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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	Kelley Family For Rain and Protection From Storms
Tuesday	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Elaine Reis For Those With Cancer
Wednesday	7:30 AM	Richardton	Vernon & Kathy Tormaschy
Thursday	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Rosalyn Rixen
Friday	7:30AM	Richardton	+Paul Krush (First Friday Adoration 8:00-9:00)
Saturday,	7:30AM	Richardton	+George Krushevsky
October	4:00 PM	Richardton	+Linda Haag
3rd	7:00 PM	St. Thomas	PARISHES
Sunday,	8:00 AM	St. Stephen	+Living & Deceased Christian Mothers and K
October 4th	10:00AM	Richardton	of C +Living & Deceased Christian Mothers and K of C

Mass Schedule and Ministers Saturday, October 3rd & Sunday, October 4th

Saturday,	4:00 PM	Lector: Scott Bohn
October 3rd	Richardton	October Ushers: Ken Haag, Rodney Rebel, Delores Baer
	7:00 PM St. Thomas	Lector: Tina Meyer
		October Ushers: Ted Goelzer & Marianne Hoffman
Sunday,	8:00 AM	Lector: Mike Greff
October 4th	St. Stephen	October Ushers: Chuck Schorsch & James Thomas
	10:00 AM	Lector: Marla Hoff
	Richardton	October Ushers: Tim & Kathy Meyer, Tom Roll, Reid Vaagen

Collections for September 20, 2020	St. Mary	St. Stephen	St. Thomas
Adults	1550.00	237.00	102.00
Plate	223.00	75.00	26.00
Children			
Total	1773.00	312.00	128.00

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.

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.

"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.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS: The next meeting will be held on Thursday, Oct. 8th at 6:50 PM. Program: Quilting Bee at Suzy's Stash. Lunch: Marla Hoff, Carrie Ornelas and Val Aluise.

OUR SYMPATHY: to the family and friends of Mary Siewert who was buried from St. Mary on Friday. May the angels lead her to paradise!

ST. STEPHEN PARISH

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: will be Sunday, Oct. 18

ROSARY: will be led by some of our Confirmation students before Mass on Sunday, Oct. 18.

ST. THOMAS PARISH

ROSARY: Students from St. Mary Rel. Ed. Confirmation Class will lead the Rosary before Mass today. Thank you students for taking the

opportunity to lead us in prayer.

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 Wiegler, Mary Ann Hoff, Chuck Hoff, Joan Zimmerman, Leo Stein, Katie Thomas Kautzman, Troy Hoff, Larry Kostecky, Beatrice Messer 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.

REAL PRESENCE RADIO: Is holding their 15th Fall Live Drive fundraiser Oct. 6-9. You can support the Real Presence Radio Live Drive in two ways: Call 877-795-0122 from 7:00 – 7:00 PM CST Oct. 6-9 or donate online at www.realpresenceradio.com.

LEFOR KC COUNCIL #5477: Invites you to their annual Dinner and Raffle Fundraiser for St. Elizabeth Church at the Lefor KC Hall on Sunday, Oct. 18th. Mass will start at 10:30 AM with Brunch to follow. (Farmer hats, sausage and scrambled eggs) BINGO and Live Auction to start at 12:30 PM.

REL. ED: Our Rel. Ed Confirmation students will be leading the Rosary before certain Masses in 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:

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. And in case you misplaced or didn't get one, there are envelopes in the back of the churches.

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. *The World Mission Collection envelope will be attached to the Bulletin next weekend, Oct. 4.*

Dee Dee's Café Grand Opening is on Monday, Sept. 28 from 6 am to 7pm in Richardton at the former Johnnie's location. We missed Johnnies when they closed and Springfield Market too so please, let's help keep all our local cafés in good business.

It is never too early to think about one's death and what happens to our material blessings. Each of us has been blessed throughout our lives. Please remember your parish or cemeteries or parish endowments in your estate planning. A percentage of your estate, or life insurance policies, stocks, bonds, land, etc. are just a few ideas. Consult legal counsel for the best option for you and perhaps enjoy some tax benefits too. Thanks to others who planned accordingly, each of the parishes has benefited from these types of gifts. Thank you and God bless you!

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 did the bald man say when he received a comb for a present? "Thanks, I'll never part with it!"

Lot's of sick and vulnerable people again these days so be cautious, careful and diligent and...say a prayer for those known and unknown who are hurting and suffering.

Fr. Thomas, OSB

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Sept. 27 Confirmation Rosary @ St. Thomas
- Sept. 30 t. Mary Raffle tickets due
- Oct. 4 St. Mary Raffle only—no Dinner L
- Oct. 6-9 Real Presence Radio Fall Live Drive Fundraiser
- 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
St. Elizabeth, Lefor Brunch and Raffle @ KC Hall 10:30 AM
Confirmation Rosary @ 4:00 St. Mary Mass

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