

Happy Birthday

Nov. 7 – Isaiah Bad Moccasin, John Bird, Mathew Long Crow, Whitney McGhee, Theresa Jandreau

Nov. 8 –Weldon Comes Flying, Tim Knippling, Mary Hendricks, Patrick McGregor

Nov. 9 – Jenny Colombe, Jennifer Fogg, Jonathan Thompson, Jalyann Dawn Eagle, Titan Blaine Gourneau

Nov. 10 – Jill Brouse, Maycee Beth Ness

Nov. 11 –Jody Dunn, Boyd Gourneau, Johnathan St. John, Ed Howe, Dara & Kalder Ness, Shanna St.

Cloud, Terry Jandreau, Ashleigh Walking Bull, Daylon Grassrope,

Nov. 12 – Carla Michalek, Gabriel Grassrope, Kenneth Goodlow, Erica Donner, Mya Knippling, Innocent Yellow Robe

Nov. 13 – Darren Fallis, Enola Sazue, Allison Schelske, Cole Urban

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

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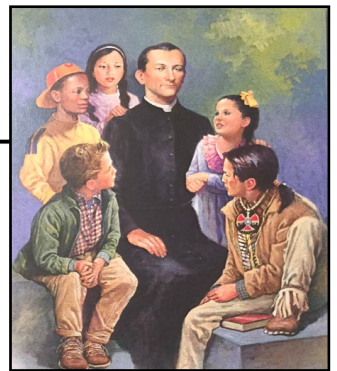
West River Bishop (Rapid City): **Most Rev. Peter Muhich**

Our Parish Bulletin

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

32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

08 NOVEMBER 2020



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



Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. (MT 25:1-2)



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. --- Sandy His Law



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 we come to the end of our Liturgical year in four weeks and the end of our calendar in December, it is time to take stock in how our spiritual lives improved or perhaps need improvement for the coming year. We all like to observe time. We mark down birthdays, anniversaries of weddings and loss of a loved one. However, we tend not to mark down how have we awakened our heart and minds to God and treating our neighbors kindly and mercifully during this past year. Have we used the gift of time that God has given us to live our daily lives in such a way that we are prepared to meet God when we are to die?

The Greek Poet Horace, who lived 40 years before Christ, coined the phrase, *carpe diem, quam minimum credula postero*, which is often translated as "Seize or pluck the day, put very little trust in tomorrow (the future)". This Latin phrase that comes from one of his poems, tell us that the future is unknown, and we cannot see it. From this insight, we get the modern phrase, eat, drink and be merry.

Nearly at the same time period, we here of another the ancient Greek writer, Seneca, write: "*It is not that we have so little time, but that we have wasted so much of it.*" So true for today. How much time do we waste on social media, playing video games or watching TV? St. Paul who wrote to Greek Christians, centuries later in Ephesus says: "*Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men (and women) but as wise making the most of the time.*" (Ephesians 5: 15ff).

Our readings today give us a sense of how we should use our time wisely. For we should not leave to chance our future happenings, but rather one should do all one can today to make one's own present and future better. For those of us who are on our earthly journey to Jesus, seizing the day means to awaken our hearts. To live today for the Lord because we do not know the time that we must leave this earth. Our Catholic liturgical year follows a recurring cycle and theme. It directs us toward beginnings and ends and, in doing so, emphasizes an important truth that can only be grasped through faith. For every end is a beginning.

The Gospel today is reminding us then that staying awake does not literally mean not getting sleep. It is a metaphor for us to awaken our entire being to Jesus in our lives. Christ invites us to begin anew. He invites us to is earthly banquet at the Eucharist and is inviting to be ready to accept his invitation to the heavenly banquet. To see the spiritual sunrise of him everyday. This Gospel is also giving us a sense or taste of anticipated joy at joining Jesus in the heavenly wedding banquet which is the image of eternal life. The wedding banquet highlights eternal life as that state in which the deepest hunger and thirst in our lives will be satisfied, especially the hunger and thirst for love, for God who is love. Our psalm today reflects this feeling when it says: "My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God."

The Jewish tradition and belief in an afterlife varied. Some believed that people went to Sheol where people could neither know God nor praise him. Others thought that one just dies, and the afterlife is only how people remember you. The Pharisees did believe in the afterlife and the Sadducees did not. Regardless of ones' Jewish afterlife belief, a Jew tried to live each day to the fullest—the eat, drink and be merry philosophy. However, God wants us to believe that there is life after death. Instead of eating, drinking and being merry in a careless and unholy way each day, we are to eat his flesh and drink his blood at the Eucharist where our merriment and happiness truly exists. To seize the day by growing deeper in our relationship with Christ.

We do need seize the day by living in the present moment. By doing so, it allows us to pause and to be aware of how God is moving in our life and observing others in our life. This attitude, in part, is what Jesus meant by staying awake. It is what Paul meant as well when he says today, thus, we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore, console one another with these words" --- which describe the hope in the resurrection and life with Christ when we die. For Jesus wants us to be like the wise virgins who had sufficient holy oil in their spiritual lamps that were lit and ready to see the face of God in the Kingdom of the heavenly banquet. (Fr. Mark Mastin, SCJ)



Please pray for the following members of our community:



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	

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St. Joseph's, Fort Thompson:

--- We continue to have Wednesday Mass at 7:00 PM, November 11th.
---Next lunch and rummage sale - Fri. Nov. 13th
---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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