

**Happy Birthday**

**May 30** – Silas Blaine Jr., James St. Cloud, Trake Cowan

**May 31** – Bridgett Harrison

**Jun 1** –Breanna Fire Cloud, Jovan Rabbit, Melvin St. John

**Jun 2** – Jim Brouse, Jeanne Smith, Jady Traversie.

**Jun 3** – Cory Chase, Evan Hawk, Cheryll LaRoche, Kamela Wilson, Taivin Fallis, Kaitlain C. Rekow

**Jun 4** – Melissa Kusser, Alan Rencountre, Leah Hall, Marita Skunk, Erica Skunk, Kara St. John, Gina Box

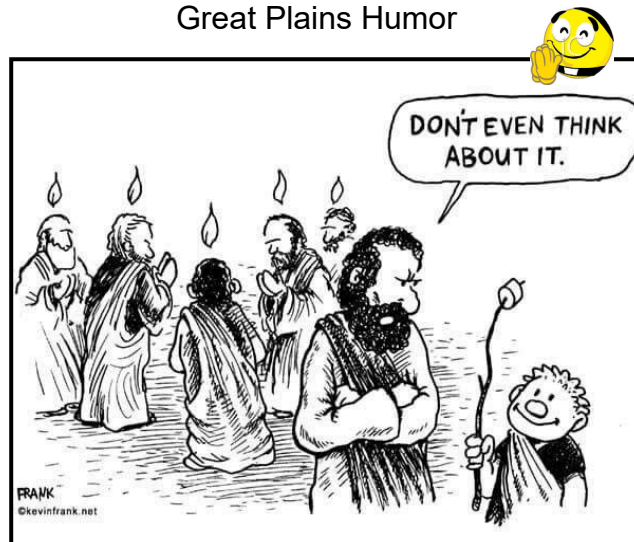
**Jun 5** –Arliss Rabbit, Albert Fallis Jr., Fr. Vincent Suparman

**Jun 6** – James Ellsworth, Beulah Duran, Paul Rabbit, Dale Red Water, Dustin Ross, Kara Estes, Karla LaRoche

**Jun 7** – Charise Abernathy, Kyle Loudner, Randee Rockwood, Bridger Ness, Megan Peters, Pheobe Fire Cloud

**Jun 8** –Kyle Thompson, Cody White Mouse, Rudy Gonzales Jr., Buster Reis, Miranda LaRae Willie

## Great Plains Humor

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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**

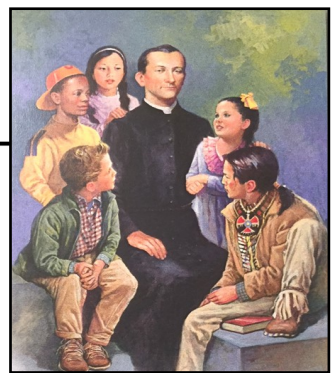
*A Ministry of the Priests of the Sacred Heart  
in South Dakota*

**Pentecost**

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And when the days of Pentecost were drawing to a close, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a violent wind coming, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them parted tongues as of fire, which settled upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in foreign tongues, even as the Holy Spirit prompted them to speak (Acts 2, 1-4).



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

**Live Streaming on Facebook page: [Catholic Plains Ministry](https://www.facebook.com/CatholicPlainsMinistry) 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**

The Mass intention is for Don Fletcher  
requested by the McKinney Family

**ST. MICHAEL'S**  
(Kennebec)

**Sunday Mass: 9:00 AM**

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

**Sunday Mass: 11:00 AM**

**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)

Mass intention for Donald Knipling  
requested by Hendrick family

**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**

Scripture Reflection

Because of the pandemic, many of us may feel as though we have been sucked into a vacuum cleaner canister full, of fear, and full of uncertainty and traumatized. Perhaps, we’re sitting around staring at the walls and not being very cheerful or motivated to sing anything joyful. The vigor for life has somewhat diminished. However, with the lifting of some quarantine restrictions, we are able to get out more often allowing some joy and energy back into our lives.

Today’s Gospel tells us that the apostles were experiencing their own fears. They all were suddenly sucked into a room full of distress after the arrest and crucifixion of Jesus. The Apostles were in isolation, self quarantine in the upper room for fear of being arrested or taken by a mob and murdered. Imagine their fear of being forced to keep themselves lock in a room with no place to go or hide? Would they live to see another day?

However, Jesus broke into their room of isolation, opened up the lid of the canister of fear and doubt and pulled them out of it by cleansing their hearts and minds by breathing upon them the Holy Spirit so they would be empowered to forgive sins in his name and be eventually sent forward to spread the good news of the Gospel. This breath of God’s love would enable them to be sent out into the world with the fury of enthusiasm once they received the fullness of the power of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost.

And speaking of Pentecost, which we celebrate today as the birth of the Church, we hear in the Acts of the Apostles, that the Apostles and others were gathered in one place ten days after the Ascension of Jesus when the Holy Spirit, like tongues of fire, rested on them. It was the Holy Spirit that enabled them to proclaim the Gospel boldly to all. And they spoke in different languages as well.

Pope Francis said this on Pentecost: “Who among us does not need a change? Particularly when we are downcast, wearied by life’s burdens, oppressed by our own weakness, at those times when it is hard to keep going and loving seems impossible.” In those moments, people need a powerful “jolt” or “reinvigoration” of the Spirit, he stated, pointing out how in the creed, Catholics profess that the Holy Spirit is the “giver of life.” “How good it would be for us each day to feel this jolt of life!” he encouraged. “To say when we wake up each morning: ‘Come, Holy Spirit, come into my heart, come into my day.’” “Without the Spirit, our Christian life unravels, lacking the love that brings everything together,” “Without the Spirit, Jesus remains a personage from the past; with the Spirit, he is a person alive in our own time. Without the Spirit, Scripture is a dead letter; with the Spirit it is a word of life,” he continued. “A Christianity without the Spirit is joy-less moralism; with the Spirit, it is life.”

Today, more than ever, we need to be pulled and drawn into the strong driving wind of the Holy spirit. Then, we need to share that experience of the Spirit with others and the gifts that we have received.

Today we celebrate the Holy Spirit that enables us to leave those upper rooms of fear and doubt. To get us off the perch where we just stare at the walls of self pity or shame of our sins. To push forward with confidence, courage and knowledge that God is still with us through all of our trials and tribulations. Today, we not only celebrate the birth of the church but our spiritual birth as well. (Fr. Mark Mastin, SCJ)

**Congratulations to all of our High School and University Graduates, especially Oakley Jandreau, Jacey Miller, Briar Schweitzer, and Baptiste Pourier. May all of you have a blessed success at the next level of your education or your career.**



Please pray for the following members of our community:



Marsha Grey Cloud	Bernadine Gingway	Pat Mitchell
Pearl Colombe	Mildred Hamiel	Kathleen Pomani
Katie Cook	Juanita Harrison	Mike Reuman
Jill Cowan	Roberta Harrison	Della Richards
Jeffery Long Crow, Sr.	Lois Hart	Lance Sanders
Dustin Deal	LaShonda Round Head	Clarissa Sargeant
Charles Divine	Ivy Head	Stacey Shields
Jenae Dunn	Vickie Husted	Chad Strohfus
Jeanie Eagle	Jerry King	Jody Taylor
Lakisha Big Eagle	Ardith Knippling	Alyssia Thompson
Theresa Big Eagle	Donald Knippling	Cora Weiand
Tom Big Eagle	Judy Kirkie	Beatrice Whiting
Hattie Walking Eagle	Sheila Kusser	Savannah Williams
Chris Bear Face	Shirley S. LaRoche	Antoinette Fast Wolf
Wes Firecloud Jr.	Marisa Lopez	Ron Wright
Phyllis Comes Flying	Todd McKenney	

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.  
---CATHOLIC FAMILY SHARING APPEAL Our Goal is \$700.00. We have received \$345.00. The remainder of our goal is \$355.00  
---We will still have the 9:30 Mass on June 14th at Fort Thompson. Based on current Tribal guidelines, we still expect to have the Corpus Christi mass at Stephan Cemetery, Sunday 14 June at 11:00 AM.  
---If anyone has rice bowls, please return them so we can send them on.

**Immaculate Conception. Stephan**  
  
---There is mass this weekend for East River residents only.  
---Based on current Tribal guidelines, we still expect to have the Corpus Christi mass at Stephan Cemetery, Sunday 14 June at 11:00 AM. The 6:00 p.m. mass on the Saturday the June 13th is still scheduled in Stephan.

**St. Catherine’s. Big Bend**  
  
---There is mass this weekend for East River residents only.  
---CATHOLIC FAMILY SHARING APPEAL. Our goal is \$200.00. We have received \$100.00. The remainder of our goal is \$100.00  
---No NOON mass on June 14th at Big Bend. Based on current Tribal guidelines, we still expect to have the Corpus Christi Mass at 11:00 AM on Sunday June 14th at the Stephan Cemetery. You are welcomed to attend.  
---If anyone has rice bowls, please return them so we can send them on.

May: Priests and Deacon Mass Schedule			
Date	Location	Priest	Time
East River			
May 16th to May 31st	Fort Thompson	Fr. Hendrik	9:30 am
May 16th to May 31st	Stephan	Fr. Hendrik	6:00 pm
May 16th to May 31st	Big Bend	Fr. Hendrik	12:00 pm
May 24th (Next: June 26th)	Preach- All 3 Parishes	Dn. Steve	All times
West River			
May 16th to May 31st	Reliance	Fr. Mark	6:00 pm
May 16th to May 31st	Kennebec	Fr. Mark	9: 00 am
May 16th to May 31st	Lower Brule	Fr. Mark	11:00 am
None for May or June	Preach- All 3 Parishes	Dn. Steve	All times