



# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

July 19, 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, July 26 – 1pm Clearmont Mass

4:30pm Rosary

5pm Mass

Monday, July 27 – 7pm Rosary

Tuesday, July 28 – 5:15pm Combined Parish &

Finance Council meeting at the rectory

Thursday, July 30 – 6:30pm Men of St. Joseph

Friday, August 14 – 5:15pm Mass for the

Assumption of Mary

Saturday, August 15 – 11am Mass at Youth

Camp for the Basque celebration

## 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 *Jennifer Schroefel*

Maintenance Technician *Darin Gagliano*

K of C Grand Knight *Bob Fox*

Parish Council Chair

Religious Education

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

## **17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**JULY 26, 2026**

**Liturgical Ministers at Mass:**

### **SATURDAY, JULY 25, 5pm**

Lector: Julie Seeman

EMHC: Phil/Janelle Gonzales

Altar Servers: Volunteers

### **SUNDAY, JULY 26, 9am**

Lector: Bryan Bergstreser

EMHC: Carleen Cosner, Doug Graslie

Altar Servers: Volunteers

### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 5pm**

Lector: Mary Ann Cummins

EMHC: Vexie Reimann, Donna Nelson

Altar Servers: Volunteers

### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 9am**

Lector: Gene Gagliano

EMHC: Jennifer Schroefel, Karen Hostettler

Altar Servers: Volunteers

### **COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK July 19, 2026**

|                |             |        |           |
|----------------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| St. John's     | \$ 4,793.00 | YTD \$ | 11,946.00 |
| St. Mary's     | \$ 100.00   | YTD \$ | 725.00    |
| St. Hubert's   | \$ 345.00   | YTD \$ | 657.00    |
| Poor Donations | \$ 115.00   |        |           |

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

|     |      |       |                        |
|-----|------|-------|------------------------|
| Sat | 7/25 | 5pm   | +Frank Auzqui          |
| Sun | 7/26 | 9am   | Pro Populo             |
|     |      | 1pm   | Intention of the Donor |
|     |      | 5pm   | +Candace Culivan       |
| Mon | 7/27 | 8am   | Intention of the Donor |
| Tue | 7/28 | 8am   | +Candace Culivan       |
| Wed | 7/29 | 8am   | Tre Kirven             |
| Thu | 7/30 | 8am   | LWHC                   |
| Fri | 7/31 | 8am   | LWHC                   |
|     |      | 8:30a | Eucharistic Adoration  |
| Sat | 8/1  | 5pm   | Intention of the Donor |
| Sun | 8/2  | 9am   | Pro Populo             |
|     |      | 2pm   | Intention of the Donor |
|     |      | 5pm   | +Candace Culivan       |

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

Mon-Jeremiah 13:1-11; Gospel: Matthew 13:31-35

Tue-Jeremiah 14:17-22; Gospel: Matthew 13:36-43

Wed-Jeremiah 15:10, 16-21; Gospel: John 11:19-27

*Saints Martha, Mary & Lazarus*

Thu-Jeremiah 18:1-6; Gospel: Matthew 13:47-53

Fri-Jeremiah 26:1-9; Gospel: Matthew 13:54-58

*Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest*

Sat-Jeremiah 26:11-16, 24; Gospel: Matthew 14:1-12

*Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor*

**CCW SUMMER PROGRESSIVE DINNER** will be held Thursday, August 13. We will begin at 5pm at Cristie Murray's home; then 6pm at Lori Johnson's home; and desserts at the home of Claudia Elliot. All women of the parish are invited and will be asked to bring a dish.

Please sign up in the parish office and state if you'd like to bring an appetizer or drink, main dish, or dessert!

### **Wyoming Catholic Men's Retreat**

Greetings, Men!

*"Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also everyone for those of others" (Philippians 2:3-4).*

Is there someone in your life (yes, more important than yourself!) that could benefit from you humbly taking a few days to grow your faith and reinvigorate your spiritual life?

If the answer is "yes," please take a few minutes now to register for the Wyoming Catholic Men's Conference August 14-16, held at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Casper, Wyoming, and receive the early bird discount. This discounted early registration rate is \$75 per person and ends July 31. We also have a \$50 student rate for those men of college, high school, or middle school age. You can register at [Retreats — Wyoming Catholic Men](#). There will be an opportunity for Reconciliation Friday evening and Mass on both Saturday and Sunday. We hope you will join us and bring a friend or family member!

This year's keynote speaker is Bishop Scott McCaig of the Military Ordinariate of Canada. His theme for the conference is, **"Amazed by Jesus."** Over the course of five keynote talks (Friday evening, three on Saturday, and again Sunday morning), Bishop Scott will challenge you - as a man, husband, father, son, and disciple - to strengthen your faith in the face of the world's mounting obstacles. Register now, and come see for yourself the difference 42 hours can make in your life, and in turn the lives of those closest to you!

See you in August!

Wyoming Catholic Men's Retreat

*"The men were amazed and said, 'What sort of man is this, whom even the winds and the sea obey?'" - Matthew 8:27*

***This weekend, July 25, 26, there will be a special collection for critical relief efforts – including shelter, food, and other humanitarian aid- for those impacted by the earthquakes in Venezuela. Please make all checks out to the parish with the memo stating, "Venezuela Earthquake Relief."***

#### **PARISH COUNCIL & FINANCE COUNCIL**

joint meeting set for Tuesday, July 28 at 5:15pm. Meeting and picnic for newest members and those returning to their positions. Bring a dish to go with burgers if you wish 😊

**FOOD PANTRY** – please continue to save your Lynn's Superfoods receipts so that the Food Pantry will benefit to purchase eggs & milk. Put them in the plastic container in the bookcase as you enter the church.

"Brother, if you commit a sin and take pleasure in it, the pleasure passes but the sin remains. But if you do something virtuous, even though you are tired, the tiredness passes but the virtue remains." – St. Camillus de Lellis

#### **FROM LEO BUSCAGLIA:**

"The majority of us lead quiet, unheralded lives as we pass through this world. There will most likely be no ticker-tape parades for us, no monuments created in our honor. But that does not lessen our possible impact, for there are scores of people waiting for someone just like us to come along; people who will appreciate our compassion, our unique talents. Someone who will live a happier life merely because we took the time to share what we had to give. Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have a potential to turn a life around. It's overwhelming to consider the continuous opportunities there are to make our love felt."

**Respect Life Holy Hour – Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M.** Come join us for this month's Respect Life Holy Hour, Monday at 7:00 PM. Come pray for each human life – the dignity and sanctity – the inestimable worth especially the least of God's children. Spend time with our Eucharistic Lord who is the way, the truth, and the life. He is the one who can lead us to a culture of life. During this month's Holy Hour, we will meditate and contemplate our Lord's Real Presence as we pray for all human life from conception to natural death. – *Deacon Jay Garland*

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

In January of this year, three of our parishioners approached me with the idea of starting a Catholic elementary school at our parish. Wanting to be open to the action of the Holy Spirit, we set a meeting. My main question to them was, "Is there a need for this?" As educators and parents of young children, they said, "Yes, there is."

After that meeting, we intentionally prayed and discerned about this idea over the following months. Collectively, our hearts continued to burn with the possibility of forming our children with a foundation of faith alongside an excellent academic education. With this in mind, we reached out to Bishop Steven to get his thoughts before we took any formal steps.

A couple months later, He reached out through the Diocesan Catholic Schools Council, to give us a road map of how to approach the next steps in discerning this endeavor. If, after following this protocol, the doors keep opening and the lights keep turning green, we can formally petition the Diocese of Cheyenne to start a Catholic elementary school here at St. John the Baptist in Buffalo.

Writing this letter to inform all parishioners and ask for your help in discerning this, is the second formal step I have taken. My first was to the Johnson County School Administration Office for a meeting with Superintendent Charles Auzqui. If an initiative such as this is from the Lord, it will be good for everyone, not just us.

That being said, us starting a private school will have an impact on the public-school sector; we all saw the article in the newspaper of the declining number of students attending our local public schools. Already aware of this reality, my conversation with Mr. Auzqui was the week

before that article came out. To my pleasant surprise, he was quite open to our ideas and was very willing to work together to help provide the best education we can for the children in our area. Such news was a great encouragement to me, and I hope so for you as well. Anything we do in our parish should be an asset to the overall community.

With this in mind, I go back to my first question, "Is there a need for a Catholic school in Buffalo?" The benefit of offering such an education for our children is that it *forms a foundation of faith* in their life. We have seen the effect that one hour of intentional faith formation on Wednesdays has had on our kids. Imagine the goodness of multiplying that impact in their lives throughout the whole day, five days a week, for the entire school year!

Awesome! "But what about the financial burden on the parish?" you might ask. This day in age, Catholic schools are a separate corporation from the parish. Though the parish contributes significantly to their success, ultimately, any Catholic school needs to financially stand independent. No doubt, more financial questions will be raised and answered as we go along. But a burden on our parish, no Catholic school will be!

"So, what are some of the logistics?" Our hope is to offer a 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Catholic Education in the school side of the Parish Hall, with a goal of kicking off in the fall of 2027. Likely this first year will only be 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>, possibly with combined classrooms. It is probable that only two teachers and one principle/receptionist will be needed. With our feet wet, we can more prudently take on 5<sup>th</sup> grade and potentially more students and teachers.

Relatively speaking, our school wing is ready for kids. Though there are plenty of preparations to be made, no major construction needs to happen to get this area up to par. Our plan is to work in conjunction with our current Faith Formation program, sharing classroom space and expecting our Catholic students to attend those programs for Sacramental Prep.

"Ok. Interesting. How much will tuition be?" Good question. Turns out, we might have picked the right year to start a Catholic School. Wyoming recently passed *the school-choice voucher program*, under the Steamboat Legacy Scholarship Act. This allows parents \$7000 a child to use toward education outside of the public sphere. Though the bill is still hung up in

court, the state has allowed applications for the vouchers, and it is expected that funding will be available next January. This money could be sent directly to a private school, such as ours, with no strings attached.

This would be a great benefit to our potential Catholic school and parents that desire to send their children there. Cost concerns will be deliberated in the coming months, but our goal is to ensure that every Catholic kid that wants to attend will be able to, despite financial short falls. That being said, both Catholics and non-Catholics will be welcome to enroll with us.

Much thought and deliberation has already gone into this venture by those of us involved. On the local level, that has mainly involved Chris and Jennifer Debban and myself. We have also consulted many members of our parish to get their perspectives on the matter. Two steps now lie ahead of us: *forming a local committee of people and conducting a formal family and parish interest survey*.

For the *local committee*, I would ask that any interested parishioners contact myself or the parish office to throw your name in the hat. This committee will help discern the need or not of a school at our parish. They will also help us move forward in the process, if so discerned.

For the *formal survey*, we will be reaching out to families with children in this age bracket to see if a Catholic elementary education would be of interest to them or not. This will be conducted through paper and digital formats and will survey both Catholic and non-Catholic families alike. We hope to have that out in the next couple weeks.

I'll be honest, having a Catholic elementary school at our parish excites me. Activity breeds activity. The more we have going on the more people want to be involved. Most importantly, I think a Catholic education would help form a solid foundation of faith in our children's lives as they navigate the teenage years and begin to make personal decisions. Such a foundation will help them continue to choose to fully follow Jesus Christ within our Catholic Faith.

Please, be not afraid to ask questions about this proposal. The more perspectives we have on this matter, the better. I am convinced that if we stay open to the Holy Spirit, He will lead us to greener pastures than we could have ever dreamed of!

Ranching with abandon.