



June 20, 2021

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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	+Gladys Lacher For Rain and Good Weather
Tuesday	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Joan Zimmerman For the Sick
Wednesday	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Deceased Members of Frank Schulz Family
Thursday	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Rose Renner
Friday	7:30 AM	Richardton	+ Pete Welsch
Saturday, June 26th	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Joan Zimmerman
	4:00 PM	Richardton	++Paul J. & Helen Hauck
	7:00 PM	St. Stephen	PARISHES
Sunday, June 27th	8:00 AM	St. Thomas	+Keith Wolf
	10:00 AM	Richardton	+Mary Ann Hoff

Mass Schedule and Ministers: Saturday, June 26th & Sunday, June 27th

Saturday, June 26th	4:00 PM	Richardton	Lector: Ben Bohn
	7:00 PM	St. Stephen	Lector: Michaela Mitchell
Sunday, June 27th	8:00 AM	St. Thomas	Lector: Jeff Morel
	10:00 AM	Richardton	Lector: Joy Kitzan

Collections for June 13, 2021	St. Mary	St. Stephen	St. Thomas
Adults	2268.00	335.00	432.00
Plate	189.00	29.00	8.00
Children			
Total	2457.00	364.00	440.00

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

CONGRATULATIONS: to Jack Wesley Rebel (Ryan/Ashley) who is to be baptized at the 10:00 Sunday Mass. We pray to be good models of the faith for him and his family and welcome him to the faith and our parish community.

CEMETERY DECORATIONS: Thanks to everyone who has been diligent in removing their flowers, decorations, lights, etc. from the cemetery. If you haven't done so yet, please remove them this week to expedite weed control and mowing. The decorations all looked very nice for Memorial Day; thanks for your care in honoring our dead.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED: to trap gophers at the cemetery; we have traps. Call the office if interested.

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, Tim Meyer) 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

PARISH PICNIC: should we plan our picnic for Sunday, July 11? We could have Mass @ 10:00 followed by the picnic. Or we could have Mass in the afternoon followed by the picnic. Let a Council member or me know your preferences soon.

ST. STEPHEN BURGER NIGHT: sponsored by the K of C Club will be Wednesday, July 7 @ the Richardton Legion Hall from 5-7 pm.

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ST. THOMAS PARISH

PARISH/KC PICNIC: will be Sunday, August 8. 10:00 Mass at Church followed by picnic in the park.

CHURCH LAWN: Because of health reasons, Darrell Sadowsky is no longer able to mow the church lawn. Any volunteers or suggestions? We certainly thank him for his years of faithful service to the parish and pray for his and Mary Ann's health and welfare.

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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, Eugene Renner, 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.

ST. STEPHEN KC's: will host a Burger Night on Wednesday, July 7 at the Legion Hall; serving from 5-7 pm.

RECEPTION OF NEW KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERS: will be next Sunday, June 27 at 6:30 at St. Mary Church. Any men 18 and older interested in joining this great organization of Catholic men should contact one of the following members this week: Josh Reisenauer (260 9641), Mark Rummel (290 9116), Tom Roll (590 0908) or Scott Bohn (260 3570)

HELP! Last call for 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 22nd. *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:

Blessings on all our dads, living and deceased, and on all father figures. Yours is not an easy job these days: trying to be a Christian, Catholic model of faith, prayer and holiness to your family. May St. Joseph be your guide, example and intercessor.

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 volunteers 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."

This weekend attached to the Bulletin is the Peter's Pence Collection envelope. This annual collection helps fund the missionary trips of Pope Francis enabling him to visit his flock throughout the world and to do charity work. Thank you for your generosity and just drop the envelope in the collection or at the Office.

Something to think about and pray about: as we proceed to a more normal celebration of the Mass, this is a good time to ask yourself how you can serve the parish: lector, usher, Eucharistic Minister, music ministry, altar server, lead the rosary, help clean, Bible Study, join a parish organization, etc., etc. I ask that you don't just think about it (because you will "think" of all kinds of excuses J) but also pray about it and listen to the Holy Spirit guiding or nudging you J

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: Abbot Vincent Wehrle, OSB bargained with the Prioress of Sacred Heart Monastery in Yankton for teachers for St. Mary School. The prioress and another Sister visited the newly built school in November, 1905 and on December 30, 1905 three Sisters arrived and opened the school on January 3, 1906. That school stood on the empty lot just south of the present Social Center. The bargain: he would supply a monk as a chaplain for the Sisters in Yankton, SD.

Finally: Why do fathers who golf take an extra pair of socks? In case they get a hole in one!

Have a wonderful week!

Fr. Thomas, OSB

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 20 St. Stephen Coffee/Rolls

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

June 27 KC Exemplification (acceptance of new members) @ 6:30 @ St. Mary Church

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

July 4 Independence Day

July 5 St. Stephen KC meeting

July 7 St. Stephen Burger Night at Legion Hall @ 5-7 pm.

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

July 11 St. Stephen Parish picnic

July 29 Annual Clergy Appreciation Night 6:00 pm at Social Center KC Room

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

