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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.

Table with 4 columns: Day, Time, Location, and Celebrant. Rows include Monday through Sunday with specific times and names like Stella Rummel, Jim Miller, etc.

Mass Schedule and Ministers: Thursday, April 1st, Friday, April 2nd, Saturday, April 3rd & Sunday, April 4th

Table with 4 columns: Day, Time, Location, and Lector. Rows for Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday with lectors like Cliff Weiler, Susan Cook, etc.

Table with 4 columns: Collections for March 21, 2021, St. Mary, St. Stephen, St. Thomas. Rows for Adults, Plate, Children, and Total.

WELCOME! Thank you for joining us. To join the parish, contact the office at 974-3569.

ST. MARY PARISH

CONFESSIONS: Monday night from 6-7 pm.

HOLY THURSDAY: Mass begins at 7:00 pm followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9:30 pm. During Adoration you are free to come and go—you don't have to stay until 9:30. However, there should always be at least 2 people present. It does not conclude with Benediction.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE: and Veneration of the Cross begins at 3:00 pm.

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.

HOLY SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL: begins at 8:00 pm.

EASTER SUNDAY MASS: will be at 10:00 am. There is no 8:30 Abbey Mass.

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. Thank you for your generosity thus far.

SPECIAL TREAT: for the little kids 7 yrs. and younger following 10:00 Easter Mass on the front lawn! Thanks to the Easter Bunny helpers...

ST. STEPHEN PARISH

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE: with veneration of the cross begins at 1:00 pm

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.

EASTER SUNDAY MASS: 8:00 am followed by a surprise for the kids.

ST. THOMAS PARISH

HOLY THURSDAY: Mass begins at 4:00 pm. No foot washing this year because of the pandemic.

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.

EASTER SUNDAY MASS: 8:00 am as usual.

ALL THREE PARISHES

PLEASE PRAY: for those who are *seriously ill, terminally ill or in immediate concern:* Barbara Hoff, Ted Goelzer, Susan Cook, Margaret Wieglenda, 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.

JOIN US: for soup (3 choices) and bread with palm braiding @ St. Mary Social Center following the 10:00 Palm Sunday Mass. This is a great family tradition sponsored by the Rel. Ed program and the free-will offering also helps the program.

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 presented for our reflection, prayer and edification. Thanks to the teachers who are helping with the preparation and presentation.

RICE BOWLS: I have placed boxes in each of the churches for your Rice Bowl contributions. If you don't use the bowls and just want to make a contribution, you can also place that in a marked envelope and also put it in the boxes. Thanks for helping to feed the poor and hungry of the world!

OLD PALMS: can be placed in the boxes marked for them in each of the churches OR you can carefully! burn them or just bury them in your flower or vegetable gardens or in a corner of your pastures asking God to protect the land from all harm.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION: The envelope is included in your contribution envelopes. This important collection helps maintain the Catholic presence in the Holy Land, a vital 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.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE: Will begin new sessions in April 2021. This 10 week process is a peer ministry for separated, divorced and widowed individuals to resolve grief and promote healing. For more information contact Cindy @ 701-690-9003.

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:

No Stations of the Cross this week but please try to attend the Living Stations as a family. I saw the kids rehearsing last Wednesday and it is a thought-provoking reflection and presentation and will be worth your time and effort.

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. Mary, Stephen and Thomas. 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 as Christians and Catholics.

By way of interest if you attend the Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil liturgies you will notice that the Holy Thursday Mass does not conclude with a Blessing/Dismissal nor do Good Friday and the Easter Vigil begin with a Blessing/Penitential Rite. The 3 days are one continuous liturgy that conclude with the Blessing and Dismissal of the Easter Vigil. These 3 days are known as the Triduum which means "3 days."

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.

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: the 1st church building in Richardton was a rickety structure provided by the C.B. Richards Co. (founders of Richardton) & used by various denominations. The Catholics met in homes or the Northern Pacific RR depot for services until 1900 when the C.B. Richards Co. gave the church building to the Catholics.

Finally, thank you so much for your attendance and participation at Masses, Stations and Confessions this Lenten season! It has been so edifying for me as pastor to see so many of you putting effort into your spiritual life and relationship with God. Many of you (and guests) have also commented on how nice it is to see people at Mass. Please keep up the good work and effort. God bless you!

Fr. Thomas, OSB

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mar. 28 PALM SUNDAY**
10:00 Children's Mass @ St. Mary followed by Soup & Palm Braiding @ Social Center
- Mar. 29 6-7 pm Confessions @ St. Mary**
- 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 K C 7:30 Rosary; 8:00mtg. followed by luncheon**
- April 8 Catholic Daughters 6:50 Rosary followed by mtg. & luncheon**
St. Mary K C 7:35 Rosary followed by 8:00 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 in Bismarck; Fr. Thomas gone**
- April 18 St. Stephen Coffee & Rolls**
- May 2 8:00 1st Holy Communion @ St. Stephen**
10:00 1st Holy Communion @ St. Mary

May 9 **St. Thomas Coffee/Rolls**
10:00 Confirmation @ St. Mary
St. Thomas K C mtg.

May 16 **St. Stephen Coffee/Rolls**