

June 27, 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.		
<b>Monday</b>	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Jon Maas Family For Rain and Good Weather
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:30 AM	Richardton	++Ralph & Beatrice Messer For the Sick
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Minerva Zimmerman
<b>Thursday</b>	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Gloria Schmidt
<b>Friday</b>	7:30 AM	Richardton	+ Zeno Erdle
<b>Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	7:30 AM	Richardton	++Harry & Catherine Kearnes
	4:00 PM	Richardton	+Joe Haag Family
	7:00 PM	St. Thomas	PARISHES
<b>Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup></b>	8:00 AM	St. Stephen	+Living & Deceased Christian Mothers & K of C
	10:00 AM	Richardton	+Gaite Gebhardt

**Mass Schedule and Ministers: Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> & Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup>**

<b>Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	4:00 PM	Richardton	<b>Lector:</b> Adam Bohn	<b>July</b>
	7:00 PM	St. Thomas	<b>Ushers:</b> Ken Haag, Delores Baer, Rodney Rebel	
			<b>Lector:</b> Tina Meyer	<b>July</b>
			<b>Ushers:</b> Justin & Blake Sickler	
<b>Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup></b>	8:00 AM	St. Stephen	<b>Lector:</b> Bridget Greff	<b>July Ushers:</b> Justin Zent & Nathan Thomas
	10:00 AM	Richardton	<b>Lector:</b> Mark Rummel	<b>July</b>
			<b>Ushers:</b> Tim & Kathy Meyer, Tom Roll, Reid Vaagen	

Collections for June 20, 2021	St. Mary	St. Stephen	St. Thomas
Adults	1750.00	375.00	333.00
Plate	512.00	312.00	11.00
Children	2.00		
Total	2264.00	687.00	344.00

**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 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.

**YOU MIGHT HAVE NOTICED:** that St. Joseph with the child Jesus and St. Benedict have been placed in the niches above the west and east entrances of the church this past week. They are 18 in. tall and might look a little small but they are about 30' from the ground. It was my hope to have Ann and Mary above the traditional west "women's" entrance and Joseph with Jesus above the traditional east "men's" entrance but could not locate the proper size statue of Ann/Mary. Enjoy them and their intercession and protection as we come and go from church.

**125<sup>th</sup> CELEBRATION:** Please reserve Sunday, August 15 for our celebration. We will have 10:00 Mass in church followed by a potluck dinner at the Social Center; **there will be no 4:00 pm Saturday Mass that weekend.** 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.

USHERS/COLLECTION: after a little discussion with the Parish Council we decided to continue our current way of taking up the collection, i.e., basket in back of church. We are short of personnel right now so a few folks end up with many ministries. Thank you all!

CHURCH LAWN: Landry Haich will do the mowing here at the church. Thanks Landry.

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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, 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.

FOR THOSE OF YOU TRAVELING: this summer please make the effort to attend Mass and especially this coming weekend attend Mass, pray for our country and give thanks for the many blessings we enjoy as citizens of the United States of America.

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 moisture, 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 Sunday, June 27 at 6:30 pm 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)

OFFICE HOURS: remain flexible, so be sure to call ahead if you need to see Pam or Fr. Thomas.

PARISH WEBSITE: [www.stmaryrichardton.com](http://www.stmaryrichardton.com). The weekly bulletin is included on the website and is normally posted on Mondays.

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### FROM THE PASTOR:

**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 recently wrote. It appears St. Mary is short of its goal so if you have not given yet, please do so as soon as possible.

This weekend the Peter's Pence Collection is taken up. 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; *you can drop in the collection, (clearly marked envelope for God's Share) 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 125<sup>th</sup> 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: If you can't be thankful for what you receive, be thankful for what you escape.

Have a wonderful week!

Fr. Thomas, OSB

### UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

**July 4 Happy 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 125<sup>th</sup> 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**

