



**June 14, 2020** **Volume 73, No. 22**

Mass Schedule Please note: Reconciliation Saturday 7:00 – 7:15 AM Saturday 3:30 – 3:45 PM; Missions 20 minutes before Mass; or call the office for appointment.

<b>Monday</b>	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Zeno Erdle For rain and protection from storms
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Katherine Sticka
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Dorothy Miller
<b>Thursday</b>	7:30 AM	Richardton	++Bob & Marge Buresh
<b>Friday</b>	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Ralph Boespflug
<b>Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup></b>	7:30 AM	Richardton	+++Gordon, Gladys & Darel Lacher
	4:00 PM	Richardton	+Carter Erdle
	7:00 PM	St. Thomas	Dave Sickler Family
<b>Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup></b>	8:00 AM	St. Stephen	
	10:00AM	Richardton	PARISHES

**Mass Schedule and Ministers: Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>**

<b>Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup></b>	4:00 PM	<b>Lector:</b> Ben Bohn
	Richardton	
	7:00 PM	<b>Lector:</b> Jerry Haich
	St. Thomas	
<b>Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup></b>	8:00 AM	<b>Lector:</b> John Haas
	St. Stephen	
	10:00 AM	<b>Lector:</b> Lea Floberg
	Richardton	

<b>Collections for June 7, 2020</b>	<b>St. Mary</b>	<b>St. Stephen</b>	<b>St. Thomas</b>
Adults	2361.00	600.00	550.00
Plate	94.00	190.00	5.00
Children			
<b>Total</b>	<b>2455.00</b>	<b>790.00</b>	<b>555.00</b>

**WELCOME!**

**Thank you for joining us today in worship. We hope you will return often. If you are new to our faith or community and want to join our parish, please contact the parish office at 974-3569.**

### ST. MARY PARISH

**IT'S HERE:** the 800# cast iron bell from the former St. Peter Church in Taylor has been donated to us by Roger and Joan Zimmerman. Roger's grandfather (Marcus, Sr.) purchased the bell back in about 1924 for the church and it has been in his back yard since the church was closed and re-purposed. We're happy to have this piece of history in our possession. You can see the bell just south of the cemetery chapel. Thanks Roger and Joan, Amber Waves for building the new stand and KC's for delivery and placement, esp. Mark & Zach Rummel, Lenny Hueske & Dale Hauck.

**YOU MIGHT HAVE NOTICED:** some work at the cemetery. We will soon be placing granite pillars to mark the entrance. These were made possible entirely by private donations. I have put on the bulletin board in the church entrance a primitive rendering of what the entrance will look like when completed. It is a blend of our heritage with part of the "Hail Mary" in English and German, stylish crosses found on old graves and some gold high lights. I look at this project as a way to mark the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary (in 2021) of the founding of our parish. We are most grateful to the donors for their generosity in funding this project. We will also look to replace the front fence from east to west at some point.

**THANK YOU!** to all those who came to Monday morning Mass to pray for rain and protection from storms. We will continue to have this Mass intention on Mondays.

**KC MEETING:** Knight of the Month: +Ron Frederick; Family of the Month: Mark & Suzy Rummel; Not present to win the \$50 drawing: Jay Kuntz

### ST. STEPHEN PARISH

**PARISH PICNIC:** we will hold off making a decision about the annual July parish picnic. Since you are good at quickly organizing we can have the picnic on short notice if it comes to that.

**THANKS:** to the crew that showed up to mow the cemetery and grounds this past week.

### ST. THOMAS PARISH

**THANKS:** Joan for keeping the church supplied with fresh flowers; your efforts and the beauty are appreciated.

**PARISH PICNIC:** we will hold off making a decision about the annual August parish picnic. We can easily put one together on short notice.

### ALL THREE PARISHES

**PLEASE REMEMBER:** that all flowers, lights, decorations, etc. are to be removed from graves 2 weeks after Memorial Day, which means this week. You have all been very good about this in the past so I appreciate your continued cooperation. The decorations look so nice at Memorial Day time but they begin to blow loose or break after these recent winds and they wreak havoc with mowers and weed eaters, not to mention the extra effort to manipulate around. Again, thanks for your cooperation in keeping our cemeteries neat and orderly☺

**PARISH WEBSITE:** is very near completion thanks to Adam Bohn. This means the Bulletin will also soon be available on line. Thanks for your patience; so far the website looks very good and worth the wait.

**PLEASE BE ADVISED:** the office hours are still reduced these days, so be sure to call ahead if you need to see Pam or Fr. Thomas.

**MASSES:** Note well: "the dispensation from the obligation to attend and participate at Mass on Sunday and Holy Days remains in effect until further notice for all who may be hesitant or afraid at this time to be in larger gatherings.... If you or anyone in your household is sick in any way or is one of the more vulnerable groups of persons at a higher risk of contracting the COVID-19, please stay at home until such time as you or that person is able to return to Church for Mass." Further, "what we understand as 'social distancing' must be strictly kept by all priests, deacons and lay faithful at all times in all liturgical and sacramental settings."

**Family households may sit together in 1 pew and all other persons must maintain social distancing; from front to back, in every Church every other pew is to be left empty.**

**Only the Precious Body will be distributed and is to be received in the hand only.**

**Only ordained clergy are to distribute Holy Communion; no Eucharistic Ministers. Social distancing is to be maintained as you come forward to receive Holy Communion.**

**Lectors are to be used, but no servers.**

**No Sign of Peace. No gathering before or after Mass. Use your own hand sanitizer if you wish. If possible, the parish will make some available upon entering.**

**No Offertory procession but a basket will be used for people to drop their offerings when they come or leave Mass.**

**Your continued patience and cooperation for your own welfare and that of others is appreciated.**

**PLEASE PRAY:** for those who are *seriously ill, terminally ill or in immediate concern:* Inez Hamann, Dennise Miller, Cindy Wolla, Margaret Wiegenda, Ray Fettig, Mary Ann Hoff, Chuck Hoff, Joan Zimmerman, Leo Stein, Katie Thomas Kautzman, all those dealing with various cancers, those dealing with the Corona Virus in any way and those responding to the needs in our communities brought about by the virus.

**GREAT PLAINS FOOD BANK:** Thanks to the volunteers who helped distribute the foods; I am proud of St. Mary for taking on this work of charity to feed the hungry and that St. Thomas has a free food bank and St. Stephen is helping the Mott food bank. This the Gospel in action right here and right now! "Lord, when did we see you...?"

**ST. CLEMENT ORATORY OF HAYMARSH:** Will be celebrating the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ on Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> @1:00 PM CST. The celebrant will be Fr. Thomas Grafsgaard. The Oratory will follow the directives from the Diocese of Bismarck in regard to the COVID-19 outbreak.

**RCIA CLASSES:** These weekly classes are intended for adults who wish to investigate entering the Catholic Church (with no obligation to join) and others who may want to learn more about our Catholic faith. (I did not offer it last year as there was no interest.) It is a commitment to meet weekly from September to Easter so begin to think about it and pray about it. Contact the office (974 3569) if you are already interested. I will offer a different class if there is no interest in Rite of Christian Initiation for Addults.

**REMINDER:** If you are sick or not feeling well, please refrain from attending Mass. While some things may be relaxing a bit, we still need to be cautious and conscientious of the health of others.

**FROM THE PASTOR:**

Given how dry we have been I am adding the intention for rain and protection from storms to our Monday morning Mass. Thanks to those who are so faithful to daily Mass either everyday or even once or twice a week; your presence is much appreciated.

As we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (for us older folks, *Corpus Christi*) it is a good opportunity for us to reflect on the power and presence of the Eucharist in our lives. For sure, the past 3 months have been an opportunity for us to experience 1<sup>st</sup> hand a life without the Eucharist and Mass. So many of you have expressed gratitude to be able once again to attend Mass and receive the Body of Christ... "It just isn't the same on TV!" What I hear in that comment is an acknowledgement of the "Real Presence" of the Body and Blood of Christ. What we receive at Mass is real, not a symbol or representation. The Real Presence is the Word of God proclaimed in Scripture; it is the Body of Christ present in the gathering ("Where 2 or 3 are gathered in my name...") and it is Holy Communion. What a gift God has given us! The reality of the Real Presence is that we are never alone, and never far from God's presence if we but ask. "Oh Lord I am not worthy" but thank you for coming to me anyway. "I believe, help my unbelief!"

Blessings to all our fathers next Sunday, Father's Day. We pray for them, living and dead; we ask God to bless them to be the good, upright, faithful and faith-filled men God calls them to be; may their good example inspire and guide their children and spouse in the faith.

If you are uncertain about what to do with your church envelope you can put it in another envelope and put it in the mail (332 2<sup>nd</sup> St. North Richardton, ND 58652), or drop it by the office. "Thanks so much" to those of you who are already doing this; it helps us a lot.

Keep in prayer our business people these days and for weather conducive to planting and growing. We're all in this together!

Finally, A 94 yr. old lady died leaving very specific instructions for her funeral. She picked out the Bible readings and songs and in her own handwriting were orders: "There will be no male pallbearers. Since they wouldn't take me out when I was alive, I don't want them to take me out when I'm dead!"

Have a wonderful week of blessings and may we all get wet from rain...

Fr. Thomas, OSB

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**June 14 Most Holy Body & Blood of Jesus Sunday (Corpus Christi)**

**Haymarsh Mass @ 1:00 PM CST**

**June 19 Sacred Heart of Jesus (Friday)**

**June 21 Father's Day**

**July 3 1<sup>st</sup> Friday and Adoration @ St. Mary 8:00-9:00 am**

**July 18 Katie Kautzman Medical Benefit @ Mott**

**July 25 Steiner/Olson Wedding: 1:30 @ St. Mary**

**July 26 Christian Mothers Banquet @ St. Mary?**