

**Happy Birthday**

**Jul 25** – Anna Michalek, Justin Crow, Jerry Kusser, Leonard Traversie Jr., Trey Gourneau, Jaimee Estes, Elliot Medicine Crow

**Jul 26** – Donika Gonzales, Carla Howe

**Jul 27** – LeToy Fleury, Mabel Grey Cloud, Fay Jandreau Jr., Juanita Kennedy, James Grassrope, Kazney Knippling, Hank Jandreau

**Jul 28** – Lonnie Big Eagle, Keith Fleury, Derek Skunk, Steve McLaughlin Sr, Uriah Collins, Heather Wenzel

**Jul 29** – Staci Isburg, Elroy Walking Bull, Brittany Goodlow, Kathleen Pomani

**Jul 30** – Lyle Gravatt Jr., Raquel Rockwood, Ruth Traversie, Elroy Karzon

**Jul 31** – James Isburg, Samantha Adams

**Aug 1** – Danny Archambeau, Jacob Brouse, Ben Janis, Cedric Miller, Emerald Plenty Chief

**Aug 2** – Lee Gourneau III, Jamie Fallis, Dawna Gravatt, Lila Red Thomahawk, Heather Goodlow, Loretta Hawk

**Aug 3** – Scarlett Drapeau, Diane Fleury, Rose Flood.

**Great Plains Humor**

A woman invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to her six-year-old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?"

"I wouldn't know what to say," the little girl replied. "Just say what you hear Mommy say," the mother said.

The little girl bowed her head and said: "Dear Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner

My grandson was visiting one day when he asked, "Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?" I mentally polished my halo while I asked, "No, how are we alike?"

You're both old," he replied.

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**Our Parish Bulletin**

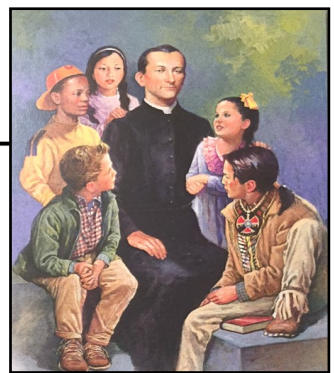
***A Ministry of the Priests of the Sacred Heart  
in South Dakota***

**17th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

26 JULY 2020



"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it" (Matt 13:44-46).



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

**Live Streaming on Facebook page: Catholic Plains Ministry at 11:00 AM**

**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**  
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



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

Have any of you seen the movie the National Treasure with Nicolas Cage? He goes and steals the Declaration of Independence to find clues to find billions of dollars of buried treasure—treasure that was buried by the Free Masons. They discover that much of this treasure is lost priceless items from 3 thousand years of world history. In the end, they share this treasure with the world.

Today's readings speak of God sharing a precious treasure for us to seek and find. The first reading speaks of Solomon wanting the treasure or gift of having an understanding heart to judge his people wisely. We are to be like Solomon. We are to hunt for the treasure of the Divine Wisdom of God. This will allow us to live a life free from the bad choices and behaviors that we live by. To have the wisdom to have a long term relationship with Jesus. Sin, light of this thought, St. Paul says that God brings good out of evil for all things. And we have been destined to live in heaven. How can we be wise? Value the things that God values. Our faith is valuable more than any pearl, diamond or gold we may find.

In the three parables in the Gospel, Jesus refers to the Kingdom of God as one who finds the precious treasure buried in a field or searching for a fine Pearl or one who collects an abundance of good fish. All of these earthly stories are to remind us of the precious gift of Christ in our lives who is the pathway to our ultimate treasure which we will find in his Kingdom in heaven.

In the time of Jesus, there were many invasions of lands. So, people would hide their money in fields. This was true of even in our modern era. Since everyone knew this, many people would sneak on a person's land and hope to find the money in order to buy land for themselves. Many owners were killed so others could claim the land and hope they would find more buried treasure there.

Of course, Jesus was not asking his audience to steal someone's money or property. He was getting people to compare the desire to find monetary treasure to that of seeking out or hunting equally for the treasure of the Kingdom of God that has greater worth and value. To use that motivation to take a risk to follow Jesus, who is the ultimate treasure to be found. Jesus is reminding us that being a Christian will demand that we must make a personal response to God and to his Kingdom. This Kingdom is mentioned some 80 times. For the Kingdom on earth is an invitation to accept and live by the values of love and generosity. For God is the ultimate treasure to be valued above all things in our daily lives. We are asked to take drastic means to obtain the Kingdom and relationship with God.

Jesus calls on us to be those men in the parables to surrender all of our emotional possessions in order to gain eternal life. Sell everything to obtain eternal life. This does not mean that we abandon our wealth or homes to live in poverty. Neither does this mean that we disobey our governmental authority.

Our treasure hunting goal is simple. Live by the commandments and teachings of God and continue to be faithful to God. Never loosing site of our goal. It is that faith that will be evaluated by God, especially when we die. If we are truly wanting to govern our own actions and personal life, before we regulate other's lives, we must live according to the values of God. God's wisdom and laws direct our lives. Worldly wisdom cannot offer this for us.

St. Augustine says that God created us without our consent or cooperation, but he will nor and cannot save us without our cooperation. This is what St. Paul is saying today. God continues to do everything and provide for us the means to bring us to heaven. We must constantly be searching for the reign of God in the fields of our hearts and in this world. We must be joyful and excited about finding it and then sharing it. The Kingdom is found when we try to meet the needs of our neighbors. When we check on elderly neighbors in hot weather. Visit shut ins. Treat others with love and dignity . (Fr. Mark Mastin, SCJ)



Please pray for the following members of our community:



Brett Abernathy  
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

St. Mary's, Reliance:

---Our Parish is open

St. Michael's, Kennebec:

---Our Parish is open

St. Joseph's, Fort Thompson:

---There is mass this weekend for East River residents only.

---We continue to have Wednesday Mass at 7:00 PM---July 29th

---Confirmation will be held on Sunday August 2nd at the 9:30 AM Mass

---Happy Birthday Dn. Steve McLaughlin

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.

---No summer camp this summer.

July: Priests and Deacon Mass Schedule			
Date	Location	Priest	Time
East River			
July, 4 11, 18, 25	Stephan	Fr. Hendrik	6:00 pm
July 5, 12, 19, 26	Fort Thompson	Fr. Hendrik	9:30 am
July 5, 12, 19, 26	Big Bend	Fr. Hendrik	12:00 pm
None for July	Preach- All 3 Parishes	Dn. Steve	All times
West River			
July, 4 11, 18, 25	Reliance	Fr. Mark	6:00 pm
July 5, 12, 19, 26	Kennebec	Fr. Mark	9: 00 am
July 5, 12, 19, 26	Lower Brule	Fr. Mark	11:00 am
July 25th and 26th	Preach- All 3 Parishes	Dn. Steve	All times