

Happy Birthday

Aug 23 – Cinamin Hemminger, Darla Langdeau, Mandy Rockwood, Arianna Traversie, Randolph Rockwood, Ivan Sargeant, Lucy Sargeant, Talisa Fleury
Aug 24 – Jarvis Carnero, Debra Isburg, Hilary Sazue, Martha Withhorn, Erin Plenty Chief, Kenneth Johnson
Aug 25 – Carmen Miller, Amani Johnson
Aug 26 – John M McCauley Jr., Lauryn Rae Howe, Evelyn Sargeant, Tigh Cowan. Ashton Swifhawk
Aug 27 – Elliott Bart Gourneau, Miranda Goodlow, Avis Dion, Heath Heth, Harlee Langdeau, Merlin St. John, Sage LaVaye Bowker
Aug 28 – Francine Middletent, Marissa Rodriquez
Aug 29 – Anthony Comes Flying, Amy Knippling, Joseph Dean Skunk, Leo James Brouse
Aug 30 – Bennet Comes Flying, Taylor Pickner, Vella Rabbit
Aug 31 – Treg Cowan, Wesley Moore, Colin Colombe, Robert Colombe, Carlus Marks, Tristan Michalek

Great Plains Humor

- In the bulletin of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Palm Coast, FL: "We will have a Special Holiday Bingo & Dinner on Monday evening, Dec. 30. You will be given two bingo packs, which cover all games played, and your choice of children or roast beef for dinner."
- A man had been shipwrecked on a remote island in the Pacific, and was alone for 20 years. When a ship finally arrived, his rescuers were impressed with the three buildings he had built and asked him about them. "Well," the man replied, "this is my house, and that building over there is my church. It's a wonderful church and I hate to leave it"

"And what is the third building yonder?" a rescuer asked. "Oh, that is the church I used to go to," the man replied.

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Our Parish Bulletin

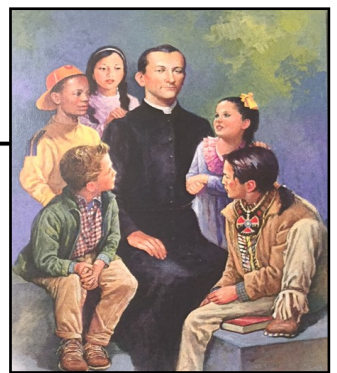
***A Ministry of the Priests of the Sacred Heart
in Central South Dakota***

21st Sunday of Ordinary Time

23 AUGUST 2020



He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ. (MT 16: 15-20)



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

**Time change ---
Live Streaming is on Facebook page: Catholic Plains Ministry at 9:30 AM on Sunday**

**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

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

**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.



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

Christianity is the religion that focuses on its founder—Jesus Christ. No Buddhist reflects on the being of Buddha. Buddha did not say worship me. He did not say I came from heaven or I am God. Likewise, Mohammed was the prophet. He did not claim to be God or to be worshipped. No one in Islam would study his being. He would want people to look at the words of God and not himself.

However, in today’s Gospel, Jesus asks the question who do you say that I am? The Church councils throughout history have tried to answer this question. They looked at his human and divine natures. So, why not just focus on his words in the bible or his messages? Why worry about his teachings? But Jesus asks his disciples who they thought he was---not his words and messages. Some thought he was Elijah, the great prophet. Or, John the Baptist or Jeremiah. All of these views are all wrong. Jesus then has to ask them but who do you as my disciples say that I am and not what others think. After all of these years, you must know something much deeper about who I am.

Out of the profound silence comes the voice of Peter. You are the Christ, the Messiah, the son of the living God. By Jesus asking this question he in part was seeking a person who could lead someday this small group of men to spread Jesus’ message of who he was and what he said. For Jesus knew what type of leader he needed. And despite all of his flaws, it would be Peter. Why? What characteristics or behaviors did Peter have that made Jesus choose him to lead his church?

Like many of us, we have both positive and negative behaviors and characteristics and personalities. Some of us are born to lead while others are born to follow, while some are in between the two. So, when Christ selects Peter in today’s gospel, one is pulled into reflection on it. How could Jesus Christ have people see their best selves? He knew where they were at, individually--but also what they could become. That is a consoling thought when one doesn’t feel up to the job at hand. When we do not believe we have the courage or talents to succeed in anything we do or difficult challenges we may face in life. All of these disciples then are our role models---imperfect men who had the vision and believe in Jesus that all things are possible.

However, Jesus was not just evaluating the disciples on their characteristics or personality types. He as looking for someone who had the spiritual qualifications needed to lead his Church with a sense of calm and steadiness. This is what Peter had. A simple man who gets it right. Peter did not get it right because of his great natural intelligence or goodness—no. Peter screws up. God the father has revealed this to Peter who confesses this reality of who Jesus is. Given a gift from God. The church is built upon this promise of Jesus as being the messiah. Peter indeed is a role model for all of us who mess up. He is the saint of screw ups.

Leadership grows and develop over time for all of us. We see this in our families and particularly as our children and grandchildren grow to become young adults. Does this mean that leaders are always right and will not make poor decisions and choices? Certainly not. Like Peter, we always have room for improvement in our relationship with Jesus. We have a loving God that forgives and wants us to lead in the same manner with those we love and come in contact with. What Jesus wants in us is a consistent and stable spiritual life---that is why in part he chose Peter to lead. Christ calls us to this type of leadership despite who we are. Sometimes, God leads us where we do not want to go. So, how should this look like for us today in a real and practical way--- human side?

As Robert Gates wrote in his book: A Passion for Leadership, it is People and not systems that make change. The attitudes of people will dictate success. Respecting others and including them into our communities are keys to success. It allows people to be receptive to making things better. Empowering people is key as well. Motivating people, encouraging them and giving them self esteem will make people feel genuinely accepted and cared for as individuals and groups. Honesty and integrity persuade people to trust.

Our moral authority and actions must match the words we speak. From a Christian perspective, it is about serving and not being served. Take work and life seriously but not yourself. Humor must be involved in your life. Be cheerful, sincere, and fair. Finally--Leadership is about the heart and not the head. The Love of people and honor must exist together. We need the ability to relate to people, to Empathize, motivate, and care for them. THIS IS WHAT JESUS WANTED OF PETER AND FOR US. (Fr. Mark Mastin,



Please pray for the following members of our community:

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

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.

---Confirmation will be stating up on ZOOM. Confirmation liturgy is still scheduled for October 3rd at the Saturday mass for those who attend class.

---Congratulations to Adam Schindler and Sandra Lee on their Wedding last weekend 15 August

St. Michael’s, Kennebec:

---Our Parish is open

St. Joseph’s, Fort Thompson:

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

---We continue to have Wednesday Mass at 7:00 PM, August 26th

---There will be rolls and coffee after mass. Please keep your social distancing in mind. Thank you.

---Next Rummage Sale --- Fri. Sept. 4th.

Immaculate Conception. Stephan

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St. Catherine’s. Big Bend

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August: Priests and Deacon Mass Schedule			
Date	Location	Priest	Time
East River			
Aug. 8, 15, 22, 29	Stephan	Fr. Mark	6:00 pm
Aug. 9, 16, 23, 30	Fort Thompson	Fr. Mark	9:30 am
Aug. 9, 16, 23, 30	Big Bend	Fr. Mark	12:00 pm
None for Aug	Preach- All 3 Parishes	Dn. Steve	All times
West River			
Aug. 8, 15, 22, 29	Reliance	Fr. Hendrik	6:00 pm
Aug. 9, 16, 23, 30	Kennebec	Fr. Hendrik	9: 00 am
Aug. 9, 16, 23, 30	Lower Brule	Fr. Hendrik	11:00 am
Aug. 22nd & 23rd	Preach- All 3 Parishes	Dn. Steve	All times

