

**Happy Birthday**

**Nov. 28** – Lori Ann Gourneau, Tina Grey Owl, Mark Medicine Crow, Ravae Rabbit, Jarel Tino Ziegler  
**Nov. 29** – Leslie Dion, PJ Werder, Charles Yost, Nicholas Wounded Knee  
**Nov. 30** – Richard Dion, Adrienne Two Hawks

**Dec 1** – William Comes Flying, Terri Round Head, Tommy Thompson, Ella Marie Louise Brouse  
**Dec 2** – Allen Bull Bear, Tanya Drapeau, Tom Estes Jr., Timothy St. John, Joshua Taylor  
**Dec 3** – Philip Battese Jr., Gary Schindler, Jason Shields, Joe Shields, Eileena Wilson  
**Dec 4** – Raynell Gonzales, Andrea Johnson, Leon Kirkie Jr., Margaret Wilson, Edward M. Mitzel  
**Dec 5** – no names  
**Dec 6** – Frederick LaRoche, Peter Herman, Richard Gonzales, Chelsea Iron Thunder  
**Dec 7** – Mary Rose Walking Bull, Barry Knippling, Jocelyn Jandreau, Laila Ziegler, Tina Gonzales

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East River Bishop (Sioux Falls): **Most Rev. Donald DeGrood**  
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Please remember in your prayers the souls of:

**R.I.P. --- Margaret Wilson**



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.

**Our Parish Bulletin**

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

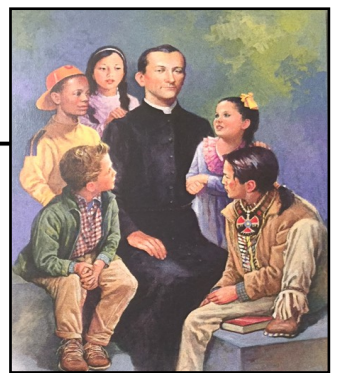
**1st Sunday of Advent**

29 NOVEMBER 2020



Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning.

May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!' (Mark 13: 35-37)



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

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

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

**IMMACULATE  
CONCEPTION**  
(Stephan)

6:00 PM  
(Year round time)

Mass is OPEN TO ALL in the ENTIRE  
EAST RIVER region. Please join us.

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

9:30 AM  
**Weekday Mass:** WED. 7:00 PM

Mass is OPEN TO ALL in the ENTIRE  
EAST RIVER region. Please join us.

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

12:00 NOON

Mass is OPEN TO ALL in the ENTIRE  
EAST RIVER region. Please join us.

**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

**Weekday Mass: Suspended until after  
COVID is past us**

Scripture Reflection

For Catholics, the new Liturgical Year commences with the first Sunday of Advent. In this new liturgical year, the Church not only wishes to indicate the beginning of a period, but the beginning of a renewed commitment to the faith by all those who follow Christ, the Lord. This time of prayer and path of penance that is so powerful, rich and intense, endeavors to give us a renewed impetus to truly welcome the message of the One who was incarnated for us. In fact, the entire Liturgy of the Advent season, will spur us to an awakening in our Christian life and will put us in a ‘vigilant’ disposition, to wait for Our Lord Jesus who is coming:

*‘Awaken! Remember that God comes! Not yesterday, not tomorrow, but today, now! The one true God, "the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob", is not a God who is there in Heaven, unconcerned with us and our history, but he is the-God-who-comes.’*<sup>1</sup>

The Season of Advent is therefore a season of vigilant waiting, that prepares us to welcome the mystery of the Word Incarnate, who will give the ‘Light’ to the womb of the Virgin Mary, but essentially this time prepares us not only to welcome this great event but to incarnate it in our lives. We could say that the true light enters the world through the immaculate womb of Mary but it does not stay there. On the contrary, this light flows out into our dark, obscure, sinful lives to illuminate them, so that we can become the light that illuminates the world. For this reason, let us live this time of waiting not only to celebrate a historical memory but to repeat this memory in our lives and in the service of others. To wait for the Lord who comes, means to wait and to watch so that the Word of Love enters inside us and focuses us every day of our lives.

As Blessed John Henry Newman reminded us in a homily for the Advent Season: “Advent is a time of waiting, it is a time of joy because the coming of Christ is not only a gift of grace and salvation but it is also a time of commitment because it motivates us to live the present as a time of responsibility and vigilance. This ‘vigilance’ means the necessity, the urgency of an industrious, living ‘wait’. To make all this happen, then we need to wake up, as we are warned by the apostle to the Gentiles, in today's reading to the Romans: ‘Besides this you know what hour it is, how it is full time now for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed” (Rm 13:11).

We must start our journey to ascend to the mountain of the Lord, to be illuminated by His Words of peace and to allow Him to indicate the path to tread (cf. Is 2:1-5). Moreover, we must change our conduct abandoning the works of darkness and put on the ‘armor of light’ and so seek only to do God’s work and to abandon the deeds of the flesh (cf. Rm 13:12-14). Jesus, through the story in the parable, outlines the Christian life style that must not be distracted and indifferent but must be vigilant and recognize even the smallest sign of the Lord’s coming because we don’t know the hour in which He will arrive (cf. Mt 24:39-44) Pope Benedict XVI, *Celebration of First Vespers of Advent, Vatican Basilica, December 2006*



Please pray for the following members of our community:



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

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St. Joseph’s, Fort Thompson:

--- We continue to have Wednesday Mass at 7:00 PM, December 2nd  
---Religious classes will probably begin after Christmas.  
--- Join us for Coffee, Juice and donuts after mass.

Immaculate Conception. Stephan

---Mass is OPEN TO ALL in the ENTIRE EAST RIVER region. Please join us.

St. Catherine’s. Big Bend

---Please bring your money and raffle tickets at every mass. The raffle tickets are to help defray the expenses on the restoration of the bell tower  
---The reopening of Religious education classes will probably begin after Christmas.  
---Coffee and Rolls and Mass

St. Mary’s, Lower Brule:

---Our West river churches are open. Please join us.

St. Mary’s, Reliance:

---Our Parish is open. Please join us.

St. Michael’s, Kennebec:

---Our Parish is open. Please come and join us.

December: Priests and Deacon Mass Schedule			
Date	Location	Priest	Time
East River			
Dec. 5, 12, 19, 26	Stephan	Fr. Hendrik	6:00 pm
Dec. 6, 13, 20, 27	Fort Thompson	Fr. Hendrik	9:30 am
Dec. 6, 13, 20, 27	Big Bend	Fr. Hendrik	12:00 pm
None for East River	Preach- All 3 Parishes	Dn. Steve	All times
West River			
Dec. 5, 12, 19, 26	Reliance	Fr. Mark	6:00 pm
Dec. 6, 13, 20, 27	Kennebec	Fr. Mark	9: 00 am
Dec. 6, 13, 20, 27	Lower Brule	Fr. Mark	11:00 am
December 26th & 27	Preach- All 3 Parishes	Dn. Steve	All times

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