



October 4, 2020 **Volume 73, No. 38**

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	+Frieda Klein For Rain
Tuesday	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Ralph Boespflug For Those With Cancer
Wednesday	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Theresa Messer
Thursday	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Gaité Gebhardt
Friday	7:30AM	Richardton	++Ted & Gen Maas Family
Saturday,	7:30AM	Richardton	++Mike & Florentine Boehm
October	4:00 PM	Richardton	PARISHES
10th	7:00 PM	St. Stephen	+LeRoy McCutchan
Sunday,	8:00 AM	St. Thomas	++Richard & Rosemary Meyer
October	10:00AM	Richardton	++Simon & Helen Bleth
11th			

Mass Schedule and Ministers Saturday, October 10th & Sunday, October 11th

Saturday,	4:00 PM	Lector: Adam Bohn
October 10th	Richardton	
	7:00 PM	St. Lector: Kayla Zent
	Stephen	
Sunday,	8:00 AM	Lector: Lisa Sickler
October 11th	St. Thomas	
	10:00 AM	Lector: Lea Floberg
	Richardton	

Collections for September 27, 2020	St. Mary	St. Stephen	St. Thomas
Adults	1577.00	160.00	260.00
Plate	118.00	176.00	44.00
Children			
Total	1695.00	336.00	304.00

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

THANK YOU: to those people who turned in ticket money and gave “extra \$\$,” explaining, “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

RAFFLE DRAWING: will be held Sunday @ 3:00 in the Social Center. If you still have tickets, \$\$ and stubs to return *PLEASE* turn them in at the Social Center after the Sunday, 10:00 Mass. Thank You!

NEW WINDOWS: have been installed on the 2nd floor north end of the Social Center this past week. They sure do look nice and already we can tell a difference with the cooler outside temps and windy days. Cost is \$30,000 for the 17 windows.

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.

KC MEETING: Thursday evening, Oct. 8; 7:35 Rosary; 8:00 meeting followed by luncheon; hope to see you there!

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS: meeting will be held on Sunday, Oct. 11th @ 1:30 PM in the Religious Ed. Room at the Parish Office. Program: Financial Report. Lunch: Koleen Hoff & Gladys Goetz. Entertainment: Geri Baer & Judy Roll.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY: all meetings & events cancelled until further notice, including the Christmas party.

NEW CHURCH SIGN: It looks like the brickwork on our new St. Mary Church sign will begin soon. We are so very grateful to some donors who are making this possible and Amber Waves which is making the metal signage.

ST. STEPHEN PARISH

KC MEETING: this Monday night. 7:30 Rosary followed by 8:00 meeting. Hope to see you there!

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. Come early and join them.

ST. THOMAS PARISH

RAFFLE TICKETS: be sure to pick up and buy/sell the raffle tickets. Thanks Tina Meyer and all those who organize this event to benefit our parish. God bless our efforts!

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, Catherine Kearnes, 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's 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.

ST. MARY BACKPACK PROGRAM: Thanks to the generosity of community organizations, St. Mary Church was able to partner with the Great Plains Food Bank to provide supplemental nutrition to students within our school district. The Backpack Program is designed to solve child hunger and improve home environments.

USDA FARMERS TO FAMILIES FOOD BOX PROGRAM: Will have a distribution on Oct. 15th from 4:00 – 5:30 PM in DICKINSON at the Biesiot Activity Center. This drive-thru distribution is intended for people in need of food assistance.

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 past 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 was attached to the Bulletin last weekend.*

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!

I plan to drive home to NE Oct. 6-20 and hopefully get to visit mom and family. The nursing home she's in has had very limited visitation since March so my brother Allan, who is in charge of her care, has only seen her 3 times since then. She appears to be holding her own, but we're unsure.

All pastors received a letter from Bishop Kagan this week reiterating the need for COVID-19 caution. He especially reminded us that there is to be no viewing of the body or gathering of family in churches before or after a funeral Mass.

Looking ahead, we will celebrate our annual Memorial Mass on Nov. 1 at St. Mary 10:00 Mass. This annual event remembers those St. Mary parishioners who have died and/or been buried in our cemetery since last Nov. So far it is 21 people...

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 2^d 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's the unity in "community" that gets things done. Thanks to all of you who help get things done in our parishes; I am truly blessed in this job as your pastor J God's blessings to all of you.

Fr. Thomas, OSB

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Oct. 4 St. Mary Raffle only at 3:00 pm — no Dinner L
- Oct. 6-9 Real Presence Radio Fall Live Drive Fundraiser
- Oct. 6-20 Fr. Thomas gone for home visit
- 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 before 8:00 a.m. Mass
St. Elizabeth, Lefor Brunch and Raffle @ KC Hall 10:30 AM
- Nov. 1 Memorial Mass @ St. Mary – 10:00 AM
- Nov. 7 Confirmation Rosary @ 4:00 St. Mary Mass