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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	+Ralph Boespflug
Tuesday	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Zeno Erdle For the Sick
Wednesday	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Ray Fettig
Thursday	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Gen Hunke Maas Family
	6:30 PM	St. Stephen	+Jean Gust
Friday	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Gaité Gebhardt (First Friday Adoration 8:00 – 9:00 AM)
	6:30 PM	St. Thomas	+Craig Kubas
Saturday,	7:30 AM	Richardton	++Paul & Eleanor Hoff
March 6th	4:00 PM	Richardton	++Harry & Catherine Kearnes
	7:00 PM	St. Thomas	PARISHES
Sunday,	8:00 AM	St. Stephen	++Matt & Ann Rebel
March	10:00AM	Richardton	+Living & Deceased Christian Mothers & K of C
7th			

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

Saturday,	4:00 PM	Lector: Ben Bohn
March 6th	Richardton	
	7:00 PM St	Lector: Tina Meyer
	Thomas	
Sunday,	8:00 AM	Lector: Kayla Zent
March 7th	St. Stephen	
	10:00 AM	Lector: Lea Floberg
	Richardton	

Collections for February 21, 2021	St. Mary	St. Stephen	St. Thomas
Adults	2265.00	475.00	595.00
Plate	377.00	339.00	10.00
Children			
Total	2642.00	814.00	605.00

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 @ 6:00 pm in church.

ALL FRIDAYS OF LENT: we abstain from eating meats.

CONFESSIONS: every Monday night from 6-7 pm.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS: The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 11. Rosary begins at 6:50 PM with meeting to follow. Agenda: Plan Cajun Turkey Supper. Lunch: Joy Kitzan, Jessi Olson & Ann Loran.

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS: The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 7th @ 1:30 PM in the meeting room upstairs. Program: Palm Braiding. Lunch: Judy Frederick & Michelle Tormaschy. Entertainment: Maria Harasty & Bernie Staudinger.

ST. STEPHEN PARISH

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

ALL FRIDAYS OF LENT: we abstain from eating meats.

COFFEE/ROLLS: will resume in March.

CONFESSIONS: I will be available for Confessions here in the sacristy on Tuesday, March 9 from 5-7 pm.

KC MEETING: Monday night. Rosary @ 7:00 followed by meeting @ 7:30.

ST. THOMAS PARISH

LENT: Stations followed by Mass will be on Fridays @ 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.

CONFESSIONS: I will be available for Confessions here on Tuesday, March 16 from 5-7 pm.

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 our residents in nursing and assisted living homes.

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.

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

FROM THE PASTOR:

How nice it was to see so many people back to Mass last weekend, especially at St. Mary and to hear such good participation. Keep up the good work and thank you everyone!

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 make myself available at St. Stephen (Mar. 9 from 5-7 pm) and St. Thomas (Mar. 16 from 5-7 pm).

The African Mission Appeal envelope is attached to the Bulletin this weekend. This annual appeal helps fund the good work being done by Fr. David Morman of our Diocese 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 or youtu.be/rPuNtcl7t8c Thank you!

I do appreciate how so many of you remained faithful to Sunday and daily Mass this past pandemic year. It is a testament to your love of God and your faithfulness to give him praise and honor. And I thank you for continuing to support the Parishes with your time, talent and treasure during this upside down and backward sort of year. God bless you with every good thing. We are not out of danger yet, so please continue to be careful and respectful.

This past Tuesday I had the opportunity to celebrate Mass for the residents of RHC. Although I had to stay in the entryway and could not give them Holy Communion, it was still nice to be able to see them and their joy in celebrating the Mass. Not being able to see them this past year unless at their time of death was hard but I did assure them of our remembrance in thought and prayer. We’re not sure when a regular celebration of Mass at RHC will begin.

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.**

FROM THE ARCHIVES: Inclusive of 1897-1900 there were 46 burials at St. Mary Cemetery and 35 of the dead were under the age of 20! How times have changed. On the other hand during those same years there were 292 Baptisms. What a busy pastor! The building the parish used was only a 24 x 40 frame church with exterior wooden supports on the bracing the walls. It must have been scary on windy days!

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

- Mar. 1 KC mtg @ St. Stephen 7:00 Rosary followed by the meeting
- 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. 9 Confessions @ St. Stephen 5-7 pm
- 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. 16 Confessions @ St. Thomas 5-7 pm
- 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
- 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