

Happy Birthday

- Oct 17 – Janette Big Eagle, Carol Harvey, Bo-Everett Flute
- Oct 18 – Desiree Blaine, Gavin Drapeau, Alan Rencontre, Shara Sazue, Scott Schaefer, Robert Christensen
- Oct 19 – Cheri Smith, Barb Meier, Lane Jandreau, Lucinda Medicine Crow, Darliss Standing Soldier
- Oct 20 – Sonny Antelope, Eileen Kusser, Michelle Schelske
- Oct 21 – Trevor Fire Cloud, Laura Knippling, Fr. Hendrik, Noah Hendricks, Hayden Schelske
- Oct 22 – Dallas Michalek, Jim St. John, Ethan Houchin, Rederic Sazue
- Oct 23 – Maurice Howe, Wilfred Keeble, Michelle McCarty
- Oct 24 – Pearl Kirkie, Anita Koster, Amanda Kusser, Ted Metcalf III, Cadence White Mouse
- Oct 25 – Kristy Fleury, Ryan Kirkie, Juan Rojas Jr., Daleny Stands, Curly Schoenfelder, Ken Schindler
- Oct 26 – Carl Miller Jr., Selena Grassrope, Jake Anderson
- Oct 27 – none listed
- Oct 28 – Evelyn Gravatt, Lorna Howe, Jamie McBride, Brandon Sazue Jr., Amanda Schaefer
- Oct 29 – Wilmer White Mouse Jr., Alexia Werdel, Liam Grassrope



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Please remember in your prayers the souls of:

R.I.P. --- Heath Heth Sazue & Norman Thompson



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.

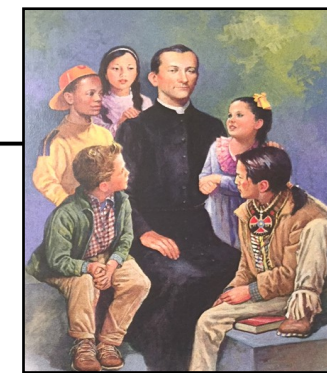


Our Parish Bulletin

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

29th Sunday of Ordinary Time

18 OCTOBER 2020



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

**Time change for October 4th ---
 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)</p> <p>6:00 PM (Year round time)</p> <p>Mass is OPEN TO ALL in the ENTIRE EAST RIVER region. Please join us.</p>	<p>ST. JOSEPH'S (Ft. Thompson)</p> <p>9:30 AM Weekday Mass: WED. 7:00 PM</p> <p>Mass is OPEN TO ALL in the ENTIRE EAST RIVER region. Please join us.</p>	<p>ST. CATHERINE'S (Big Bend)</p> <p>12:00 NOON</p> <p>Mass is OPEN TO ALL in the ENTIRE EAST RIVER region. Please join us.</p>
<p>ST. MARY'S (Reliance)</p> <p>Saturday Mass: 6:00 PM</p>	<p>ST. MICHAEL'S (Kennebec)</p> <p>Sunday Mass: 9:00 AM</p>	<p>ST. MARY'S (Lower Brule)</p> <p>Sunday Mass: 11:00 AM</p> <p>Weekday Mass: Suspended until after COVID is past us</p>

Scripture Reflection

Whose image are you made of? Do you look like your parent? Aunt or uncle or grandparent? But do you know that we are made in the image and likeness of God and therefore we belong to God. The coin Jesus asks about has the image of Cesar. We are not made in the image of Cesar.

The Roman ruler at the time of Jesus was Tiberius Caesar – he was considered the “Son of the Divine Augustus.” The emperors’ thought they were related to God’s. Their images were minted on the Imperial coin of the day was called a denarius or the “tribute penny”, it was a bit more than one day of wages for a person of that era. On the other side of the coin, it designated him as “Pontifex Maximus,” “supreme priest head.” It had an image of a seated female, usually identified as Livia, August’s mother and goddess of peace. How Ironic, that Jesus is noted in scriptures as our high priests and peace itself.

This background of the coin needs some further understanding. An orthodox Jew would never be caught with such a coin in the temple. It would be revolting to touch a pagan item. That is why tax collectors usually handled the coins. Therefore, this question of the coin was meant to trap Jesus. To force him to take sides with the pagan Romans and their beliefs or the Jewish beliefs. In essence, Jesus could be caught in believing in pagan idols. Jesus sees through their trap. He gives us an outline or blueprint on how a Christian can live in harmony in two worlds--the world of man and his laws and the world of God, faith and his laws. He establishes for us a way to think about religion and how it interacts with the state. For Jesus, he saw Caesar having at least legitimate rights owed to him and the empire.

We have dual citizenship. We have dual obligations. We are citizens of our country and of God. We have a duty to obey just laws, yes, including paying taxes and we have a duty to obey God’s laws. We owe our country to serve it, to receive protections from the police, firefighters and the military. We expect to have clean water, good roads, housing, education, transportation infrastructure, etc. We pay for these things with the currency of our country and what we earn-- the accumulation of which we think, at times, determines our worth.

Our true worth, however, comes from the fact that the likeness of God is inscribed on our bodies and soul. Jesus is telling us that we need to be more concerned of the things of heaven and the things of God; rather than the things of earth, and the things of Caesar. To be concerned for our relationship between the divine control and the earthly, temporal power that can serve God’s purposes. This is NOT about the separation of Church and STATE. Jesus not stating separating religion from society. Rather, Jesus is asking us to think about the fact that all human activity stands under God’s judgment. Jesus knew that religion is not a state of its own. We must contribute to the needs of the state and of society. Even Paul said we need to pray for our leaders.

The “separation of Church and state” does not mean – and it can never mean – separating our Catholic faith from our public witness, our political choices and our political actions. That kind of separation would require Christians to deny who we are; to repudiate Jesus when he commands us to “make disciples of all nations.” That kind of radical separation steals the moral content of a society. It’s the equivalent of telling a married man that he can’t act married.

Being a Christian requires certain dual loyalties from us. One to our legitimate government that provides for our needs and the other to God who also provides for our spiritual needs. Both are required and yet God does take priority in our obedience. In the context of the Gospel we need to realize that when we really love our country and its people, then we may have to stand in strong opposition to the authorities on certain issues. It is such actions that our society makes progress and survive its Democratic ideals and practices.

A coin or paper currency with images on it are mere means of supporting the things for our physical life. But it is the coined image of God, minted onto our hearts and souls, that has truly purchased for us the necessary spiritual life to enjoy this earth and to someday enjoy a lifelong retirement in heaven. Someone once said, “The happiest people don’t have the best of everything that money can buy. They just make the best of everything that God provides.” (Fr. Mark Mastin, 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	

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St. Joseph’s, Fort Thompson:

- We continue to have Wednesday Mass or Communion Service at 7:00 PM, October 21st.
- The next Feeding South Dakota is on Thurs.. Oct 22nd from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. It will be a drive through.
- The reopening of Religious education 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

- The reopening of Religious education classes will begin when school starts for Crow Creek.
- The next Feeding South Dakota is on Thurs.. Oct 22nd from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. It will be a drive through.
- 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.
- Thank you confirmation Parents who prepared the meal and brought cake and snacks, deserts and refreshments for our students. All of it was great!!!

St. Michael’s, Kennebec:

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

October: Priests and Deacon Mass Schedule			
Date	Location	Priest	Time
East River			
Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	Stephan	Fr. Mark	6:00 pm
Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25	Fort Thompson	Fr. Mark	9:30 am
Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25	Big Bend	Fr. Mark	12:00 pm
October 24 & 25th Nov. 21 & 22nd	Preach- All 3 Parishes	Dn. Steve	All times
West River			
Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	Reliance	Fr. Hendrik	6:00 pm
Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25	Kennebec	Fr. Hendrik	9: 00 am
Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25	Lower Brule	Fr. Hendrik	11:00 am
None for October	Preach- All 3 Parishes	Dn. Steve	All times

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