



August 23, 2020 **Volume 73, No. 32**

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	++Leona Hoff For Rain and Protection From Storms
Tuesday	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Karen Wolf For Those Dealing With Cancer
Wednesday	7:30 AM	Richardton	++Bob & Marge Buresh
Thursday	7:30 AM	Richardton	+John Hoff
Friday	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Gladys Lacher
Saturday,	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Paul J. Hauck
August 29th	4:00 PM	Richardton	++Frank & Esther Wehner
	7:00 PM	St. Thomas	PARISHES
Sunday,	8:00 AM	St. Stephen	+Gaite Gebhardt
August 30th	10:00AM	Richardton	+Dorothy Miller

Mass Schedule and Ministers: Saturday, August 29th & Sunday, August 30th

Saturday,	4:00 PM	Lector: Susan Cook
August 29th	Richardton	
	7:00 PM	Lector: Lisa Sickler
	St. Thomas	
Sunday,	8:00 AM	Lector: Kayla Zent
August 30th	St. Stephen	
	10:00 AM	Lector: Mark Rummel
	Richardton	

Collections for August 16, 2020	St. Mary	St. Stephen	St. Thomas
Adults	1091.00	345.00	309.00
Plate	63.00	151.00	
Total	1154.00	496.00	309.00

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.

ST MARY CHICKEN DINNER: In consultation with the Finance and Parish Councils, given the restrictions from the Diocese and State, and peoples' need to be cautious and careful we will not host the Chicken Dinner this year. I believe the Dinner was started in the 1940's so this is probably the first time in over 70 years that we have had to cancel. However, we will still hold the Raffle and will need everyone's effort to buy/sell and turn in the ticket stubs and money. The tickets remain at \$1 each and I just know we can sell 10,000 tickets. We have in the past so I thank you so much for your cooperation and efforts!

RAFFLE TICKET ENVELOPES: are available at the church entrance. Please take your ticket envelope and thank you for buying/selling your tickets – we have more available at the office. Thank you Kathy Hueske for once again securing donations for the raffle and to the donors who support our parish. Once again we have attractive prizes.

3rd SUNDAY ROSARY: next Sunday after the 10:00 Mass. Please join us and the KC's in praying for our families and holy, healthy family life in our society. Those who do not wish to join us are invited to visit outside so as not to disturb the praying.

ST. STEPHEN PARISH

CONGRATULATIONS & WELCOME: to Hesston William Dukart (Dustin & Megan) who is baptized into our faith and parish this weekend. May our good example and prayers help Dustin and Megan in their efforts to be good Catholic parents.

CHURCH BELLS: Thanks to Jerry Haich & Tim Messer who installed the new wheels for ringing the bells. We used them last weekend at Mass and they work well. I would invite us to not let our little kids hang and pull on the ropes to avoid possible injury to the kids and the wheels...we want them to last 100 years (and the kids too!).

COFFEE AND ROLLS: at this point it appears that we cannot hold this event. Diocesan regulations forbid social gatherings, food/meals on parish property. It is sad but that is the reality for now.

ST. THOMAS PARISH

OUR SYMPATHIES: to the family of Keith Wolf who was buried from St. Joseph in Dickinson on Thursday. May the angels lead him to paradise and the Good Shepard console his loved ones.

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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:* Monte Dominguez, 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.

FARMERS TO FAMILIES FOOD DISTRIBUTION: The next (F2F) food distribution of pre-boxed produce is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 27th at St. Mary Social Center from 4:00 – 5:00 PM. This is a drive-thru dispersal and is intended for everyone.

BIBLE STUDY: The 10-week session entitled Exodus: Called to Freedom will begin on Wed. September 9th @ 1:30 PM at St. Mary Religious Ed Room or can be done online at home. Please contact Colleen Hutchinson @974-3982 or Marilyn Lacher @590-2605 if you are planning to join. The book cost is approximately \$29.00 and will be ordered by Sept. 1st so please contact them prior to that date to ensure materials will arrive on time.

MEDICAL BENEFIT: for Monte Dominquez, 12 years old and 7th grader at Richardton, who has a serious leg infection which is requiring hospitalization in Fargo for 1-2 weeks and a couple more surgeries. Dad & Mom (Arnie & Stacey) are both without insurance. Your kindness and generosity are greatly appreciated at any Dakota Community Bank location or mail to PO Box 214, Richardton, ND 58652. Monte has been a St. Mary server for a couple of years.

THANK YOU: The Kautzman & Thomas families would like to thank everyone who helped with the benefit for Katie Thomas Kautzman. Heartfelt thanks to those who worked tirelessly to prepare and serve the food and to all who donated bars. Big thank you to all who donated to the auction and came to eat. Words cannot express our deep gratitude to the Knights of Columbus, Christian Mothers and surrounding communities. Last not least, thanks to everyone for your continued thoughts and prayers. It means so much to us to be part of such a wonderful, caring community.

“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. Books are available by mail for \$23.00; make checks payable to: St. Mary Parish.

FROM THE PASTOR:

Bishop Kagan is allowing the collection to be taken up at the Offertory as in the past IF a parish has long handled baskets. Beginning the 1st weekend in September we will resume this practice at St. Mary and St. Stephen which have the long handled baskets. **Ushers need to sanitize their hands before taking up the collection.** *We will continue what we are currently doing at St. Thomas, which only has baskets that are passed around.* We will keep the baskets at all parishes for the time being in case some of you are not comfortable with the ushers/baskets.

If you haven't already, you will soon be receiving your 2020 God's Share Appeal information. I would invite your continued generous financial support of the Diocese, as in the past. All parishes benefit from this annual collection, especially through grants received, services (annulments, consultations, advising) programming, materials, etc. The Diocese relies on our generosity in order to function.

Recently Joy Kitzan and I worked on the 2020-2021 budget. This is always a guessing game trying to predict income and expenses for a year. However, I am reminded to once again say “THANK YOU” for your continued parish support despite the challenging economic situations of the past six months. We have been able to keep up with our expenses. This coming fiscal year will most likely be a challenge too but I thank God for you who give back to God and your parish a portion of your blessings. God Bless you all and my sincere “Thank You” and remembrance at Mass.

Sweet corn will be made available by Casey & Candace Hoff at the farm of Cal & Julie Hoff. IT will be ready for picking by the end of August. Please call Casey @ 290-6844 or Julie @ 290-6845 to arrange an appointment and bring your own bags or boxes. A free will offering from you will go to support Badlands Youth Ministries. Thank you for your generosity!

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... a balanced diet is a cookie in each hand! God bless you and keep you healthy!

Fr. Thomas, OSB

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Aug. 22 7:00 pm Dukart Baptism @ St. Stephen
- Aug. 30 5th Sunday Rosary following 10:00 St. Mary Mass
- Sept. 7 K of C meeting @ St. Stephens
- Sept. 7-10 Fall Clergy Conference @ Medora; Fr. Thomas attending
- Sept. 9 Bible Study @ 1:30 PM – St. Mary Religious Ed Room

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

Oct. 4 St. Mary Chicken Dinner & Raffle