



October 25, 2020 **Volume 73, No. 40**

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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 | +Linda Haag |
| Tuesday | 7:30 AM | Richardton | ++Ted & Gen Maas Family For Those With Cancer |
| Wednesday | 7:30 AM | Richardton | Christian Kelley |
| Thursday | 7:30 AM | Richardton | ++Roy & Shirley Schubert |
| Friday | 7:30AM | Richardton | ++Dorothy Miller & Bill Hauck |
| Saturday, | 7:30AM | Richardton | +Ronald Frederick |
| October | 4:00 PM | Richardton | PARISHES |
| 31st | 7:00 PM | St. Thomas | ++John & Blanche Kubik |
| Sunday, | 8:00 AM | St. Stephen | +Living & Deceased Christian Mothers & K of |
| November | 10:00AM | Richardton | C |
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Mass Schedule and Ministers Saturday, October 31st & Sunday, November 1st

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| Saturday, | 4:00 PM | Lector: Scott Bohn |
| October 31st | Richardton | Nov. Ushers: Cary Lacher, Tim Cook, Ron Hoff |
| | 7:00 PM St. Thomas | Lector: Jerry Haich Nov. Ushers: Dean Baar & Volunteer |
| Sunday, | 8:00 AM | Lector: Bridget Greff |
| November 1st | St. Stephen | Nov. Ushers: Dick Zent & Tim Messer |
| | 10:00 AM | Lector: Genie Kelley |
| | Richardton | Nov. Ushers: Jim Staudinger, Dale Dassinger, Volunteers |

| Collections for October 18, 2020 | St. Mary | St. Stephen | St. Thomas |
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| Adults | 1302.00 | 253.00 | 160.00 |
| Plate | 55.00 | 190.00 | 11.00 |
| Children | | | |
| Total | 1357.00 | 443.00 | 171.00 |

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

NEW WINDOWS: were recently installed on the 2nd floor north end of the Social Center. 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.

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

NEW CHURCH SIGN: Work is completed on the new St. Mary Church sign. We are so very grateful to some donors who are making this possible and Amber Waves which is making the metal signage. It is a nice addition to the front lawn.

PLEASE JOIN: some of our Confirmation students in praying the Rosary before the 4:00 Mass on Saturday, Nov. 7

ST. STEPHEN PARISH

RAFFLE: will be held on Sunday, Nov. 1 at 3:00 at the church. Thanks everyone for buying and/or selling tickets

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!

ST. THOMAS BREAKFAST/RAFFLE: will be held on Sunday, Nov. 15. There will be CURB-SIDE SERVICE ONLY from 8:00-12:30 for a free will donation. Come enjoy our famous homemade sausage patties, fry bread, chokecherry syrup and egg bake!

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.

THANKSGIVING TURKEYS: St. Mary KC's will be making **deep fried turkeys** available for your Thanksgiving meal!! Details: 14-16# turkeys; **limited quantity available; reserve yours by calling Mark Rummel @ 290-9116 or Deacon Robert @ 690-1409 by Nov. 10. \$50 minimum donation, please.** Hurry and get yours reserved!

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*: Tillie Hauck, 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 living 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.

PLEASE JOIN: the St. Mary KC Council 4185 in praying the Rosary on Sunday, Nov. 1 at 3:00 @ St. Mary Church. The intention is for fair and honest election results and that the results reflect the will of God for our American society.

REL. ED: Our Rel. Ed Confirmation students will be leading the Rosary before certain Masses in 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. *Our Rel. Ed enrollment is up again this year. There are 74 students enrolled: 14 in Confirmation and 60 in grades K-8. You might remember that we did not have any students in 1st Communion/2nd grade last year but this year we have 17 in 1st Communion class. We are so grateful and blessed to have Melissa Akin, Heidi Tormaschy, Marilyn Lacher, Audrey Kuntz, Missi/Tashina Baranko, Jerry/Val Aluise, Jessi Olson, and Marla Hoff as teachers. Pray for all our students and teachers and thank our teachers when you see them!* 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.

CORAZON WEEKEND: for couples in marriage crisis will be Dec. 11-13, 2020. For more information or to register visit: bismarckdiocese.com/Corazon or call Amanda @ 701 204 7205.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH GERMAN NIGHT: Is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 7th from 4:30 – 7:00 PM in Dickinson. This will be an alley drive-thru meal. Menu consists of kraut ‘n dumplings with sausage, fried chicken, baked apples, and dessert. Suggested donation is \$12.00 per person.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NORTH DAKOTA: The mission of Catholic Charities is to provide service to people in need, to advocate for justice in social structures, and to call the entire church and other people of good will to do the same. Contributions can be made by using the attached envelope and sending directly to the organization. Please do not put into the weekly collection. Thanks!

FROM THE PASTOR:

Attached to this Bulletin you will find 2 letters from Bishop Kagan. One deals with voting responsibly as a Catholic and the other a thank you for your support of the 63rd annual God’s Share Appeal. I encourage you to read his letter about voting and I join him in thanking you for your financial support of God’s Share. If you have not given, there are envelopes in the back of the churches for you to do so.

Next Saturday/Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints instead of the 31st Sunday of Ordinary Time. This Solemnity supercedes the Sunday celebration. It is followed by All Souls Day on Nov. 2nd when we remember all of the dead.

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!

All pastors received a letter from Bishop Kagan recently 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. *Bishop Kagan has also written that we are not to have Reconciliation Services. However, private reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession can continue as we are currently doing and by appointment. At this point I will also plan to be in the St. Mary confessional on Monday nights from 6-7 pm during Advent: Nov. 30 and Dec. 14 and 21.*

Reminder, 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 22 people...

I was finally able to visit mom in the nursing home last Friday, after waiting 10 days. By way of exception I was allowed into the building to have a face-to-face visit with her (no masks). It was a difficult visit because she has declined so much since I saw her in February. She is no longer able to talk, only a slight whimper; she can’t smile or moved her arms and is very thin. But she did know me and could follow what I was saying about all of the family and grandchildren. She tried to give me a hug and say “I love you” when I did the same to her. I am very grateful I made the trip at this time and for the nursing home allowing me the personal visit.

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, you know you’re getting older when “Happy Hour” is a nap! God bless your week and all you undertake...

Fr. Thomas, OSB

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Nov. 1 Memorial Mass @ St. Mary – 10:00 AM
K of C Rosary @ St. Mary – 3:00 PM
- Nov. 7 Confirmation Rosary @ 4:00 St. Mary Mass
St. Joseph German Night – Dickinson from 4:30 – 7:00 PM
- Nov. 15 St. Thomas Curbside Breakfast & Raffle @ KC Hall 8:00-12:30
- Nov. 22 Feast of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
- Nov. 26 Thanksgiving Day Masses: 7:30 St. Mary
9:30 St. Stephen
- Nov. 29 1st Sunday of Advent
Rosary led by K of C following 10:00 AM Mass @ St. Mary

