



July 19, 2020 **Volume 73, No. 27**

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	+Special Intention For rain and protection from storms
Tuesday	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Alfred Dassinger For those dealing with cancer
	10:00 AM	Health Center	+Nick Rehling
Wednesday	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Edwin Kadrmass
Thursday	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Joe Hammerschmidt
Friday	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Phillip Messer
Saturday,	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Eugenia Messer
July 25th	4:00 PM	Richardton	+Eva Baer
	7:00 PM	St. Stephen	+Salmina Greff
Sunday,	8:00 AM	St. Thomas	PARISHES
July 26th	10:00AM	Richardton	+Jim Miller

Mass Schedule and Ministers: Saturday, July 25th & Sunday, July 26th

Saturday,	4:00 PM	Lector: Ben Bohn
July 25th	Richardton	August Ushers: Cary Lacher, Tim Cook, Ron Hoff
	7:00 PM	Lector: Kayla Zent
	St. Stephen	August Ushers: Curt Naumann, Brian Scholz
Sunday,	8:00 AM	Lector: Jerry Haich
July	St. Thomas	August Ushers: Jerry Haich, Pat Meyer
26th	10:00 AM	Lector: Jack Wyckoff
	Richardton	August Ushers: Jim Staudinger, Dale Dassinger, Volunteer

Collections for July 12, 2020	St. Mary	St. Stephen	St. Thomas
Adults	3015.00	300.00	292.00
Plate	344.34	115.00	6.00
Children			
Total	3859.34	415.00	298.00

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. *Our thanks go out to Lenny Hueske and his helper for trenching in a water line to the new south and east sections of the cemetery this past week.*

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; and all of you who also come to Tuesday Mass to pray for our sick in a special way. My heart swells with pride to see so many of you coming together from all 3 parishes to pray for our common needs...truly the Body of Christ working together!

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.

CONGRATULATIONS: to Roger & Joan (Forster) Zimmerman as they celebrate 65 yrs. of marriage July 19. May God continue to bless them and their remaining years together, and thank you, Roger and Joan, for sticking it out "in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health and for richer and for poorer."

ST. STEPHEN PARISH

THANKS: for all the hard work for a very good cause: the Kautzman Medical Benefit. God bless all of you for your works of charity!

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 but as of this writing he is holding his own. The family is not in need of anything at this time but appreciates your continued prayers.

PARISH PICNIC: mark your calendars for Sunday, Aug. 9 for our annual Parish Picnic to be held at the city park. Mass will be at 10:00 at the church followed by the picnic. Please bring a salad or dessert; the rest will be supplied.

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, Cindy Wolla, Margaret Wiegler, Ray Fettig, Craig Kubas, 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.

THANK YOU: Many thanks from Dennise Miller for the outpour of prayers and well wishes for a successful surgery. She is recovering nicely and sincerely appreciates the support of the church community.

RICHARDTON-TAYLOR BLOOD DRIVE: Will be held on Thursday, July 30 from 1:30 – 6:00 PM at the American Legion in Richardton. The Gladstone Knights of Columbus are the sponsors.. For appointments please contact Judy Roll at 701-974-3438 or online at www.bloodhero.com. Sponsor code: Richardton.

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:

We 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.

Looking ahead, since the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven (Aug. 15) falls on a Saturday it is *not* a Holy Day of Obligation this year. We will have the Mass at St. Mary at the usual 7:30 am.

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.

Finally... Why do fish swim in saltwater? Because pepper makes them sneeze!

Stay healthy and grateful for God’s blessings!

Fr. Thomas, OSB

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- July 25 Steiner/Olson Wedding: 1:30 @ St. Mary
- July 30 Richardton-Taylor Blood Drive, American Legion in Richardton 1:30 – 6:00 PM
- Aug. 3 St. Stephen KC 7:30 Rosary; 8:00 mtg.
- Aug. 9 St. Thomas Parish Picnic @ 10:00 AM
- 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
8:00 am Dukart Baptism @ St. Stephen
- Aug. 30 5th 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

