



**February 21, 2021**

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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.

<b>Monday</b>	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Ron Frederick
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:30 AM	Richardton	++John & Loretta Phillips For the Sick
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:30 AM	Richardton	++John & Clementine Loran
<b>Thursday</b>	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Frank Bechler
	6:30 PM	St. Stephen	++Mr. & Mrs. Simon Greff
<b>Friday</b>	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Beatrice Messer
	6:30 PM	St. Thomas	+Walt Kubas
<b>Saturday,</b>	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Nick Rehling
<b>February 27<sup>th</sup></b>	4:00 PM	Richardton	+Helen Hauck
	7:00 PM	St. Stephen	+Harry Kostelecky Family
<b>Sunday,</b>	8:00 AM	St. Thomas	+Walt Kubas
<b>February</b>	10:00AM	Richardton	++Harry & Catherine Kearnes
<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>			

**Mass Schedule and Ministers: Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**

<b>Saturday,</b> <b>February</b> <b>27<sup>th</sup></b>	4:00 PM	<b>Lector:</b> Adam Bohn	<b>March</b>
	Richardton	<b>Ushers:</b> Leo & Colleen Miller, Gary & Cathy Tormaschy	
	7:00 PM	<b>Lector:</b> Mike Greff	
	St. Stephen	<b>March Ushers:</b> Chad Messer & Larry Messer	
<b>Sunday,</b> <b>February 28<sup>th</sup></b>	8:00 AM	<b>Lector:</b> Jeff Morel	
	St. Thomas	<b>March Ushers:</b> Justin Sickler & Cliff Weiler	
	10:00 AM	<b>Lector:</b> Marla Hoff/Alayna Dressler	<b>March</b>
Richardton	<b>Ushers:</b> Sheri Gebhardt, Deanna Voltz, Volunteers		

<b>Collections for February 14, 2021</b>	<b>St. Mary</b>	<b>St. Stephen</b>	<b>St. Thomas</b>
Adults	1605.00	273.00	107.00
Plate	157.00	77.00	8.00
Children	2.00		
<b>Total</b>	<b>1764.00</b>	<b>350.00</b>	<b>115.00</b>

**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.

**ALL FRIDAYS OF LENT:** we abstain from eating meats.

**THANK YOU:** Susan Cook for washing and ironing the altar server robes. They look so nice and fresh.

**CHRISTIAN MOTHERS:** The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup> @ 1:30 PM in the Social Center. Program: Palm Braiding. Lunch: Judy Frederick & Michelle Tormaschy. Entertainment: Maria Harasty & Bernie Staudinger.

**ST. STEPHEN PARISH**

**LENT:** Stations followed by Mass will be on Thursday @ 6:30.

**ALL FRIDAYS OF LENT:** we abstain from eating meats.

**COFFEE/ROLLS:** will resume in March.

**ST. THOMAS PARISH**

**LENT:** Stations followed by Mass will be on Friday @ 6:30.

**ALL FRIDAYS OF LENT:** we abstain from eating meats.

**VOLUNTEER:** Is there someone who would be willing to wash and iron the server robes before we start using servers? Please let me know.

**COFFEE/ROLLS:** I don't know who is in charge of this but please let me know what the plans are for March. I don't have a problem with us having the event.

**ALL THREE PARISHES**

**PLEASE PRAY:** for those who are *seriously ill, terminally ill or in immediate concern:* Blake Sickler, 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.com](http://bismarckdiocese.com) *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.*

**30<sup>th</sup> 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. **PARISH WEBSITE:** [www.stmaryrichardton.com](http://www.stmaryrichardton.com). The weekly bulletin is included on the website and is normally posted on Mondays.

#### **FROM THE PASTOR:**

LENT began with Ash Wednesday last week. It was nice to see so many of you at Masses on Wednesday and at the mission Masses on Thursday/Friday. And it was nice to see so many parents/grandparents join the Rel. Ed students for the 4:00 Mass.

In keeping with the solemn nature of Lent, the church directs that no "extra" music, i.e. instrumental alone, is to be used at Mass. Thus no preludes, interludes or postludes are permitted. I would also suggest that we not sing a recessional hymn and depart in quiet to help us keep the penitential nature of this season before us. The Gloria and Alleluia are not sung during Lent and we won't ring the tower bells before Mass. This can help make the Easter season more joyful.

By now you should have received the letter I sent to you encouraging you to celebrate the Sacrament of Confession this Lent. To help you in that holy deed I will be in the St. Mary confessional from 6-7 pm for Confession on the Mondays of Lent. Or feel free to make an appointment. I will also soon make myself available at Sts. Stephen and Thomas on a Tuesday night.

The African Mission Appeal envelope will be attached to the Bulletin next weekend. This annual appeal helps fund the good work being done by Fr. David Morman and his crew for the Diocesan Mission in Kisii Africa. Your generous support is greatly appreciated. A brief video is available at [bismarckdiocese.com/african-mission](http://bismarckdiocese.com/african-mission) or [youtu.be/rPuNtcl7t8c](https://youtu.be/rPuNtcl7t8c) Thank you!

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.

**REMEMBER: GOOD FRIDAY IS A DAY 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, this Lent ask yourself: what do I need to *start doing*; what do I need to *stop doing* and what do I need to *continue doing* in my relationship with God?  
Fr. Thomas, OSB

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Febr. 22** 6-7 pm Confessions @ St. Mary  
**Febr. 24** 4-5 pm Rel Ed Confessions (grades 3-6)  
Confirmation Retreat  
**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. 1** KC mtg @ St. Stephen  
**Mar. 3** Rel. Ed Confessions (grades 7-9)  
**Mar. 4** 6:30 Stations/Mass @ St. Stephen  
**Mar. 5** 6:00 Stations of the Cross @ St. Mary  
6:30 Stations/Mass @ St. Thomas  
**Mar. 7** Liturgy of the Word @ St. Stephen  
**Mar. 11** 6:30 Stations/Mass @ St. Stephen  
**Mar. 12** 6:00 Stations of the Cross @ St. Mary  
6:30 Stations/Mass @ St. Thomas  
**Mar. 13** 4:00 Confirmation kids lead rosary before Mass @ St. Mary  
**Mar. 14** St. Thomas Coffee/Rolls?  
St. Thomas KC mtg.  
**Mar. 20** Cajun Turkey Supper @ St. Mary Social Center 4:30-6:30  
**Mar. 21** St. Stephen Coffee/Rolls  
**Mar. 28** PALM SUNDAY  
10:00 Children's Mass @ St. Mary followed by Soup & Palm Braiding  
**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

