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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	+Leona Hoff For Rain and Good Weather
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:30 AM	Richardton	++Bob & Marge Buresh For the Sick
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Stella Rummel
<b>Thursday</b>	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Margaret Paulson
<b>Friday</b>	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Ron Frederick
<b>Saturday,</b>	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Joe Boespflug
<b>August 28<sup>th</sup></b>	4:00 PM	Richardton	++James & Bertha Gallagher
	7:00 PM	St. Thomas	+Keith Wolf
<b>Sunday,</b>	8:00 AM	St. Stephen	PARISHES
<b>August</b>	10:00 AM	Richardton	++Leo & Barbara Hoff
<b>29<sup>th</sup></b>			

**Mass Schedule and Ministers: Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup>**

<b>Saturday,</b>	4:00 PM	<b>Lector:</b> Ben Bohn	
<b>August 28<sup>th</sup></b>	Richardton	<b>September Ushers:</b> Leo & Colleen Miller, Gary & Cathy Tormaschy	
	7:00 PM	<b>Lector:</b> Cliff Weiler	
	St. Thomas		
<b>Sunday,</b>	8:00 AM	<b>Lector:</b> Gary Friedt	<b>Eucharistic Minister:</b> Gary Friedt
<b>August 29<sup>th</sup></b>	St. Stephen	<b>September Ushers:</b> Chad Messer & Larry Messer	
	10:00 AM	<b>Lector:</b> Pat Dassinger	
	Richardton	<b>September Ushers:</b> Sheri Gebhardt, Deanna Voltz, Volunteers	

<b>Collections for August 15, 2021</b>	<b>St. Mary</b>	<b>St. Stephen</b>	<b>St. Thomas</b>
Adults	3065.00	205.00	165.00
Plate	214.00	217.00	13.00
Children			
<b>Total</b>	<b>3279.00</b>	<b>422.00</b>	<b>178.00</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:** Many thanks to those who generously gave of their time and talent to make our celebration a success! We have been blessed with quite a milestone. May St. Mary Parish have a long future because of what we do in our times.

**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.

**RAFFLE TICKETS:** are printed and are ready for pick up in the back of church. 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.**

**NOODLE MAKING:** The first session of noodle making for the Fall Church Dinner will be on Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at the Social Center beginning at 8:30 AM. The finished product will be for sale during the Fall Church Dinner. Every helping hand makes the work go easier and quicker!

**THANK YOU:** To Judy Roll, Colleen Miller and Marilyn Lacher for making our Christian Mother Bake Sale a success. Also, many thanks to the members for the donated items. Without you our fundraiser would not be possible.

**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**

**ST. THOMAS PARISH**

**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, 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.

**BIBLE STUDY: PSALMS – THE SCHOOL OF PRAYER:** Discover how these sacred hymns become our heartfelt response to God's loving and wondrous deeds for us. Bible Study will be held every Wednesday @ 1:00 PM starting on September 8<sup>th</sup>. If interested please contact Colleen Hutchinson @ 974-3982 or Marilyn Lacher @ 974-3982 by August 30<sup>th</sup>.

**ST. HILDEGARD'S CHURCH FALL DINNER:** Will be held on Sunday, Sept. 12 in Menoken from 11:00 – 3:00 PM CT. Raffle drawings at 4:00 PM CT.

**PRAISE, PASTORS, PAINTINGS, AND POLKA!** Please pray with us at the Bandshell in Dickinson, Sunday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 PM as Fr. Dennis Schafer and Pastor Ron Hodson pray to end Covid 19, and bless special canvas paintings by St. Ben's residents. Polka music by Cliff Walter and popsicles for the family will be provided.

**THAT MAN IS YOU!:** St. Joseph's Church of Dickinson is hosting That Man Is You! on Friday mornings, 6:00 AM to begin this 13 week semester on Friday September 8, 2021. No cost. All men are welcome. For more information contact Deacon Bob: 701-290-1849.

**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:**

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.

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!

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**

- Sept. 6 Labor Day
- St. Stephen KC mtg?
- Sept. 6-9 Fr. Thomas at Fall Clergy Conference, Medora
- Sept. 8 Rel. Ed classes resume
- Sept. 8 Bible Study resumes @ 1:00 PM
- Sept. 9 St. Mary KC mtg. & Catholic Daughters mtg.
- Sept. 12 St. Thomas KC mtg.
- Sept. 12 St. Hildegard Fall Church Dinner in Menoken from 11:00-3:00 CT
- Sept. 12 Bandshell Service in Dickinson @ 2:00 PM
- Sept. 19 St. Stephen Coffee/Rolls?
- Oct. 3 St. Mary Fall Chicken Dinner

