



April 4, 2021 **Volume 74, No. 14**

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	+Zeno Erdle
Tuesday	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Greg Schank For the Sick
Wednesday	7:30 AM	Richardton	++Felix & Mary Haich For Rain
Thursday	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Ray Fettig
Friday	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Gladys Lacher
Saturday,	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Eva Focht
April	4:00 PM	Richardton	++Bob & Marge Buresh
10th	7:00 PM	St. Stephen	PARISHES
Sunday,	8:00 AM	St. Thomas	++Victor & Barbara Rohr
April	10:00 AM	Richardton	+Dorothy Miller
11th			

Mass Schedule and Ministers: Saturday, April 10th & Sunday, April 11th

Saturday, April 10th	4:00 PM	Lector: Susan Cook
	Richardton	
	7:00 PM	Lector: John Haas
	St. Stephen	
Sunday, April 11th	8:00 AM	Lector: Tina Meyer
	St. Thomas	
	10:00 AM	Lector: Jack Wyckoff
	Richardton	

Collections for March 28, 2021	St. Mary	St. Stephen	St. Thomas
Adults	1873.00	260.00	615.00
Plate	375.00	309.00	35.00
Children	4.00		
Total	2252.00	569.00	650.00

WELCOME!

Thank you for joining us. We hope you will return often. If you are new to the faith or community and want to join the parish, contact the parish office at 701-974-3569.

ST. MARY PARISH

EASTER FLOWERS: *Thank you for your generosity toward Easter flowers and to all those who generously gave of their time and energy to clean and polish the church and to decorate for the Holy Days of Easter.*

THANK YOU: *everyone for your prayerful participation at all the Holy Week liturgies beginning with Palm Sunday and continuing through the week. And thanks to our Confirmation students and Marla Hoff and Missy Baranko for the prayerful presentation of the Living Stations of the Cross—well done.*

WELCOME: *to Nora Delores Tormaschy (Toby/Heidi) baptized into our faith on Easter Sunday. May our good example help Toby and Heidi raise Nora in the practice of the faith.*

SUNDAY APRIL 11: *our Confirmation students will lead the Rosary before the 10:00 Mass. Also, Tammy Friedt (Arnie) will make her Profession of Faith and 1st Holy Communion as a Catholic. Welcome to the faith Tammy and to our parish!*

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS: *meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 8th. Rosary at 6:50 PM and meeting to follow. Program: Quilts of Valor speaker. Agenda: Audit, Camp ReCreation. Lunch: Pat Dassinger & Sue Hoff.*

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: *will be held on Thursday, April 8th. Rosary at 7:35 PM followed by 8:00 PM meeting and luncheon.*

THANKS: *to all the many people who showed up to help clean the church and rectory meeting room on Saturday, March 27. Many hands made the work light, enjoyable and quick! Blessings to you and the gratitude of all parishioners and monks.*

ST. STEPHEN PARISH

KNIGHTS OF COLOMBUS: *meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 5th. Rosary at 7:30 PM with 8:00 pm meeting and luncheon to follow.*

COFFEE AND ROLLS: *Following the April 18th Mass.*

ST. THOMAS PARISH

COFFEE AND ROLLS: *Following the April 11th Mass.*

KNIGHTS OF COLOMBUS MEETING: Sunday evening, April 11.

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.

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 or collection. 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.

FROM BISHOP KAGAN: "I thank each and every one of you who supported our African Mission Appeal held in our parishes on March 6-7. Your kind gift helped make this year's appeal a tremendous success. Because of your remarkable generosity, we will be able to continue our expanded programs and services that are making an incredible impact on the lives of the AIDS orphans we are assisting. You can be very proud of all the missionary work that we are able to accomplish because of your generosity. On behalf of our poor brothers and sister and all the orphaned children you will be helping this year, I offer my heartfelt thank you."

THANKS: to all who helped with the Palm Sunday Children's Mass at St. Mary, the delicious soup meal and palm braiding that followed. This is a nice parish family tradition we have here; thanks for helping carry it on.

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 April 5th, Easter Monday.*

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

FROM THE PASTOR:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! A most Joyous, Blessed and Wonderful Easter to everyone! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! May our risen Lord show himself to you in the ordinary people and events of your days and life just as he did to his followers 2000 years ago. Jesus is risen and continues to be with us in many ways if we look with the eyes of faith. May we not be unbelieving, but believe. Even though Lent is over, keep up the good work on those spiritual "extras" you undertook in Lent. The idea is that our good deeds, undertakings, prayers and practices continue in our lives.

I continue to be grateful to all of you who 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: Fr. Henry Schmitz of Dickinson regularly served Richardton Catholics until he died in 1893. His successor was not willing to come to Richardton. Bishop Shanley (Fargo) asked Fr. Vincent Wehrle, OSB to conduct a 5 day mission for the 40 families of Richardton in June, 1893.

Finally, thank you again 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 so many people at Mass. Please keep up the good work and effort. God bless you!

Finally, finally, Where does the Easter Bunny get his eggs? from an eggplant! What did one Easter egg say to the other? Heard any good yolks lately?

Fr. Thomas, OSB Happy Easter Nick!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 Mother's Day
St. Thomas Coffee/Rolls
10:00 Confirmation @ St. Mary
St. Thomas K C mtg.

May 16 St. Stephen Coffee/Rolls

