



August 2, 2020

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| 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 | ++Albert & Rose Hoff & Family For Rain and Protection From Storms |
| Tuesday | 7:30 AM | Richardton | +Dorothy Miller For Those Dealing With Cancer |
| Wednesday | 7:30 AM | Richardton | ++Sebastian & Ann Fettig & Family |
| Thursday | 7:30 AM | Richardton | +Mary Hammerschmidt |
| Friday | 7:30 AM | Richardton | +Paul Krush (1 st Friday Adoration 8:00 – 9:00 AM) |
| Saturday, | 7:30 AM | Richardton | +Dorothy Miller |
| August 8th | 4:00 PM | Richardton | +Robert Schmalenberger |
| | 7:00 PM | St. Stephen | PARISHES |
| Sunday, | 8:00 AM | St. Thomas | +Paul Meyer |
| August 9th | 10:00AM | Richardton | +For a Good Harvest |

Mass Schedule and Ministers: Saturday, August 8th & Sunday, August 9th

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| Saturday, | 4:00 PM | Lector: Scott Bohn |
| August 8th | Richardton | |
| | 7:00 PM | Lector: Bridget Greff |
| | St. Stephen | |
| Sunday, | 8:00 AM | Lector: Cliff Weiler |
| August 9th | St. Thomas | |
| | 10:00 AM | Lector: Marla Hoff |
| | Richardton | |

| Collections for July 26, 2020 | St. Mary | St. Stephen | St. Thomas |
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| Adults | 1249.00 | 255.00 | 142.00 |
| Plate | 112.00 | 62.00 | |
| Children | | | |
| Total | 1361.00 | 317.00 | 142.00 |

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.

ATTENTION CHRISTIAN MOTHERS: Please bring donated items to the annual bake sale scheduled for August 8th at the Richardton Senior Center prior to 10:00 AM. Call Gladys Goetz with questions @ 974-3755.

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!

THANKS: to those who organized and helped with the food distribution on Thursday afternoon at the Social Center. I am pleased that St. Mary Parish helps perform this Corporal Work of Mercy to feed the poor and hungry.

ST. STEPHEN PARISH

CHURCH BELLS: about 4 years ago the Verdin Bell Company was in the area and inspected the bells at all 3 parishes. They complimented us on our 2 bells but also cautioned that the wheels were in very bad shape—understandable since they are unpainted wood and exposed to weather for over 100 years. They strongly urged us to replace the wheels as soon as possible because they are on the verge of breaking, (one being held together by wire). In short: the bell rope is attached to a wheel which is attached to the bell yoke (frame). When the rope is pulled, the wheel turns enough for the bell to swing making the clapper inside the bell hit the inside rim of the bell and thus ring. Jerry Haich will be making the wheels for our 2 bells. I might suggest that we not let our kids pull on the ropes and swing back up because of the pressure it puts on the wheel. *I know it is fun for the kids but in the interest of them possibly being injured and/or breaking the wheel it seems we should exercise this precaution. Thanks.*

ST. THOMAS PARISH

PARISH PICNIC: Sunday, Aug. 9 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. See you there!

OUR SYMPATHY: to the family of Mary Haich, especially Jerry. Mary died on Monday. May she rest in peace and the Good Shepherd console her loved ones.

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.

PLEASE BE ADVISED: the office hours remain 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, Mary Ann Hoff, Chuck Hoff, Joan Zimmerman, Leo Stein, Katie Thomas Kautzman, Troy Hoff, and 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 UPDATE: Pam called LifeTouch this week because we have not heard from them regarding our Directory. They apologize because the Directory cannot be printed at this time—their publishing facility is closed due to COVID-19. They will notify us once printing can be resumed. Thanks for your patience. 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.

“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. It is over 100 pages in length and available for \$20 at the office or after weekend 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. 701 260 1591

RCIA CLASSES: These classes, designed for those who are considering joining the Catholic Church or who want to discover more about the Church will begin in September and continue till Easter. Classes meet weekly for 60-90 minutes at a mutually agreed upon time. Please call the office if you are interested 974 3569.

REMINDER: We have nice Sympathy & Christmas cards available for sale at the Parish Office.

FROM THE PASTOR:

Thank you to all of you who continue to take care of things at all 3 parishes. “Somehow” the music happens, the laundry is done, plants and flowers cared for, candles replenished, floors and pews cleaned, lawns and cemeteries mowed, flags changed, the Mass readings proclaimed, garbage emptied, etc., etc., etc. What would we do without each other?? THANK YOU!

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 as usual at 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.

Please be mindful that we need to continue to follow social distancing. I know it is difficult especially with the recent deaths and funerals but we do need to protect each other. There are still too many unknowns about the transmission to let our guard down.

Finally... One summer night during a violent thunderstorm a mother was tucking her little boy into bed. She was about to turn off the light when he asked in a scared voice, “Mom will you sleep with me tonight?” The mother smiled and gave him a reassuring hug. “I can’t Tommy,” she said. “I have to sleep in daddy’s room.” A long silence was broken at last by a shaky little voice saying, “The big sissy.”

Give thanks to God for your many blessings...

Fr. Thomas, OSB

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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)

