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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 | +Minerva Zimmerman For Rain and Good Weather |
| Tuesday | 7:30 AM | Richardton | +Nick Rehling For the Sick |
| Wednesday | 7:30 AM | Richardton | ++Paul J. & Helen Hauck |
| Thursday | 7:30 AM | Richardton | +Greg Schank |
| Friday | 7:30 AM | Richardton | +Ron Frederick |
| Saturday, April 17th | 7:30 AM | Richardton | +Ralph Messer |
| | 4:00 PM | Richardton | +Joe Haag Family |
| | 7:00 PM | St. Thomas | PARISHES |
| Sunday, April 18th | 8:00 AM | St. Stephen | +Julie Wordekemper |
| | 10:00 AM | Richardton | ++Harry & Catherine Kearnes |

Mass Schedule and Ministers: Saturday, April 17th & Sunday, April 18th

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| Saturday, April 17th | 4:00 PM | Lector: Scott Bohn |
| | Richardton | |
| | 7:00 PM | Lector: Lisa Sickler |
| | St. Thomas | |

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| Sunday, April 18th | 8:00 AM | Lector: Bridget Greff |
| | St. Stephen | |
| | 10:00 AM | Lector: Jody Hoff/Alyssa Hoff |
| | Richardton | |

| Collections for April 4, 2021 | St. Mary | St. Stephen | St. Thomas |
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| Adults | 3775.00 | 900.00 | 675.00 |
| Plate | 390.00 | 372.00 | 10.00 |
| Children | | | |
| Total | 4165.00 | 1272.00 | 685.00 |

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

WELCOME TO THE FAITH: Tammy (Arnie) Friedt. Tammy was in the RCIA program a few years ago and makes her Profession of Faith as a Catholic at the 10:00 Mass this weekend. She will also make her 1st Holy Communion at the Mass. Tammy has been a faithful, sincere and patient Candidate in her search for God in the Catholic faith. Please join me in welcoming her to the faith and our parish. J

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 attendance at the Holy Week and Triduum liturgies. It was edifying to see so many joining our guests to celebrate the “high Holy Days.” Special thanks to the musicians, choir, decorators, monks, lectors, cantors, ushers, the Easter Sunday “Easter Bunnies” and all others who helped in any way. It all makes a good difference. So many visitors commented on the beauty of the celebrations. We have a treasure here passed on to us from previous generations that together we must preserve and carry on. J

SUNDAY APRIL 11: our Confirmation students will lead the Rosary before the 10:00 Mass.

K of C MEETING: Knight of the month: Jack Wyckoff. Family of the Month: Scott/Jonilla Bohn. Present to collect his \$50 prize drawing: Nick Procive

ST. STEPHEN PARISH

COFFEE AND ROLLS: Following the April 18th Mass. Chairman – Melissa Friedt. Bread – Sheryl Friedt. Jeannette Zent, Kayla Zent, Lucy Messer, Stephanie Messer.

ST. THOMAS PARISH

COFFEE AND ROLLS: Following the April 11th Mass.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING: 6:30 pm this Sunday evening.

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, William Kostecky and all those living with various cancers, those dealing with CO-VID19 in any way and our residents in nursing and assisted living homes.

RAIN: I have added to our Monday 7:30 am Mass the intention for rain. If you are able, please join us for Mass and if unable try to offer a prayer for rain during that Mass time. We will also begin our Litany for Rain and Good Weather at Sts. Stephen and Thomas next weekend.

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! *Please have your donation turned in by April 18. Thank you.*

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. *No more palms after April 18, please.*

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."

REAL PRESENCE RADIO: our local Catholic radio station is holding its 16th annual fund drive May 4-7. This radio station has done tremendous things in educating people looking for answers about our Catholic faith and deepening their relationships with God. Call 877 795 0122 to make a donation or donate online at: realpresenceradio.com/donate Thank you!

GREAT PLAINS FOOD BANK: Will have the next distribution on Wed., April 28th at St. Mary Social Center from 12:00 – 1:00 PM. This is a drive-up distribution and participants are asked to remain in their vehicle.

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:

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. *The Easter Season concludes with the Solemnity of Pentecost which this year is Sunday, May 23.*

Please continue to be cautious and careful with social distancing and masking for your sake and that of others whose vulnerability we do not know. Even with the vaccines we are not out of danger yet. I have no problem with people wishing to wear masks to Mass.

Thank you so much for your continued financial support of your parishes. I am touched by your loyal financial support and the many, many ways you take pride in your parish and also give of your time, talent and prayers for our good. I continue to be blessed as your pastor.

The materials for the annual God's Share Appeal have arrived. The collection will take place the weekend of May 1-2. Thank you in advance for your generous support of the Bismarck Diocese. We continue to benefit from grants, programs and guidance from various offices of the Diocese. Especially in recent years grants for the Rel. Ed programs, help with Annulment processes, Marriage programs, Youth opportunities, financial oversight, Real Presence Radio, etc., etc. Parishes do not operate in a vacuum or independently but within a Diocese with a "boss" who is the bishop.

I will be in Bismarck Monday-Thursday for the annual Spring Clergy Conference. This involves educational lectures and a talk by the bishop on the last day.

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, what do you get when you put 5 ducks in a box? A box of quackers!

Fr. Thomas, OSB

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Parent Mtg. for 1st Communicants @ 3:30 – Social Center North Room

3:30 pm Confessions for 2nd graders in preparation for 1st Holy Communion

6:30 pm St. Thomas K of C meeting

April 14 Parent Mtg. for Confirmation students @ 6:00 – Social Center North Room

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

April 18 St. Stephen Coffee & Rolls

April 24 Easton Charles (Josh/DelRae) Reisenauer Baptism @ St. Stephen

May 2 8:00 1st Holy Communion @ St. Stephen
10:00 1st Holy Communion @ St. Mary

May 3 St. Stephen K of C 7:30 Rosary followed by 8:00 mtg. & luncheon

May 9 Mother's Day
St. Thomas Coffee/Rolls
10:00 Confirmation @ St. Mary
St. Thomas K of C mtg.

May 16 St. Stephen Coffee/Rolls

May 31 9:00 am Memorial Day Mass @ St. Mary Cemetery

June 5 2:00 Wedding (Grad/Aluise) @ St. Mary