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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	+Jim Hauck
Tuesday	7:30 AM	Richardton	++Julius & Bertha Gress For the Sick
Wednesday	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Zeno Erdle
	4:00 PM	Social Center	+Catherine Hart
	7:00 PM	Richardton	+Joe Haag Family
Thursday	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Florence Hoff
	6:30 PM	St. Stephen	+Wilbert Mayer
Friday	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Zeno Erdle
	6:30 PM	St. Thomas	+Shirley Fischer
Saturday,	10:00 AM	St. Thomas	+Judy Hecker Funeral
February 20th	4:00 PM	Richardton	++Paul J. and Helen Hauck
	7:00 PM	St. Thomas	++Jacob & Eva Focht
Sunday,	8:00 AM	St. Stephen	+Julie Wordekemper
February	10:00AM	Richardton	PARISHES
21st			

Mass Schedule and Ministers: Saturday, February 20th & Sunday, February 21st

Saturday,	4:00 PM		Lector: Scott Bohn
February	Richardton		
20th	7:00 PM	St Thomas	Lector: Cliff Weiler
Sunday,	8:00 AM		Lector: Gary Friedt
February 21st	St. Stephen		
	10:00 AM		Lector: Jody Hoff/Alyssa Hoff
	Richardton		

Collections for February 7, 2021	St. Mary	St. Stephen	St. Thomas
Adults	2800.46	388.00	440.00
Plate	143.00	196.00	20.00
Children			
Total	2943.46	584.00	460.00

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: will be prayed each Friday @ 6:00pm in church beginning this Friday.

SOUP & STATIONS: that we've been doing twice each Lent at the Social Center will not be held this year.

ASH WEDNESDAY: is a day we abstain from all meats and fast with 1 main meal and 2 lesser meals (not to equal 1 meal). no eating between meals. Masses: 7:30 am and 7:00 pm. 4:00 Social Center Mass with Rel. Ed students.

ALL FRIDAYS OF LENT: we abstain from eating meats.

K OF C: Knight of the Month: Mark Rummel; Family of the Month: Tom/Judy Roll; Not present for the \$50 drawing: Matt Dobitz

ST. STEPHEN PARISH

THANKS: to the Confirmation students who led the Rosary before Mass last weekend.

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LENT: Weekday Mass will be on Thursday @ 6:30. No Stations this week.

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COFFEE/ROLLS: will resume in March.

ST. THOMAS PARISH

OUR SYMPATHY: to the family & friends of Judy Hecker. Her funeral will be here on Saturday morning @ 10:00. May the angels lead her to paradise and the Good Shepherd console her family.

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ALL THREE PARISHES

PLEASE PRAY: for those who are *seriously ill, terminally ill or in immediate concern:* Ted Goelzer, Susan Cook, Margaret Wiegler, Chuck

Hoff, Katie Thomas Kautzman, Leo Stein, Troy Hoff, Larry & Cindy Kostelecky, 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.

CHANGES! CHANGES! CHANGES!: We received a letter from Bishop Kagan Febr. 3 stating, “**The obligation to attend Sunday/Holy Day Mass is reestablished beginning February 20-21, 2021.**” Also, “*if your parish or parish group wants to have an event or dinner, I leave to your (the pastor’s) best pastoral discretion how to manage that keeping in mind precautions for hand cleansing, and the cooking and serving of food and the capabilities of your parish facilities.*”

OTHER CHANGES beginning Feb. 20-21: spacing in Church is eliminated; Funeral Vigils and Visitations before Mass may be in the Church at the Pastor’s discretion; EME’s may resume at the Pastor’s discretion for Parish Masses only; Mass Servers at the discretion of the Pastor and with the permission of parents may resume; choirs for parish Masses may resume participation with the usual numbers; Holy Water may be put into the fonts of the Church; Penance Services are allowed but only with the use of screens.

NO CHANGES: Holy Communion under one species of the Consecrated Host only; the Sign of Peace remains suspended; no Offertory procession with the gifts; no face-to-face Confessions.

Soooo...**I will assume the permission of parents for their children to serve Mass unless you tell me otherwise. I will assume the same children and adults will continue to serve and distribute Holy Communion, unless you tell me otherwise.** I’ll make a new schedule for servers and EMEs in a few weeks. If you want to resume the monthly Coffee/Rolls event I am OK with that, and look forward to it. We will not have a Penance Service but I will make myself more available to hear your confessions each Monday night during Lent. Offertory collection will remain as is. We’ll remove the pew barriers after Feb. 14 Mass. *I leave the decision to the organizations whether they will do the fish fries, Cajun turkey and other Lenten social gatherings, just let me know. We will resume the important ministry of providing funeral luncheons, at the request of families.* We will not have our Soup/Stations at the Social Center this year.

The Bishop has posted a video explaining all this on the Diocesan website: bismarckdiocese.org *I would urge us to remain cautious and mindful of others whose health may be compromised in any way. Those who wish to continue wearing masks and to distance are welcome to do so. Deacon Robert and I will continue to wear masks for the time being when distributing Holy Communion.*

30th ANNUAL CAJUN TURKEY SUPPER/RAFFLE: sponsored by the Catholic Daughters and Knights of Columbus will be held on Saturday, March 20 @ St. Mary Social Center. Serving will be from 4:30-6:30 pm. Take out will be available as well as dine in.

OFFICE HOURS: remain flexible, so be sure to call ahead if you need to see Pam or Fr. Thomas. The office will be closed on Monday, February 15th in observance of President’s Day.

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

FROM THE PASTOR:

LENT begins with Ash Wednesday this week. 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 you in choosing what you need to undertake.

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 crossed on the forehead. As with ashes on the forehead tradition, this is an individual choice, not a requirement .*

I will plan to be in the St. Mary confessional from 6-7 pm for Confession on the Mondays of Lent. Or feel free to make an appointment. Confession of our sins is one of the common Lenten practices.

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.

REMEMBER: ASH WEDNESDAY & GOOD FRIDAY ARE DAYS OF FASTING & ABSTAINING: No meat; 1 main meal and 2 lesser meals that do not equal 1 full meal may be taken; no eating between meals. **ALL FRIDAYS OF LENT** are days of **abstaining from eating meat.**

Finally, remember every cloud has a silver lining...and sometimes a bolt of lightning! Blessings on your week and all your undertakings; stay warm, and healthy!

Fr. Thomas, OSB

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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 Mass @ St. Stephen
- Febr. 19 6:00 Stations @ St. Mary
- Febr. 19 6:30 pm Mass @ St. Thomas
- Febr. 22 6-7 pm Confessions @ St. Mary
- Febr. 25 6:30 pm Stations/Mass @ St. Stephen
- Febr. 26 6:00 Stations of the Cross @ St. Mary
- Febr. 26 6:30 pm Stations/Mass @ St. Thomas
- Mar. 20 Cajun Turkey Supper @ St. Mary Social Center 4:30-6:30
- 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