



June 13, 2021 **Volume 74, No. 24**

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	+Stella Rummel For the Sick
Wednesday	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Irene Haag
Thursday	7:30 AM	Richardton	+++Mary Ann, Randall & Jason Hoff
Friday	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Deceased Family of Pauline & Roger Geck
Saturday, June 19th	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Gaité Gebhardt
	4:00 PM	Richardton	+Ralph Boespflug
Sunday, June 20th	7:00 PM	St. Thomas	PARISHES
	8:00 AM	St. Stephen	+Mr. & Mrs. Harry Kostelecky & Ron Kostelecky
	10:00 AM	Richardton	+Ron Frederick

Mass Schedule and Ministers: Saturday, June 19th & Sunday, June 20th

Saturday, June 19th	4:00 PM	Richardton	Lector: Adam Bohn
	7:00 PM	St. Thomas	Lector: Cliff Weiler
Sunday, June 20th	8:00 AM	St. Stephen	Lector: Kayla Zent
	10:00 AM	Richardton	Lector: Lea Floberg

Collections for June 6, 2021	St. Mary	St. Stephen	St. Thomas
Adults	2121.00	375.00	387.00
Plate	146.00	177.35	7.00
Children			
Total	2267.00	552.35	394.00

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

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: Knight of the Month: Dallas Hauck; Family of the Month: Mike & Paula Greff; not present for the \$50 drawing: Rodney Rebel.

CEMETERY SOUTH FENCE: was removed recently 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.

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ST. STEPHEN PARISH

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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: Sunday, June 13 @ 6:30.

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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. *We can still use photos, esp. of the 1930's – 1990's.* Thank you for helping us.

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.

I appreciate your patience with the scheduling of various ministers at this time. It is probably best to consult the Bulletin each week rather than the ministry schedule. At all 3 parishes personnel have changed throwing the schedule off. I'm holding off with new schedules as long as possible in the event Bishop Kagan reinstates the reception of the Blood of Christ. *Bishop Kagan has re-instituted the Offertory procession so we can bring up the gifts and have a Children's Collection. We will resume these the weekend of June 19/20.*

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.

Next weekend attached to the Bulletin will be the Peter's Pence Collection envelope. This annual collection helps fund the missionary trips of Pope Francis so he can visit his flock throughout the world. Thank you for your generosity and just drop the envelope in the collection or at the Office.

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 little round windows at the 12 o'clock position.

Finally: “Dear God, In Sunday school they told us what you all do. But who does it when you're on vacation?”

Have a wonderful week, stay cool and hydrated!

Fr. Thomas, OSB

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 13 St. Thomas KC mtg. @ 6:30

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

June 20 St. Stephen Coffee/Rolls

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

July 3 Feast of St. Thomas; Happy Feast day St. Thomas Parish!

July 4 Independence Day

July 5 St. Stephen KC meeting

July 8 St. Mary KC Rosary @7:35 followed by meeting

August 15 SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY INTO HEAVEN

St. Mary 125th Anniversary Mass @ 10:00 followed by Potluck

Happy Feast day Assumption Abbey!

August 16 Feast of St. Stephen, King of Hungary; Happy Feast day St. Stephen Parish!

Oct. 3 St. Mary Fall Chicken Dinner