

## Happy Birthday

**Sept 12** – Brad Big Eagle, Jesse Fire Cloud, Jesseye Skunk, Allan Ashes, Jr., Lou Ann Kilburg,  
**Sept 13** – Jera Brouse, Jody Gourneau, Jamie Walking Bull, Patrick Koster III  
**Sept 14** – Tim Big Eagle Jr., Harold Drapeau Jr., Rozelle Lockwood, Donna Marie Touch, Georgianne Hall, Veronica Knippling  
**Sept 15** – Troylynn Skunk  
**Sept 16** – Gordon Bagola, Jolene Bishop, Derrick Come Flying, Michael Fallis, Arlene Ellis  
**Sept 17** – Lana Drapeau, Latehya Eagle Feather  
**Sept 18** – Monte Kirkie, Memphis Wind, Brian Miller  
**Sept 19** – Rhiannon Morgan, Rena Metcalf, Anthony Bad Horse, Adam Ziegler  
**Sept 20** – Doug Fallis, Chris Gravatt, Audrey Wounded Knee, Shaynna 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



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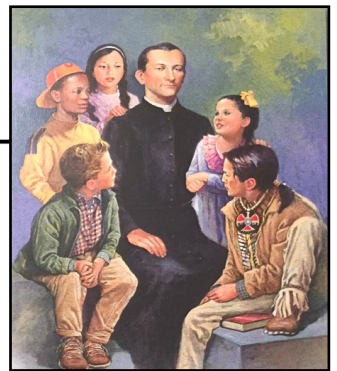
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# Our Parish Bulletin

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

## 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time

13 SEPTEMBER 2020



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

# Forgiveness

His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?' Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart (Mt 18:32-35)."



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)

**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  
Mass intention for the Finneran's 65th  
Wedding Anniversary. They are from Silver  
Springs, MD. Requested by  
Lola Anderson

**ST. MARY'S**  
(Lower Brule)

**Sunday Mass:** 11:00 AM  
**Weekday Mass: Suspended until after  
COVID is past 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

Readings on Sundays are usually connected in some manner. Today is no exception. It speaks of how you and I are to forgive others who have sinned against us. To arbor no revengeful, angry, or hateful thoughts towards others.

The first reading encourages us to practice forgiving as God is merciful and forgiving. It speaks of loving our neighbor and to remember the laws God gave us and to make amends with God and others before we die. For those who do not show mercy and forgiveness we will suffer. When we sin, we break that peaceful relationship with God. We cut off his grace. In other words, if we want to maintain that intimate connection with God, we must pardon the sins of others just as God does for us---and do so without any limit of the number of times we are to do that.

We see this limitless time of forgiveness in our Gospel when Peter asks the question about how many times, we are to forgive a person. The law at the time said only three but Peter thought he would be smart, and he said seven. However, Peter was looking for a legal formula or a standard to be used to determine forgiveness. Peter knew that most people sinned terribly in his time and perhaps he wanted Jesus to scold those people for it. Perhaps, Peter did not see himself as a sinner. But Jesus, exaggerates the law and symbolically says 77 times---meaning that there is no limit. There is no magical number of formula to use. In essence, we must always forgive as God forgives all of the time.

For Jesus, the word mercy was not just forgiving some sinful action like a judge would do in a court of law. Or, like a judge who would so mercy by reducing the amount of time to be served in jail. NO, mercy means that all people are called to journey with another person who is down and out. Who was struggling in life and it is our obligation to pick that person up out of the mud and help them into a better life---like the Good Samaritan.

Jesus makes this point very clear about the story of the Master who in the end threw his servant into jail after that servant could not show mercy and forgiveness of a debt to a fellow servant, especially after the Master forgave the servant's debt. So, how will the servant who is thrown into jail be able to pay his debt? Well, that is not the point of the story. The message in part is that we, by our unforgiving actions to forgive others, may be thrown into the eternal horrors of the afterlife with no way of getting out of it.

The other part of today's message is to be reminded that many people today do not believe in sin or if they do, that they have not sinned, especially by hurting others and having no mercy in forgiving others for harms done to them. Such people do not know the definition of sin and the levels of serious sins.

We all have the tendency to sin. And sometimes with anger and rage and revenge. What will help resolve the sinfulness of society is getting to the root causes of sin and correcting them. Anger, Jealousy, bitterness, hatred, envy, power, control---the list goes on. To negate these things, to reverse them, God sent us Jesus to send us a message of repentance. To be part of a church that would preach and act upon the message of forgiveness and mercy. To establish a church that would be the moral an ethical leader of society. Yes, members of the church have done bad things, but Jesus made the promise that his church would not be conquered by the devil or evil. It would prevail. We may not be able to forget the harm someone has caused us. However, it is not about forgetting but forgiveness. It allows us to move on and perhaps plant the seed in the offender mind and heart that they need to change and prevent further hurts.

Today, let us not be like that servant in today's Gospel who could not forgive but more importantly, who could not appreciate the mercy he had received. Saying the Our Father slowly may be a good start, especially that part that says: "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." (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. 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. 16th Confirmation liturgy is still scheduled for October 3rd at the Saturday mass for those who attend class.

St. Michael's, Kennebec:

---Our Parish is open

---Mass intention for the Finneran's 65th Wedding Anniversary. They are from Silver Springs Maryland. Requested by Lola Anderson

St. Joseph's, Fort Thompson:

---We continue to have Wednesday Mass at 7:00 PM, September 16th  
---The reopening of Religious education classes will begin when school starts.  
--- Sun. Sept. 13th at the 9:00 am mass---There will be the commissioning of Religious Education Teachers at mass.  
--- 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.

---Coffee and Rolls and Mass

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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