



July 5, 2020 **Volume 73, No. 25**

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	+++Gordon, Gladys & Darel Lacher For rain and protection from storms
Tuesday	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Linda Haag For those dealing with cancer
	10:00 AM	Health Center	+Elaine Reis
Wednesday	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Dorothy Miller
Thursday	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Paul J. Hauck
Friday	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Rosalyn Rixen
Saturday,	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Veronica Quintus
July 11th	4:00 PM	Richardton	++Joe & Frieda Klein
	7:00 PM	St. Stephen	PARISHES
Sunday,	8:00 AM	St. Thomas	+ Karen Wolf
July 12th	10:00AM	Richardton	+Phillip Messer

Mass Schedule and Ministers: Saturday, July 11th & Sunday, July 12th

Saturday,	4:00 PM	Lector: Elizabeth Bohn
July 11th	Richardton	
	7:00 PM	Lector: Mike Greff
	St. Stephen	
Sunday,	8:00 AM	Lector: Tina Meyer
July	St. Thomas	
12th	10:00 AM	Lector: Genie Kelley
	Richardton	

Collections for June 28, 2020	St. Mary	St. Stephen	St. Thomas
Adults	1405.00	268.00	167.00
Plate	180.93	20.00	12.00
Children			
Total	1585.93	288.00	179.00

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.

CEMETERY ENTRANCE: The granite pillars were placed June 25. Black Hills Monument (Belle Fourche, SD) along with Allied Monument (Dickinson) partnered for the project and installation. It only took about 2 1/2 hrs. to place all 4 and then to do the engraving of donors. This project was made possible entirely by private donations. Remember them with a prayer of gratitude, please. You will notice part of the “Hail Mary” in English and German, in honor of our patroness and the German heritage of our founding parishioners. I look at this project as one way to mark the 125th anniversary (in 2021) of our parish. At some point we will look to replace the front fence from east to west to complete the new look. I can’t say thank you enough to God for the generosity of the donors. By way of interest, the 2 larger pillars each weigh 5000 lbs and crosses atop 300 lbs.

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS: your donations for the annual Raffle are much appreciated! The deadline for the donations is July 31; contact Gladys Goetz @ 974-3755. The Raffle is held at the Fall Chicken Dinner, October 4.

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.**

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: Thanks to all the KC’s for hosting the picnic; great company, nice weather and delicious food and a good time was had by all!

RICHARDTON HEALTH CENTER MASS: will resume Tuesday, July 7 **for residents only** so we will continue the regular 7:30 AM Mass at St. Mary for the time being.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Monday, July 6 marks the 110th anniversary of the dedication and consecration of our Abbey/Parish church. It was a historic celebration and well attended by parishioners from Sts. Mary, Stephen and Elizabeth, many from the latter walking here. We continue to thank God for this blessing and for the donors who made the renewal possible 20 years ago, already.

ST. STEPHEN PARISH

THANKS: for working together and with the St. Vincent, Mott KC’s to sponsor the medical benefit for Katie Kautzman and family. May God bless your efforts with success!

KC MEETING: Monday, July 6. 7:30 rosary and 8:00 meeting.

HELP!! All parishioners are asked to provide 1 large pan of bars for the Kautzman Benefit.

ST. THOMAS PARISH

WELCOME: to new parishioners, Sonya & Gary Earl! I know you will introduce yourself to them and welcome them to our parish family. Sonya works in the dietary

department. at St. Ben's.

ALL THREE PARISHES

PARISH WEBSITE: is up and running! It can be found at www.stmaryrichardton.com. The weekly bulletin is included on the website and is normally posted on Mondays. 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: *“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. The parish will make some available at the entrance.

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.

PARISH DIRECTORY: the pandemic has put a glitch in the Directory but LifeTouch has been in contact with us and sent us a copy to proofread so something is happening. Remember that if you had your picture taken you get a free Directory. If you submitted a photo *and paid \$10* you will also get a book. *Hopefully,* we will receive the books in a short while.

“A HISTORY IN RECORDS”: is available for purchase. It is a history of the Baptismal, Marriage and Death registers of Sts. Mary, Stephen, Thomas and Philipp parishes from their founding. Thanks to Lisa Sickler, Marianne Hoffmann, Kayla Zent and Pam Aman who spent many hours going through the registers to compile the information and making corrections and Adam Bohn for doing the formatting. It is over 100 pages in length and available for \$20 at the office or after Masses.

REL. ED/CCD: teachers are needed for the Fall. Please contact Michelle Tormaschy 290-6995 if you are interested. Several grade levels are available and even team teaching is an option. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to pass on our faith to the youth—even if you are not from St. Mary Parish.

TRAVEL OPPORTUNITY: 10 day pilgrimage to the Holy Land September 20-29 with Msgr. Chad Gion. \$4489/person. Contact Marianne Hoffmann (St. Thomas) for details.

FROM THE PASTOR:

“Gracious and loving God, let your Spirit be with us and our country as we celebrate our independence. Hear our prayers and increase in us the will to follow your Son, Jesus. Help us to call upon our faith as we use the gifts of democracy to shape a society more respectful of the life, dignity and rights of all people, especially the poor and weak. We ask this through Jesus, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.”

We will continue the intention for rain and protection from storms at Monday morning Mass. If rain comes we will say “Thank You.” 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.

Occasionally, some of you ask about the ringing of the bells before Mass at St. Mary. There are 3 bells in the west tower that are rung by hand: Mary (ca. 1800 lbs), Joseph (ca. 1000 lbs) and Benedict (ca. 500 lbs.) On Solemnities we ring all 3 bells to announce that something is special. On Sundays in Ordinary Time we ring Mary for sure and possibly Joseph. The bells were “baptized” with Holy Water, anointed with Holy Oil and named when they were installed over 100 yrs. ago. While this is an ancient practice of the Catholic Church, not all bells are named. To my knowledge the 2 bells at St. Stephen are not named, I’m not sure about the St. Thomas bell—I can’t quite read the inscription. Bells serve to announce, toll the passing of a soul, remind us of the passing of time and call us to prayer. And when they are heard ringing throughout the town I hope they remind people to pray.

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 (332nd 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.

Finally, a woman noticed her husband standing on the bathroom scale, sucking in his stomach. “Ha! That’s not going to help,” she said. “Sure it is,” he said. “It’s the only way I can see the numbers.”

Look for the blessings in life, and give thanks to God...

Fr. Thomas, OSB

UPCOMING EVENTS:

July 6	St. Stephen KC 7:30 Rosary & 8:00 meeting
July 9	St. Mary KC?
July 11	Feast of St. Benedict
July 12	St. Thomas KC?
July 18	Katie Kautzman Medical Benefit @ Mott
July 25	Steiner/Olson Wedding: 1:30 @ St. Mary

