

Happy Birthday

Aug 1 – Danny Archambeau, Jacob Brouse, Ben Janis, Cedric Miller, Emerald Plenty Chief
Aug 2 – Lee Gourneau III, Jamie Fallis, Dawna Gravatt, Lila Red Thomahawk, Heather Goodlow, Loretta Hawk
Aug 3 – Scarlett Drapeau, Diane Fleury, Rose Flood.
Aug 4 – Madeline Big Eagle, Tara St. Cloud, Aaron Schindler, Kiersten Wilson, Alayne Daly, Damien His Law, Riddik Big Eagle, Maraya Brouse, Easton Red Bear
Aug 5 – Nelson Touch, Lilly Jandreau, Patrick Cowan, Justice Big Eagle
Aug 6 – Cole Brouse, Norma Big Eagle, Donald Binder, T.J. Metcalf, Theresa Obago, Joshua Donner, Ireland Hyde
Aug 7 – Teresa Big Eagle, Wade Yost, Chev Hackett, Emmitt Houchin, Chadwick Harrison, Martha McCauley
Aug 8 – Martina Big Eagle, Kiara Fire Cloud, Audonne Duran, Jashaun St. John, Leon Etzkorn, Melissa Michale, Liam McManus
Aug 9 – Lindsey Grey Owl, Deb Hall, Precious Long Crow, Tom Perry
Aug 10 – James Big Eagle, Wesley Fire Cloud Jr., Jessie Rockwood, Aaron Box

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**Our Parish Bulletin**

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

18th Sunday of Ordinary Time

02 AUGUST 2020



Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up the fragments left over— twelve wicker baskets full. Those who ate were about five thousand men, not counting women and children (MT 14: 21)



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

Congratulations to our Confirmation Students

**Beginning August 9th, Live Streaming will start at 9:30 AM on Sundays
Please visit us on Facebook page: [Catholic Plains Ministry](https://www.facebook.com/CatholicPlainsMinistry)**

**Mass locations, days and times
(Reconciliation 30 minutes before or after mass)**

ST. MARY'S
(Reliance)

Saturday Mass: 6:00 PM
Mass intention is for Quinn Lulf;
requested by the Ekberg family

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: Suspended until further notice

**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



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

From the beginning of our birth through our teenage years, we depend upon our parents to feed us, cloth us and to guide us. We also hope that through this process of life our spiritual needs will be nourished and teach us to become dependent upon God for our every need as well. And, when we get much older, we once again will now depend on either our children or nursing care to feed us, cloth us, and guide us.

However, as the saying goes: “You cannot give what you do not have.” Parents know this so well when children keep asking them for the latest toy, clothes, tech gadget or cell phone, or for candy in the snack isle of a store. Similarly, a parent cannot give any spiritual help if they themselves do not have it to give. On the other hand, Parents know that when they brought children into the world or into their homes, they no longer had the comfort of being concerned only with their own physical or spiritual lives—there is a sacrifice that they must make for the sake of their children or grandchildren.

Jesus must have experienced this same struggle to be nourished physically, emotionally, psychologically and above all else spiritually from his family and his community—not just in his life but in the lives of others in his community. When he saw the crowd hungry, he had pity on them for he knew that they had not just physical hunger but spiritual hunger as well. In essence, today’s gospel message is about all of us hungering for and depending upon the divine help and power of God to feed our souls and to satisfy our desires. Likewise, we are to help others find that same satisfaction---just like he told his disciples to go and feed the people themselves---we are to find a way to make it happen. It may not happen dramatically as occurred in this miracle of feeding thousands of people, but God in his way will help us make it happen perhaps in a smaller and yet meaningful way.

How can we help? Well, there is no shortage of physical or material poverty, hunger, injustice, oppression, families struggling, or overall hopelessness. Jesus was determined to help and make a difference and do so with LOVE as the keyway to accomplish this goal. He too needed to eventually rely on God to satisfy his spiritual thirst and hunger. Riches or having one’s belly satisfied could only temporarily fulfill their longings, but not their immediate spiritual longings.

Jesus knew that we hunger for the spiritual, as well as needing divine help to deal with serious issues in life. He could have said in today’s Gospel something less compassionate: Jesus could have instructed the Twelve to go to the crowd and tell them that he had just heard some bad news about his cousin John the Baptist being murdered and wasn’t feeling too well. He could have said: ‘Go tell the crowd to come back in a few days so I can have some time alone? To chill out and mourn. He could have also listened to the disciples and tell them to go find their own food.

However, Jesus did not do this. He knew how too common it is for us to simply give up rather than to do what they can while invoking God’s assistance. How often have we heard someone say, after a first feeble attempt, "There, I told you it wouldn’t work?" Or see, ‘I told you God would not help.’

God is concerned about the totality of our lives, but he desires to direct us towards our spiritual destiny. We must ask ourselves, what really nourishes us and sustains us? Junk food from social media and obsessive internet trolling, shopping online or at shopping malls. We Americans are well fed when it comes to our stomachs and sadly most of what we eat is non-nutritional Junk food. We thirst for the wrong things---money, overt pleasure. Many people thirst for the wrong type of empty short-term love, or fake friends on the internet. These individuals seek a life of meaninglessness, and not finding true value. Many drown their sorrowful loneliness in booze, small talk, and superficial encounters on-line.

Today, let you and I seek to be nourished on the bread of life of the Eucharist to satisfy our craved souls. And may this constant desire always allow us to trust and depend upon the divine help and power of God for all of our needs and the needs of others. (Fr. Mark Mastin, SCJ).



Please pray for the following members of our community:

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

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
---Mass Intention for Quinn Lulf, requested by the Ekberg Family
---Fr. Fr Mark will be putting out emails regarding restarting confirmation classes. Confirmation mass is still scheduled for October 3rd.

St. Michael’s, Kennebec:

---Our Parish is open

St. Joseph’s, Fort Thompson:

---Congratulations to our St. Joseph’s - Crow Creek Confirmation students: Aaliyah Long Chase, Arliss Long Chase, Precious Long Chase, Orlando Big Eagle, Inez Traverasie, Zoey Iron Cloud, Lee Wounded Knee, RaeAuna Eagle Feather, Silas Dion, Anthea Isburg!

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

---We continue to have Wednesday Mass at 7:00 PM---Next mass on Aug. 5th.

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.
---No summer camp this summer.

August: Priests and Deacon Mass Schedule			
Date	Location	Priest	Time
East River			
Aug. 8, 15, 22, 29	Stephan	Fr. Mark	6:00 pm
Aug. 9, 16, 23, 30	Fort Thompson	Fr. Mark	9:30 am
Aug. 9, 16, 23, 30	Big Bend	Fr. Mark	12:00 pm
None for Aug.	Preach- All 3 Parishes	Dn. Steve	All times
West River			
Aug. 8, 15, 22, 29	Reliance	Fr. Hendrik	6:00 pm
Aug. 9, 16, 23, 30	Kennebec	Fr. Hendrik	9: 00 am
Aug. 9, 16, 23, 30	Lower Brule	Fr. Hendrik	11:00 am
Aug. 22 & 23	Preach- All 3 Parishes	Dn. Steve	All times