



June 21, 2020 **Volume 73, No. 23**

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.		
Monday	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Nick Rehling For rain and protection from storms
Tuesday	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Living & Deceased Christian Mothers & K of C For those dealing with cancer
Wednesday	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Valentine Messer
Thursday	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Gladys Lacher
Friday	7:30 AM	Richardton	++Anton & Emma Kostelecky
Saturday, June 27th	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Linda Haag
	4:00 PM	Richardton	+Living & Deceased Christian Mothers & K
	7:00 PM	St. Stephen	of C ++Paul J. & Helen Hauck
Sunday, June 28th	8:00 AM	St. Thomas	PARISHES
	10:00AM	Richardton	+Ralph & Beatrice Messer

Mass Schedule and Ministers: Saturday, June 27th & Sunday, June 28th

Saturday, June 27th	4:00 PM	Lector: Susan Cook
	Richardton	
	7:00 PM	Lector: Bridget Greff
	St. Stephen	
Sunday, June 28th	8:00 AM	Lector: Cliff Weiler
	St. Thomas	
	10:00 AM	Lector: Joy Kitzan
	Richardton	

Collections for June 14, 2020	St. Mary	St. Stephen	St. Thomas
Adults	1845.00	200.00	257.00
Plate	111.95	121.00	51.00
Children			
Total	1956.95	321.00	308.00

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

OUR SYMPATHY: to the family of Gladys Melchior who was buried from St. Mary on Saturday. May the angels lead her to paradise and the Good Shepherd comfort her loved ones.

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 125th 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 come to Monday morning Mass to pray for rain and protection from storms. **We seem to have lots of people dealing with various cancers and other serious illnesses so for the time being we'll have that as an intention for the Tuesday morning Mass.**

AT THIS TIME: we plan to hold our Fall Chicken Dinner on the 1st Sunday of October (October 4) as in the past. If the virus situation does not clear up, we will still have the Raffle; thanks for your generous donations and support of both events.

SOCIAL CENTER WINDOWS: Later this fall we will replace 18 windows on the north end of the 2nd floor of the Social Center. These windows are close to 55 years old and are in the area containing the Parish Offices, a classroom and the Rel. Ed rooms. The windows leak heat pretty badly, no longer hold paint and some no longer open/shut. We have been supplementing the heat in the office and classroom with space heaters—not very efficient. The Bishop has given us permission to do this project as part of the maintenance/upkeep of the building.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PICNIC: Is scheduled for Sunday, June 28th at the Richardton Swimming Pool Park. The social will begin at 2:00 PM and food will be served at 4:30 PM. All food and beverages will be provided. The invitation is extended to the K of C members and their families as well as spouses of deceased members.

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS BANQUET: Has been postponed until further notice.

ST. STEPHEN PARISH

ST. THOMAS PARISH

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

THANKS: to Philip & Betty Knaup who keep the cemetery mowed and trimmed so nicely. Your efforts are appreciated.

ALL THREE PARISHES

PLEASE REMEMBER: that all flowers, lights, decorations, etc. are to be removed from graves 2 weeks after Memorial Day (May 25). 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 the weeds/grass grow up around them 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. *What ever remains past this weekend will be removed on Monday.*

PARISH WEBSITE: is up and running! It can be found at www.stmaryrichardton.com. The weekly bulletin is included on the website. Many thanks to Adam Bohn for taking on this project.

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 may be received either in the hand or on the tongue.

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. Only 1 server is allowed and servers under 18 yrs of age must have written permission from parents to serve.

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.

Other guests may now attend Weddings and Funerals, maintaining social distancing. Vigil Services and Visitation are allowed in the funeral homes only; no funeral luncheons in parish facilities at this time.

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 Wiegler, Ray Fettig, Mary Ann Hoff, Chuck Hoff, Joan Zimmerman, Leo Stein, Katie Thomas Kautzman, all those dealing with various cancers, those dealing with CO-VID19 in any way and those responding to the needs in our communities brought about by the virus.

A SPECIAL SHOUT OUT TO: all the volunteers who keep our ambulance service going and the fire departments on call. While we don't like to use their services, we are sure glad we have them when we need them!

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 Adults.

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:

With Pentecost on May 31 we began Ordinary Time. However we have had 2 Solemnities (Trinity and Body & Blood of Christ) on the Sundays since then. This weekend we wear green vestments marking Ordinary Time, meaning the Sundays and weeks are “ordered” by number, this Sunday/week being the 12th in Ordinary Time. We will conclude Ordinary Time with the 34th week, marked by the Sunday celebration of Christ the King, November 22. Then Advent begins...where has the summer gone?!

Given how dry we have been I am adding the intention for rain and protection from storms to our Monday morning Mass. We also seem to have lots of people dealing with various cancers and other serious illnesses so for the time being we'll have that as an intention for the Tuesday morning Mass. Thanks to those who are so faithful to daily Mass either everyday or even once or twice a week; your presence and prayers are much appreciated.

Blessings to all our fathers on Father's Day! Thank you for the ways you promote faith, love, respect and Catholic family values. May God strengthen you in your role as a Christian father. Let your example of faith and love shine forth to your family and may your children honor you with a spirit of respect and love not just on Father's Day, but everyday.

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 2nd 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, Our Gen-X daughter, Christi, made my husband a Father's Day card entitled, “Things my Dad Would Never Say.” It included things such as, “Can you turn up that music?” “Go ahead and take my truck. Here's 50 bucks for gas.” “I LOVE your tattoo. We should both get new ones.” “Here, you take the remote.”

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

Fr. Thomas, OSB

UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 21 Father's Day; Thanks Dads!

June 28 St. Mary Knights of Columbus picnic @ 2:00 PM

July 3 1st 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