

Happy Birthday

Nov. 14 –Natecla His Law, Lance Ekberg
Nov. 15 – Dee Anne Harvey, Toni One Feather, Herb Sundall, Celeste McBride, Marlene McLaughlin, Jerrant W. Drapeau, Chase GrassRope
Nov. 16 – Ray Gonzales Jr., Clayton Grassrope, Trinity Gravatte, Theresa LaRoche, Seanda Sazue, Troy White Mouse, Kiya Rencountre
Dec 17 – Candace Bull Bear, Rebecca Crow, Julie Etzkorn, Guy St. John, Wayne Skunk, Jarryn Jerome Crazy Bull
 Cora Weiland, Julia Yellow Robe, Lee Howe, Melissa Meier, Chuck Chernotik Sr., Nataye His Law, Alayna Wilson, Candice Howe, Brett Walker Williamson, Valerie Battese
Dec 18 – Rebecca Lynn Knippling, Harper Gourneau
Dec 19 – Darren Sitting Crow, Kevin Metcalf, Sylvia Rockwood, Alvin Traversie, Terrence Etzkorn, Tracy Sazue
Dec 20 – Justin Shields, Jacob Carmody, John Kusser, Teresa Rodriguez, Austin McCauley, Vince Ann Battese
Dec 21 – Tucker Gourneau, Garret Hawk, Shawn St. John, Blair Middletent., Jeffery Kistler, Mariah Wounded Knee, Doris Ekberg, Ward Gibson
Dec 22 – Heather Fleury, Bobbi Spider, Zachery Wenzel, Ian Blaine
Dec 23 – Silas Blaine, Cody Crazy Bull



Please remember in your prayers the souls of:

R.I.P. --- Armond "Butch" Glasford , Pearl Colombe, Delbert Comes Flying, Caroline (Sam) Middletent & Jordon Steele

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Our Parish Bulletin

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

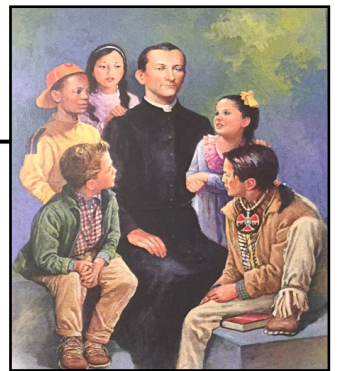
33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

15 NOVEMBER 2020

Then the one who had received the one talent came forward and said, 'Master, I knew you were a demanding person, harvesting where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter, so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground. Here it is back.'

His master said to him in reply, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter? Should you not then have put my money in the bank so that I could have got it back with interest on my return?.....

For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. (MT 25: 24-29)



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



**Pat & Marlene McGregor:
Happy 60th Diamond Anniversay:
November 12th, 2020**

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**



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.



What are you and I worth both in a monetary sense, talent, or a value sense? What would be our salary? Are you and I worth the investment for someone to hire us? Will the quality of our work output match our value? Perhaps it is not what we do that gives us worth or value or talent but rather who we are and what we do with the talent we have been given.

In today's first reading, this woman is beautifully described as a worthy wife whose value is beyond pearls. The quality of her work output far exceeds her value. Her value begins with God for she is one that fears the Lord and is to be rewarded for her labors and who will be praised for it. What she does comes from who she is---a person who is devoted to God which in turn allows her to love everyone she meets. She is authentic.

How we are seen on the outside comes from within---for good or for bad. Even if we try to hide our inner self, the real inner self eventually comes to the surface.

Today's Gospel continues to ask the question about our individual value and worth or talent and how each of man is to guard and or use those talents given to them. In the time of Jesus, a talent was a unit of weight. In essence, God is looking to invest in three men and expects them in return to live up to investing as well. What God is expecting is to see how their inner behavior or inner drive will shine forth. God has made each of these men, and us, as special individuals with our own unique gifts and talents and not all are equal. That is why one man is given five talents (coins), another two talents and to another one talent.

So, as the parable goes, the first two servants double their talents. IN terms of spiritual talents, these two servants gladly went about their business, producing an abundance of works of love and mercy---this is what "talents" mean in connection with the servants' productivity---just like the woman of the first reading.

However, the other servant, because he feared his master's wrath for not making any money, he buries the one talent. Not a good move for this man with one talent. An improper response is also, ironically, a kind of fear. Unfortunately, his fear is rooted in a false image of his master, whom he regards as harsh and demanding. In fact, while the master acknowledges that he is severe, but the master still does not accept the third servant's description of him as "demanding." What does this tell us? Well, in part, it tells us that the third servant had a false image of God as someone who is harsh if we do not live up to God's expectations. Ow many times have we felt tis way and bury ourselves into the material world of unhappiness. Unfortunately, the Master is furious buried the talent and that the third servant did not make an effort to at least invest his talent---regardless if the investment failed. This man was thrown into the darkness where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.

Wow. This sounds like a cruel and unforgiving Master. Is this parable represent who God is? Will God throw us out into the darkness if we fail to live up to the talents, he has given us? What is Jesus telling us? First, like the women in our firsts reading who had a beautiful interior that drove her to use her talents and gifts to the fullest. We have to allow Christ to invest himself into our lives. To allow him into our interior life. When we keep Christ in our lives, we in turn keep the talents and those talents tend to grow, just like the first two men's investments grew.

When the psalm says blessed are those who fear the Lord, it means to have awe and respect for God. We are entrusted to the talents we have today. For today will take care of itself if we trust in Christ. God is to be seen as generous and excited for us when we do his will. When we reach out to others to show them love, kindness and forgiveness. As in the parable, God gives each of us the freedom to use our talents as best we can. Our goal in life and at the end of life is to hear the Lord say to us, Well done my good and faithful servant, come, share in your master's joy.
(Fr. Mark Mastin, SCJ)



Please pray for the following members of our community:



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| Brett Abernathy | Tom Big Eagle | Jerry King | Lance Sanders |
| Cole Blue Brouse | Chris Bear Face. | Ardith Knippling | Clarissa Sargeant |
| Marsha Grey Cloud | Phyllis Comes Flying | Donald Knippling | Stacey Shields |
| Katie Cook | Bernadine Gingway | Sheila Kusser | Chad Strohfus |
| Jill Cowan | Fr. Tony Grossenburg. | Shirley S. LaRoche | Jody Taylor |
| Jeffery Long Crow, Sr. | Mildred Hamiel | Marisa Lopez | Alyssia Thompson |
| Dustin Deal | Juanita Harrison | Quinn Lulf | Cora Weiland |
| Charles Divine | Roberta Harrison | Todd McKenney | Beatrice Whiting |
| Jenae Dunn | Lois Hart | Pat Mitchell | Savannah Williams |
| Jeanie Eagle | LaShonda Round Head | Kathleen Pomani | Antoinette Fast Wolf |
| Lakisha Big Eagle | Vickie Husted | Mike Reuman | |
| Theresa Big Eagle | David T. Jones | Della Richards | |

All Parishes and Diocesan News

St. Joseph's, Fort Thompson:

- We continue to have Wednesday Mass at 7:00 PM, November 18th.
- Thank you to those who helped and donated for the lunch and rummage sale.
- 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

- 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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