

**Happy Birthday**

**Jun 20** – Anthony Bortolussi, Susan Hamer, Kenneth Werdel, Nicholas Herman

**Jun 21** – Sherry Blaine, Sydney Cowan, Telson Cowan, Aniah Janis

**Jun 22** – Jeremiah LaRoche, Dean St. John, Brooke Janis

**Jun 23** – Rocky Morgan, Glenda Wounded Knee, Brody Gust Ness, Cante Stricker, Tony St. John Jr., Renee White Mouse

**Jun 24** –Rory Bishop Jr., Judy Kirkie, Amber Perry

**Jun 25** – Mary Howe, Milo Medicine Crow, Colby Werdel, Kyle Hawk Jr

**Jun 26** – Kelvin Kirkie, Larisa Schindler, Jamesia Prue, Conrad Fleury, Devan Urban, Jace Augustine, Dustin Crowe

**Jun 27** – Jay Etzkorn, Tim Kusser, Donnie McManus, Deanna Sundall, Ricky Ramos, Hunter Knippling, Vilencia St. John, Arriannah Metcalf, Beverly Bruce, Kalsey Morrison

**Jun 28** – Marshall Gourneau, Sterling St. Cloud

**Jun 29** – Richard Fleury, Brendon Grey Owl, Rayna Johnson, Donald Knippling, Jackie Knippling, Dominique LaRoche

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Stephan call Fort Thompson

Big Bend call Fort Thompson

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West River Bishop (Rapid City): Bishop Elect - **Rev. Peter**

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**Our Parish Bulletin**

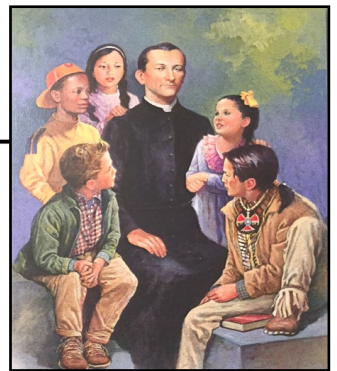
***A Ministry of the Priests of the Sacred Heart  
in South Dakota***

**12th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

21 JUNE 2020



Jesus said to the Twelve: “Fear no one. Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known. What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul;...(MT 10:26-28)



**Venerable Leo John Dehon  
Founder of  
The Priests of the  
Sacred Heart (S.C.J.)**

**Happy Father's Day**

**Live Streaming on Facebook page: Catholic Plains Ministry at 11:00 AM**

**Mass locations, days and times  
(Reconciliation 30 minutes before or after mass)**

**ST. MARY'S**  
(Reliance)

**Saturday Mass: 6:00 PM**

**ST. MICHAEL'S**  
(Kennebec)

**Sunday Mass: 9:00 AM**

**ST. MARY'S**  
(Lower Brule)

**Sunday Mass: 11:00 AM**  
For Local Residents only.

**Weekday Mass: 8:30 AM on Tues.,  
Thurs., and on Friday - Mass & Adoration**

**IMMACULATE  
CONCEPTION**  
(Stephan)

**There will be mass this weekend for  
East river residents only: 6:00 PM**  
(Year round time)

**ST. JOSEPH'S**  
(Ft. Thompson)

**There will be mass this weekend for  
East river residents only: 9:30 AM**

**Weekday Mass: WED. 7:00 PM**

**ST. CATHERINE'S**  
(Big Bend)

**There will be mass this weekend  
for East river residents only:  
12:00 NOON**

Please remember in your prayers the souls of:

**Ray Gonzales III & Gary Walking Bull**  
**R.I.P.**

See your Bulletins On-Line Via Your Cell Phone. The app logo looks like this---->  
**Go to :<https://myparishapp.com/>.** Then, scroll down on this page that says:  
**“Called to Make Disciples.”** Follow the instructions.



*The Priests of the Sacred (S.C.J.), also known as Dehonians after the last name of our founder Leo John Dehon, serve in 41 countries throughout the world. We began to serve the Native Americans in the Lower Brule area in 1923, and soon afterwards began to minister those on the Cheyenne Indian Reservation. Years later, the Priests of the Sacred Heart began to also serve the Farmers and Ranchers in the region. Today, we serve six parishes in the East and West Missouri river regions. They are:*

***St. Mary's in Lower Brule, St. Mary's in Reliance, St. Michael's in Kennebec, St. Joseph's in  
Fort Thompson, Immaculate Conception in Stephan and St. Catherine's in Big Bend.***

Our other missions include St. Joseph's Native American school founded in 1927 and the Sacred Heart Center on the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation. The school is dedicated to improving the quality of life for Lakota and Dakota (Sioux) children and families. The Sacred Heart Center covers over 4,707 square miles and operates four primary programs; Family Violence Services, Child Services, Community Outreach and Bear Necessities Thrift Store.

Our ministries are also supported by the Benedictine Sisters of Watertown, SD. The sisters first came to the United States in 1864 in Missouri and then settled in the Dakota Territory in 1874 in Zell, SD. In 1889, they built their Sacred Heart Monastery in Yankton SD and then broke grown for their Mother of God Community in 1967 in Watertown, SD. The Benedictine sisters established schools, Hospitals and other services around the Dakotas, Nebraska and Colorado.



Scripture Reflection

The English writer Edmund Burke said: ***"All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing."*** Let's stand up for our faith. It is difficult being a Christian now a days, even amongst Christians. Everyone seems to have their own idea what it means to be a Christian either in name or by association or by practice. From 2014 to 2018, an average of 39% of Catholics reported attending church in the past seven days. This is down from an average of 45% from 2005 to 2008 and represents a steep decline from 75% in 1955," the poll found. These studies have nothing to do with the scandal the church has had.

This shows that we as a nation, founded on Christianity, are not taking our religion too seriously. In part, it is because we live in an individualistic and secular society were what we think becomes reality. I do not need God. I do not need a church to tell me what to do. I am God. If I believe, as a Caucasian male, that I am seven-foot Asian women, then I am. If you disagree with me, then you are considered a racist or some other kind of gender hater. I am to conform to our opinion and not the other way.

We also live in an age were there is no truth. My truth is truth, there are no other truths. And most of all, do not preach to me. Keep your opinions to yourself. Many Christians will keep their faith a secret because they know they will be criticized in some manner on any moral or ethical issues.

However, this is not the attitude that God wants for us as we witness today with Jeremiah and Jesus. Authentic Christianity demands that we speak up on issues that are contrary to God's commandments and the church's teachings which Jesus gave his church as the authority to speak for him. In other words, we are asked not to conform to the negative values that are part of society who want us to follow their standards. Again, following improper immoral and unethical standards of the world goes against what Christ and our scriptures teach us. Instead, as Jesus showed us, we are to transform the world just as all of those early Christians did in the early centuries.

Why? Without the moral guidance of the Church, this society falls apart. The typical family structure falls apart. Society then becomes a free for all place where you can sin as you please---Adultery, infidelity to ones marriage vows, etc. Today we hear St Paul speaking about how Sin entered our world through one man, Adam, and through sin death, which still is with us today. Therefore, as Christians, we are asked to be like the prophet Jeremiah to be counter cultural, knowing that the world may hate us when we speak up against immoral behaviors or other issues.

Christianity grew because of average men and women who shared their faith with others. They did so, as many do today, will go about by their Christian lives by words and actions to show others what it means to be in love with Jesus. To not be afraid of doing that. Jesus came to transform the world. He promised not to leave us, and he gave us the Holy Spirit to guide us and his Church in all truth. Standing up for the truth of things does matter.

When Jesus says today "Fear no one", especially one that may kill your body, he is reaffirming to us that God will take care of us, especially in times of great difficulties and struggles in life. This trust can be a challenge in our lives. Jesus assures us that "everyone who acknowledged me before other people will be acknowledged before God in heaven." Therefore, start by Handing on our faith in your family, especially to children and grandchildren. Show them a life of charity, worship and prayer. Open up that dusty bible of yours and tell them about our salvation history. How God sent a rescue mission to save us and bring us to our eventual heavenly home (Fr. Mark Mastin, SCJ)



Please pray for the following members of our community:



Brett Abernathy	Bernadine Gingway	Kathleen Pomani
Marsha Grey Cloud	Mildred Hamiel	Mike Reuman
Pearl Colombe	Juanita Harrison	Della Richards
Katie Cook	Roberta Harrison	Lance Sanders
Jill Cowan	Lois Hart	Clarissa Sargeant
Jeffery Long Crow, Sr.	LaShonda Round Head	Stacey Shields
Dustin Deal	Ivy Head	Chad Strohfus
Charles Divine	Vickie Husted	Jody Taylor
Jenae Dunn	Jerry King	Alyssia Thompson
Jeanie Eagle	Ardith Knippling	Cora Weiand
Lakisha Big Eagle	Donald Knippling	Beatrice Whiting
Theresa Big Eagle	Judy Kirkie	Savannah Williams
Tom Big Eagle	Sheila Kusser	Antoinette Fast Wolf
Hattie Walking Eagle	Shirley S. LaRoche	
Chris Bear Face	Marisa Lopez	
Wes Firecloud Jr.	Todd McKenney	
Phyllis Comes Flying	Pat Mitchell	

All Parishes and Diocesan News

St. Mary's, Lower Brule:  
  
---Our West river churches are open---for Local residence only

St. Mary's, Reliance:  
  
---Our Parish is open

St. Michael's, Kennebec:  
  
---Our Parish is open

St. Joseph's, Fort Thompson:  
  
---There is mass this weekend for East River residents only.  
---CATHOLIC FAMILY SHARING APPEAL Our Goal is \$700.00. We have received \$345.00. The remainder of our goal is \$355.00. Thank you to all who have donated to this appeal.  
---If anyone has rice bowls, please return them so we can send them on.  
---There will be Confirmation, but we have not set the date yet.  
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Immaculate Conception. Stephan  
  
---There is mass this weekend for East River residents only.  
---Thank you very much toe the Ellsworth Family for mowing the grass in the cemetery in Stephan. Our cemetery looked nice for the Corpus Christi's celebration last Sunday.

St. Catherine's. Big Bend  
  
---There is mass this weekend for East River residents only.  
---CATHOLIC FAMILY SHARING APPEAL. Our goal is \$200.00. We have received \$110.00. The remainder of our goal is \$90.00. thank you to all who have donated to this appeal.  
  
---If anyone has rice bowls, please return them so we can send them on.  
---Thank you Etzkorn Family for mowing the lawn around the church!

June: Priests and Deacon Mass Schedule			
Date	Location	Priest	Time
East River			
June 7, 14, 21, 28	Fort Thompson	Fr. Hendrik	9:30 am
June 6, 13, 20, 27	Stephan	Fr. Hendrik	6:00 pm
June 7, 14, 21, 28	Big Bend	Fr. Hendrik	12:00 pm
June 27th & 28th	Preach- All 3 Parishes	Dn. Steve	All times
West River			
June 6, 13, 20, 27	Reliance	Fr. Mark	6:00 pm
June 7, 14, 21, 28	Kennebec	Fr. Mark	9: 00 am
June 7, 14, 21, 28	Lower Brule	Fr. Mark	11:00 am
None for June	Preach- All 3 Parishes	Dn. Steve	All times