



March 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.

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| Monday | 7:30 AM | Richardton | ++Felix & Mary Haich |
| Tuesday | 7:30 AM | Richardton | +Paul Meyer For the Sick |
| Wednesday | 7:30 AM | Richardton | +Ron Frederick |
| Thursday | 7:30 AM | Richardton | +Janell Schmalenberger |
| | 6:30 PM | St. Stephen | +Paul J. Hauck |
| Friday | 7:30 AM | Richardton | +Beatrice Messer |
| | 6:30 PM | St. Thomas | +Keith Wolf |
| Saturday, | 7:30 AM | Richardton | +Delphine Senn |
| March 27th | 4:00 PM | Richardton | Agnes Rehling |
| | 7:00 PM | St. Stephen | ++Mr. & Mrs. Larry Swindler |
| Sunday, | 8:00 AM | St. Thomas | +John Neurohr |
| March 28th | 10:00AM | Richardton | PARISHES |

Mass Schedule and Ministers: Saturday, March 27th & Sunday, March 28th

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| Saturday, March 27th | 4:00 PM | Lector: Adam Bohn/Ben Bohn | April |
| | 7:00 PM | Ushers: Ken Haag, Rodney Rebel, Delores Baer | |
| | St. Stephen | Lector: Bridget Greff/Gary Friedt | |
| | | Ushers: Marianne Hoffman, Alan Krebs | |
| Sunday, March 28th | 8:00 AM | Lector: Jerry Haich/Tina Meyer | April |
| | 10:00 AM | April Ushers: Curt Naumann, Brian Scholz | |
| | Richardton | Lector: Jody Hoff/Marla Hoff | |
| | | Ushers: Tim & Kathy Meyer, Tom Roll, Reid Vaagen | |

| Collections for March 14, 2021 | St. Mary | St. Stephen | St. Thomas |
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| Adults | 1323.00 | 260.00 | 360.00 |
| Plate | 110.76 | 83.00 | 11.00 |
| Children | 2.75 | | |
| Total | 1436.51 | 343.00 | 371.00 |

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: 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.

EASTER SUNDAY: There will not be 8:30AM Monk's mass.

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.

THANKS: to Irene Naumann's group for hosting the coffee & rolls last Sunday. You haven't lost your touch for baking...everything I ate was delicious!

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 Kostecky, 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.

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.

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS: will be presented by our Confirmation students on Wednesday, evening, March 31 @ 7:00 pm in St. Mary Church. Please plan to attend this spiritual drama by our young adults for our reflection, prayer and edification. Thanks to the teachers who are helping with the preparation and presentation.

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. *The office will be closed on Holy Friday and Easter Monday.*

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

FROM THE PASTOR:

Please plan to attend as many of the spiritual events as possible during Holy Week, beginning with the *Living Stations of the Cross* on Wednesday, March 31 and continuing with *Holy Thursday Masses* at Sts. Thomas & Mary, *Veneration of the Cross on Good Friday* at Sts. Stephen & Mary, the *Easter Vigil* at St. Mary and the *Easter Sunday Masses* at Sts. Stephen, Thomas and Mary. Because of the pandemic there will be no foot washing on Holy Thursday, no kissing of the cross on Good Friday and no lighting of the candles at the Easter Vigil but that should not diminish sacredness of those celebrations nor detract from their importance. These are the holiest days we celebrate and Christians and Catholics.

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. *Thank you to those who are taking advantage of this wonderful Sacrament of Healing.*

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 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 periodically include things from their past 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 pastor.

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. 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 MASS
4:00 Mass @ St. Thomas
7:00 Mass @ St. Mary
- April 2 GOOD FRIDAY VENERATION OF THE CROSS
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 5 St. Stephen KC mtg.
April 8 Catholic Daughters 6:50 Rosary followed by mtg. & luncheon
St. Mary K C Rosary followed by mtg. & luncheon
April 11 St. Thomas Coffee & Rolls
Confirmation students lead Rosary before St. Mary 10:00 Mass
Tammy Friedt Profession of Faith & 1st Holy Communion @ 10:00 St. Mary Mass
April 12-15 Annual Clergy Spring Conference; Fr. Thomas gone
April 18 St. Stephen Coffee & Rolls