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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	+Joe Hammerschmidt
Tuesday	7:30 AM	Richardton	++Dorothy & Walter Miller For the Sick
Wednesday	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Ronald Frederick
Thursday	9:30 AM	Richardton	+Mary Ann Hoff Funeral
Friday	7:30AM	Richardton	++John & Clementine Loran (Adoration 8-9)
Saturday,	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Veronica Quintus
December	4:00 PM	Richardton	PARISHES
5th	7:00 PM	St. Thomas	Justin Sickler Family
Sunday,	8:00 AM	St. Stephen	+Living & Deceased Christian Mothers & K of C
December	10:00AM	Richardton	+Living & Deceased Christian Mothers & K of C
6th			

Mass Schedule and Ministers: Saturday, December 5th & December 6th

Saturday, December 5th	4:00 PM	Lector: Ben Bohn	December Ushers: Leo & Colleen Miller,
	Richardton	Gary & Kathy Tormaschy	
Sunday, December 6th	7:00 PM	Lector: Kali Kubas	December
	St. Thomas	Ushers: Jerry Haich & Pat Meyer	
Sunday, December 6th	8:00 AM	Lector: John Haas	December Ushers: Justin Zent & Nathan Thomas
	St. Stephen		
Sunday, December 6th	10:00 AM	Lector: Lea Floberg	December Ushers: Sheri Gebhardt, Deanna Voltz, Volunteers
	Richardton		

Collections for November 22, 2020	St. Mary	St. Stephen	St. Thomas
Adults	1754.00	185.00	181.00
Plate	128.00	371.25	78.00
Children	2.00		
Total	1884.00	556.25	259.00

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

5th SUNDAY ROSARY: led by the KC's this Sunday following the 10:00 AM Mass. Join us in praying for our families and family life.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Donations toward the Christmas flowers can be put into a marked envelope and dropped in the collection or at the Office. Thank you for your help to make our church beautiful for Christmas.

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS: will be at 10:00 pm. Please consider helping to keep this a beautiful Mass by joining the choir. You just need to be present for the rehearsals on Wednesdays from 6:15-6:45 @ the church. the 1st rehearsal is this Wednesday, Dec. 2.

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS: The Christmas Party scheduled for December 6th has been cancelled.

ST. STEPHEN PARISH

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS: for your planning Christmas Eve Mass will be at 7:00 pm this year.

ST. THOMAS PARISH

CHRISTMAS MASS: will be at 8:00 am on Christmas Day.

ALL THREE PARISHES

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.

AT LONG LAST: our Parish Pictorial Directories are available at the Office and after the weekend Masses at the churches. They are free for those of you who had your picture taken and \$10 if you submitted a picture. We will also have available the "History in Records" book (\$20) and Sympathy and Christmas cards.

NEXT WEEKEND: you will find attached to the Bulletin the envelope for the Retirement for Religious Collection. This annual collection benefits the U.S. Religious Orders including the Benedictines who have served all 3 parishes since their founding and the Benedictine Sisters who

taught in our schools and/or summer “catechism classes.” Thank you for your generosity!

DON'T FORGET: we are not able to have communal reconciliation services because of COVID. So I will be in the St. Mary confessional Monday nights Nov. 30, Dec. 14 & 21 from 6-7 pm. I am also willing to accommodate you outside of those times. Call the office.

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.

“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.

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.

PARISH WEBSITE: www.stmaryrichardton.com. The weekly bulletin is included on the website and is normally posted on Mondays.

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 collection is taken where long handle baskets are available. Baskets will be used for people who prefer 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.

FROM THE PASTOR:

Thanks to all who traveled to the St. Thomas curbside breakfast in Gladstone on Nov. 15. 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.

“Thank You” for the many, many things so many of you do for our parishes, seen and unseen, especially your prayers! If a list could even possibly be made, I think we'd all be amazed at the things that get done. Laundry, candles, music, lectoring and ushering, cleaning/dusting, decorating, odd jobs, snow removal, counting \$, organizing, Bible Studies, leadership of organizations, computer work, mowing/trimming, checking on the sick and homebound, serving, watering plants, cemetery work, Rel. Ed teachers, and so much more. Thank you everyone!

A letter came from Bishop Kagan recently 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 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...a 5yr. old was watching his mom fix turkey for Thanksgiving. She came about every 30 minutes, opened the oven door, took out the turkey and put a thermometer in it and then put the turkey back in the oven. After doing this several times the little 5 yr. old said, “Mom, if that turkey is that sick I don't want any!”

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. 29 1st Sunday of Advent
- 5th Sunday Rosary led by K of C following 10:00 AM Mass @ St. Mary
- Nov. 30 Confessions @ St. Mary 6-7 PM
- Dec. 4 1st Friday Mass and Adoration @ St. Mary
- Dec. 6 2nd 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. 13 10:00 Children's Mass @ St. Mary
- Dec. 14 Confessions @ St. Mary 6-7 PM
- Dec. 20 3rd Sunday of Advent
Children's Liturgy of the Word @ St. Stephen

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
Dec. 27 Holy Family Sunday