

**Happy Birthday**

**Jul 4** – Patrick Hall, Joan Hills, Shauntehya St. John, Dalton Wells,  
**Jul 5** – Gaylyn Gravatt, Kay Isburg, Paula Touche, Nicholas Jensen  
**Jul 6** – Calvin Hawk, Charles Howe, Dawn Howe, Clark Zephier, Sonja McCauley, Tayden Jandreau  
**Jul 7** – Carlton White Mouse, Wade Werdel, Lewis Brown Jr., Tylecia Big Eagle, Haleigh Elwood, Davina Janelle Ziegler.  
**Jul 8** - Lori Bishop, Ashley Harding, Teagan Gourneau, Rylee Howe,  
**Jul 9** – Loretta Rabbit, Wes Rabbit Jr., Rhonda Spider, Terri Wind, Casey World Turner, Sharon Jennesse, Kennedy Froehlich  
**Jul 10** – Jessica Withhorn, Rayne LaRoche  
**Jul 11** – Lorna Arnoldy, Ben Knippling  
**Jul 12** – Audrey Hall, Shanise Pease, Matthew Pekarek, Rae Anna Eagle Feather  
**Jul 13** – Robert Johnson, Lucas Middelent, Leslie Sazue, Stanley Sargeant, Dalton Moore, Naida Chavez, Leonard Oligmueller, Neleigh Driving Hawk, Jude Miller

Great Plains Humor

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**Our Parish Bulletin**

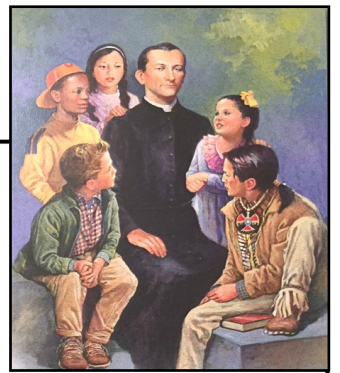
***A Ministry of the Priests of the Sacred Heart  
in South Dakota***

**14th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

05 JULY 2020



*“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” Matthew 11:28-30*



**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: 8:30 AM on Tues.,  
Thurs., and on Friday - Mass & Adoration**

**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 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

As a child growing up, many of us experience hearing comforting words from a parent, grandparent or other adult like a teacher during sad times in our lives. There is something comforting about their voice and words that give us courage to move beyond our unhappiness.

Today's readings can be about comfort and peace for our lives. In the first reading from the prophet Zechariah, we hear that we need to rejoice for a coming of a king riding on a young donkey into Jerusalem. Why be joyful? Well, it is said that this king is our savior. This passage is an obvious prediction of Jesus riding on a colt on Palm Sunday. It is also a reminder to us of the humility that Jesus had by riding on a donkey rather than some Stallion like a Roman emperor. This King then will proclaim peace to all of the nations. Fear from wars and violence will be banished. In essence this king will be one who will comfort people during their trials.

A similar message of peace, comfort, and consolation is given in today's Gospel. This reading helps us hear God's words that are meant to comfort us in our sad and unhappy times, especially as adults when we feel our lives are in turmoil and the world is collapsing all around us. We need to hear these words of encouragement often when no other voice is around us to ease our pain. These are indeed beautiful words to hear. Let us hear them again: *"Come to me, all you who labor and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble in heart, and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."*

This Gospel passage is read most frequently at funerals when we are the most vulnerable in our grief and loneliness. They are words intended to give us hope. To help us navigate through the raw emotions that we are experiencing. They are guaranteed words of Jesus that he will be with us to support and bear our sufferings and to reassure us that in the end all things will work out for the better.

As children trust and are dependent on their parents, grandparents or guardians to give comfort and protection to them, we too, who are Children of God, should have that same simple and child-like trust in Jesus. As adults, we tend to lose the ability to be inquisitive like child. We lose our hope in life when we rely on ourselves and not be dependent upon God. We need to get back that childlike quality of mind and heart.

Peace also comes when we help share the yoke or burdens of others by getting out of our own shell and help others. Psychology as prove this fact time and time again. This is perhaps one of the reasons why Jesus said today: "Take my yoke upon you... and you will find rest...for my "yoke is easy, and my burden is light." In the time of Jesus, a wooden yoke was made for one to two oxen. It allowed them to make straight burrowed lines in the field and not go crooked. The yoke had to be custom made to fit an ox so that the wood would not cause bleeding to the animal's shoulder. The ox felt less burdened then and could do their job without pain and suffering. When we understand Jesus words in this light, we should realize that we need to be humble and gentle and meek towards ourselves and others. To perhaps help lift the heaviness from other peoples lives and recognize the fact that we may be placing burdens on others.

At the end of every day, we need to be thankful. As Jesus was thankful to his Father for revealing God's love to us, we too need to be thankful for the blessings in our lives. To be thankful for the wisdom and wonder of creation. When we do this, we will have rest and our burdens in life will be light. 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  
Hattie Walking Eagle  
Chris Bear Face  
Wes Firecloud Jr.

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  
Todd McKenney

Pat Mitchell  
Kathleen Pomani  
Mike Reuman  
Della Richards  
Lance Sanders  
Clarissa Sargeant  
Stacey Shields  
Chad Strohfus  
Jody Taylor  
Alyssia Thompson  
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

---There will be Confirmation, but we have not set the date yet.

Immaculate Conception. Stephan

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

---**Wedding Anniversary: Congratulations to Ronald and Mary Hendrick for celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary on June 29th, 2020!!!**



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