

Happy Birthday

May 23 – Augustine Ellsworth, Jaxon Augustine
May 24 – Sterling Drapeau, Jordan Blaine Gourneau, Fedelia Skunk, Irene Skunk, Raegan Arnoldy, Mel Dean Rank, Randall Meyer
May 25 – Sylvester Dion, Thomas Thompson Jr., Cassidy Brouse, Logan Cowan, Rosilee Grey Owl
May 26 – Dustin Walking Bull, Whitney Knippling, Mavis McGhee, Taylor Schaefer, Melray Grey Owl, Brady Jandreau, Teresa His Law, Rowen Werdel
May 27 – Julie Van Matre, Lora Lee Abraham
May 28 – Beatrice Whiting, Corey Lee Bishop Jr., Silas Dion, Christopher Johnson Jr., Rylee Rogers
May 29 – Clayton Etzkorn, Chris LaRoche, Ruth Ann McManus, Marcus Rabbit, Harold Drapeau III, Evelyn Rencountre, Annalese Crazy Bear, Peyton R. Schmitz
May 30 – Silas Blaine Jr., James St. Cloud, Trake Cowan
May 31 – Bridgett Harrison
Jun 1 – Breanna Fire Cloud, Jovan Rabbit, Melvin St. John
Jun 2 – Jim Brouse, Jeanne Smith, Jadyn Traversie.

Prairie Humor

As he was leaving his church on Sunday, a priest saw three of his parishioners fishing and they had obviously skipped mass. So the priest said to them in a scolding manner, "Don't you want to go to heaven?" Two of the men said "sure we do." But the third replied, "No father." "What's the matter the priest said? You mean you don't want to go to heaven when you die?" "Oh, yes, of course when I die!" I thought you were getting up a crowd to go now."

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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.

**Our Parish Bulletin**

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

7th Sunday of Easter

24 MAY 2020



After Jesus had been taken up to heaven the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away.... All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer, together with some women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. (Acts 1: 12, 14)



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

Happy Memorial Day

**Let us remember and honor the men and women who died
while serving in the U.S. military**



Live Streaming on Facebook page: [Catholic Plains Ministry](https://www.facebook.com/CatholicPlainsMinistry) 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

**Weekday Mass: 8:30 AM on Tues.,
Thurs., and on Friday - Mass & Adoration**

**IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION**
(Stephan)

**Per Tribal orders, All masses are to be
cancelled this weekend.**

No Saturday Mass: 6:00 PM

(Year round time)

Mass intention for Donald Knippling

ST. JOSEPH'S
(Ft. Thompson)

**Per Tribal orders, All masses are to be
cancelled this weekend.**

NO Sunday Mass: 9:30 AM

NO Weekday Mass: WED. 7:00 PM

ST. CATHERINE'S
(Big Bend)

**Per Tribal orders, All masses are to be
cancelled this weekend.**

No Sunday Mass: 12:00 NOON

Scripture Reflection

In today’s Gospel, we hear what is called “the priestly prayer” of Jesus at the last supper before he is crucified. Here, Jesus gives glory to God, affirms his intimate union and relationship with God, and prays for his disciples who will have to face a world that may not be so kind to them as they spread the Gospel message. Jesus speaks of eternal life, which implies a better place will be waiting for his disciples. This prayer is to give them reassurance that he will be with them while they continue his mission to reconcile the world to God, or in other words, to reconcile heaven and earth---since it was the sin of Adam and Eve that ruptured that intimate relationship. To reconcile us with God. To remind us that we have a future world to be part of---the metaphysical world heaven. The word “meta” can refer to the word “beyond”, and hence---- the meaning---- beyond the physical.

Jesus ascension into heaven reminds us of our hope and desire for the afterlife and union with God. A life in which our physical bodies will be transformed into a spiritual glorified body at the last judgment just as Jesus had after the resurrection and at his Ascension.

For just before the last judgement the church teaches us: “that every spiritual soul “is immortal: It does not perish when it separates from the body at death, and our earthly bodies will be reunited with the body at the final Resurrection.” One theologian put it another way “In heaven, this harmony will be completely restored. The Church teaches that the bodies of the saints will have the qualities of bright translucency, known as clarity; the ability to transport itself anywhere, or agility; the inability to suffer pain, or impassibility.

The transition from this life to the afterlife is just that. Death does not end for the soul but changes for the better. For the Jews of Jesus’s time, heaven is the realm of God and that heaven and earth touch each other, which is the right way to think. In the Our Father—we ask as on earth as it is in heaven. we do not ask God to deliver us from the earth as though the earth was bad. Or deliver us from our bad bodies. Jews believed that earth and heaven come together. That God will reign here on earth as he does in heaven.

Because of the Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus, our physical bodies will one day be united with our souls. They will be transfigured like Jesus. If you recall the meetings that Jesus had with his disciples and others immediately after the resurrection, his appearance was somewhat different—people saw him still human and yet changed. We can see this in parts of the Gospels when he first appeared to the apostles who thought he was a Ghost. He asked one of the women not to touch him or with the men going to Emmaus who could not recognize him until they had the Eucharistic meal with him. When Jesus ascended, the Disciples saw a transfigured glorified body, The Ascension, or our own death, is not about the soul escaping from the body. Resurrection is about transfiguration or elevation of our former body into a new spiritual being. Something that we all should look forward too.

Let us, while we are still in the world of our present existence, hope for and desire that we will live in the world of heaven someday. There, to be joined forever with our God in glorified bodies like Christ. Let us, like the apostles who went to pray in the upper room after the ascension, continue to pray and participate in worshipping God at mass where heaven and earth come together. Joined with the Angels and saints. Then, after mass, may we go forward to bring that piece of heaven to others who are in most need of our care and of our assistance. Mass, worship, and prayer is how we share in God’s life while living on this earth. Like Jesus, it is how we give glory to God and how we prepare our souls for heaven.---Fr. Mark

Congratulations to all of our High School and University Graduates, especially Oakley Jandreau, Jacey Miller and Baptiste Pourier. May all of you have a blessed success at the next level of your education or your career.



Please pray for the following members of our community:



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

All Parishes and Diocesan News

St. Mary’s, Lower Brule:

---If you have not done so, please pick up a copy of our distancing guidelines before you leave the church

St. Mary’s, Reliance:

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St. Michael’s, Kennebec:

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St. Joseph’s, Fort Thompson:

---CANCELLED: MASS ON MAY 24TH PER ORDER OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL. This is a weekend by weekend decision. We will advise weekly.
---CATHOLIC FAMILY SHARING APPEAL Our Goal is \$700.00. We have received \$345.00. The remainder of our goal is \$355.00
---We will still have the 9:30 Mass on June 14th at Fort Thompson. We also have the Corpus Christi mass at Stephan Cemetery, Sunday 14 June at 11:00 AM.
---If anyone has rice bowls, please return them so we can send them on.

Immaculate Conception. Stephan

---CANCELLED: MASS ON MAY 24TH PER ORDER OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL. This is a weekend by weekend decision. We will advise weekly.
---Corpus Christi mass at Stephan Cemetery, Sunday 14 June at 11:00 AM. The 6:00 p.m. mass on the Saturday the June 13th is still scheduled.

St. Catherine’s. Big Bend

---CANCELLED: MASS ON MAY 24TH PER ORDER OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL. This is a weekend by weekend decision. We will advise weekly.
---CATHOLIC FAMILY SHARING APPEAL. Our goal is \$200.00. We have received \$100.00. The remainder of our goal is \$100.00
---No NOON mass on June 14th at Big Bend. You are welcomed to attend the Corpus Christi mass at the Stephan Cemetery, Sunday 14 June at 11:00 AM
---If anyone has rice bowls, please return them so we can send them on.

May: Priests and Deacon Mass Schedule			
Date	Location	Priest	Time
East River			
May 16th to May 31st	Fort Thompson	Fr. Hendrik	9:30 am
May 16th to May 31st	Stephan	Fr. Hendrik	6:00 pm
May 16th to May 31st	Big Bend	Fr. Hendrik	12:00 pm
May 24th (Next: June 26th)	Preach- All 3 Parishes	Dn. Steve	All times
West River			
May 16th to May 31st	Reliance	Fr. Mark	6:00 pm
May 16th to May 31st	Kennebec	Fr. Mark	9: 00 am
May 16th to May 31st	Lower Brule	Fr. Mark	11:00 am
None for May or June	Preach- All 3 Parishes	Dn. Steve	All times