

Happy Birthday

Nov. 20 – Isaiah Traversie, Mary Lou Boyzo, Felicity Shields, Cameron Mills
Nov. 21 – Robert Traversie Jr., Honesti St. Cloud, Daylon Grassrope, Claudia Eagle Boy, Jayden Brouse
Nov. 22 – Cedar Jandreau, Kira Seeking Land, Carter Hawk.
Nov. 23 – Tony Gonzales, Halona Hall, Lucy Kay Gravatt
Nov. 24 – Marcia Grey Cloud, Memphis Hawk, Jason Urban
Nov. 25 – LeRoy Chavez, Andrew Dixon, Evangeline Picotte
Nov. 26 – Carla Rabbit, Bonnie Schindler, Anthea Wilson, Alison Ann Wind
Nov. 27 – Alan Bagola, Arlan Bagola, Rochelle Clairmont, Brian Hamer, Alex Anderson, Blaine Anderson
Nov. 28 – Lori Ann Gourneau, Tina Grey Owl, Mark Medicine Crow, Ravae Rabbit, Jarel Tino Ziegler
Nov. 29 – Leslie Dion, PJ Werder, Charles Yost, Nicholas Wounded Knee
Nov. 30 – Richard Dion, Adrienne Two Hawks

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Please remember in your prayers the souls of:
R.I.P. --- Wayne Fluky McGhee & Hilda Longcrow



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**

**Our Lord Jesus Christ,
 King of the Universe**

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Jesus said to his disciples:
 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. (MT 25:31-34)

Give thanks to the Lord



For He is Good

Live Streaming is on Facebook page: Catholic Plains Ministry 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

ST. MARY'S
 (Lower Brule)

Sunday Mass: 11:00 AM

**Weekday Mass: Suspended until after
 COVID is past us**

Scripture Reflection

On the western side of the cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris is a scene of Christ judging those who have died, and we can see St. Michael is weighing the souls. It can be seen a scary picture depicting how some people are going to heaven and others are going to hell.

Today’s Gospel portrays Christ as a kingly man presiding over the scene of final judgment where men and women will be separated like a shepherd separating sheep from the goats---the good and the bad. It is frightening to think about what we will be—sheep or goats? Most of us do not want to think about judgement day. We want to avoid thinking about how and where we will be judged by God. However, in today’s Gospel, Jesus wants us to face this thought in order for us to take risks to secure our spot in heaven.

One of he reasons that we do not think about how we will be judged is because we usually read about God being the good Shepherd. God s loving, kind and merciful. However, Jesus is telling us today that it is our behavior and our lack of charitable action that may turn us away from God causing us to spend our eternal life elsewhere other than heaven.

As someone once said, we will not be judged by our belief or intellectual beliefs or political beliefs. The world judges us by our achievement and intellectual ideas and political orientations. No, we will be judged by our love concretely expressed in helping others. It is not being disposed of loving our neighbor in the intellectual mind but by how you and I actually help a person in a close and caring way. This is why we hear Jesus say today: “Amen I say to you that whatever you did for the brother of mine, you did it for me”-- that is to mean we perform acts of mercy like giving one drink, feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, visiting one in prison, etc. And then Jesus says when one does not perform such charitable actions, one will be accursed into the eternal fire. These words do not sound like the words of a nice Shepherd.

This Feast Day of Christ the King is to remind us of the fact and reality that we all belong to the same earthly Kingdom and that God is to rule over our lives, internally and externally. That the Kingdom of Christ is ruled by compassion and love to all, especially toward the poor. That Kingdom begins on earth and we call it the Church. The church is not just an institution, but the body of Christ—a spiritual organism. What affect others affects Christ. This is why we hear Jesus saying that “as you did it one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.” (Mt 25:40). We here the same in the Acts of the Apostles when Saul, soon to be named Paul, was struck down to the ground and heard the voice of Jesus say,” Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me.” Even though Jesus is in his glorified body, and we are connected to it, Jesus in some mystical way is affected negatively by our sins. On the other hand, Jesus is positively affected when a sinner repents and performs acts of charity. In essence, we are to seek out and to meet Christ wherever he may be found, in a particular way in human life in all its stages and conditions.

So, you and I touch Christ when we serve others. When we fail to serve others, we fail to serve Christ. We are obligated to care for the least of our brothers and sisters, especially those in great need. We are out of step and out of relationship with God if we do not listen to this message. A message that is to transform our lives. We are not to put the message in a locked vault or safe hoping that the safe door will magically open and remind us that we need to help others.

Our Catholic theology speaks about two judgements: the particular and the general. We know that each one of us will face our own particular or personal judgement at the point of our death. Then there is the general judgement which is what our Gospel reading is all about. This occurs on the Last Day and it will be Christ who exercises this judgement. **At that time, there is no opportunity for those to be judged to offer justification or defense of their actions; there is no possibility of a trial, no jurors, just a verdict.**

Our liturgical has come to and end and a new one begins next week with Advent. Make use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation whenever we find ourselves having committed serious sin so that we might be restored to union with Christ. The Advent season it is a good time to return to this wonderful sacrament. This will help keep us properly separated from the goats. (Fr. Mark Mastin, SCJ)



Please pray for the following members of our community:



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

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St. Joseph’s, Fort Thompson:

--- We continue to have Wednesday Mass at 7:00 PM, November 25th
---Thanksgiving mass will be at 11:00 AM. Pick up-Carry out meals only this year after mass ---PLEASE DO NOT BRING ANY FOOD
---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

---Everyone will receive raffle tickets to sell or buy to help defray the expenses on the restoration of the bell tower
---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.

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			
Nov . 7, 14, 21, 28	Stephan	Fr. Hendrik	6:00 pm
Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Fort Thompson	Fr. Hendrik	9:30 am
Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Big Bend	Fr. Hendrik	12:00 pm
Nov. 28, 29	Preach- All 3 Parishes	Dn. Steve	All times
West River			
Nov . 7, 14, 21, 28	Reliance	Fr. Mark	6:00 pm
Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Kennebec	Fr. Mark	9: 00 am
Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Lower Brule	Fr. Mark	11:00 am
None for November	Preach- All 3 Parishes	Dn. Steve	All times

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