

Happy Birthday

Sept 19 – Rhiannon Morgan, Rena Metcalf, Anthony Bad Horse, Adam Ziegler
Sept 20 – Doug Fallis, Chris Gravatt, Audrey Wounded Knee, Shayna Wounded Knee, Lauren Knippling, Amiel Pretty Sounding Flute
Sept 21 – Terrance Abernathy, Justin Wounded Knee, Xavier LaRoche, Tessa Reis, Ty Gourneau, Roman Brouse
Sept 22 – Charley Rose Clairmont, Kyle Archambeau, Sandra Werdel, Kenisha Kirkie, Reed Reuman, James Blue
Sept 23 – Darcy Pugh, Talisa Fleury,
Sept 24 – Coy Fire Cloud, Lisa Red Tomahawk, Sophia Red Bear, Isaiah Red Bear
Sept 25 – Jacob Knippling, Greg LaRoche Jr.
Sept 26 – Hildegard Blue Hair, Doremis Traversie, Jayna Brouse, Seneca Skunk, Levi Hawkwing
Sept 27 – Rose Gravatt, Richard Hart, Tomi Jo Kirkie, Tanya Fleury, Micah Blaine
Sept 28 – Megan Crazy Bull, Dillon LaRoche, Tiffany McLaughlin
Sept 29 – Darlene Traversie, Josephine Skunk, Dillon Fleury, Kathleen Mitzel
Sept 30 – Audra Abernathy, Graig LaMarr Davis, Rebecca Jandreau, Becky Holzbauer--now in Winner



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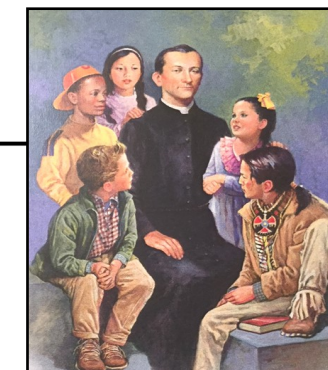
Our Parish Bulletin



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

25th Sunday of Ordinary Time

20 SEPTEMBER 2020



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

Generosity of God



"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard.... Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last." (MT 20: 1, 13-16)

**Time change for September ---
 Live Streaming is on Facebook page: [Catholic Plains Ministry](https://www.facebook.com/CatholicPlainsMinistry) at 11:00 AM on Sunday**

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

<p>IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (Stephan) 6:00 PM (Year round time) Mass is OPEN TO ALL in the ENTIRE EAST RIVER region. Please join us.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>ST. CATHERINE'S (Big Bend) 12:00 NOON Mass is OPEN TO ALL in the ENTIRE EAST RIVER region. Please join us.</p>
<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 Weekday Mass: Suspended until after COVID is past us</p>



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

There is a story about a woman in an airport around midnight. She was very tired and very hungry. She knew she had a box of cookies in her handbag and a book to read. Before she could find her book, the man sitting next to her opened a box of cookies and began eating one of them! The woman was very upset but did not want to make a scene and thought "Well, he is only eating one." But then the man took another one. Now angry that the man is eating her cookies, simply took one herself. Then the man took one and she took another one. This continued until there was only one cookie left. The man picked up the final cookie and said to the woman, "Would you like to split it with me?" She was so furious that she grabbed it out of his hand, took her bag and stormed away. When she got on the plane, she was still fuming. Before she sat down, she reached into her bag to find her book, but she could not find it. What she did find was the box of cookies which she had bought! OOPS!

This woman had assumed that the man was being selfish but in reality, he was being generous and kind with his own box of cookies. Today's readings, especially the Gospel, speaks of extravagant generosity from God. In it is a message too of how we should avoid having sometimes the envy and jealousy in our heart towards others who have better things, such as money, power, or better talent than we do in our own personal lives. Additionally, we may even feel that God is treating the sinner better than us who try to do good all of the time. That God is treating us unfairly for we deserve equal or even better gifts.

As human beings, we all have a tendency to compare our lives with that of others. What we have or do not have. This can cause much turmoil in our lives because we are always measuring ourselves against someone else or what the world tells us we should have. Just look at our lives 20 years ago. We, as young adults or even young children, did not have cell phones, iPads, computers or new cars to drive. No. Today, you see many children throwing angry fits if they do not have the latest cell phone or game or toy like their friends. Children are being raised to have envy and jealousy by wanting what someone else has even though mom, dad or grandparents cannot afford to buy it. ON wonders where is patience, where is being unselfish and frugal with money. One has to wonder where the discipline is in the family. Or, more specifically, who is running the family, the parent or the child?

We are always projecting our human behaviors and thought onto God. That God should think, and act like us. This is not the case. For the first reading teaches us that Not only is God generous in forgiving, but his thoughts are not our thoughts or are God's ways our ways for scriptures tells us today: "As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts. Therefore, tis is not about God being unfair to us to give us everything we ask for, but this is about God's abundant generosity of grace, love, mercy, and forgiveness.

Jesus is presenting to us the opportunity to understand the reality that God's very nature to be over abundantly generous to all. And some will accept it, and some will reject it. This parable is also describing who Jesus is as well. Remember what happened at the Cana Wedding in which hundreds of gallons of water were turned into wine---an abundance of generosity. If Jesus can be this generous, then we too can to the same for others. To pay it forward in visiting someone who is ill. Calling on a family member or friend that you have not spoke to in years. Teaching our children and grandchildren to be patient and refrain from wanting the latest phone or toy or gym shoes.

A gift is never earned. It is freely given. Like God's grace, it can be unexpected. Life is not always fair. Even the Atheist or that mean person can seek forgiveness from God on their death beds and still get to heaven by the generosity of God. This is not about avoiding the rules of God just because we think in the end that God will forgive everyone any way. No, Jesus spoke of the reality of Hell. God does expect all to work hard for the Kingdom as based on one's gifts and he will reward us accordingly. Jesus offers salvation to everyone who repents and believes. It is God's will and wisdom to save all who want to work for a life of eternal happiness, which is the gift of God's generosity. (Fr Mark M, SCJ)



Please pray for the following members of our community:



Brett Abernathy	Theresa Big Eagle	Jerry King	Lance Sanders
Cole Blue Brouse	Tom Big Eagle	Ardith Knippling	Clarissa Sargeant
Marsha Grey Cloud	Chris Bear Face.	Donald Knippling	Stacey Shields
Pearl Colombe	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	

All Parishes and Diocesan News

St. Joseph's, Fort Thompson:

---Parish Picnic – Sun. Sept 27th 4:00 p.m.at the Corps of Engineers Park

---We continue to have Wednesday Mass at 7:00 PM, September 23rd.
 ---The reopening of Religious education classes will begin when school starts for Crow Creek.
 --- 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

---The reopening of Religious education classes will begin when school starts for Crow Creek.
 ---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.

---Next Zoom Confirmation class will start at 6:30 pm Wed Sept. 23rd. Confirmation liturgy is still scheduled for October 3rd at the Saturday mass for those who attend class. Students and sponsor must show up at 5:00 PM for Rehearsal.

St. Michael's, Kennebec:

---Our Parish is open

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

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