



**July 12, 2020** **Volume 73, No. 26**

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	+Karen Wolf For those dealing with cancer
	10:00 AM	Health Center	+Lynn Greenshields
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:30 AM	Richardton	++Bob & Marge Buresh
<b>Thursday</b>	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Albert Kostelecky
<b>Friday</b>	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Mike Feller
<b>Saturday,</b>	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Ralph Boespflug
<b>July 18<sup>th</sup></b>	4:00 PM	Richardton	++ Paul & Eleanor Hoff
	7:00 PM	St. Thomas	+Lena Naumann
<b>Sunday,</b>	8:00 AM	St. Stephen	+Robert Messmer
<b>July 19<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00AM	Richardton	PARISHES

**Mass Schedule and Ministers: Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>**

<b>Saturday,</b>	4:00 PM	<b>Lector:</b> Adam Bohn
<b>July 18<sup>th</sup></b>	Richardton	
	7:00 PM	<b>Lector:</b> Lisa Sickler
	St. Thomas	
<b>Sunday,</b>	8:00 AM	<b>Lector:</b> Gabby Messer
<b>July</b>	St. Stephen	
<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 AM	<b>Lector:</b> Pat Dassinger
	Richardton	

<b>Collections for July 5, 2020</b>	<b>St. Mary</b>	<b>St. Stephen</b>	<b>St. Thomas</b>
Adults	1860.00	270.00	268.00
Plate	104.00	105.00	16.00
Children			
Total	1964.00	375.00	284.00

**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:** Thanks to the KC's who put up the new flag pole at the cemetery entrance. It was funded by a grant from the Richardton Endowment and an out-of-state donor. I hope that one day or evening soon we can have a short ceremony to dedicate the pole and the entrance. And special thanks to Harvey Baer who faithfully takes care of the flags.

**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.**

**RICHARDTON HEALTH CENTER MASS:** is for residents only so we will continue the regular 7:30 AM Mass at St. Mary for the time being. It is nice to be able to celebrate the Mass for the residents.

**KC MEETING:** Knight of the Month: Josh Reisenauer. Family of the Month: Justin & Nancy Hoff. Present to win the \$50 Council Drawing: Jason Kostelecky.

**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!

**HELP!!** All parishioners are asked to supply 1 large pan of bars for the Kautzman Benefit. PLEASE have them there in advance of 5:00 pm so they can be prepared. If you are not able to do this please give them to someone who can bring them early. Thanks everyone!

**ST. THOMAS PARISH**

**OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS:** go out to the family of Craig Kubas at this time. Craig's brain tumor condition has gotten worse. At this writing he is still alive but nearing death.

## ALL THREE PARISHES

**PARISH WEBSITE:** is up and running! It can be found at [www.stmaryrichardton.com](http://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.

**MEDICAL BENEFIT:** for Katie Thomas Kautzman is Saturday, July 18 at the Mott fairgrounds. Please support this benefit in any way you can. Katie is the mother of 4 very young daughters, wife of Tanner and diagnosed with Stage 4 colorectal cancer. 3:00 Social and 5:00 deep fried turkey supper, 7:00 live auction. Posters in the churches give more details. Thank you!

**FARMERS TO FAMILIES DISTRIBUTION:** is a new, short term USDA program in response to COVID-19, which helps farmers and suppliers get their food into the hands of families who need it. Great Plains Food Bank is coordinating drive-thru distributions of pre-boxed high quality produce throughout North Dakota. There will be a distribution in Dickinson on Thursday, July 16 at the Biesiot Activities Center (DSU) from 3:00 – 6:00 PM.

**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:**

Saturday was the feast of St. Benedict, founder of the Benedictines; Assumption Abbey follows the *RULE OF ST. BENEDICT* written over 1500 years ago. The Benedictines are among the oldest Religious Orders in the Catholic Church. Everyone who lives in a Benedictine Monastery or Abbey for men is a monk. Some monks are ordained to serve as priests so they celebrate the Mass and Sacraments. Monks who are not ordained are Brothers. On Saturday, Novice Stephen professed his 1<sup>st</sup> Vows (Obedience, Stability and Conversion of Life) and received a new name. Since this Bulletin is prepared before that Mass, I do not know his new name. But we wish him well, pray for his continued journey in learning God’s will in his life and pray for vocations to our community.

We will continue the intention for rain and protection from storms at Monday morning Mass. If rain comes we will say “Thank You.” We remain so grateful too, that hail has avoided us. 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.

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.

Finally...it was grandma and grandpa’s 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, and all day long the house had been buzzing with relatives and friends offering congratulations. The whole thing tired out the guests of honor. Toward evening, Grandma and Grandpa were taking advantage of the quiet in the parlor. “Martha,” said Grandpa reflectively, “I’m proud of you.” “What’s that, Pa?” she said. “You know I can’t hear you without my hearing aid.” Grandpa replied, “I said I’m proud of you.” “That’s all right,” she murmured. “I’m tired of you, too.”

Stay healthy and grateful for God’s blessings!

Fr. Thomas, OSB

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- July 12 St. Thomas KC?
- July 18 Katie Kautzman Medical Benefit @ Mott starts @ 3:00
- July 25 Steiner/Olson Wedding: 1:30 @ St. Mary
- Aug. 3 St. Stephen KC 7:30 rosary; 8:00 mtg.
- Aug. 9 St. Thomas KC 7:00 mtg.
- Aug. 13 St. Mary KC 7:30 Rosary; 8:00 mtg.
- Aug. 15 Assumption of Mary into Heaven; feast day of Assumption Abbey

**Aug. 16** St. Stephen, King of Hungary feast day of St. Stephen Parish

**Aug. 30** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosary following 10:00 St. Mary Mass

**Sept. 12/13** God's Share Weekend (postponed from May)

**Oct. 4** St. Mary Chicken Dinner & Raffle