

Happy Birthday

Aug 8 – Martina Big Eagle, Kiara Fire Cloud, Audonne Duran, Jashaun St. John, Leon Etzkorn, Melissa Michale, Liam McManus
Aug 9 – Lindsey Grey Owl, Deb Hall, Precious Long Crow, Tom Perry
Aug 10 – James Big Eagle, Wesley Fire Cloud Jr., Jessie Rockwood, Aaron Box
Aug 11 – Kira Kirkie, Alex Yazzie, Stacie Big Eagle, August Gravatt, Obede LeCompte
Aug 12 – Arlene Howe, James Anderson
Aug 13 – Bonnie Koster, James Gravatte, Charles Rogers, LaRee Hardin
Aug 14 – Alphonso Drapeau, Louis Adrian
Aug 15 – Don Kusser, Roland McBride, Devin Drapeau
Aug 16 – Creighton Howe, Stacy McCauley, Troy Schindler, Solomon His Law, Trevor Werdel
Aug 17 – Arliss Bagola, Lesley Grassrope, Carol Sundall, Romeo Grassrope

Bishop Sheen Quotes

- "Show me your hands. Do they have scars from giving? Show me your feet. Are they wounded in service? Show me your heart. Have you left a place for divine love? "
- "There are 200 million poor in the world who would gladly take the vow of poverty if they could eat, dress and have a home like I do"
- "Joy is not the same as pleasure or happiness. A wicked and evil man may have pleasure, while any ordinary mortal is capable of being happy. Pleasure generally comes from things, and always through the senses; happiness comes from humans through fellowship. Joy comes from loving God and neighbor. Pleasure is quick and violent, like a flash of lightning. Joy is steady and abiding, like a fixed star. Pleasure depends on external circumstances, such as money, food, travel, etc. Joy is independent of them, for it

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Our Parish Bulletin

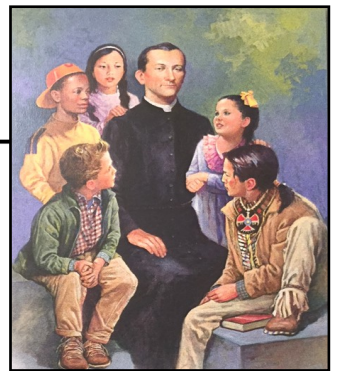
**A Ministry of the Priests of the Sacred Heart
in South Dakota**

19th Sunday of Ordinary Time

09 AUGUST 2020



Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how [strong] the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me! Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith,* why did you doubt?" (MT 14: 28-31)



**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

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

ST. MARY'S
(Reliance)

Saturday Mass: 6:00 PM
Mass intention is for Don Fletcher,
requested by the Ekberg family

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: Suspended until further notice

**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:

R.I.P. --- Anthony Gourneau



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

What is chaos? There are a couple of definitions. One is a state of utter confusion and the other is the unpredictability of the way nature behaves, such as with wind, hail or snowstorms or how the body gets sick very quickly. I would guess that most of us have experienced these things and others as well. We are living in chaotic times in history. We have COVID 19 and the global pandemic, we have wars, we have rioting and murder of innocent people. We have seen various forms of violence our cities. Chaos appears to have the upper hand and will not leave soon.

Today's reading reminds us of who is in charge over chaos. Who has conquered and tamed chaos over nature like the raging seas and in the storms of our personal lives? But God does not conquer with force. God defeats by the mere gentle command of his words. One might say that he overthrows chaos or evil by the whisper of his words.

If we begin with the Book of Genesis, we see how God conquered Chaos. Or more specifically, how God brought about a peaceful newly created world through the command of his words. A peace that our early parents, Adam and Eve, both felt and experienced until they disobeyed God and allowed chaos back into human life.

In the ancient world, the seas were thought of as chaos. Many fishermen feared storms. They tried to stay close to the shoreline. If you have ever had been stuck in a severe and dangerous storm that came out of nowhere, you know the fear that you had from that experience. I've seen grown men cry like a baby because they were unprepared on how to cope with the situation.

In the first reading for Kings, we read that Elijah went to Mount Horeb, another word for Mount Sinai (the Holy place where God dwelled) to be apparently be alone. There, God asks him to come out of the dark cave to see the Lord pass by. Once outside, Elijah seems to believe that God is like some fierce chaotic part of nature like heavy gale storm level wind, or an earthquake or fire. No, what Elijah experienced was that the strength of God and God's presence was in a tiny whisper.

In the Gospel, we hear that Jesus, having fed thousands of people and having heard about the death of his cousin John the Baptist, he goes off to a quiet place to pray and rest and be alone. In the meantime, the disciples are in a panic in their boat in the middle of a chaotic storm. We all know what happens next. Jesus walks on water (conquering nature like God), the disciples believe he is a ghost, in their fear and anxiety Jesus tells them Take courage, it is I, do not be afraid, Peter asks to come to Jesus and while doing so becomes fearful that he may drown and cries out for Jesus' help, who naturally saves him. And we hear that great line from Jesus, "O you of little faith."

So, what message can you and I take from these readings. Well, we should not that God is always in the middle of the chaos of our lives to comfort us. To whisper to us do not be afraid. For Jesus suffered and died for us to remind us that he did all of this so we would not have fears. That he continues to walk towards us on the chaotic waters in our lives. That he has conquered death and the things in our lives that we have no control over.

Christ knows the chaos in our lives. He is there to calm the turmoil that we experience in those moments that a loved one dies, or a child is very sick or a physical or emotional tragedy that we experience. And, he is there when we knowingly sin against him. Similarly, we also are affected by the sins of others, such as hate, racism, addictions, bad relationships, etc. Despite all of this, Jesus still walks across the waters of our sinfulness and our sorrow to pull us out of the water of fear and despair.

Let us always walk in faith towards our Lord no matter what chaos we are experiencing. Be not afraid. Come out of the cave of fear, come out of the boat of despair and hear the words of Jesus say: take courage, it is I, do not be afraid. (MM)



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
Chris Bear Face.
Phyllis Comes Flying

Bernadine Gingway
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
Delores Volmer
Cora Weiland
Beatrice Whiting
Savannah Williams
Antoinette Fast Wolf

All Parishes and Diocesan News

St. Mary's, Lower Brule:

---Our West river churches are open---for Local residence only
---Please keep Cole Brouse in your prayers

St. Mary's, Reliance:

---Our Parish is open
---Mass Intention for Don Fletcher, requested by the Ekberg Family
---Confirmation class to resume next week. Parents, please respond to my email. The Ceremony is still scheduled to take place 03 October 2020 at the 6:00 pm Mass

St. Michael's, Kennebec:

---Our Parish is open

St. Joseph's, Fort Thompson:

---There is mass this Sunday for East River residents only.
---We continue to have Wednesday Mass at 7:00 PM, August 12th.

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.



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. 22 & 23	Preach- All 3 Parishes	Dn. Steve	All times

