



May 2, 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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Mass Schedule and Ministers: Saturday, May 8th & Sunday, May 9th

Table with columns for Day, Time, Location, and Lector. Rows include Saturday, May 8th and Sunday, May 9th.

Table with columns for Collections for April 25, 2021, St. Mary, St. Stephen, and St. Thomas. Rows include Adults, Plate, Children, and Total.

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

1st HOLY COMMUNION: this 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.

CONFIRMATION: will be celebrated by Bishop Kagan at the 10:00 May 9th Mass. Missy Baranko and the 12 confirmandi have been preparing and studying for this sacrament for 2 years.

THANK YOU! to the ladies who spent 2 days cleaning all the cabinets (inside and out) in the kitchen and dining room, cleaning the ovens, washing the towels, dish cloths, etc. and who will wash down the walls and ceiling.

125th CELEBRATION: Parish Council met recently and set the date for our 125th anniversary celebration for Sunday, August 15 with a 10:00 Mass followed by a potluck dinner.

K OF C MEETING: Thursday night. 6:30 Rosary followed by meeting, drawings and luncheon. See you there!

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS MEETING: Thursday, May 13th. Rosary @ 6:50 with meeting to follow. Program: Spiritual Enhancement. Agenda: National Dues. Lunch: Suzy Rummel, Pam Aman, Genie Kelley.

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS: No meeting is scheduled for May.

THANKS: to those who helped with the Great Plains Food Bank this past Wednesday afternoon.

ST. STEPHEN PARISH

CONGRATULATIONS: Hudson Dukart, Eli Messer & Ethan Reisenauer who receive their 1st Holy Communion this morning!

COFFEE/ROLLS: Will be held on May 16th after Mass. Chairman: Paula Greff. Bread: Paula Greff, DelRae Reisenauer, Lynn Greff, Diane Messer, Doretta Naumann, Jamie Thomas, Jordyn Zent, Amy Pikovsky.

ST. THOMAS PARISH

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 Wieglenda, Chuck Hoff, Katie Thomas Kautzman, Leo Stein, Larry & Cindy Kostelecky, Ray Stein, Gary Goetz, Luke Olson, William Kostelecky, Sattler family, Aman family, Eugene Renner 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: Thanks to those 30 folks from all 3 parishes who have been able to join us for this weekly Mass. We are grateful for the moisture God has given us thus far.

MOTHERS DAY, MAY 9: we will again have carnations available after all Masses for our mothers. And we will also take up a 2nd collection that weekend for the Badlands Right to Life, as is our custom.

CONCERT: by the DSU Choral Union @ Assumption Abbey/St. Mary Church on Sunday May 2 @ 3pm. Admission: \$10; \$5 for children and Senior Citizens.

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!

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:

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 1st 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 in 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 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 (esp. to the Rel. Ed), programs and guidance from various offices of the Diocese. Especially in recent years we benefit from help with Annulment processes, Marriage programs, Youth opportunities, on-line workshops for secretaries, teachers & DREs, financial oversight, Real Presence Radio, Marriage workshops, Grief support Groups, retreats, speakers, etc., etc. Parishes do not operate in a vacuum or independently but within a Diocese with a "boss" who is the bishop. **Bishop Kagan will be at St. Mary May 9 to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation.**

In a nutshell our Diocese is: 34,773 sq. miles; has a total population of 337,210 (60,297 Catholics); 21,934 family units, 62 parishes and 35 missions; is served by 83 Diocesan, Religious Order and retired Priests and 83 Deacons. There are also 17 Brothers and 62 Sisters. The Diocese is 111 years old and its first Bishop was the Pastor of St. Mary!

At our annual Spring Clergy Conference a few weeks ago Bishop Kagan spoke briefly of the 2021 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. He also stressed the need for more people from each parish to contribute to the support of the Diocese. *In a recent letter to us he set the 2021 goals for our parishes based on a percentage of the Offertory Collection of the past 3 years: St. Mary: \$29,998; St. Stephen: \$5,155; St. Thomas: \$4,786. These might seem like large or impossible amounts but if we each do our part we can make our goal! The percentage of parish participation last year was St. Mary: 46%; St. Stephen: 53% and St. Thomas: 63%. The % of participation has dropped in all 3 parishes in the last 3 years. Please, please do prayerfully make a generous contribution to this important Appeal. When you receive your envelope you will see that there are 7 options of giving: choose the best option for you. I strongly suggest the pledge method which spreads out your gift so it's not much of a 1-time burden.*

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: In the Spring of 1899 Fr. Vincent Wehrle, OSB returned to Richardton from Devils Lake to establish a monastery here. He brought horses, cattle, farm animals and equipment which were housed in the Dauenhauer family barn located where the current church stands. The monks lived in the priest's house, located a 1/2 block southeast of the St. Mary school.

Finally, the best thing about the future is that it comes 1 day at a time.

Fr. Thomas, OSB

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| May 2 | 8:00 1 st Holy Communion @ St. Stephen
10:00 1 st Holy Communion @ St. Mary
3:00 pm DSU Concert @ 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 2 nd Collection for Badlands Right to Life/Carnations
10:00 Confirmation @ St. Mary
St. Thomas K of C mtg. |
| May 16 | SOLEMNITY OF ASCENSION
St. Stephen Coffee/Rolls |
| May 23 | SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST
10:00 Baccalaureate Mass @ St. Mary |

May 30 SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
5th Sunday K of C Rosary for Family Life following 10:00 St. Mary Mass

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

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

June 6 SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOF OF CHRIST

June 7 St. Stephen KC mtg.

June 13 St. Thomas KC mtg.

June 19 1:00 Wedding (Forster/Gorrell) @ St. Mary