



May 30, 2021 **Volume 74, No. 22**

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	9:00 AM	Richardton	+Joe Hammerschmidt (@ St. Mary Cemetery) For Rain and Good Weather
Tuesday	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Zeno Erdle For the Sick
Wednesday	7:30 AM	Richardton	+++Gilbert, Stella and Jayne Rummel
Thursday	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Joan Zimmerman
Friday	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Dorothy Barth 1 st Friday Adoration 8:00-9:00AM
Saturday, June 5th	7:30 AM	Richardton	++John & Loretta Phillips
	4:00 PM	Richardton	+++Peter & Louise Hoerner and Tony Messmer
Sunday, June 6th	7:00 PM	St. Thomas	PARISHES
	8:00 AM	St. Stephen	++Christ & Helen Wehner
	10:00 AM	Richardton	+Living & Deceased Christian Mothers & K of C

Mass Schedule and Ministers: Saturday, June 5th & Sunday, June 6th

Saturday, June 5th	4:00 PM	Richardton	Lector: Susan Cook
	7:00 PM	St. Thomas	Lector: Kali Kubas
Sunday, June 6th	8:00 AM	St. Stephen	Lector: Gary Friedt
	10:00 AM	Richardton	Lector: Jody Hoff / Alyssa Hoff

Collections for May 23, 2021	St. Mary	St. Stephen	St. Thomas
Adults	1715.00	86.00	437.00
Plate	324.00	52.00	14.00
Children			
Total	2039.00	138.00	451.00

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

THANK YOU!: to the volunteers who cleaned the church this past week AND those who mowed the cemetery in preparation for Memorial Day. Your efforts are much appreciated and the cemetery looks so nice!

CONGRATULATIONS: to Carter Uzdilla who made his 1st Holy Communion at the 4:00 Mass. We are glad we could accommodate him and his family to celebrate it this weekend.

IMPROVEMENTS: were made to the Social Center kitchens and parish offices recently. 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 last 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.

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.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY MEMBERS: We will be participating in the Red Trail Rummage Sale on June 5th from 8:00 – 5:00. We will also be selling baked items so please bring your homemade goodies along with all donation items by June 4th @ 9:00 AM. If you have questions please contact Fran @ 974-3801 or Pam @290-9393.

ST. STEPHEN PARISH

1st HOLY COMMUNION: for Ethan Reisenauer will be held today. Congratulations Ethan!

BAPTISM: for Logan James Messmer (Bob/Emily) will be at the Sunday Mass, June 6. Welcome Logan to our faith and parish community and congratulations Bob and Emily!

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.

THANKS: to those who mowed and cleaned up the cemetery and yard, making things nice for the Memorial Day holiday and visitors to the cemetery.

ST. THOMAS PARISH

THANK YOU: to those who were able to help clean up and mow the cemetery this past week. It always looks so nice, clean and neat when we do this and shows our care for the dead.

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 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.

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; bring your own chairs, blankets, etc. The Forster Chapel will also be open. *If the weather is bad, join us at St. Mary Church at 9:00 am.*

RAIN: We are so grateful for the moisture God has given us thus far. I think it prudent to continue our Monday Mass to thank God for the moisture received and for his continued blessing of good weather and protection from storms.

HELP! We are looking for a few wedding pictures from the 1890's through the 2000's of our parishioners to create a historical collage commemorating St. Mary 125th anniversary. Pictures can be dropped off at the office and we will take a picture of them and you can take them right back. We need them before June 20th. Thank you for helping us.

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.

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:

I want to thank everyone for your continued financial support of your parish especially during this past difficult year when we were not able to attend Mass for 2 months and had other inconveniences. While we are not “rolling in the dough,” we have been able to keep up with the bills and for that I am grateful. And I am grateful for not having to come before you to ask for money. Looking at the future, please remember your parish, its cemetery and endowments when planning your estate. Consult your financial advisor for the best option for you and the office for the official names of the various endowments available. And it is a good thing for everyone, older and younger, to have your estate in order. “The old have to die, the young may die,” as the old German/Russian proverb goes.

A special thanks to all our veterans who have served our country in various ways and protected us citizens, our democracy and our rights. May you know our gratitude and appreciation and may we respect our rights and freedoms and use them properly for the common good of others and not for our selfish gain.

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.

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 (1899) and used for the church, the old wooden St. Mary Church building, located on the empty 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: Dear Pastor, I liked your sermon on Sunday. Especially when it was finished. Have a wonderful week, safe holiday and give thanks for the blessing of rain!

Fr. Thomas, OSB

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| May 29 | 4:00 1 st Holy Communion: Carter Uzdilla @ St. Mary |
| May 30 | SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY |
| | 8:00 1 st Holy Communion: Ethan Reisenauer @ St. Stephen |
| | 5 th 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
8:00 am Baptism @ St.Stephen: Logan James Messmer (Bob/Emily)
June 7 St. Stephen KC mtg.
June 13 St. Thomas KC mtg.
June 19 2:00 Wedding (Forster/Gorrell) @ St. Mary
June 20 St. Stephen Coffee/Rolls
July 4 Independence Day