

Happy Birthday

Oct 3 – Joshua Brouse, Fritz LaRoche, Jonathan Schaefer, Jayme Knippling
Oct 4 – Raquel Gourneau, Darrell Michalek, Mario Bortolussi, Logan Schelske, Kasiah Jo Dion
Oct 5 – Zona Big Eagle, Sharla Grassrope, JoAnn St. John
Oct 6 – Lynn Werdel
Oct 7 – Raynard Howe, Shawn Ross, Eunice St. John, Kasey Kirkie, Lilianna Ziegler, Dramaticus James Rabbit
Oct 8 – Vincent Battese, Bernice Ellsworth, Wm. C. Gallagher, Leland Skunk, Darren Joseph Moore
Oct 9 – Marcie Big Eagle, Lois Fallis, LeToy Fallis
Oct 10 – Glendon Bad Moccasin, Janelle Long Chase, LaVoyce Loudner, Royce Loudner, Nevaeh Collins, Lisa Antelope, David Abernathy
Oct 11 – Allan Thompson, Ruth Ann Johnson, Rebecca St. John, Summer Estes, Glenda Stands, Janessa & Joseph Shields Jr., Darianna & Kaylianna Shaving, Solomon Grassrope, Timothy Payson, Morgan Schelske, Jesse St. John
Oct 12 – Carol Wind, Chance Red Water, Monica Michalek, Louis Heminger, Jr.

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**Our Parish Bulletin**

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

27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

04 OCTOBER 2020



Jesus said to them, “Did you never read in the Scriptures: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes?”

Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit.” (MT 21: 42-43)



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

**Congratulations!!!
to our Confirmation Students**



There's' a Rei - son for the celebration

Keeleigh Rae Reis Elwood

Wiley Jacob Reis Elwood

Kazney Knippling

Rope John Reis

Swade Francis Reis

**Time change for October 4th ---
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

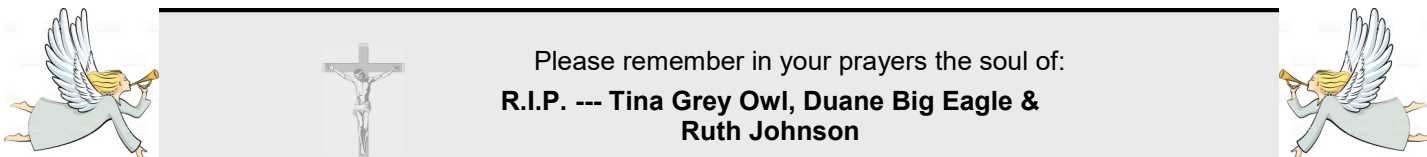
ST. MICHAEL'S
(Kennebec)

Sunday Mass: 9:00 AM

ST. MARY'S
(Lower Brule)

Sunday Mass: 11:00 AM

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



Please remember in your prayers the soul of:
**R.I.P. --- Tina Grey Owl, Duane Big Eagle &
Ruth Johnson**



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

After explaining the commandment to honor your father and mother, a Religious Education CCD teacher asked her class if there was a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters. One boy, the oldest in his family, immediately answered, “Thou shalt not kill.”

Well, in today’s Gospel, it seems like the tenants of the vineyard could not care less about obeying this commandment. This brings us to ask the question about why God make us. Or even more deeply, why does God value our life so much and what are we supposed to do with this gift we call life? God also made us to shine his goodness and have us be with him forever in Heaven. He like wise created us to know him, to love him and to serve him. The **Catechism of the Catholic Church** tells us that “... In his Son and through him, he invites us to become, in the Holy Spirit, his adopted children and thus heirs of his blessed life”.

So, what are we to do with this gift of life or how are we to act on it? Our readings today help shed some light on this. In or first reading, we hear a warning from God to the Israelites who God considers his vineyard. He says: The vineyard of the “LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished plant.” The Prophet Isaiah is telling his people that destruction will occur to them if they continue to worship false gods and remain unfaithful to God. For God is their security and not these pagan gods. In today’s Gospel, Jesus seems even harsher to the leaders of Israel and what may happen to the people of Israel if they turn away from God. If they do not bear good fruit. As with the prophet Isaiah in which the land would become barren and overgrown, Jesus tells the leaders that their life will be destroyed because they did not build up God’s Kingdom.

For Jesus, the kingdom of God belongs to those who obey God’s word. It belongs to those who do God’s will and no their own. For the tenants, they did not take the word of God to heart. In saying what he did to the religious leaders and to the people of Israel just before he was to suffer on the cross, Jesus was more intent with is warning that those who do not do the will of God and follow his commandments face a grave danger for their salvation., their very souls is jeopardized. Jesus message then turns back to us. If we were create to know, love and serve God and his creation, then we too must listen to God’s words and act upon them for the benefit of building up god’s Kingdom here on earth.

You and I are all tenants in God’s creation and for his Kingdom. All of us are given special gifts, talents and abilities that are to be used for God’s creation and for his Kingdom. We do not need college or master’s degrees to do this. We do so by conducting our lives for the benefit for God’s people. We are to be good stewards of our gifts. We are to take the good moral and ethical values of scripture and the teachings of the church and use it for the benefit of humanity and this earth. We like the tenants, are entrusted to do so. However, unlike the tenants, we are not to be rebellious to God who has given us so much. We are asked to bear good fruit and not let sin overrun the vineyard of our souls like weeds and thorns.

Someone once said that “If you want to know what the fruits of the kingdom look like then look at the life of God revealed in Jesus Christ. What do you see? Love, intimacy, mercy and forgiveness, justice, generosity, compassion, presence, wisdom, truth, healing, reconciliation, self-surrender, joy, thanksgiving, peace, obedience, humility. I’m not talking about these things as abstract ideas but as lived realities in the vineyards of our lives.”

“We’ve all been given vineyards. They are the people, relationships, circumstances and events of our lives that God has entrusted to our care. That means our spouse and marriage, children, Grandchildren, and family, our work, our church, our daily decisions and choices, our hopes, dreams, and concerns are the vineyards in which we are to reveal the presence and life of God, to produce the fruits of the kingdom. The vineyards, our work in those vineyards, and the fruit produced come together to show us to be sharers in God’s kingdom; or not.” When we do not bear fruit, then it is a sign of the rejection of God and his WORD in our daily lives. We see it in how we gossip, lie, cheat, steal, act badly of social Media, anger issues, ignore the poor, hate, guilt, abuse in the home, lack of charity towards others, etc. In essence, we become selfish unforgiving human beings. We become like the tenants who rejected every help from God to change our sinful lives and reject participating into building up the Kingdom of God.

God gave us a vineyard to till, to water, and to care for. That vineyard is our soul, the people of God and his creation. How are we caring for this vineyard? Fr. Mark Mastin, SCJ



Please pray for the following members of our community:



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| 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 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 | |

All Parishes and Diocesan News

St. Joseph’s, Fort Thompson:

- We continue to have Wednesday Mass or Communion Service at 7:00 PM, October 7th.
- Thank you to those who helped with the Parish Picnic
- The reopening of Religious education classes will begin when school starts for Crow Creek.
- 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 begin when school starts for Crow Creek.
- 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.

---Confirmation liturgy is still scheduled for October 3rd at the Saturday mass for those who attend class. Students and sponsor must show up at 5:00 PM for Rehearsal.

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			
Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	Stephan	Fr. Mark	6:00 pm
Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25	Fort Thompson	Fr. Mark	9:30 am
Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25	Big Bend	Fr. Mark	12:00 pm
October 24 & 25th Nov. 21& 22nd	Preach- All 3 Parishes	Dn. Steve	All times
West River			
Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	Reliance	Fr. Hendrik	6:00 pm
Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25	Kennebec	Fr. Hendrik	9: 00 am
Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25	Lower Brule	Fr. Hendrik	11:00 am
None for October	Preach- All 3 Parishes	Dn. Steve	All times

Great Plains Humor

