



September 13, 2020 **Volume 73, No. 35**

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	+Zeno Erdle For Rain and Protection From Storms
Tuesday	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Frieda Klein For Those Dealing With Cancer
Wednesday	7:30 AM	Richardton	++Adam & Melani Hauck
Thursday	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Valentine Kostelecky
Friday	7:30AM	Richardton	+Gladys Lacher
Saturday,	7:30AM	Richardton	+Alfred Dassinger
September	4:00 PM	Richardton	++John & Clementine Loran
19th	7:00 PM	St. Thomas	+Emil Wiegler
Sunday,	8:00 AM	St. Stephen	+Ray Fettig
September	10:00AM	Richardton	PARISHES
20th			

Mass Schedule and Ministers Saturday, September 19th & Sunday, September 20th			
Saturday,	4:00 PM	Lector: Ben Bohn	
September	Richardton		
19th	7:00 PM	Lector: Cliff Weiler	
	St. Thomas		
Sunday,	8:00 AM	Lector: Bridget Greff	
September 20th	St. Stephen		
	10:00 AM	Lector: Jack Wyckoff	
	Richardton		

Collections for September 6, 2020	St. Mary	St. Stephen	St. Thomas
Adults	2370.00	230.00	152.00
Plate	111.00	172.00	15.00
Children			
Total	2481.00	402.00	167.00

Welcome!
 Thank you for joining us today in worship; we hope you will return often. If you are new to our faith community and want to join our parish, please call our 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 1st time in over 70 yrs. that we have had to cancel. L 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! **Please, please, please we need to have you turn in your ticket stubs and money as soon as you can and before the drawing on Oct. 4...see below.**

RAFFLE TICKET DEADLINE: Please turn in your raffle tickets and money by September 30th. They can be put into a marked envelope and dropped in the collection basket at Mass, dropped off at the church office or at Bobbie Fandrich's house. The drawing will be held on Sunday, Oct. 4th @ 3:00 PM at the Social Center. There will be someone available at the Social Center after Mass on Oct. 4th to also collect the tickets.

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS: There are more raffle tickets available at the church office. Additional sales would be greatly appreciated.

KC MEETING: Knight of the Month: Chuck Schorsch; Family of the Month: St. Stephen Parishioners; Not present to win the \$50 Drawing: Kelvin Hoff

THANK YOU: to those people who have turned in ticket money and "extra \$\$," explaining, "I bought/sold the tickets and here's what I would have also spent at the Dinner." This kind generosity is a tremendous help to the parish and I am so grateful to you for being so generous and thoughtful.

ST. STEPHEN PARISH

COFFEE/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

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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.

TURKEYS & THANKSGIVING: St. Mary KC's will be making deep fried turkeys available for your Thanksgiving meal!! Details closer to the date but what a deal! Start thinking about it moms J

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, Willie Friedt, 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.

RICHARDTON-TAYLOR BLOOD DRIVE: Will be held on Thursday, Sept. 24th from 1:00 – 7:00PM at the American Legion in Richardton. Pat and Marcy Kuntz are the sponsors. For appointments please contact Judy Roll at 701-974-3438 or online at www.bloodhero.com. Sponsor code: Richardton. New donors are always welcome. *All volunteers and donors are required to bring and wear a mask.*

ST. WENCESLAUS FESTIVAL: Will be held on Saturday, Sept. 26th from 4:30 – 7:00 PM in Dickinson. The meal will be served outdoors in the west parking lot. A silent auction will be held.

REL. ED: Classes began last Wednesday. We thank Michelle Tormaschy for leading the program again, the volunteers who teach, parents/grandparents who make sure the kids learn and grow in their faith and for the kids who come eager to learn and live their faith. May God bless our efforts to pass on the faith by word and example. I cannot emphasize enough that the family home is the primary and first school where faith is learned and practiced. Please bring your family to Sunday Mass, pray your meal prayers together and prayers before bedtime. Ask your children what they're learning in class and reinforce it; check in with the teachers. The more we can work together, the better the learning and stronger the program. Thank you everyone J

"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 this 1st weekend in September we will resume this practice at Sts. Mary and 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 3 parishes for the time being in case some of you are not comfortable with the usher/baskets.

If you haven't already, you will soon be receiving your 2020 God's Share Appeal information. (Bishop Kagan postponed it from May till now.) I would invite your continued generous financial support of the Diocese, as in the past. All 3 parishes have a strong tradition of support so I appreciate your continued tradition. 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.

Sweet corn is available by Casey & Candace Hoff at the farm of Cal & Julie Hoff. It is ripe and **ready for picking**. 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.

Finally, it seems that by the time you make ends meet, they move the ends! Keep your chin up, say your prayers and give thanks to God!

Fr. Thomas, OSB

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Sept. 12/13 God's Share Weekend (postponed from May)
- Sept. 13 St. Thomas K of C Meeting @ 7:00
- Sept. 14 Haymarsh Mass at 8:00 AM CST
- Sept. 20 Holy Land Appeal (postponed from Holy Week)
- Sept. 24 Richardton/Taylor Blood Drive @ American Legion, Richardton 1:00-7:00 PM
- Sept. 26 St. Wenceslaus Festival in Dickinson @ 4:30 – 7:00 PM
- Oct. 4 St. Mary Raffle only—no Dinner L
- Oct. 18 St. Elizabeth, Lefor Brunch and Raffle @ KC Hall 10:30 AM

