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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	+Ron Frederick For Rain and Good Weather
Tuesday	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Catherine Haag Miller Family For the Sick
Wednesday	7:30 AM	Richardton	+++Mary Ann, Randall & Jason Hoff
Thursday	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Nick Rehling
Friday	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Deceased Members of Frank Schulz Family
Saturday, May 29th	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Gaite Gebhardt
	4:00 PM	Richardton	+Joan Zimmerman
	7:00 PM	St. Thomas	+Tracy Kubas
Sunday, May 30th	8:00 AM	St. Stephen	PARISHES
	10:00 AM	Richardton	+Beatrice Messer

Mass Schedule and Ministers: Saturday, May 29th & Sunday, May 30th

Saturday, May 29th	4:00 PM	Lector: Ben Bohn	
	7:00 PM	June Ushers: Leo & Colleen Miller, Gary & Cathy Tormaschy	
	St. Thomas	Lector: Lisa Sickler	June Ushers: Dick Zent & Tim Messer
Sunday, May 30th	8:00 AM	Lector: Bridget Greff	June
	St. Stephen	Ushers: Jerry Haich & Cliff Weiler	
	10:00 AM	Lector: Jack Wyckoff	June Ushers: Sheri Gebhardt, Deanna Voltz, Volunteers

Collections for May 16, 2021	St. Mary	St. Stephen	St. Thomas
Adults	2107.00	400.00	174.00
Plate	298.00	260.00	42.00
Children			
Total	2405.00	660.00	216.00

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

IMPROVEMENTS: were made to the Social Center kitchens and parish offices this week. New lights were installed and what a difference it makes! Two lights have also been installed in the hood above the stoves and we will also paint the walls and ceiling in the main kitchen to freshen the look. I don't know when the current lights were installed in the kitchen (1970's?) but when they were removed we could see the ceiling used to be a dark green color. Oh...and a light switch was added to the north door of the kitchen so we don't have to walk across a dark kitchen to turn on the lights. Thanks to the Finance Council for recommending these improvements be done at this time.

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.

CEMETERY SOUTH FENCE: was removed this week by the KC's and will be replaced by a new fence designed and manufactured by Amber Waves. This improvement, privately funded, will dress up our cemetery appearance and help make mowing and trimming much easier. A picture of the new fence is hanging in the church entrance bulletin board. We are grateful to the donors who have made this, and all our improvements in recent years, possible. God Bless You!

125th CELEBRATION: Parish Council 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.

GRADUATING SENIORS: Congratulations to our graduating seniors. Our prayers go with you as you face the challenges of life ahead of you, especially challenges to your faith and practicing it. Remember you received the Holy Spirit at Confirmation to help guide you and to strengthen

you: call upon the Holy Spirit!

ALTAR SERVERS: for the summer will be on a volunteer basis. I did not get a chance to review serving with the kids before Rel. Ed classes ended so we will start new in the Fall. But if anyone wants to serve they are welcome to do so; just be early enough to get dressed and set things up so Mass can start on time.

ST. STEPHEN PARISH

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

ALTAR SERVERS: for the summer will be on a volunteer basis; just be early enough to get dressed and set things up so Mass can start on time.

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ST. THOMAS PARISH

CEMETERY MOWING/CLEANUP: will be held this Wednesday evening at 6:00 pm.

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.

ALTAR SERVERS: for the summer will be on a volunteer basis; just be early enough to get dressed and set things up so Mass can start on time.

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.

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 continue 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 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.

RICHARDTON-TAYLOR COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE: Is scheduled for Thursday, May 27th 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 6th @ 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 this weekend with the Solemnity of Pentecost. Pentecost means 50 days as you might remember from school days, and is celebrated 50 days after Easter. The next 2 Sundays are also Solemnities and celebrate 2 central mysteries of our faith: the Most Holy Trinity and the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ, also known as Corpus Christi (Latin for Body of Christ). Holy Trinity acknowledges that as human beings we are created in the image and likeness of God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We do not exist in isolation, we are meant for relationship and community. In Corpus Christi we acknowledge the mystery of Christ present to us in the Holy Eucharist and that we must truly become what we eat and drink.

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.**

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: When the Abbey east wing was built and used for the church, the old wooden St. Mary Church building, located on the lot just south of the present Social Center, was dismantled and the graves moved to the present cemetery. The 1st St. Mary school was built on that site in 1904. Finally, some realities of aging: "When I ask for directions, please don't use words like "east." Don't bother walking a mile in my shoes; that would be boring. Spend 30 seconds in my head; that will freak you out! Have a wonderful week and may we all get good and wet!!

Fr. Thomas, OSB

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

May 30 SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

8:00 1st Holy Communion: Ethan Reisenauer @ St. Stephen

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 & BLOOD OF CHRIST

June 7 St. Stephen KC mtg.

June 13 St. Thomas KC mtg.

June 19 2:00 Wedding (Forster/Gorrell) @ St. Mary