



**January 24, 2021** **Volume 74, No. 4**

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	+Helen Hauck
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Joe & Othlia Hoff For the Sick
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Harry Kearnes
<b>Thursday</b>	7 30 AM	Richardton	++Felix & Mary Haich
<b>Friday</b>	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Beatrice Messer
<b>Saturday,</b>	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Gloria Schmidt
<b>January 30<sup>th</sup></b>	4:00 PM	Richardton	PARISHES
	7:00 PM	St. Thomas	+Keith Wolf
<b>Sunday,</b>	8:00 AM	St. Stephen	+Jean Gust
<b>January</b>	10:00AM	Richardton	+Gen Hunke Maas
<b>31<sup>st</sup></b>			

**Mass Schedule and Ministers: Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>**

<b>Saturday</b>	4:00 PM	<b>Lector:</b> Adam Bohn
<b>January</b>	Richardton	<b>February Ushers:</b> Cary Lacher, Tim Cook, Ron Hoff
<b>30<sup>th</sup></b>	7:00 PM St	<b>Lector:</b> Lisa Sickler
	Thomas	<b>February Ushers:</b> Ted Goelzer & Marianne Hoffman
<b>Sunday,</b>	8:00 AM	<b>Lector:</b> Michaela Mitchell
<b>January 31<sup>st</sup></b>	St. Stephen	<b>February Ushers:</b> John Haas & Ben Messer
	10:00 AM	<b>Lector:</b> Mark Rummel
	Richardton	<b>February Ushers:</b> Jim Staudinger, Dale Dassinger, Volunteers

<b>Collections for January 17, 2021</b>	<b>St. Mary</b>	<b>St. Stephen</b>	<b>St. Thomas</b>
Adults	1443.00	183.00	175.00
Plate	229.00	124.00	
Children	2.00		
Total	1674.00	307.00	175.00

**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**

**FIRST RECONCILIATION:** The First Reconciliation scheduled for January 24<sup>th</sup> has been postponed till a later date. You will be updated with new dates as soon as they are rescheduled.

**BAPTISMS:** The Baptisms scheduled for January 18<sup>th</sup> have been postponed till a later date. You will be updated with new dates as soon as they are scheduled.

**ST. STEPHEN PARISH**

**ST. THOMAS PARISH**

**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 & Cindy Kostecky, Judy Hecker, Ray Stein, Gary Goetz, Luke Olson 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 PRAY FOR FR. THOMAS AND HIS FAMILY:** Fr. Thomas's mother Juliana Wordekemper passed away last weekend. Please keep his family in your prayers. May the angels lead Juliana to Paradise and the Good Shepherd comfort her family.

**END-OF-YEAR:** Pam will be working on your end-of-year financial statements soon and getting them to you in the mail. Thanks for your patience.

**GREAT PLAINS FOOD BANK:** The next food distribution is scheduled for Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 – 2:00 PM at the St. Mary Social Center parking lot. Anyone in need of food assistance from any community is welcome. This will be a drive up distribution and all participants are asked to remain in their vehicle.

**ND MARCH FOR LIFE:** Will be held in conjunction with Right to Life Week On Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. Mass will be begin at 11:00 AM CT with Bishop Kagan at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit in Bismarck. From 12:30 – 1:00 a Rally will be held at the Capitol steps.

**BLOOD DRIVE:** Monday, Jan. 25 @ Richardton American Legion Hall from 12:45-6:30. Call Judy Roll to schedule your appointment at 974-3438 or schedule online @ [www.vitalant.org](http://www.vitalant.org). Sponsor code: Richardton. Sponsored by Jacobson Memorial Hospital Care Center and Clinics.

**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](http://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:**

Fr. Thomas will be gone till the week of January 25<sup>th</sup> due to the death of his mother. The First Reconciliation scheduled for January 24<sup>th</sup> and the baptisms scheduled for January 18<sup>th</sup> have been postponed till a later date. We will keep you updated on the new dates as soon as they are rescheduled.

Thank you all for your generous financial support of your parish during the Christmas Season and this past year, and for those who made donations to your parish endowments. Every bit helps and FYI, gifts to the endowments can be given at any time of the year.

A "heads up invitation" to join the KC's in praying the rosary for the health and holiness of family life in our parishes and in our country following the 10:00 St. Mary Mass on January 31. For those not joining in, please visit outside so as not to disturb the prayer. And thanks KC's for leading us in this worthy intention.

It was nice to welcome back our Rel. Ed students last week. The 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Confession as a later date and their 1<sup>st</sup> 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 their 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). Last 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 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.

A thought: Christianity is an everyday faith not just a Sunday obligation.

Fr. Thomas, OSB

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Jan. 25** 12:45-6:30 pm Richardton Blood Drive @ Legion Hall in Richardton  
**Jan. 28** Great Plains Food Bank @ St. Mary Social Center, Richardton 12:00 – 2:00  
**Jan. 29** ND March for Life, Bismarck. Mass @ 11:00 CT, Rally @ 12:30 CT  
**Jan. 31** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosary following 10:00 St. Mary Mass  
**Febr. 17** ASH WEDNESDAY  
**Mar. 28** PALM SUNDAY  
**April 4** EASTER SUNDAY