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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	+Rose Marie Renner For Rain and Protection From Storms
Tuesday	9:30 AM	Richardton	+Marilyn (Thomas) Wetsch Funeral
Wednesday	7:30 AM	Richardton	Special Intention
Thursday	7:30 AM	Richardton	For Healing
Friday	7:30AM	Richardton	Kelley Family
Saturday,	7:30AM	Richardton	++Joe & Frieda Klein
September	4:00 PM	Richardton	PARISHES
26th	7:00 PM	St. Stephen	+Gaite Gebhardt
Sunday,	8:00 AM	St. Thomas	+Alfred Dassinger
September	10:00AM	Richardton	+Ralph Boespflug
27th			

Mass Schedule and Ministers Saturday, September 26th & Sunday, September 27th			
Saturday,	4:00 PM	Lector: Susan Cook	
September	Richardton		
26th	7:00 PM	St. Lector: Gary Friedt	
	Stephen		
Sunday,	8:00 AM	Lector: Jeff Morel	
September 27th	St. Thomas		
	10:00 AM	Lector: Mark Rummel	
	Richardton		

Collections for September 13, 2020	St. Mary	St. Stephen	St. Thomas
Adults	2340.00	268.00	518.00
Plate	92.00	145.00	103.00
Children			
Total	2432.00	413.00	621.00

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. However, we will still hold the Raffle and will need everyone’s effort to buy/sell and turn in the ticket stubs, money and unsold tickets before Oct. 4. 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 unsold raffle tickets, ticket stubs and money by September 30th. It is important that we have the all the unsold tickets, stubs and \$\$ turned in early this year so we can be prepared for the 3:00 raffle drawings. They can be put into a marked envelope and dropped in the collection basket at Mass, dropped off at the parish 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. It is important that we have the all the unsold tickets, stubs and \$ turned in early this year so we can be prepared for the 3:00 raffle drawings.

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

THANK YOU: to those people who have turned in ticket money and “extra \$\$,” explaining, “I bought/sold the tickets plus 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.J

PLEASE NOTE: no Tuesday 7:30 am Mass because of the 9:30 Funeral Mass for Marilyn (Thomas) Wetsch. Marilyn died back in March and had been living in Billings, MT.

AMERICAN LEGION MEMBERS: A supper meeting will be held on Monday, Sept. 21st @ 6:30.

“THANK YOU” to a former parishioner from out of town for donating the beautiful mums to use in the church, in memory of the parents. They carry on the tradition of the parents who donated mums each fall.

ST. STEPHEN PARISH

CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD: resumes today with appropriate social distancing for children 4 yrs to 2nd grade. Thanks Missi Baranko and helpers.

ST. THOMAS PARISH

CONGRATULATIONS: to Paula Catherine Meyer who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Sunday at St. Wenceslaus. May the gifts of the Holy Spirit strengthen in her God’s grace and faith.

ROSARY: Students from St. Mary Rel. Ed. Confirmation Class will lead the Rosary before Mass next Sunday, Sept. 27. Please come early to help them pray.

ALL THREE PARISHES

PARISH WEBSITE: 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 Offertory procession but a basket will be used for people to drop their offerings when they come or leave Mass.

Weddings and Funerals are permitted but maintaining social distancing. Vigil Services and Visitation are allowed in the funeral homes only; no funeral luncheons in parish facilities.

PLEASE PRAY: for those who are *seriously ill, terminally ill or in immediate concern:* Susan Cook, Monte Dominguez, Willie Friedt, Cindy Wolla, Margaret Wiegenda, Mary Ann Hoff, Chuck Hoff, Joan Zimmerman, Leo Stein, Katie Thomas Kautzman, Troy Hoff, Larry Kostelecky 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 – 7:00 PM 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: 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: Our Rel. Ed Confirmation students will be leading the Rosary before certain Masses in Sept., Oct., Nov., and Dec. Check here in the Bulletin for the times and locations and thanks Missi Baranko (teacher) for organizing this service to our parishioners. Looking ahead, we are scheduled to have 1st Holy Communion at St. Mary on May 2 and Confirmation on May 9.

"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:

When Bishop Kagan met with all of us priests on Sept. 10 he didn't mention anything about the COVID which leads me to believe that our current restrictions will not be changing anytime soon. Thank you for your patience and cooperation with the guidelines and restrictions, all designed to keep us safe and healthy.

Again I thank you for your generous response to the annual God's Share Appeal. All 3 parishes have a good reputation for meeting our goals; we are however, also encouraged to increase the number of donors from our parishes. So if you have not given, please do so.

Unfortunately, because of the COVID situation these several months, many of the annual Spring special collections in the United States were postponed. These include **Peter's Pence** for Pope Francis and his good works and travels, **World Mission** for the Catholic Church in foreign mission countries and **ND Catholic Charities** which support Catholic social agencies here in ND. These collections will be taken up in the next few weeks. I feel badly about coming to you with these needs, along with God's Share and the various parish fundraisings but I guess it is just the way it is this year. Please do the best you honestly can and again, I am grateful for your sharing and for your faithful support of your parish too.

Casey & Candace Hoff would like to thank all of those that supported the Badlands Youth Ministries with your donations for sweet corn. Your generosity will assist with the continuance of the Badlands summer camp for the youth in our area. It is greatly 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 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, What does one cactus say to another? You look pretty sharp. Why didn't the elephant need a suitcase? Because he already had a trunk. Keep your chin up, say your prayers and give thanks to God!

Fr. Thomas, OSB

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Sept. 22 9:30 Funeral Mass for Marilyn (Thomas) Wetsch @ St. Mary (no 7:30 Mass)
- 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
- Sept. 27 Confirmation Rosary @ St. Thomas
- Sept. 30 St. Mary Raffle tickets due
- Oct. 4 St. Mary Raffle only—no Dinner L
- Oct. 8 St. Mary CDA & KC mtgs.
- Oct. 11 St. Thomas KC mtg.
- Oct. 18 Children's Liturgy of the Word @ St. Stephen
Confirmation Rosary @ St. Stephen

Nov. 7 **St. Elizabeth, Lefor Brunch and Raffle @ KC Hall 10:30 AM**
Confirmation Rosary @ 4:00 St. Mary Mass