

Happy Birthday

Sept 5 – David Schindler, Dustin Touche, Anne Whitney, Caitlyn Hawk, Samuel & Hillary Hyde, Allison McManus, Zona Big Eagle, Marty St. John

Sept 6 – Kelcie Obago, Lorraine Borah, Inez Traversie, Rebecca Hall, Joshua Donner, Marie Crow, Madonna St. John, Marlene Reumann, Robbee Ann Yellow Earrings, Kayden Kirkie

Sept 7 – Lucinda Medicine Crow, Gaylord Wilson St. John, Frances Fire Cloud

Sept 8 – Sheila Antelope, Christina Obago, Michael Roundhead, Germaine Wilson

Sept 9 – Cheryl Cowan, Chad Martin, Henry Knippling, Wayland Gibson

Sept 10 – Amos Isburg, Latrisha Schindler, Melvina St. John, Michael Howe, Leni Brouse, Bella McLaughlin, Cooper Lee Willie, Roslind Brown.

Sept 11 – Timothy Fleury, Lester Obago, Christina Yost, Gina LaRoche

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

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Our Parish Bulletin

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

23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

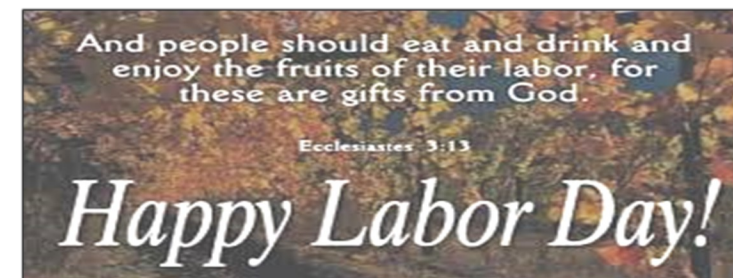
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"If your brother sins [against you], go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that 'every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church. If he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector. Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.'" (MT 18: 15-18).



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



Time change ---

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)**

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**

**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.

Please remember in your prayers the soul of:

R.I.P. --- Judy Kirkie



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

We usually want to take revenge on someone who has hurt us, whether physical harm or verbal harm. On the Face-book or twitter, we want to quickly respond with words of anger or even type revengeful insults at the other person. We may want to start vicious rumors online or in public. To ruin the person’s reputation even though there is no truth in the argument or dispute. We want that person to pay for what they said.

We see this lived out also in the media today. Various individuals from political parties or in street marches are yelling at each other and over each other---rather than peacefully listening to each other arguments. There are no calm or ration-al discussions of the issues. At the same time, many people withdraw and hid in their homes because they are afraid be-cause they will be judged. They are afraid to stand up for the truth. They are afraid of being ridiculed by the cancel cul-ture who accuse them of judging even though those same people are acting as irrational judges themselves. People fo-cus on themselves rather than the real issue of sin.

However, today’s gospel, Jesus addresses the problem of sin in a local church. He is trying to teach us how to deal with a person who is sinning and is affecting the church community. This method that Jesus is conveying is to at first be gentle and if that does not work then get the church leaders involved to resole the problem in order to win back the person into the church. If not, then the person is to be treated as an outsider until they mend their ways. So, we first need to take a gentler and yet firm approach to win a person away from sin and back to God, which, in the end, is about how we love each other.


Today’s gospel passage occurs just after the parable of the lost sheep in which Jesus speaks about the shepherd who leaves the 99 sheep to find the one that has left the group wandering off perhaps lost. In that parable, Jesus wants us to know about how God loves all and how valuable each person is to him---yes all of us who are sinners.

For Jesus and his church, the path of persuasion begins with love. To show love for that person and persuade them to change their ways for the path they are going down leads to misery. Jesus is trying to show the sinful person that he es-tablished a single church in order to create unity and not division. He wants to remind people overall that sin does divide but loving persuasion can win over the person. Sin can destroy relationships, families and communities. And sadly, some-times a person may need to be separated from people if they are too disruptive in the community. However, despite this potential separation, Jesus and his church will still attempt to help that person. St. Paul says in 1COR 5:1-8 that separa-tion of a person, we call excommunication may have to be enforced if the sinner still refuses to amend their bad ways.


St. Paul reminds us today that “Love does no evil to the neighbor: hence love is the fulfillment of the law.” For with love there are no binderies. It is the ultimate language of persuasion and wisdom.

When we get involved to help, we are showing real love and concern, even though our brother or sister in Christ may not see it that way. We are acting like the Shepherd who goes out to find that lost sheep. What joy there is when a loved one or someone who has left the church comes back or repents of their sins. We all need to learn to love the sinner and hate the sin. To think of th person as lost. We need to ask God to help us to bring a sinner back to him.

We go to Church because we believe in Jesus Christ. We believe in his presence in Word and Sacrament. We need his presence in our families. We come to Church to get our spiritual batteries charged with the grace of his scriptural and sacramental presence. We come so we can have the courage to make it through another week, especially if we are called upon to stand for our faith. We go to church and obey her law’s because **we want to be prophets of love and servants of reconciliation of love.** (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 Weiand
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. 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 8:30 pm Wed Sept. 9th. 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
- St. Joseph’s, Fort Thompson:**

---We continue to have Wednesday Mass at 7:00 PM, September 9th

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

--- Thank you to all who helped and donated for the lunch and rummage sale.

--- 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**

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---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