



January 31, 2021 **Volume 74, No. 5**

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	++Bob & Marge Buresh
Tuesday	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Zeno Erdle For the Sick
Wednesday	7:30 AM	Richardton	+++Gordon, Gladys & Darel Lacher
Thursday	7 30 AM	Richardton	++Peter & Louise Hoerner
Friday	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Ray Fettig (First Friday Adoration 8:00 – 9:00)
Saturday,	7:30 AM	Richardton	Agnes Rehling
February 6th	4:00 PM	Richardton	PARISHES
	7:00 PM	St. Thomas	+Living & Deceased Christian Mothers & K of C
Sunday,	8:00 AM	St. Stephen	++Mr. & Mrs. Paul Zimmerman
February	10:00AM	Richardton	+Delphine Senn
7th			

Mass Schedule and Ministers: Saturday, February 6th & Sunday, February 7th

Saturday,	4:00 PM	Lector: Ben
February	Richardton	Bohn
6th	7:00 PM St	
	Thomas	Lector: Kali Kubas
Sunday,	8:00 AM	Lector: John Haas
February 7th	St. Stephen	
	10:00 AM	Lector: Pat Dassinger
	Richardton	

Collections for January 24, 2021	St. Mary	St. Stephen	St. Thomas
Adults	4903.00	495.00	272.00
Plate	257.98	186.00	11.00
Children	2.00		
Total	5162.98	681.00	283.00

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 RECONCILIATIONS & BAPTISMS: Are being rescheduled; sorry for the inconveniences.

OUR SYMPATHY: to the family and friends of Margie (Messmer) Messer who will be buried in our cemetery on Thursday; her funeral will be in Dickinson. May the angels lead her to paradise where she will rest in peace!

ST. STEPHEN PARISH

WELCOME TO THE FAITH: Klancy J Boerboom is being Baptized into our faith and parish community today. Congratulations to her and to Aaron and Amanda, her proud parents. May they find inspiration in us to raise her in the practice of the faith.

KC MEETING: 7:00 pm Rosary followed by 7:30 meeting. Hope to see everyone there!

ROSARY: will be led by the Confirmation students next Sunday before Mass. Come early to support them in prayer.

LENT: I hope it is alright with you if we switch our Lenten evening Stations/Mass from Friday to Thursday this year. It gives you a chance to hear different readings. We've been doing the same for the last 5 years. **So, Stations/Mass will be on Thursdays @ 6:30.**

ST. THOMAS PARISH

GIFT: I mentioned a few weeks ago that we received a generous Christmas gift and I thought it might be good to use part of it for new chairs for our Coffee and Rolls gatherings. Everyone who spoke to me thought it a good idea so I will pursue that. I also had the opportunity when returning from Nebr. to stop in Fargo and inquire after a St. Thomas statue. There's been discussion about this on and off. It seems timely to honor our patron with a statue. I took the liberty (because a decision had to be made on the spot) of ordering a 3' white marble statue. The order had to be placed so we would get it this summer yet.

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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 Kostelecky, 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.

THANK YOU: so much for your cards, thoughts and prayers, flowers, Masses and memorials upon the death of mom. As my brother Dennis said, "It was time," and it really was. She was ready, died peacefully, all 4 brothers got to see her the day she died, and she did not die alone. Despite COVID, many people were able to come to the visitation, Rosary and Funeral Mass. We all took comfort from the kindnesses of so many people and their memories of mom; she truly touched a lot of lives. I placed a few obituaries in the back of all the churches in case any of you are interested and I can print more if needs be. God Bless You All and thanks for "comforting those who mourn."

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:

You are invited 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 this Sunday. 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.

LENT is upon us with Ash Wednesday on February 17. Don't be caught off guard; start thinking now about what you will undertake for this Holy Season. Try to choose something concrete that will help you curb a particular sin or sinful inclination. It is also wise to choose something from each of the 3 categories: prayer, fasting and almsgiving/good works. Pray to the Holy Spirit to guide your choosing what you need.

ASH WEDNESDAY You will notice the Mass schedule for Ash Wednesday below. Bishop Kagan sent a letter regarding distribution of ashes this year. The Directives come from the Vatican and there can be no deviation from them. The ashes are blessed and the formula is addressed only once to the entire congregation ("Remember that you are dust..." or the alternate form.) The priest/deacon takes the ashes and sprinkles them on the head of each one who comes forward without saying anything. In other words, there is no contact, no ashes on the forehead. As with ashes on the forehead tradition, this is an individual choice, not a requirement.

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, I've figured out why people get gray hair. It's from worrying about their teeth falling out!

Fr. Thomas, OSB

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 31 Klancy J Boerboom Baptism @ St. Stephen 8:00 am

5th Sunday Rosary following 10:00 St. Mary Mass

Febr. 17 ASH WEDNESDAY

7:30 am Mass @ St. Mary

4:00 pm Mass for Rel. Ed students at Social Center

7:00 pm Mass @ St. Mary

Febr. 18 6:30 pm Stations/Mass @ St. Stephen

Febr. 19 6:30 pm Stations/Mass @ St. Thomas

Febr. 25 6:30 pm Stations/Mass @ St. Stephen

Febr. 26 6:30 pm Stations/Mass @ St. Thomas

Mar. 28 PALM SUNDAY

April 1 HOLY THURSDAY

4:00 St. Thomas

7:00 St. Mary

April 2 GOOD FRIDAY

1:00 St. Stephen

3:00 St. Mary

April 3 EASTER VIGIL 8:00 pm @ St. Mary

April 4 EASTER SUNDAY

8:00 am St. Stephen

8:00 am St. Thomas

10:00 am St. Mary