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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	++Felix & Mary Haich For Rain and Good Weather
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Rosemary Stetzler For the Sick
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Edwin Kadrmas
<b>Thursday</b>	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Donald Hoffman
<b>Friday</b>	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Greg Schank
<b>Saturday,</b>	7:30 AM	Richardton	++Julius & Bertha Gress
<b>August 21<sup>st</sup></b>	4:00 PM	Richardton	+Ron Frederick
	7:00 PM	St. Stephen	Katie Kautzman
<b>Sunday,</b>	8:00 AM	St. Thomas	PARISHES
<b>August</b>	10:00 AM	Richardton	+Wilbert Mayer
<b>22<sup>nd</sup></b>			

**Mass Schedule and Ministers: Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup> & Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>**

<b>Saturday,</b>	4:00 PM	<b>Lector:</b> Adam Bohn
<b>August 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Richardton	<b>September Ushers:</b> Leo & Colleen Miller, Gary & Cathy Tormaschy
	7:00 PM	<b>Lector:</b> Bridget Greff <b>Eucharistic Minister:</b> Paula Greff
	St. Stephen	<b>September Ushers:</b> Chad Messer & Larry Messer
<b>Sunday,</b>	8:00 AM	<b>Lector:</b> Jerry Haich
<b>August 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	St. Thomas	
	10:00 AM	<b>Lector:</b> Marla Hoff / Alayna Dressler
	Richardton	<b>September Ushers:</b> Sheri Gebhardt, Deanna Voltz, Volunteers

<b>Collections for August 8, 2021</b>	<b>St. Mary</b>	<b>St. Stephen</b>	<b>St. Thomas</b>
Adults	2123.21	270.00	455.00
Plate	200.78	56.10	40.00
Children			
<b>Total</b>	<b>2323.99</b>	<b>326.10</b>	<b>495.00</b>

**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**

**125<sup>th</sup> CELEBRATION:** Congratulations everyone on our 125<sup>th</sup> birthday! This is quite a milestone: 125 yrs. out here on the prairie. I wonder how many institutions have been around this long out here? It is easy to look back on the past and all the glories and accomplishments but we need to do the harder part: look to the future. The future of our parish, of course, is in God's hands but it is also in ours. May we be willing to see what God is giving us: the blessings and the challenges, and use them to do his will and spread the gospel of Jesus Christ making the world and our little spot in the world a holier, kinder, better, peaceful place. May St. Mary Parish have a long future because of what we do in our times!

**WELCOME:** to Hazel Kay Krebs (Kyle/Jamie) who is baptized into our faith today and congratulations mom and dad and grandparents! May she bring you much joy as you raise her in the practice of the faith and may we be good examples to your family.

**HELP!** we are in need of 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teachers for Rel. Ed. Please call Michelle 701 290 6995 or Josh 701 290 8061 for more information or to volunteer. Teaching our faith is a great way to learn our faith and the students are eager learners so don't be afraid to give it a try. Thanks.

**RELIGIOUS ED:** Just a reminder that registration forms will be sent out in the near future to families of students attending Religious Education in the fall.

**RAFFLE TICKETS:** are printed and will be ready soon. Thanks to everyone who donates toward the prizes. The ticket looks very good with over \$5000 in cash to be given away plus other prizes and gift certificates for a total of 32 prizes! Thank you, thank you, thank you everyone! We have been able to meet our goal of selling 10,000 tickets in recent years so let's work together for that same goal this year! **When you receive or pick up your tickets be sure to read the enclosed letter for valuable information.**

**K OF C:** Knight of the Month: Adam Bohn; Family of the Month: Ron/Fran Hauck; not present for \$50 drawing: Zane Forster.

**YOU WILL NOTICE:** progress being made on the south fence of the cemetery and the brick statue pedestal. We are grateful to Amber Waves for fabricating and installing the new fence. It looks like it may be a month till the chain will be installed. I haven't heard when the white marble statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be coming but hopefully this fall yet. Thanks so much to the donors, living and deceased, who make all these improvements possible for our benefit and edification. Please remember them in prayer.

**ST. STEPHEN PARISH**

**THANKS:** for cleaning up the yard and cemetery; it sure makes a difference to us and the many, many people who drive by on the highway. It lets people know we care, take pride and are alive!

**AUGUST 16:** is the feast of St. Stephen, King of Hungary. While we won't have Mass out here, feel free to attend 7:30 am Mass at St. Mary to thank God for our many blessings and ask the intercession of St. Stephen to bless us, protect us and intercede for our families and parish needs.

### ST. THOMAS PARISH

**VERY NICE:** picnic last Sunday! Thanks Shawn and KC's for your part in the delicious hamburgers and brats and all of you who supplied other goodies. Everything I ate was good and some things I ate twice! It was warm but the breeze did help. These kinds of gatherings do good things for the life of the parish... thank you!

### ALL THREE PARISHES

**PLEASE PRAY:** for those who are *seriously ill, terminally ill or in immediate concern:* Ted Goelzer, Susan Cook, Chuck Hoff, Katie Thomas Kautzman, Leo Stein, Larry & Cindy Kostelecky, Ray Stein, Gary Goetz, Luke Olson, William Kostelecky, Eugene Renner, Lenny Hueske, Jacque Kitzan, Joan Meyer 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 SALE:** "A History in Records" containing all the Baptisms, Marriages and Burials for Sts. Mary, Stephen, Thomas and Philip parishes since 1896. \$20.00 Call the office or see Fr. Thomas.

**PRAYER CHAIN:** Has been revised and we tried to make certain to get a copy to all our prayer people. If you did not receive one, let us know. If you are not on the list and would like to be, give us a call so we can get you on a group and provide you with a list. Thanks to all who have agreed to be a part of the prayer chain. Any questions, please contact Arlene Myran @ 974-3484 or Joan Hoff @ 974-3507.

**FOR THOSE OF YOU TRAVELING:** this summer please make the effort to attend Mass and give thanks for the beauties of God's creation, safe travels and God's blessings to us.

**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.

**CORAZON:** Is a weekend experience for married couples in crisis that is scheduled for August 20-22. For more information contact the diocese @ 701-204-7205 or sign up at <http://bismarckdiocese.com/corazon>.

**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.

### FROM THE PASTOR:

We are grateful to the 1<sup>st</sup> responders and firemen who are always on call for our emergencies and various situations. It can't be easy with the dry conditions and harvesting going on to be "on call/on edge" waiting for that call we don't want to receive. Thanks ladies and gentlemen for your unselfish service for the good of our communities.

It seems that COVID is rearing it's ugly head again, and in our area. Please be cautious, careful and prudent for your health and that of others. I wish I knew what information we should believe but no matter what, common sense, prudence and more common sense should guide us no matter what we're talking about.

Our area has been blessed with timely rains and we remain ever grateful to our Lord for this gift. Others are suffering from lack of moisture, too much moisture, fires, storms, etc.; let us not forget about them and their needs. We continue to bring our thanks and intentions before God regarding rain, protection from storms, wind, and hail each Monday morning at daily Mass. Thanks to those who are able to attend and join in prayer. Each Tuesday morning we also continue to remember those with cancer and other serious illnesses.

I am gone to IN Monday-Friday for the 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of friends. I was to be there in May for their big celebration and bless their marriage but my having COVID prevented that.

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:** Christmas Eve 1908 was a very special night for the parishioners of St. Mary Parish and the surrounding area: the church was blessed that morning so Christmas Eve services/Mass could be celebrated in the newly blessed church. From that day forward regular services were held on Sunday and Holy Days. Can you even imagine what that must have been like: walking into that massive, solid space after worshipping in a dilapidated wooden church that leaked like a sieve and threatened to fall in on windy days, and then Mass for a few years in the overcrowded east wing of the present monastery?? Even though the church wasn't painted or the stained glass windows, majestic organ or electricity installed it must have brought tears to the eyes, shivers up the spine and caused the hair on the arms to stand up when they walked in and heard Stille Nacht (Silent Night) being sung!

Finally, another Bulletin Bloop: "Mrs. Roberts will be serving salad without dressing at this afternoon's potluck lunch."

The days are sure getting shorter but despite the hot days we're grateful for the cooler nights. God Bless You.

Fr. Thomas, OSB

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Aug. 15 SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY INTO HEAVEN**

**NO 8:30 MASS**

**St. Mary 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass @ 10:00 followed by Potluck**

**Hazel Kay Krebs (Kyle/Jamie) Baptism @ 10:00 St. Mary**

**Happy Feast Day Assumption Abbey!**

**Aug. 16 Feast of St. Stephen, King of Hungary; Happy Feast Day St. Stephen Parish!**

**Aug. 16-20 Fr. Thomas gone**

**Aug. 22 Bryson James Miller (James/Kristy) Baptism @ 10:00 St. Mary Mass**

**Sept. 6 Labor Day**

**St. Stephen KC mtg?**

**Sept. 6-9 Fall Clergy Conference, Medora**

**Sept. 8 Rel. Ed classes resume**

**Sept. 9 St. Mary KC mtg.**

**Sept. 12 St. Thomas KC mtg.**

**Sept. 19 St. Stephen Coffee/Rolls?**

**Oct. 3 St. Mary Fall Chicken Dinner**

