



# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

March 22, 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, March 22 – 10:30 am Fr. Bryce's class

2pm Clearmont Mass

4:30pm Rosary

5pm Mass

Monday, March 23 – 7pm Holy Hour

Wednesday, March 25 – 3:45 pm FaithFormation

5:15pm Mass

6pm evening FF

Thursday, March 26 – 6:30am Men of St. Joseph

Friday, March 27 – 6pm Stations of the Cross

6:30pm Soup Supper

Tuesday, March 31 – 5:15pm Parish Council

Tuesday, April 7 – Noon CCW mtg.

Sunday, April 12 – KC Breakfast

Tuesday, April 14 – 6pm Rotary Bingo in 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- 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

## **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**March 22, 2026**

**Liturgical Ministers at Mass:**

### **SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 5pm**

Lector: Blaine Horn

EMHC: Dennis Lawrence, Donna Nelson

Altar Server: Rick Andersen

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 9am**

Lector: Mike Scarlett

EMHC: Carleen Cosner, Jennifer Schroefel

Altar Servers: Trajen Mader, Samuel Hostetler

### **SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 5pm**

Lector: Judy Wigginton

EMHC: Vexie Reimann, Donna Nelson

Altar Server: Rick Andersen

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 9am**

Lector: Patty Tass

EMHC: Lynn Ridgeway, Marcie Scarlett

Altar Servers: Samuel Hostetler, Brody Farris

### **COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK March 15, 2026**

St. John's	\$ 5,594.02	YTD \$ 176,277.51
St. Mary's	\$	YTD \$ 2,685.50
St. Hubert's	\$ 155.00	YTD \$ 5,223.00
Poor Donations	\$ 345.00	

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

Sat	3/21	5pm	+Virginia Rockett
Sun	3/22	9am	Special Intention
		1pm	Pro Populo
		5pm	+Phyllis Horn
Mon	3/23	8am	Special Intention
Tue	3/24	8am	Claudia Elliot
Wed	3/25	8am	LWHC
Thu	3/26	8am	LWHC
Fri	3/27	8am	LWHC
		8:30a	Eucharistic Adoration
Sat	3/28	5pm	+Vyonne Kraen
Sun	3/29	9am	Pro Populo
		5pm	+Jean Michelena

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

Mon-Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62;

Gospel; John 8:1-11

Tue-Numbers 21:4-9; Gospel: John 8:21-30

Wed-Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Hebrews 10:4-10;

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

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

## **LENTEN SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES**

**WITH FR. BRYCE** at 10:30am in the parish hall. Did you know Fr. Bryce chooses speaking the Mass parts or singing them based on the "level" of the Mass, i.e., ordinary Mass or Holy Day or Solemnity.

**Next week** Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday are the priests in retreat in Casper with Bishop Steven culminating in the Chrism Mass on Thursday at 5:30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend this Mass at St. Patrick Church.

**BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY** Volunteer Appreciation Lunch at noon on April 25, 2025. Save the date.

**HOLY WEEK** is approaching –

Palm Sunday is March 29

Holy Thursday is April 2, **7pm Mass**

Good Friday is April 3, **3pm Service**

Holy Sat/Easter Vigil is April **48pm Mass**

Easter is April 5, **9 & 11am Masses;**

**2pm Kaycee Easter Mass**

**Clean the church for Easter** – we will do this on Wednesday, April 1 after morning Mass. No kidding!

## **HOLY NAME SCHOOL FOUNDATION**

### **JAMES & MATILDA GOAR MEMORIAL**

**scholarship** worth \$4000 for up to 5 years.

Applications in the back of the church.

Deadline of May 1, 2026 to Holy Name School Foundation, PO Box 6611, Sheridan, WY 82801. Any questions, call Dr. Pat Meehan 674-7339, Janet Berry 752-1648, or John Rotellini at 752-2742.

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP –**

Applications in the back of the church. \$1000. Deadline to apply is May 1. Mail application to KC's / Attn: Scholarship Committee / PO Box 835 / Buffalo

**CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE** will be August 14-16 at St. Patrick's Church in Casper. Bishop Scott McCaig will be the featured speaker on the theme, "Amazed by Jesus." *"The men were amazed and said, 'What sort of man is this, whom even the winds and the sea obey?'"* –Matthew 8:27

**KNIGHTS' BREAKFAST** in April will be 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, April 12 after 9am Mass.

**Respect Life Holy Hour is Monday, March 23 at 7 P.M.** As we come to the end of our Journey of Lent let's continue to center up our lives on Christ and his Eucharistic presence. This is deepened by drawing closer to him in Adoration. Spend time with our Eucharistic Lord and pray for each human life. Come pray for all human life, in all its stages, wherever we find it – in the sick, the disabled, the womb, the elderly and the dying. Let us continue to pray that our Lord will lead us to a culture of life with a true spirit of gratitude for all human life from conception to natural death. -- *Deacon Jay Garland*

***Update regarding the Wyoming Catholic Register***

*As the Office of Catholic Social Teaching and Communications is currently in a period of transition, there will be no April edition of the Wyoming Catholic Register. This pause will allow us the time needed to manage staffing changes and plan responsibly for the publication moving forward. Thank you for your patience and your continued support of this ministry.*

*Deacon Mike Leman*

*Executive Director*

*Office of Catholic Social Teaching and Communications*

"Grace is a substance, like supernatural sap, a dose of the

life and power of God within us.  
Grace heals us, makes us whole,  
cleans us up inside so that  
God's charity can well up in our  
souls and overflow from us  
toward others."

–Abigail Favale

from her book, *Into the Deep: An Unlikely Catholic Conversion*

"Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good."

Romans 12:9

"If one primary force drew me to Catholicism from afar, it was a thirst for the sacraments. Or, to be more precise, God's grace was the force, and it worked patiently, gently, creating a growing hunger for the Eucharist."

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## FROM THE PASTOR:

I've been struck this Lent on how Jesus' whole mission in life was to do His Father's will. Two weeks ago, He said, "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to accomplish his work." (JN 4:34) And again, this past Wednesday Jesus said, "Because I have come not to do my own will, but the will of the one who sent me." (JN 5:30). Jesus came to earth to accomplish God's will.

That might not be too earth shattering, but I think it is worth reflecting on. Often, we think of Jesus mission as dying on the Cross to save us from our sins, which is true. But in actuality, that was a secondary cause of His first mission, which is to do His Father's will.

Now hear me out. By saying this, we are not undermining our Lord's sacrifice on the Cross. We are properly ordering it, though. Mission comes from relationship. Because of Jesus' intimate relationship with the Father as His Son, He naturally wanted to do Dad's will.

His disposition was doing the Father's will. In a sense, it didn't matter what the task was, Jesus' drive to do God's will was simply a response to the love He had with the Father. Not that dying on the Cross was a walk in the park, but it was more of a fruit of Jesus' relationship with the Father, more than the driving force itself.

I think this is important to emphasize. Jesus is *true God and true man*. And in His humanity, I just think it would be hard to have such passion for His Passion, without the loving relationship with the Father. To simply be so focused on the Cross, as the primary cause of the Father's will, would fall short of the drive to get the job done.

I often think of this dynamic as Jesus carries His Cross up the hill to Calvary. What drive He must have had to carry that cross uphill as he was already so bruised, beaten, and bloody. Simple *task at hand* doesn't carry with it the force necessary to accomplish such an extraordinary mission. But love of the Father and desire to fulfill His will, does.

I think it is helpful to look at our Lord's life through this lens of love, because we are called to imitate His life. If we see doing God's will a just *one darn thing after another*, we are going to fall short of the drive to actually get the job done. But if carrying out God's will in our life stems from a loving relationship with the Father that produces a natural drive to do what He wants, like Jesus, then we're ranchin.'

Through such proper ordering, we can have the drive and creativity necessary to accomplish the Father's will in our lives. This is the secret of the saints. It wasn't random tasks that needed to be done that was their perspective. But, their missionary drive stemmed from the response of their relationship with the Father.

Often, I think we can view God's will like chasing a rainbow. *It's this, it's that, and when we check off one box, there is just another waiting for us*. Without a doubt, God's will is in front of us. But it is also *beside us*.

God is reality. He is the air we breathe. We swim in God, whether we know it or not. The first step in accomplishing the Father's will is aligning our wills to reality. Usually, the frustration and angst in life comes in wishing things were different. Such contradiction can lead us to despair. But if we can *receive reality*, by accepting life for what it is, good or bad, we can find peace in God.

This is best envisioned with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. Here, our Lord was deeply stressed. But once He conformed His will to Reality, with the words, "Not my will but Thy will be done" (LK 22:42), then he was given the strength to move forward. Not to undermine all Jesus' suffering as He prayed before His Passion. But humanly speaking, once Jesus accepted the reality of His betrayal, that was going to lead to His suffering and death, His heart was back in line with the Father's will, and He had the drive to carry out His mission of dying.

We are all called to carry out God's will in our lives. But we can't jump from A to Z. We have to follow Jesus, who shows that it all begins with a loving relationship with God as our Father. From that disposition is a natural response to want to do Dad's will. Though that Will has big moments and is always in front of us, it is also the Will that sustains us. The more we lovingly receive reality as a gift from God, *good, bad, ugly, or indifferent*, the more we can experience peace in our life and the drive to carry out the Father's mission in love.

Ranching with passion