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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.

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

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Table with 4 columns: Collections for March 7, 2021, St. Mary, St. Stephen, and St. Thomas. Rows include Adults, Plate, Children, and Total.

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: each Friday @ 6:00 pm in church.

ALL FRIDAYS OF LENT: we abstain from eating meats.

CONFESSIONS: Monday night from 6-7 pm.

EASTER FLOWERS: Donations for Easter flowers can be put in an envelope and dropped in the collection or dropped by the office. Thanks for your help to decorate our beautiful church for the Easter season.

CHURCH CLEANING: for Easter will be Saturday, March 27 following the 7:30 am Mass. All help is welcome and all cleaning supplies are provided. We're usually done by 9:30 if we get enough help J

AS IN THE PAST: we will be celebrating the 3:00 pm Good Friday and 8:00 pm Easter Vigil (Saturday evening) Liturgies with the monks.

AMERICAN LEGION POTLUCK BIRTHDAY SUPPER: March 15th at the American Legion Hall (Richardton) for American Legion and Auxiliary members. All auxiliary members are asked to bring a side dish or salad. Social hour at 6:00 PM; Supper at 6:30 PM with meeting to follow.

KC MEETING: Knight of the Month: Dale Hauck. Family of the Month: Tim & Susan Cook. Winner of \$50 drawing: Kelvin Hoff – not present.

ST. STEPHEN PARISH

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

ALL FRIDAYS OF LENT: we abstain from eating meats.

COFFEE/ROLLS: Sunday, March 21 following Mass. Megan Dukart - Chairman. Kelsey Dobitz - Bread. Dana Scholz, Karen Zent, Kathy Schorsch, Ruth Haas, Fran Hauck, Diane Freidt.

ST. THOMAS PARISH

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

ALL FRIDAYS OF LENT: we abstain from eating meats.

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

COFFEE/ROLLS: Sunday, March 14 following Mass. Thanks ladies, and men!

THANKS: Jerry Haich for fixing the chair lift at the south door.

ALL THREE PARISHES

PLEASE PRAY: for those who are seriously ill, terminally ill or in immediate concern: Barbara Hoff, 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.

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. Catholic Daughters will have Easter Bread for sale and there will be various vendors present.

PALM SUNDAY: @ St. Mary 10:00 Mass we will involve our Rel. Ed students in various ways. Following the Mass we will have our traditional Soup/Bread luncheon and palm braiding at the Social Center. Please plan to join us for this nice family tradition.

REMINDER: We will be taking up the annual Good Friday collection on Good Friday. The envelopes will be attached to the Bulletin. This important collection helps maintain the Catholic presence in the Holy Land, an important ministry in this day when Christians are persecuted in the Holy Land. Thanks for your generosity.

RICHARDTON-TAYLOR COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE: Monday, March 29th @ Richardton American Legion from 1:00 – 6:00 PM. Sponsored by: Richardton KC Council #4185. Appointments can be scheduled by contacting Judy Roll @ 974-3438 or online @ www.bloodhero.com sponsor code: Richardton.

CORAZON: for marriages in crisis will be Apr. 30 - May 2. Call Amanda @ 701 204 7205 or bismarckdiocese.com/corazon to register or for more information about this excellent opportunity.

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:

From Bishop Kagan last week: The recently approved (FDA 2-27-2021) vaccine produced by Janssen/Johnson & Johnson used abortion-derived cell lines in the design, development, production and lab testing. This Janssen/Johnson & Johnson vaccine is morally compromised and therefore unacceptable for any Catholic physician or healthcare worker to dispense and for any Catholic to receive due to its direct connection to the intrinsically evil act of abortion. No one should use or receive this vaccine but there is no justification for any Catholic to do so. Two morally acceptable vaccines are available and may be used. As always, no one is bound to receive this vaccine, but it remains an individual and informed decision.

Confirmation students have been practicing the Living Stations of the Cross for Wed., March 31 @ 7:00 pm. @ St. Mary. Plan to attend this spiritual opportunity. We last presented these 2 yrs. ago and the students did a wonderful job; I have no doubt this will also be a meaningful presentation.

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. Thomas (Mar. 16 from 5-7 pm). *Thank you to those who are taking advantage of this wonderful Sacrament of Healing.*

The **African Mission Appeal** envelope was attached to the Bulletin recently. Please **drop your envelope in the collection, or drop it off at the office. Extra envelopes are in the back of the churches.** 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.

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.**

2021 marks the 125th anniversary of St. Mary Parish. I want to try to include some interesting historical tidbits for you to enjoy this year in the new **"FROM THE ARCHIVES"** section of the Bulletin. Sts. Stephen and Thomas celebrated 120 years in 2020 so I will also try to include things from their past on occasion as well. I hope you find it interesting.

FROM THE ARCHIVES: Shortly after 1883 Bavarian and Irish Catholics of Richardton organized the parish under the patronage of the Immaculate Conception. Benedictine monks serving in Mandan or Dickinson would celebrate Mass periodically; there was no resident pasto.

Finally, we're on the downward side of Lent so don't lose hope! Keep up your good works, sacrifices and prayer. It's been so nice to see so many of you at daily Mass, confession and the other spiritual opportunities. Thank you!

Fr. Thomas, OSB

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mar. 13 4:00 Confirmation students lead Rosary before Mass @ St. Mary
- Mar. 14 St. Thomas Coffee/Rolls
6:30 St. Thomas KC mtg.
- Mar. 15 Confessions @ St. Mary 6-7 pm
- Mar. 16 Confessions @ St. Thomas 5-7 pm
- Mar. 18 6:30 Stations/Mass @ St. Stephen
- Mar. 19 6:00 Stations of the Cross @ St. Mary
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- Mar. 20 Cajun Turkey Supper @ St. Mary Social Center 4:30-6:30
- Mar. 21 St. Stephen Coffee/Rolls
- Mar. 22 Confessions @ St. Mary 6-7 pm
- Mar. 25 6:30 Stations/Mass @ St. Stephen
- Mar. 26 6:00 Stations of the Cross @ St. Mary
6:30 Stations/Mass @ St. Thomas
- Mar. 28 **PALM SUNDAY**
10:00 Children's Mass @ St. Mary followed by Soup & Palm Braiding @ Social Center
- Mar. 31 7:00 pm LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS @ St. Mary (by Confirmation students)
- April 1 **HOLY THURSDAY**
4:00 Mass @ St. Thomas
7:00 Mass @ 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 with Nora Tormaschy (Toby/Heidi) Baptism

April 12-15 Annual Clergy Spring Conference; Fr. Thomas gone