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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	++Paul & Eleanor Hoff
Tuesday	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Zeno Erdle For the Sick
Wednesday	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Scott Gress
Thursday	7 30 AM	Richardton	+Leonard Hoff
Friday	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Linda Haag
Saturday,	7:30 AM	Richardton	+LeRoy McCutchan
January 16th	4:00 PM	Richardton	+Gaite Gebhardt
	7:00 PM	St. Thomas	+ Paul Meyer
Sunday,	8:00 AM	St. Stephen	++Mr & Mrs Simon R. Greff
January	10:00AM	Richardton	PARISHES
17th			

Mass Schedule and Ministers: Saturday, January 16th & Sunday, January 17th

Saturday	4:00 PM	Lector: Susan Cook
January	Richardton	
16th	7:00 PM	Lector: Cliff Weiler
	St. Thomas	
Sunday,	8:00 AM	Lector: Gary Friedt
January	St. Stephen	
17th	10:00 AM	Lector: Lea Floberg
	Richardton	

Collections for January 3, 2021	St. Mary	St. Stephen	St. Thomas
Adults	2,205.00	250.00	459.00
Plate	188.00	223.00	59.00
Children			
Total	2,393.00	473.00	518.00
Christmas Collection	4675.00	521.00	437.00

WELCOME!

Thank you for joining us today in worship. We hope you will return often. If you are new to our faith or community and want to join our parish, please contact the parish office at 701-974-3569.

ST. MARY PARISH

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS: Meeting Thursday, Jan. 14th beginning with the Rosary at 6:50 PM and meeting to follow. Program: Baby Drive, gifts for baby basket. Game night. Lunch: Kathy Hueske, Marilyn Lacher & Lindsay Taylor.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: will meet Thursday night, Jan. 14. Rosary @ 6:30 followed by meeting, drawings and luncheon.

ST. STEPHEN PARISH

FURNACES: the furnaces are working again. Thanks to the guys who fixed them for our comfort.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS: can be removed after Saturday evening Mass, January 9.

ST. THOMAS PARISH

KC MEETING: Sunday, January 10 @ 6:30 pm. meal followed by meeting.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS: can be removed after Sunday Mass, January 10

ALL THREE PARISHES

PLEASE PRAY: for those who are *seriously ill, terminally ill or in immediate concern:* Jim Gallagher, Ted Goelzer, Susan Cook, Margaret Wiegler, Chuck Hoff, Katie Thomas Kautzman, Leo Stein, Troy Hoff, Larry Kostecky, Judy Hecker, Ray Stein, Gary Goetz, Dennise Miller 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.

LAST CHANCE: Parish calendars will be removed from the churches by next weekend so take advantage of the free offer and pick one or two up. If you think of it say thanks to Jim Ladbury who has provided these calendars free of charge to us for many years...or offer a prayer or two for him and his family! Every household should have this Catholic calendar to reference and use.

PARISH PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES: We have a few extra pictorial directories available for \$20. We also have available the "History in Records" book (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.

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.

Bishop Kagan 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.

FROM THE PASTOR:

As we end the Christmas Season this weekend with the Baptism of Jesus I again thank everyone involved for making the season joyous, festive and holy. From decorations to musicians everything was so nice in all three parishes. And it was also uplifting to see more people at the Masses, hear your singing, see your smiling faces and enjoy your participation. God bless you for that gift to me! I also thank you for your generosity to your parishes this Christmas and throughout this pandemic year with all its abnormalities. Sometimes I wonder if we will even remember what normal was...

The Baptism of our Lord (which ends the Christmas Season) provides an opportunity for us to reflect on our own baptism and the invitation to live as beloved children of God. Let us pray that throughout this new year we will see and take advantage of the opportunities God provides to live out our own baptismal promises.

Pam will be out of the Office January 7th–15th. If you need something, you may still call the office and leave a message and I will return your call.

It was nice to welcome back our Rel. Ed students this week. The 2nd graders are working extra hard to learn their prayers and the "how to-s" of going to Confession. Keep them in your prayers. They will celebrate their 1st Confession following the 10:00 St. Mary Mass on January 24. Their 1st Communion will be on Sunday, May 2 at the 10:00 St. Mary Mass (and 8:00 St. Stephen Mass for their parishioners). We thank the teachers for their diligent work in preparing the students and the parents for reinforcing the teachings. The Confirmation kids are also preparing to celebrate Confirmation on Sunday, May 9 at the 10:00 St. Mary Mass.

We, that is, Michelle Tormaschy, our Director of Religious Education applied for a Diocesan grant to help fund a new laptop computer for her office and projector screen/stand for use with the Religious Ed classes (\$750). This week we were awarded \$337 toward this need. We are grateful to the Diocese for this grant and for the grants we have received in the past.

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, during Sunday school class, a little boy learned about how God created human beings.

He became especially interested when the teacher explained how Eve was created from Adam's ribs. Later that week, the boy's mother saw him lying down on the floor, so she asked him what was wrong. His reply was priceless: "Mom, I have a pain in my side—I think I'm getting a wife."

Fr. Thomas, OSB

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan. 10** Baptism of the Lord & end of the Christmas Season
St. Thomas KC mtg. 6:30 pm
- Jan. 14** St. Mary KC mtg: 6:30 rosary followed by meeting and luncheon
St. Mary Catholic Daughters mtg: 6:50 rosary followed by meeting and luncheon
- Jan. 18** Martin Luther King Day
- Jan. 22** Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
- Jan. 24** 1st Reconciliation following St. Mary 10:00 Mass
- Jan. 31** 5th Sunday Rosary following 10:00 St. Mary Mass
- Febr. 17** ASH WEDNESDAY
- Mar. 28** PALM SUNDAY
- April 4** EASTER SUNDAY