

Happy Birthday

Jul 11 – Lorna Arnoldy, Ben Knippling
Jul 12 – Audrey Hall, Shanise Pease, Matthew Pekarek, Rae Anna Eagle Feather
Jul 13 – Robert Johnson, Lucas Middleton, Leslie Sazue, Stanley Sargeant, Dalton Moore, Naida Chavez, Leonard Oligmueller, Neleigh Driving Hawk, Jude Miller
Jul 14 – Hattie Ellsworth, Amy Franks, Jasmine Allen, McLaughlin Koster, Rory McManus, Dee Ann Coss, Jayden McBride.
Jul 15 – Katie McManus, Jonathan Fogg, Fontaye Drapeau, Ezekiel Skunk
Jul 16 – Teala Medicine Crow, Antoinette Yellow Robe
Jul 17 – Darla Rabbit, Kalaira Bishop
Jul 18 – Cody Russell, Aiden Van Matre, William Keoke
Jul 19 – LaFae Wind, Michaela Wells, Trevin McBride, Terrance Young.
Jul 20 – Duranne Howe, Royce Loudner Jr., Leo McCauley, Kimberly Jensen, Ohitika Dion, Kimberly Rockwood, Leslie Hanson, Trig Larson, Lisa Griffith

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Great Plains Humor



Our Parish Bulletin

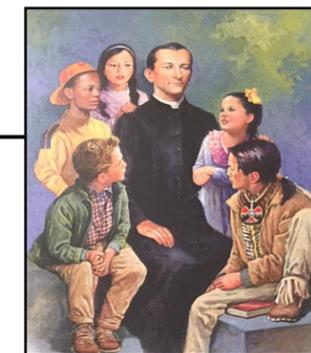
A Ministry of the Priests of the Sacred Heart in South Dakota

15th Sunday of Ordinary Time

12 JULY 2020



“A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold (MT 13: 3-8).



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

Live Streaming on Facebook page: [Catholic Plains Ministry](#) at 11:00 AM

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

<p>ST. MARY'S (Reliance) Saturday Mass: 6:00 PM</p>	<p>ST. MICHAEL'S (Kennebec) Sunday Mass: 9:00 AM</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (Stephan) There will be mass this weekend for East river residents only: 6:00 PM (Year round time)</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>ST. CATHERINE'S (Big Bend) There will be mass this weekend for East river residents only: 12:00 NOON</p>

Please remember in your prayers the souls of:
R.I.P. --- Hattie Thigh & Wes Firecloud Jr.



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 ground 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

When I owned a house, I tried planting grass seed and keep my garden up. I flooded the ground with seeds and nutrients. I had to compete and combat with rabbits, birds, moles, insects, bad soil, dry hot weather, uneven earth, etc. I had to aerate, water, cut finely, cover with hay, etc. to be successful. It was hard work that seemed to occupy my every day for months. Being a perfectionist did not help. Painful process. Suffering through al of these challenges, in the end makes the growth of grass or garden get better.

Today, our readings give us a similar understanding of how the words of God, like seeds, can take root in our lives and how there is suffering at times in bearing good fruit from it.

The prophet Isaiah announces the Lord's promise that his word is like rain falling upon the earth during the growing season, "making it fertile and fruitful, and giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats." He concludes, "thus shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; my word shall not return to me void" (Isa 55:10-11).

Saint Paul continues the agricultural reflection as he uses images of natural growth and development to illustrate how our human lives cannot bear fruit unless there is struggle in the effort towards developing one's faith. He writes: "the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God" (Rom 8:18-19). **To be a Christian is to accept suffering and accept the challenge of the Cross. It is a challenge and it is suffering for us to swallow our pride and forget about what he or she said or did in order that love may flourish in our family. This is not easy. Our pride does not like stepping aside without an argument or fight. Therefore, we must sow our love on good family soils. This is how the Word of God will take root and grow in our hearts.**

The parable about God being sower of the seeds of his Word is the first of seven parables that Matthew placed in the center of his gospel. Each of the parables adds a specific dimension to the reality that Matthew has described in the previous two chapters: although there are disciples who have begun to believe in him, Jesus is experiencing much rejection. As we heard, **there are seeds being spread over all kinds of areas, rocks, bad soil ad good soil.** Jesus basic idea of this seed story is that our hearts are sometimes open to his word, and the message of God grows in us and is apparent in our thoughts, words and deeds. **Sometimes our hearts are like the scorched earth, and the word of God does not take root and we, too, wither. The bottom line is this:** We've got to be good soil. We have to nourish the Word of God. We have to strengthen it. We have to let it take root and grow.

We should not only read this as some moral reading for the state of the soil of our soul. Seeds in the time of Jesus sowers looked at seed as gold. You had to be careful were to sow. In Jesus' time farmers would have seen this sower in the story has stupid. However, what Jesus is trying to say is that God is exuberant in spreading his word to everyone, despite their moral status. He sows with abundance. If a person is slightly open of receptive to hearing God's words, he sows there.

God's words are effective. When God's word is spoken, things and beings come into existence. So, when Go's speaks, he creates. Let there be light. Jesus says, this is my body. God's words become reality. What God Says is. It accomplishes what it says. It affects something. It affects life. It creates life. God Creates not out of his own need. God creates out of love. What ever God does and says it is meant to add to life. God, like a gardener, grows all kinds of things out of love.

What are we doing in our thoughts, words and deeds will truly demonstrate to others our deep desire to live our life in alignment with the Gospel? Living our faith is so much more than going to Mass. The personal satisfaction we experience, and the positive impact we have on those with whom we interact, is so much greater when we share with them the importance of our faith and our relationship with God. In other words, when we sow the word of God.

We are the seed; that is, each one of us contains the potential for a bountiful harvest. Whether we bear fruit or not depends on the second point: our listening carefully to the word and putting it into action. Mark Mastin, SCJ.



Please pray for the following members of our community:



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

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.

---We continue to have Wednesday Mass at 7:00 PM

---There will be Confirmation, but we have not set the date yet.

Immaculate Conception, Stephan

---There is mass this weekend for East River residents only.

St. Catherine's, Big Bend

---There is mass this weekend for East River residents only.

---No summer camp this summer.

July: Priests and Deacon Mass Schedule

Date	Location	Priest	Time
East River			
July, 4 11, 18, 25	Stephan	Fr. Hendrik	6:00 pm
July 5, 12, 19, 26	Fort Thompson	Fr. Hendrik	9:30 am
July 5, 12, 19, 26	Big Bend	Fr. Hendrik	12:00 pm
None for July	Preach- All 3 Parishes	Dn. Steve	All times
West River			
July, 4 11, 18, 25	Reliance	Fr. Mark	6:00 pm
July 5, 12, 19, 26	Kennebec	Fr. Mark	9: 00 am
July 5, 12, 19, 26	Lower Brule	Fr. Mark	11:00 am
July 25th and 26th	Preach- All 3 Parishes	Dn. Steve	All times