



# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

May 24, 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, May 24 – 1pm Clearmont Mass

4:30pm Rosary

5pm Mass

Monday, May 25 – 7pm Holy Hour

Tuesday, May 26 – 5:15pm Parish Council mtg.

Thursday, May 28 – 6:30am Men of St. Joseph

Wednesday, June 24 – 5:15pm Mass followed  
by a parish picnic

## Parish Staff

Pastor *Fr. Bryce Lungren* 684-7268

Deacon *Jay Garland*

Parish Administrator *Mary Ann Cummins* 684-7268

CCW Leader *Cristie Murray*

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*

*Steve Reimann, Director*

*Barb Mueller, 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

## **PENTECOST SUNDAY**

**MAY 24, 2026**

**Liturgical Ministers at Mass:**

### **SATURDAY, MAY 23, 5pm**

Lector: Dennis Lawrence

EMHC: Mary Ann Cummins, Donna Nelson

Altar Server: Rick Andersen

### **SUNDAY, MAY 24, 9am**

Lector: Bryan Bergstreser

EMHC: Carleen Cosner, Doug Graslie

Altar Servers: Brody/Tobin Farris

### **SATURDAY, MAY 30, 5pm**

Lector: Julie Seeman

EMHC: Phil/Janelle Gonzales

Altar Server: Rick Andersen

### **SUNDAY, MAY 31, 9am**

Lector: Gene Gagliano

EMHC: Jennifer Schroefel, Karen Hostetler

Altar Servers: Landon/Brinley Belliveau

### **COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK May 17, 2026**

St. John's	\$ 4,229.00	YTD \$ 205,496.94
St. Mary's	\$	YTD \$ 3,289.50
St. Hubert's	\$ 130.00	YTD \$ 5,883.00
Poor Donations	\$ 135.00	

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

Sat	5/23	5pm	+Karen Walker
Sun	5/24	9am	Intention of the Donor
		1pm	Pro Populo
		5pm	Caysea
Mon	5/25	8am	LWHC
Tue	5/26	8am	Tim Kirven
Wed	5/27	8am	Caysea
Thu	5/28	8am	LWHC
Fri	5/29	8am	LWHC
		8:30a	Eucharistic Adoration
Sat	5/30	5pm	Intention of the Donor
Sun	5/31	9am	Pro Populo
		5pm	Becky

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

Mon-Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Gospel: John 19:25-34

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Tue-1 Peter 1:10-16; Gospel: Mark 10:28-31

Saint Philip Neri, Priest

Wed-1 Peter 1: 18-25; Gospel: Mark 10:32-45

Thu-1 Peter 2:2-5, 9-12; Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

Fri-1 Peter 4:7-13; Gospel: Mark 11:11-26

Sat-Jude 17, 20b-25; Gospel: Mark 11:27-33

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** will be held in the parish hall the first week of June, June 1-5, 9am to noon. Youth Preschool-5<sup>th</sup> grades.

**DEACONS' RETREAT** upcoming at our parish on June 5-7. CCW ladies to prepare & serve lunch on Saturday and Knights to prepare & serve lunch on Sunday.

**PARISH PICNIC** on our patron saint day, June 24, Feast of St. John the Baptist. Evening 5:15 Mass followed by a picnic on the parish grounds. Knights will prepare meat; CCW ladies the potato salad/mac & cheese; potluck desserts, salads, appetizers, veggies by parish participants.

**VOLUNTEERS** needed at the Buffalo Community Orchard to plant & mulch trees on Wednesday, June 3 at 12:30pm.

**NEW BABY BASKET OR BOUTIQUE WISH LIST ITEMS** (for Legacy Pregnancy Center in Sheridan) --

- Size 3,4,5 diapers
- Baby bibs
- Gift cards
- Newborn-6 months boy clothes
- Small baskets or collapsable bins for new baby baskets

If you wish to help out, bring any of the above to the back of the church and we'll get them to Sheridan. Thank you!

My name is Frannie Hicks; I am 13 years old and going into the eighth grade at Clear Creek Middle School. I have the opportunity to go on a school trip to Costa Rica over spring break next year. To help pay for my trip, I am looking for jobs this summer.

If you are looking for help, I can help you with pet sitting, feeding, or walking; babysitting; watering plants; weeding and raking in Buffalo.

If you have a job you need done, please call or text my mom, Jen, at 307-217-1169.

Thanks so much and I hope I can help you out over the summer!

On **Monday, May 25** the Church celebrates the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church. It is fitting that this month's Respect Life Holy Hour is on this date at 7:00pm. Having a Respect Life Holy Hour on this Marian feast day beautifully reflects Mary's role as the protector of life and the mother of all believers. 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. Let us continue to pray that our Lord through the intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church 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*

**The extraordinary Jubilee Year of Saint Francis** will be observed from January 10, 2026, to January 10, 2027, marking the 800th anniversary of the death of Saint Francis of Assisi. Proclaimed to encourage spiritual renewal and peace-building, the year already featured an opening at the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels in Assisi, a public veneration of St. Francis's body from Feb 22 to Mar 22, 2026. A final commemoration is scheduled in Assisi for Oct 3, 2026, the date which commemorates his death. Here is a follow-up on the Jubilee Year of Saint Francis. The following is an excerpt from the book "Year of Saint Francis of Assisi: Indulgence is an encounter with God, not a spiritual shortcut" by Clara Maria: *The Church proposes this centenary as a moment to re-enter Francis' spiritual journey. This is a crucial point. The commemoration is not meant to isolate the moment of death from the rest of Francis' life. On the contrary, his death can only be understood in light of his life, and his life finds its completion in his death. To re-enter his spiritual journey means to walk, in some measure, the path he walked: from conversion to mission, from enthusiasm to purification, from activity to contemplation, from strength to weakness, from desire to surrender. Francis' journey was not linear or without struggle. He experienced moments of confusion, disappointment, and darkness. Yet he persevered, allowing God*

*to shape him gradually into a living image of Christ. - Dcn Jay Garland*

"One of the most fundamental problems in the spiritual order is that we sense within ourselves the hunger for God, but we attempt to satisfy it with some created good that is less than God." -Bishop Robert Barron

"CONFESSION heals, confession justifies, confession grants pardon of sin, all hope consists in confession; in confession there is a chance for mercy." -Saint Isidore, the farmer

"Love God above all things. His goodness being infinite and His beauty without comparison, you should keep always before your minds the great love He has for you as Father, Spouse and Master." – St. Rita

**Congratulations** to the winner of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit memory contest, the Belliveau kids.

**When** - Wisdom

**U** - Understanding

**Can't** - Counsel

**Find** - Fortitude

**Knowledge** - Knowledge

**Pray** - Piety

**First** - Fear of the Lord

#### **FROM THE PASTOR:**

During my first Parish Pastoral Council meeting as the Pastor of St. John the Baptist, we resolved to *find new parish office space!* I say this emphatically because this has been a topic of discussion for years, if not decades. St. John the Baptist does need better office space that is more conducive to the public and better defined from the pastor's residence.

I took this plea to heart and got to work forming a Building Committee, which involved Phil Gonzales, Jennifer Schroefel, Jim Staebler, Ben Hostetler, and Barbara Mueller. Our first meeting was in November of 2024. Our first goal was to explore different options around the parish grounds that might make good office space.

With open minds to everyone's suggestions, we explored the ideas of a new building on the Knights of Columbus corner lot, building something in the grassy area north of the Parish Hall, or remodeling some of the school section of the Parish Hall to fit administrative needs. All had potential, but none of these options checked all the boxes we wanted.

The idea we settled on, and have been pursuing for the last 1 ½ years, is converting the courtyard, that lies between the hall side and the school side of the Parish Hall, into the new parish office space. The main boxes this idea checks for our committee are: It is economical, using existing space that is currently unused. It is financially feasible, not being entirely new construction will have a great reduction in cost. And it provides a good service to the public, being a natural location for newcomers to be directed to.

I love this idea. Our Church is called *to be a light to the nations* (Isaiah 49:6, VII Document *Lumen Gentium*). If so, not only does our church building need to be easy to find, so does our administrative services. If someone pulled into our church parking lot and wanted to talk to a Catholic, other than going into the church, the Parish Hall would be the next obvious place to go. With the offices in the courtyard, once they walk into the building it will be easy to locate the offices in order to talk with someone.

Easy service to the public is probably the main feature I like the most about putting the offices in this courtyard space. It also makes sense to me because it is an economic use of existing space. All the courtyard does is catch leaves and snow, and gives the kids a place to draw with sidewalk chalk. Placing the offices there not only makes better use of that space, but also gives us access to the rest of the building.

The potential new courtyard office will only have about three rooms. Upon entrance from the south there will be a receptionist's desk followed by a file and copy room. From there, a hallway will run beside the Martha and Mary room, giving access to the pastor's office at the north end and a multi-purpose office room in between there and the file room. The office will end about 8' from the end of the school building. This will miss some

major infrastructure on the kitchen and school and will also allow for about a 20' patio.

If we were to build a new office building, we would never build it this small. However, with having easy access to the other parts of the Parish Hall, like the Martha and Mary room, it gives us ample room for larger gatherings. Along with this, we will also not need to put water or plumbing in this new space because we will be able to use the existing Parish Hall restrooms and kitchen.

This will all make for a financially feasible new office space. I could see a new, stand alone, commercial office building being closer to a million dollars to build, than not. We expect to build this new space, along with new roofing on the hall side of the Parish Hall, for about \$400,000. Not necessarily cheap, but can also be funded by moneys we already have in fluid investments.

One might think that is actually expensive, considering we are only talking about less than 1,000 square feet of construction. However, the construction will be complex. The roof is the biggest challenge. Nelson Engineering has designed it so the office roof peak will be the east/west top roof line above the entrance to the Parish Hall. From there, the roof will slope to the north until the end of the new office space. This will allow all water from the other roofs to drain north at about a 1% grade as they merge with the new roof over the courtyard.

The north wall of the new office space, and all the interior walls, will be load bearing for the courtyard roof. Though this will be simpler than trying to make the outside walls of the Parish Hall bear new weight, we will still have to tear into those roofs and trusses. We do not foresee any complications there, but it's hard to say what we will find until those roofs are opened up.

Caleb Walter Construction has consulted us so far on this project and will likely be our contractor of choice. Along with him, we have been working with the Diocese of Cheyenne, more formally since February when we submitted our plans. Having now gathered all the documents needed, we just await final approval from Bishop Steven, which I expect to get within the next month.

My hope is to have the project done this fall and moved in before winter. I think that is a realistic expectation, which would certainly help advance our mission here at St. John the Baptist. However, we will not start to dig until we have final approval from the Diocese. They have been great to work with and have not raised any red flags so far. We'll continue to trust in St. Joseph's intercession and patiently move forward.

Ranching with hope.