



May 9, 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. | | |
| Monday | 7:30 AM | Richardton | ++Bob & Marge Buresh For Rain and Good Weather |
| Tuesday | 7:30 AM | Richardton | ++John & Clementine Loran For the Sick |
| Wednesday | 7:30 AM | Richardton | +Stella Rummel |
| Thursday | 7:30 AM | Richardton | +Ray Fettig |
| Friday | 7:30 AM | Richardton | +Albert Kostelecky |
| Saturday, May 15th | 7:30 AM | Richardton | +Jim Miller |
| | 4:00 PM | Richardton | +Ron Frederick |
| | 7:00 PM | St. Thomas | ++Victor & Barbara Rohr |
| Sunday, May 16th | 8:00 AM | St. Stephen | PARISHES |
| | 10:00 AM | Richardton | Joe & Joan Hoff – 65 th Wedding Anniversary |

Mass Schedule and Ministers: Saturday, May 15th & Sunday, May 16th

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| Saturday, May 15th | 4:00 PM | Lector: Scott Bohn |
| | Richardton | |
| | 7:00 PM | Lector: Jeff Morel |
| | St. Thomas | |
| Sunday, May 16th | 8:00 AM | Lector: Michaela Mitchell |
| | St. Stephen | |
| | 10:00 AM | Lector: Mark Rummel |
| | Richardton | |

| Collections for May 2, 2021 | St. Mary | St. Stephen | St. Thomas |
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| Adults | 4247.00 | 433.00 | 407.00 |
| Plate | 399.00 | 93.00 | 140.00 |
| Children | .75 | | |
| Total | 4646.75 | 526.00 | 547.00 |

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

WE WELCOME BISHOP KAGAN: this Sunday to celebrate Confirmation for our 13 young adults. We pray they may embrace the faith, love it and practice it!

COMING SOON: 2-18” marble statues for the exterior east and west entrances of the church. Niches above the doors for statues were part of the building plans but statues were never installed. With the Renewing God’s House Together Campaign we thought it opportune to complete this plan. We originally thought that Anne with Mary for the “women’s entrance” and Joseph with Jesus for the “men’s entrance” would be appropriate but could not find the Anne/Mary in the right size. So we will have St. Joseph/Jesus and St. Benedict instead; both statues were donated.

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. A few ideas for a short program were discussed but if you have any ideas for celebrating please let a Council member (Bernie Staudinger, Ashley Rebel, Reid Vaagen, Jessica Schutt, Scott Bohn, Sheri Gebhardt) or Pam or Fr. Thomas know.

K OF C MEETING: is moved to this Tuesday night, May 11th. Rosary at 7:35 PM with the meeting to begin at 8:00 PM.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS: The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 13th with Rosary at 6:50 and meeting to follow. Program: Spiritual Enhancement. Agenda: National Dues. Lunch: Suzy Rummel, Pam Aman, Genie Kelley.

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS: No meeting is scheduled for May.

ST. STEPHEN PARISH

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

THANKS: Jerry Haich for attaching the rope to our church bell in the tower. It can supplement our chime system and be rung before Mass and

also toll for funerals. No one seems to recall when we last heard it ring.

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, Larry & Cindy Kostelecky, Ray Stein, Gary Goetz, Luke Olson, William Kostelecky, Sattler family, Eugene Renner, Mark Aman and all those living with various cancers, those dealing with CO-VID19 in any way and our residents in nursing and assisted living homes.

COVID 19: Yes, I have COVID and am in quarantine until May 10. It has been a rough, challenging and trying ordeal as you have probably heard. Just when I think I'm on the mend, another setback occurs. I am doing nothing except resting, sleeping, trying to stay hydrated and staying out of the office. No food appeals to me for the last 2 weeks. This "Doubting Thomas" has become a believer in the reality of COVID 19.

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 ladies. And we will also take up a 2nd collection this weekend for the Badlands Right to Life, as is our custom.

PARISH PRAYER CHAIN: is in need of revamping and updating. Parishioners have moved, died and new parishioners have joined the ranks. Please call Joan Hoff (974 3507) or Arlene Myran (974 3484) to be deleted or added to the list. This is a very worthy outreach for our parishes but we all need to make it work.

GRIEF GROUP: is being offered through CHI Home Health and Hospice. They will meet every Tuesday for 8 weeks starting May 25th from 5:00 – 6:00 PM at 986 2nd Ave. West, Dickinson. Space is limited and prior registration is required. To join please contact Ronda @ 701-456-4378.

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 took place last weekend, 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. **IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE GOD'S SHARE APPEAL! WE HAVE EXTRA ENVELOPES AT THE OFFICE AND IN WACH OF THE CHURCHES.**

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, experience is something you don't get until just after you need it!

Fr. Thomas, OSB

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 9** Mother's Day 2nd 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