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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	+Gloria Schmidt For Rain and Good Weather
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:30 AM	Richardton	+++Gordon, Gladys & Darel Lacher For the Sick
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Stella Rummel
<b>Thursday</b>	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Julie Wordekemper
<b>Friday</b>	7:30 AM	Richardton	++Harry & Catherine Kearnes
<b>Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Beatrice Messer
	4:00 PM	Richardton	+Joe Haag Family
	7:00 PM	St. Stephen	++Mr. & Mrs. Paul Zimmerman
<b>Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	8:00 AM	St. Thomas	PARISHES
	10:00 AM	Richardton	+Marcus Gress

Mass Schedule and Ministers: Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> & Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>

<b>Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	4:00 PM	<b>Lector:</b> Adam Bohn	<b>June</b>
	7:00 PM	<b>Ushers:</b> Leo & Colleen Miller, Gary & Cathy Tormaschy	
	St. Stephen	<b>Lector:</b> John Haas <b>June Ushers:</b> Dick Zent & Tim Messer	
<b>Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	8:00 AM	<b>Lector:</b> Tina Meyer	<b>June Ushers:</b> Jerry Haich & Cliff
	St. Thomas	Weiler	
	10:00 AM	<b>Lector:</b> Pat Dassinger <b>Ushers:</b> Sheri Gebhardt, Deanna Voltz, Volunteers	<b>June</b>

Collections for May 9, 2021	St. Mary	St. Stephen	St. Thomas
Adults	1092.00	60.00	380.00
Plate	475.01		9.00
Children			
Total	1567.01	60.00	389.00

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

THANKS TO ALL: who helped make our recent 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion and Confirmation Masses so festive and who prepared our kids so well. I was proud of everyone in front of our many guests and Bishop Kagan, and pleased to see so many parishioners supporting our kids in these important sacramental and parish events.

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 in 1906 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.

125<sup>th</sup> CELEBRATION: Parish Council met recently and set the date for our 125<sup>th</sup> 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Knight of the Month – Deacon Robert Bohn; Family of the Month: Joe & Joan Hoff. \$50 Drawing: Dallas Hauck – not present.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JOE & JOAN HOFF: who celebrate 65 yrs. of married life (to each other!) this weekend. And welcome to their family joining to celebrate with joy.

GRADUATING SENIORS will be recognized at the 10:00 Mass on Sunday, May 23.

ST. STEPHEN PARISH

COFFEE/ROLLS: this morning after Mass. Chairman: Paula Greff. Bread: Paula Greff. DelRae Reisenauer, Lynn Greff, Diane Messer.

Doretta Naumann, Jamie Thomas, Jordyn Zent, Amy Pikovsky.

1<sup>st</sup> HOLY COMMUNION: for Ethan Reisenauer will be held on Sunday, May 30. COVID prevented him from receiving with his classmates.

### 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.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE STATUE: may be arriving in July. The 3' marble statue of our parish patron will be placed outside the front doors.

### 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 Kostecky, Ray Stein, Gary Goetz, Luke Olson, William Kostecky, 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: I am slowly getting better but still have little energy and need rest. Thanks everyone for your prayers and concern. Fr. Thomas, OSB

FOR 3 YEARS: I was scheduled to celebrate a 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in Indiana this weekend. Because of COVID I cancelled the trip. However, I had arranged to have Fr. David Morman from the Diocese celebrate the weekend Masses in my absence and visit with you about the Diocesan African Mission which he directs. He generously accepted my invitation and I know you will receive him and his message, well. We thank him for his generous service to the African people of our Diocesan mission.

MEMORIAL DAY MASS: Weather permitting, and as has been our recent custom, we will celebrate 9:00 am Memorial Day Mass @ St. Mary Cemetery. Plan to join us for this Mass to remember our deceased Servicemen & women. The Forster Chapel will also be open.

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.

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 of pray-ers. 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 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 6:00 PM at 986 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. West, Dickinson. Space is limited and prior registration is required. To join please contact Ronda @ 701-456-4378.

RICHARDTON-TAYLOR COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE: Is scheduled for Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at the Richardton American Legion from 1:00 – 7:00 PM. Sponsored by Tom and Judy Roll. For appointment contact Judy Roll @974-3438 or online at vitalant.org. Sponsor Code: Richardton.

CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY: St. Clement Oratory of Haymarsh will celebrate Corpus Christi on Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 CST. The celebrant will be Fr. Jarad Wolf. Following the service all are invited to a potluck meal, socializing and entertainment at the Ken Duppong Farm nearby the church.

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 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 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.

Thanks to those who have contributed to the annual Diocesan God's Share Appeal so far. **IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE GOD'S SHARE APPEAL! WE HAVE EXTRA ENVELOPES AT THE OFFICE AND IN BACK OF THE CHURCHES.**

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.*

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 Wehrle, OSB and his monks laid the cornerstone for a new church on July 30, 1899. This 120' x 40' building is the current east wing of the monastery. The 1<sup>st</sup> floor was the church and served the parish as it's church for the next 8 years. It had a seating capacity of 350 people.

Finally, can it be an accident that "stressed" is "desserts" spelled backwards?!

Fr. Thomas, OSB

### UPCOMING EVENTS

May 16 SOLEMNITY OF ASCENSION  
St. Stephen Coffee/Rolls

May 23 SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST & End of EASTER Season

**10:00 Baccalaureate Mass @ St. Mary**

**May 23-27 Fr. Thomas & Monks on Retreat**

**May 27 Richardton-Taylor Blood Drive @ American Legion from 1:00 – 7:00**

**May 30 SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

**8:00 1<sup>St</sup> Holy Communion: Ethan Reisenauer @ St. Stephen**

**5<sup>th</sup> 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 & BLOOD OF CHRIST**

**June 7 St. Stephen KC mtg.**

**June 13 St. Thomas KC mtg.**

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