:1-9a; Gospel: Matthew 9:14-15

Sat-Isaiah 58:9b-14; Gospel: Luke 5:27-32

CONGRATULATIONS to newlyweds, **Wyatt Wittkop & Paige Palmer Wittkop** married last weekend 😊

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.

PIES FOR FISH FRY – ladies baking pies for the dessert part of the Feb. 17 KC Fish Fry, please bring your pies to the Fairgrounds between 12 noon and 4pm when serving begins.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES, FEB. 18:

8am Mass

12:15pm service/ashes

6pm Mass

THANK YOU to **Marcie/Mike Scarlett and Rita Southerland** for the youth meal on Wednesday evening 😊 No meal next week on Ash Wednesday as Mass is at 6pm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS Fridays during Lent at 6pm. February 20 they begin.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS each Friday after Stations of the Cross in the parish hall. Please bring a soup to share or a bread to go with the simple meat-free soup!

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

SEEKING a President for our St. John the Baptist CCW, **Sheridan Deanery President & Secretary**, and a **Service Commission Chair** for the Wyoming Council of Catholic Women. Anyone(s) interested please contact Mary Ann Cummins.

Magnificat Lenten companion books for everyone to use beginning Wednesday.

LENTEN “extras” – Daily Mass, Stations of the Cross on Fridays, Soup Supper after Stations, Adoration on Friday or Wednesday evening, Fr. Bryce’s Sunday class at 10:30am, Sunday evening rosary at 4:30pm, Monday rosary at 7pm..

SOUPER BOWL FOOD ITEMS – 98 lbs. for Seahawks, 40 lbs. for Patriots 138 lbs.!!
THANKS, EVERYONE 😊

LEGACY PREGNANCY CENTER BABY BOTTLES will be handed out next weekend. Please consider taking one and putting your change or check into it to help the center provide for unexpected pregnancies in Johnson & Sheridan counties.

SHERIDAN DEANERY CCW SPRING RETREAT – Gillette on Wednesday, March 11 from 8:30am to 3pm. Speaker is Ellen Reimers of Gillette. The theme is “A Prayer of HOPE...” \$15 fee to include lunch.

LENTEN SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES WITH FR. BRYCE begin on February 22 at 10:30am in the parish hall. Fr. Bryce will dive into the Mass and why we do what we do as we celebrate the Mass.

THANK YOU to everyone who contributes to the Wednesday meals for our youth! You are greatly appreciated 😊 Your loving care in food preparation and service to the kids as well as financial donations are an amazing ministry!

"The heart's true treasure is found by loving the neighbor who walks beside US." **Pope Leo XIV**

"To love until the end: here is the key to understanding Christ's heart. A love that does not cease in the face of rejection, disappointment, even ingratitude." **Pope Leo XIV**

Resurrection

The earth lies frozen and still
Barren in winter's chill
Gardens appear to be dead
Waiting for what lies ahead

Beneath the hardened ground
New life awaits to be found
Treasures are hidden away
For that long-awaited day

Nature awakens from its sleep
And beauty arises from the deep
God's promises he will keep
Christians will no longer sleep

Every mortal must someday die
Loved ones have to say goodbye
But resurrected from the dead
Faith becomes new life instead

Eugene M. Gagliano – In memory of Glenn Miller

“The Curé of Ars often pointed to the tabernacle, saying: ‘Jesus is really there, and if you knew how much he loves you, you would be the happiest person in the world.’”

—Fr. Florian Racine

from his book, *Could You Not Watch with Me One Hour? How to Cultivate a Deeper Relationship with the Lord through Eucharistic Adoration*

From the Pastor:

Jesus said that the greatest commandment is to *love the Lord with all your heart, all your mind, all your soul, and all your strength* (Mark 12:30). Of all these virtues that our Lord holds out for us, I find loving Him with all *my mind* to be the hardest. I bet you can probably relate, especially if you're a man.

Loving Him with *all* our heart, soul, and strength is not necessarily easy. But loving Him with all our mind, is tough. This is mainly because it is an intellectual virtue. Hold on! Don't let that word *intellectual* turn you off. We can do this.

Putting our minds to work in knowing and loving God does take effort, but the reward is great. I like to say, *the more you understand, the more you can enter into relationship with*. For example, the more you know/understand about a friend or a spouse the deeper the relationship can be.

It is no different with God. The more we theologically understand God and His Church, the more we can enter into relationship with them. Along with our heart, soul, and strength, coming to know God with our mind allows us to love Him more completely.

What's your point, Lungren? My point is this, if you're not actively seeking to deepen your intellectual understanding of God, you're missing out. Not that you have to become a wiz in Biblical theology or comprehend the spiration of the Trinity. But the more you understand the basic tenets of Christianity, the deeper your relationship with God can become.

My job as a pastor is to help stretch your mind and heart so that your love of God can grow and flourish. To aid in this, I have taught classes after Mass on Sunday's during Advent and Lent. This is by far not the only way to intellectually grow in your faith. But it might be the easiest way.

These classes require not much more effort than grabbing a donut and staying awake. Seriously, all you have to do is show up. So far, we have covered topics on the Four Marian Dogmas, Theology of the Eucharist, and the four characteristics of the Church found in the Creed.

This Lent we will be discussing *Why we do what we do at Mass*. For six weeks, we will go deep into the meaning and significance of our actions during the Eucharistic Liturgy. Have you ever wondered why we make a sign of the cross over our forehead, lips, and heart before the reading of the Gospel? Grab a donut and find out.

Not only do I encourage you to come to these hour-long classes in the parish hall, I ask you to come. Many non-Catholics around town ask the Catholics of St. John the Baptist why we do/believe certain things, only to be left with the response, "I don't know." Not acceptable.

St. Peter says, "Always be prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks for an account for the hope that is in you" (1 Peter 3:15). Our faith is not rocket science. It is at once as simple that a mouse can wade through it and as deep for an elephant to bath in. We can never know it all. But the more we come to know, the deeper our faith can grow.

The mind is one of highest faculties of the human person. Therefore, it is logical that it would require more effort to exercise. Digging a ditch is tough. But reading a non-fiction book is probably tougher. Forming our mind may be hard, but it's worth the effort.

Sundays are meant to center our lives around God. Lent is gear for the same end. One concrete way of doing this is joining our classes in the parish hall this Lent. If you have kids, bring them. They can play outside or will find someone to watch them while you sit and learn.

Though simple, our Sunday morning studies are for the intellectually astute as well. Our guide through *Why we do what we do at Mass* will be the Second Vatican Council document *Sacrosanctum Concilium*. You are welcome to print this off of the Vatican website or grab one at our first class on Sunday, 2/22.

Please consider attending these educational talks as part of your Lenten journey. Make it part of your penance, if you want. Jesus commands us to love God with all our mind. Do you? If so, keep it up. If not, come each Sunday until Easter and discover what you've been missing.

Ranching smarter.