



**April 18, 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.

<b>Monday</b>	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Eva Baer For Rain and Good Weather
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Minerva Zimmerman For the Sick
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Dorothy Barth
<b>Thursday</b>	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Rose Renner
<b>Friday</b>	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Helen Wilmes
<b>Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup></b>	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Helen Hauck
	4:00 PM	Richardton	+++Mary Ann, Jason & Randall Hoff
	7:00 PM	St. Stephen	PARISHES
<b>Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup></b>	8:00 AM	St. Thomas	+Keith Wolf
	10:00 AM	Richardton	+Gaite Gebhardt

**Mass Schedule and Ministers: Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>**

<b>Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup></b>	4:00 PM Richardton	<b>Lector:</b> Adam Bohn	
	7:00 PM St. Stephen	<b>May Ushers:</b> Cary Lacher, Tim Cook, Ron Hoff	<b>Lector:</b> Gary May
		<b>Friedt</b>	
		<b>Ushers:</b> Chuck Schorsch & James Thomas	
<b>Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup></b>	8:00 AM St. Thomas	<b>Lector:</b> Kali Kubas	
	10:00 AM Richardton	<b>May Ushers:</b> Dean Baar & Pat Meyer	
		<b>Lector:</b> Marla Hoff/Alayna Dressler	
		<b>May Ushers:</b> Jim Staudinger, Dale Dassinger, Volunteers	

Collections for April 11, 2021	St. Mary	St. Stephen	St. Thomas
Adults	1481.00	215.00	280.00
Plate	298.00	44.00	64.00
Children			
Total	1779.00	259.00	344.00

**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**

**1<sup>st</sup> HOLY COMMUNION:** will be celebrated on Sunday, May 2 @ the 10:00 Mass. There are 16 in the class, including 3 from St. Stephen who will receive at the 8:00 am St. Stephen Mass. We certainly thank Marilyn Lacher and her helpers for her diligence in teaching our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders and preparing them so well for their 1<sup>st</sup> Confession and now this holy sacrament.

**CONFIRMATION:** will be celebrated by Bishop Kagan at the 10:00 May 9<sup>th</sup> Mass. Missy Baranko and the 12 *confirmandi* have been preparing and studying for this sacrament for 2 years. Thanks Missy for your guidance and creative teaching methods.

**THANK YOU:** to all of our Rel. Ed teachers and helpers and to Michelle and Josh Tormaschy (directors) for all of your preparations, teaching and dedication in passing on the faith to our children. Today, more than ever, I see the importance and necessity of raising our children in the learning and practicing/living of the faith. It is the “duty and responsibility” parents accepted and took on at the baptism of their children.

**ST. STEPHEN PARISH**

**COFFEE AND ROLLS:** Following the Mass today. Chairman – Melissa Friedt. Bread – Sherryl Friedt. Jeannette Zent, Kayla Zent, Lucy Messer, Stephanie Messer.

**WELCOME TO THE FAITH:** Easton Charles Reisenauer (Josh/DelRae) who will be baptized at Mass next Saturday evening.

**REMINDER:** we will have a short altar server practice following Mass next Saturday night. This is a review for all “old” servers.

**ST. THOMAS PARISH**

**REMINDER:** we will have a short altar server practice/review following Mass tonight.

**THANK YOU:** Knights of Columbus for taking on the renovation of the KC Hall kitchen. What a nice improvement it will be to have new

flooring, walls, cabinets, etc. Can't wait to try it out at the next Fall Parish Breakfast!!

**COFFEE/ROLLS:** I was reminded that we do not have Coffee/Rolls in May and will resume this event in September.

### **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 this 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 today. 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 today.*

**REAL PRESENCE RADIO:** our local Catholic radio station is holding its 16<sup>th</sup> 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](http://realpresenceradio.com/donate) Thank you!

**GREAT PLAINS FOOD BANK:** Will have the next distribution on Wed., April 28<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://www.stmaryrichardton.com). The weekly bulletin is included on the website and is normally posted on Mondays.

### **FROM THE PASTOR:**

*The Easter Season concludes with the Solemnity of Pentecost which this year is Sunday, May 23. Pentecost means 50 days as you might remember from school days. From Easter Sunday through Pentecost the 1<sup>st</sup> reading at daily and Sunday Mass is from the Acts of the Apostles. In it St. Luke tells the story of the growth of the church through the power of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles. It is exciting reading; if you have the chance you might want to pick up your Bible and read a chapter or 2 each day.*

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.

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.

Our annual Spring Clergy Conference consisted of 6 lectures done by "Zoom" because the lecturer tested positive for COVID on Monday just before he was scheduled to fly into Bismarck from Indiana. On Thursday morning Bishop Kagan spoke to us of his last visit with Pope Francis in late 2019 (COVID prevented us from holding the Spring Conference last year). Pope Francis and other Vatican "higher ups" were most interested in how our small Diocese is able to attract so many priesthood vocations, the positive health of the Catholic school system in the Diocese and that we support an African mission. Bishop Kagan also spoke briefly of the upcoming God's Share Appeal and thanked us and the people of the Diocese for their generous and faithful support of the work of the Diocese. Bishop Kagan will be at St. Mary on May 9 to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation.

2021 marks the 125<sup>th</sup> 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. Vincent Pohle became the 1<sup>st</sup> resident pastor. He stayed with a local family but left within a year. Fr. John Handtmann succeeded him in 1896 staying until 1898 when Fr. Kauer became pastor until mid-1899 when the Benedictine monks moved to Richardton from Devils Lake.

Finally, "Blessed are they who have nothing to say and who cannot be persuaded to say it."

Fr. Thomas, OSB

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- April 18** St. Stephen Coffee & Rolls
- April 24** Easton Charles (Josh/DelRae) Reisenauer Baptism @ St. Stephen
- May 2** 8:00 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion @ St. Stephen  
10:00 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion @ St. Mary
- May 3** St. Stephen K of C 7:30 Rosary followed by 8:00 mtg. & luncheon
- May 5** Rel. Ed. Classes conclude with praying the Living Rosary
- May 9** Mother's Day  
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  
**June 7** St. Stephen KC mtg.  
**June 13** St. Thomas KC mtg.  
**June 19** 1:00 Wedding (Forster/Gorrell) @ St. Mary