



June 6, 2021 **Volume 74, No. 23**

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	+Ralph Boespflug For Rain and Good Weather
Tuesday	7:30 AM	Richardton	++Harry & Catherine Kearnes For the Sick
Wednesday	7:30 AM	Richardton	++Felix & Mary Haich
Thursday	7:30 AM	Richardton	+++Charles, Louise & LaVonne Schmidt
Friday	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Ron Frederick
Saturday, June 12th	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Stella Rummel
	4:00 PM	Richardton	+Joe Haag Family
Sunday, June 13th	7:00 PM	St. Stephen	+Sophie Greff
	8:00 AM	St. Thomas	+Keith Wolf
	10:00 AM	Richardton	PARISHES

Mass Schedule and Ministers: Saturday, June 12th & Sunday, June 13th

Saturday, June 12th	4:00 PM		Lector: Scott Bohn
	Richardton		
Sunday, June 13th	7:00 PM	St. Stephen	Lector: Mike Greff
	8:00 AM	St. Thomas	Lector: Jerry Haich
	10:00 AM	Richardton	Lector: Marla Hoff/Alayna Dressler

Collections for May 30, 2021	St. Mary	St. Stephen	St. Thomas
Adults	1900.00	220.00	145.00
Plate	208.00	21.00	31.00
Children	2.00		
Total	2110.00	241.00	176.00

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 all who were able to attend the Memorial Day Mass at the cemetery. It was a great crowd of 45-50 people, beautiful weather and peaceful setting. The cemetery sure looks nice all trimmed and mowed and the decorated graves. The dandelions have sent up their seed heads but we still hope to get the cemetery sprayed soon and again in the fall.

CEMETERY ACTIVITY: you might have noticed some extra activity at the cemetery as we prepare to remove the Risen Christ metal sculpture and get the pedestal ready to receive a new marble statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Thanks to all involved in this process.

K of C MEETING: Thursday evening: 7:35 Rosary followed by 8:00 mtg. and luncheon.

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.

ST. STEPHEN PARISH

BAPTISM: for Logan James Messmer (Bob/Emily) this morning. Welcome Logan to our faith and parish community and congratulations Bob and Emily!

K of C MEETING: Monday night: 7:30 Rosary followed by 8:00 mtg. and luncheon.

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.

ST. THOMAS PARISH

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.

K of C MEETING: next Sunday, June 13 @ 6:30

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, Lenny Hueske 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: 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 of parishioners from the 1890's through the 2000's 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.

ATTENTION GERMAN HUNGARIANS OF STS. STEPHEN, THOMAS & MARY: Before the pandemic a research team from U of Wisconsin was in our area to research German-Hungarian rural architecture, buildings and heritage. The team will be back in the area June 9 – 12 and would very much like to continue their research through personal interviews to gather more information about the “cultural landscape of the area and how it has changed over time.” I invite those of you of the Hungarian heritage to participate in this useful research. I have more information available BUT IF YOU ARE INTERESTED please let me know so I can have them contact you directly. We will make St. Stephen church available for the interviews if that is more convenient. Call the office and leave a message if you're interested. Thanks in advance.

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.

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.

Bishop Kagan sends his “Thank You” for generously supporting this year’s annual God’s Share Appeal. He is also grateful for the personal prayer intention cards. “I remember all of your prayer requests each day when I come before our Lord in prayer, he wrote.”

A thank you also came from the Connect Medical Clinic in Dickinson for the Mother’s Day Carnation donation. St. Stephen did not have Mass that weekend because of my illness but St. Mary collected \$468 and St. Thomas \$198. Thanks everyone.

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: Fr. Vincent Wehrle, OSB named his new Richardton monastery St. Mary’s Priory in 1899 since it was the parish’s name and under the patronage of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. It was named an Abbey in 1903. Being an Abbey meant the community could elect an Abbot as leader and be independent of other monasteries i.e., self-governing and self supporting instead of “depending” on another Abbey for membership, financial help and leadership. By way of interest, the east and west transept rose windows commemorate this event in the top or 12 o’clock position little round windows.

Finally: two old men were sitting on a park bench when one asked the other, “Do you know what a ‘yet’ is?” The other looked at him and said, “No, why do you ask?” The other gentleman replied, “Well I read that a lady was shot and the bullet was in her yet.”

Have a wonderful week, stay cool and hydrated!

Fr. Thomas, OSB

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| 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 7:30 Rosary followed by 8:00 mtg. and luncheon |
| June 11 | St. Mary KC 7:35 Rosary followed by 8:00 mtg. and luncheon |
| June 13 | St. Thomas KC mtg. @ 6:30 |
| June 19 | 2:00 Wedding (Forster/Gorrell) @ St. Mary |
| June 20 | St. Stephen Coffee/Rolls
HAPPY FATHERS DAY! |
| July 4 | Independence Day |
| August 15 | SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY INTO HEAVEN
St. Mary 125 th Anniversary Mass @ 10:00 followed by Potluck |
| Oct. 3 | St. Mary Fall Chicken Dinner |

