

Happy Birthday

Jun 27 – Jay Etzkorn, Tim Kusser, Donnie McManus, Deanna Sundall, Ricky Ramos, Hunter Knipping, Vilencia St. John, Arriannah Metcalf, Beverly Bruce, Kalsey Morrison

Jun 28 – Marshall Gourneau, Sterling St. Cloud

Jun 29 – Richard Fleury, Brendon Grey Owl, Rayna Johnson, Donald Knipping, Jackie Knipping, Dominique LaRoche

Jun 30 – Lucas Comes Flying, Ambrose Keeble, Julius Skunk, John Thompson, Karlene Thompson, Shaye McGhee, Tyra Small Bear, Shaye Roubideaux, Kamila Isburg

Jul 1 – Nicole Grey Owl, Dwight Rank, Drew Reuman, William Martin Jr., Marlena St. John

Jul 2 – Richard St. Cloud Jr., Adeline Skunk, Charles Yost, Marcey Urban, Delfreda Lecompte

Jul 3 – Pam Comes Flying, David Williams Jr., Brenden Estes, Precious Metcalf, Jack Miller, Liam Jandreau, Kimimila Fallis

Jul 4 – Patrick Hall, Joan Hills, Shauntehya St. John, Dalton Wells,

Jul 5 – Gaylyn Gravatt, Kay Isburg, Paula Touche,

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Our Parish Bulletin

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

13th Sunday of Ordinary Time

28 JUNE 2020

**The Cost of Discipleship**

Jesus said to his apostles: "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me."

Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. "Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me. (MT 10: 37-40)



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

Happy Fourth of July

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**



Please remember in your prayers the souls of:

**R.I.P. --- Ivy Head, Debbie Attakai, Willard
Voice, & Russell Obago**



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 grown 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

When we have a strong dedicated relationship with our parents and or spouse, it is easy to love and obey and keep fidelity with them. A parent at one point realizes that life is about the child now and will give up their own life to save or protect that child. As time goes own, the reverse can and should happen, Children have obligation then to love, obey and protect their parents as they get older.

Even the 5th commandment says we must honor our mother and father. Jesus would have likely taught this commandment to children. So, why then does Jesus seem to contradict the propriety of the 5th commandment and the natural bonds that parents and children have. Is Jesus telling his disciples that they must completely sever ties with family members? Is Jesus harsh, hostile, or indifferent or uncaring towards the family unit?

The answer of course is no. Jesus, like any good rabbi or teacher of his day, used exaggerated statements called hyperbole to dramatically get across his messages. Today, he wants to reiterate that God is to come first in our lives above any other allegiance to family or friends. We are to prioritize our worship of him and not of the world. If we want to have life eternal, we must choose Christ. So, who ever receives Jesus, receives God. As Jesus said last week, who ever acknowledges me in front of others will be acknowledges by Jesus in front of the father.

As in Jesus time, which is true today, the world can be a hostile place. People care more about their lives and could care less about religion, faith or even going to heaven. We call this attitude: indifference. Our secular world, which you can now see in the TV media and Social media like twitter and Facebook, think of us Christians as some passing fad. Amusing. In some cases, many people are deeply hostile to us and attack us Christians by vicious words on the internet and in public. It is now imbedded in politics. When was the last time you heard a politician stand up for their faith?

Such people are now redefining what life and death is. Some states now call assisted suicide, the right to die with dignity. That it is a natural right do die anyway you want. They point out that Jesus was just a nice man who said good moral and ethical things. That Jesus was like all other type of prophet or religious leader---let alone being a divine person. But Jesus is seeking in us a change. To have him come first in our lives means that we truly understand that he is to be the source of life. If we understand the truth of his words, then all relationships with family and friends is actually made stronger because we are following his ways and not the ways of society. That the meaning of love is magnified

Being a disciple of Jesus is to be a key part of our lives. It will cost us something. Following Jesus also means that we are to be merciful towards others. The motto in the Chaplaincy Corps is for God and For Country. In other words, God comes first, and all other things will fit nicely after that.

In any race, we want to come in first. If so, why would we want Jesus to come in second place in the race of life? We worship God and not the Government. Our Patriotism to our country has its limits. America tries to continue to be a great country respecting religion. However, it will fail and die if we are not vigilant with placing God first. Next Saturday, we celebrate the 4th of July—a time for relaxation, family and friends. I pray that those who have suffered during these last few months can try to be thankful for the freedoms we have and realize the uniqueness of this country—With God, we can resolve our problems. So, set some time for Prayer with Christ this holiday.

Finally, while you are at it, enjoy a hot dog and a hamburger and your favorite brew, but remember Jesus words, "Whoever loves beer and burgers more than me...is not worthy of me and will lose his life." Not exactly, but you get the idea: "Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." (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.
---CATHOLIC FAMILY SHARING APPEAL Our Goal is \$700.00. We have received \$345.00. The remainder of our goal is \$355.00. Thank you to all who have donated to this appeal.
---If anyone has rice bowls, please return them so we can send them on.
---There will be Confirmation, but we have not set the date yet.
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Immaculate Conception. Stephan

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

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 \$110.00. The remainder of our goal is \$90.00. thank you to all who have donated to this appeal.

June: Priests and Deacon Mass Schedule			
Date	Location	Priest	Time
East River			
June 7, 14, 21, 28	Fort Thompson	Fr. Hendrik	9:30 am
June 6, 13, 20, 27	Stephan	Fr. Hendrik	6:00 pm
June 7, 14, 21, 28	Big Bend	Fr. Hendrik	12:00 pm
June 27th & 28th	Preach- All 3 Parishes	Dn. Steve	All times
West River			
June 6, 13, 20, 27	Reliance	Fr. Mark	6:00 pm
June 7, 14, 21, 28	Kennebec	Fr. Mark	9: 00 am
June 7, 14, 21, 28	Lower Brule	Fr. Mark	11:00 am
None for June	Preach- All 3 Parishes	Dn. Steve	All times