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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.

<b>Monday</b>	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Roger Schwab
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:30 AM	Richardton	+Dorothy Miller
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Margaret Kostelecky
<b>Thursday</b>	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Lynn Greenshields
<b>November 26<sup>th</sup></b>	9:30 AM	St. Stephen	+Ray Fettig
<b>Friday</b>	7:30AM	Richardton	+Linda Haag
<b>Saturday,</b>	10:00AM	St. Stephen	+Willie Friedt Funeral (Private)
<b>November</b>	4:00 PM	Richardton	+Paul J. Hauck
<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>	7:00 PM	St. Thomas	+Lars Fischer
<b>Sunday,</b>	8:00 AM	St. Stephen	PARISHES
<b>November</b>	10:00AM	Richardton	+Gilbert Rummel
<b>29<sup>th</sup></b>			

**Mass Schedule and Ministers: Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>**

<b>Thursday,</b>	7:30 AM		
<b>November 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Richardton	<b>Lector:</b> Scott Bohn	
	9:30 AM		
	St. Stephen	<b>Lector:</b>	
		Volunteer	

<b>Saturday,</b>	4:00 PM		
<b>November</b>	Richardton	<b>Lector:</b> Adam	
<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>	7:00 PM St. Thomas	Bohn	
		<b>Lector:</b> Lisa Sickler	

<b>Sunday,</b>	8:00 AM		
<b>November</b>	St. Stephen	<b>Lector:</b> Michaela Mitchell	
<b>29<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 AM		
	Richardton	<b>Lector:</b> Marla Hoff	

<b>Collections for November 15, 2020</b>	<b>St. Mary</b>	<b>St. Stephen</b>	<b>St. Thomas</b>
Adults	1415.00	173.00	212.00
Plate	192.00	81.00	6.00
Children			
Total	1607.00	254.00	218.00

**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**

**OUR SYMPATHY:** to the family of Mary Ann Hoff who died Thursday. Her funeral will be 9:30 AM on Tuesday. May the angels lead her to Paradise and the Good Shepherd comfort her family.

**THANK YOU:** Amber Waves and Jody Hoff for fabricating and installing the lettering on the new St. Mary & Assumption Abbey signs on Thursday. A Benedictine Cross will be added soon to the center.

**5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY ROSARY:** led by the KC's will be next Sunday following the 10:00 AM Mass. Join us in praying for our families and family life.

**THANKSGIVING DAY MASS:** Please join us in giving thanks to God for his many blessings to us, for continued blessings and protection for our country. Mass on Thanksgiving Day at 7:30 AM.

**ST. STEPHEN PARISH**

**OUR SYMPATHY:** to the family of Willie Friedt who died last Sunday evening. May the angels lead him to Paradise and the Good Shepherd comfort his family. The private funeral Mass on Saturday, Nov. 28 @ 10:00 a.m. will be live-streamed. See Ladbury Funeral Home website for more information on how to access it.

**THANKSGIVING DAY MASS:** Please join us in giving thanks to God for his many blessings to us, for continued blessings and protection for our country. Mass on Thanksgiving Day at 9:30 AM.

**FALL CHURCH CLEANING:** Thanks to all who came to give the church a thorough cleaning and "going over" before the holidays.

**ST. THOMAS PARISH**

**ST. THOMAS BREAKFAST/RAFFLE:** Congratulations to a job well-done! I have heard many compliments on how good the food was, the efficiency of the serving, etc. So "thank you" to all involved before, during and after. Breakfast served 275ish: \$3726.00 and Raffle: \$2869.00.

**THANKSGIVING DAY MASS:** You are welcome to join us for Mass at St. Mary (7:30 AM.) or St. Stephen (9:30 AM).

**ALL THREE PARISHES**

**K OF C TURKEYS:** if you ordered a KC deep fried turkey you can please pick it up at the St. Mary Social Center on Sat., Nov. 21 from 12:00 –

2:00 PM.

**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.

**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:* Ted Goelzer, Tillie Hauck, Susan Cook, Margaret Wiegler, Chuck Hoff, Katie Thomas Kautzman, Leo Stein, Troy Hoff, Larry Kostecky, Judy Hecker, Ray Stein, Gary Goetz 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.

**SAFE HAVEN SUNDAY:** is Sunday, Nov. 22. This is one of the Catholic Church’s responses to raise awareness of the pornography epidemic in society. COVID19 has caused the cancellation of some events planned for this but we are encouraged to pass on to you this opportunity to learn more about the problem of pornography: <https://vimeo.com/477791996> It is part of a “Winning the Battle” series.

**CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS:** We have our “History in Records” books available as unique Christmas gifts. \$20 each. We also have St. Mary Christmas cards and Sympathy cards available at the Parish Office.

**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

**“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](http://bismarckdiocese.com/Corazon) or call Amanda @ 701 204 7205.

#### **FROM THE PASTOR:**

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving in whatever way you are able to celebrate it. At the very least, we can celebrate Thanksgiving everyday by giving thanks to God for all his blessings and mercy.

Thanks to all who traveled to the St. Thomas curbside breakfast in Gladstone last Sunday. We appreciate your support and buying raffle tickets. Several St. Mary parishioners were winners.

Looking ahead, Tuesday, Dec. 8 is a Holy Day of Obligation (Immaculate Conception of Mary). See below for Mass times and locations. The Immaculate Conception is also the patroness of St. Mary Parish, whose official name is Church of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin, Mary. We need, and pray, for her continued intercession for all of us to grow in holiness, to sincerely amend our lives and avoid sins, to make Christ present in our lives and to protect us in good health.

I encourage all of you to make this Advent 2020 special by taking on an extra spiritual practice. Some ideas: make it a point to read and ponder on a daily reflection, attend morning weekday Mass 1 day a week, go to confession, pray a decade or whole Rosary a day; spend a few minutes a week with the Blessed Sacrament; fast from social media, or food or some entertainment; dedicate some silence to God each day, listen to RPR (Real Presence Radio). All these things can help prepare our hearts and let Our Lord enter. Blessings on whatever you undertake.

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. *Another letter came from Bishop Kagan last week regarding masks at Mass. He will not issue a mandatory mask requirement for Mass but leaves the decision to wear a mask or not, to individuals and pastors. So...if anyone feels they want to, or should, wear a mask to Mass, they are welcome to do so. We need to continue to be vigilant about protecting others, along with ourselves.*

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<sup>nd</sup> 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, wouldn’t it be wonderful if, when we lost our temper, we couldn’t ever find it again? Lots of illness around these days; please be cautious, careful and think beyond your own safety to the health and welfare of others as you go about life. Consider wearing a mask to Mass even if it isn’t required.

Fr. Thomas, OSB

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Nov. 25 No Rel. Ed. Classes

Nov. 26 Thanksgiving Day Masses: 7:30 AM St. Mary  
9:30 AM St. Stephen

Nov. 29 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosary led by K of C following 10:00 AM Mass @ St. Mary

Nov. 30 Confessions @ St. Mary 6-7 PM

Dec. 4 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Mass and Adoration @ St. Mary

Dec. 6 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

Dec. 7 Immaculate Conception Masses: 7:00 PM @ St. Stephen  
7:00 PM @ St. Thomas

Dec. 8 Immaculate Conception Masses: 7:30 AM @ St. Mary  
7:00 PM @ St. Mary

Dec. 14 Confessions @ St. Mary 6-7 PM  
Dec. 20 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent  
Dec. 21 Confessions @ St. Mary 6-7 PM  
Dec. 24 CHRISTMAS EVE Masses: 7:00 PM @ St. Stephen  
10:00 PM @ St. Mary  
Dec. 25 CHRISTMAS DAY Masses: 8:00 am @ St. Thomas  
10:00 @ St. Mary