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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	+Joan Zimmerman For Rain and Good Weather
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Keith Bier For the Sick
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Catherine Kearnes
<b>Thursday</b>	9:30 AM	Richardton	+Susan Cook Funeral
<b>Friday</b>	7:30 AM	Richardton	++Adam & Melani Hauck
<b>Saturday,</b>	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Rosemary Stetzler
<b>Oct. 9<sup>th</sup></b>	4:00 PM	Richardton	++Ted & Gen Maas Family
	7:00 PM	St. Stephen	PARISHES
<b>Sunday,</b>	8:00 AM	St. Thomas	+Rosie Weiler
<b>Oct. 10<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 AM	Richardton	+Joan Zimmerman

**Mass Schedule and Ministers: Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup>**

<b>Saturday,</b>	4:00 PM	<b>Lector:</b> Ben Bohn	<b>Eucharistic Minister:</b> Harvey Baer
<b>Oct. 9<sup>th</sup></b>	Richardton		
	7:00 PM	<b>Lector:</b> Mike Greff	<b>Eucharistic Minister:</b> Karen Zent
	St. Stephen	<b>Server:</b> Violet & Hannah Greff	
<b>Sunday,</b>	8:00 AM	<b>Lector:</b> Jeff Morel	<b>Server:</b> T. J. Meyer
<b>Oct. 10<sup>th</sup></b>	St. Thomas		
	10:00 AM		<b>Lector:</b> Marla Hoff / Alayna
	Richardton	Dressler	

<b>Collections for September 26, 2021</b>	<b>St. Mary</b>	<b>St. Stephen</b>	<b>St. Thomas</b>
Adults	1263.00	415.00	240.00
Plate	227.10	27.00	66.00
Children	1.70		
Total	1491.80	442.00	306.00

**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**

**OUR SYMPATHY:** to the family of Susan Cook who died Thursday morning at home after living with cancer and brain tumors. Susan loved St. Mary Parish and looked forward to helping around in many ways; we will certainly miss her beautiful proclamation of God's Word as a lector. May the angels lead her to paradise and the Good Shepherd comfort her loved ones.

**FALL CHURCH DINNER RAFFLE:** will be done at 3:00 pm Sunday in the Social Center. However, someone will be at the Social Center after 10:00 Mass on Oct. 3 to receive your monies and ticket stubs if you haven't already turned them in. There are still some tickets available to purchase as well. There will also be noodles and a few other things for sale at that time.

**CHRISTIAN MOTHERS:** Have the next meeting on Sunday, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> @ 1:30 PM. Program: Financial Report/Question Box. Lunch: Laura Leingang and Charlotte Hoff. Entertainment: Ann Loran and Kathy Hueske.

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS:** Have the next meeting on Thursday, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> beginning with Rosary at 6:50 PM. Program: Member Drive. Lunch: Marla Hoff, Carrie Ornelas, Val Aluise.

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY:** Will have their next meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 PM. Door Prize: Cathy Tormaschy. Lunch: Fran Hauck.

**ST. STEPHEN PARISH**

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH:** to an anonymous donor for giving a financial gift toward new flooring in the church. At this time we are just in the initial stage of looking at options and advice from decorators and flooring specialists.

**KC MEETING:** 7:30 Rosary followed by 8:00 mtg. and luncheon.

**BINGO PARTY:** is scheduled for 3:00 pm Sunday, Nov. 7 here at church.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** to Justin Zent and Amy Pikovsky married Oct. 2 @ Spirit of Life in Mandan. God Bless your life together!

**ST. THOMAS PARISH**

**THANK YOU:** Joan Meyer who continues to supply flowers and decorations from her gardens while at St. Ben's and thanks to those who care for the live plants and decorating too.

**COFFEE & ROLLS:** is planned after Mass next Sunday, Oct. 10. It's been a long time since we had it so I hope our good bakers have not forgotten how to make their goodies!

**WE PURCHASED:** some new tables for downstairs and have new table cloths to spruce things up for our Coffee and Rolls on Oct.. 10. Hopefully, we will also be purchasing new chairs soon.

**KC MEETING:** next Sunday evening, Oct. 10 @ 6:30 pm.

**RAFFLE TICKETS:** Thanks to all who donated to the ticket prizes, solicited prizes, all who sell the tickets. Your efforts are much appreciated for the good of the parish. God Bless You!

### **ALL THREE PARISHES**

**PLEASE PRAY:** for those who are *seriously ill, terminally ill or in immediate concern:* Ted Goelzer, Chuck Hoff, Katie Thomas Kautzman, Leo Stein, Larry & Cindy Kostecky, Gary Goetz, Gladys Goetz, Luke Olson, William Kostecky, Lenny Hueske, Jacque Kitzan, Joan Meyer, Eugene Tormaschy, Gerald & Darlene Frederick, Jerry Aluise and all those living with various cancers, those dealing with CO-VID19 in any way and our residents in nursing and assisted living homes.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES COLLECTION:** is this weekend. The envelope is attached to the Bulletin. All you have to do is put your donation inside, put a stamp on the envelope and drop in the mail. **Do not put it in the Collection Basket;** this collection does not pass through the parish. Catholic Charities of ND does tremendous work with Catholic adoptions, family & birth planning, family counseling, etc.

**ST. PIUS V FALL FESTIVAL:** Is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> in New Salem. Polka Mass at 10:00 AM CT and dinner from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM CT. Activities include: children's carnival, cake walk, bake sale, Chinese auction and gift shop.

**FEAST OF ST. WENCESLAUS FESTIVAL:** Will be held on Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 – 7:00 PM at St. Wenceslaus Church in Dickinson. A meal of deep fried turkey and roast beef will be offered along with Raffle, Bingo, Silent Auction, Mini Midway & Cake Walk.

**ST. MARY PARISH FALL FESTIVAL:** Will be hosting 3 Bingo nights following the 5:00 PM Mass on Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, and Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> in New England at the St. Mary Cafeteria. A free will supper will be served all three nights. Silent auction items and raffle tickets will be available. A Dueling Pianos event will be held on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 PM at the Memorial Hall. For more information call the office at 579-4312.

**DICKINSON CATHOLIC ADULTS:** is geared toward adults (21 – 50) from the Dickinson area who are seeking community and to deepen their faith. The next event will be on Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 PM at 618 Palm Beach Road, Dickinson. The topic is the Virtue of love.

**THE BEGINNING EXPERIENCE:** is offering a ten-week session called "Coping with Life Alone" for those who have lost a love relationship through death, divorce or separation. The Dickinson session will begin on Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>. Contact Cindy @ 690-9003 for more information.

**THANK YOU:** God bless all of you for the prayers for healing. I am very grateful for the prayers, phone calls and visits. Every day is a blessing. God is good! - Gladys Goetz

**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:**

Thank you for your generous support for those affected by Hurricane Ida and the floods: St. Mary \$603.31, St. Stephen \$233.00 and St. Thomas--\$156.00.

I am pleased to announce that we have a Youth/Young Adult Group started for our post Confirmation young people. The group is under the auspices of the Rel. Ed program and while it is open to non-Catholics, it is Catholic based and with Catholic teachings. Suzy Rummel has graciously agreed to host the group which meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at the Social Center from 6-7:30 pm. This has been something that has been on my "to do" list since becoming pastor. It is a much needed outreach to keep this age group engaged in the faith and in parish life. Join me in thanking and supporting Suzy in this endeavor and "Thank You" Suzy for your generosity, time and energy.

While we have had a dry summer, the timely rains have helped many of us receive a crop worth harvesting and hay worth baling and healthy prices. Let us remember to whom we owe our thanks and gratitude and make efforts to show and share that gratitude. The Lord of the Harvest sends his rain on the just and the unjust but all must be grateful.

Once again we are aware of many who are sick and struggling around us: parishioners, family and friends. Let's hold them in our prayers and thoughts, the known and unknown. And let's not forget those in the assisted living and nursing homes and those who live with various addictions. Like Simon the Cyrenean who helped Jesus carry his cross, let us help others with their crosses.

A great way to help your parish is to remember it in your will—either with a percentage or specific dollar amount. For St. Mary these options are available: St. Mary Parish, St. Mary Parish Endowment, St. Mary Parish Cemetery or Renewing God's House Together (a fund for maintenance of the church building). St. Stephen has these options: St. Stephen Parish, St. Stephen Endowment, St. Stephen Cemetery. St. Thomas would have these options: St. Thomas Parish, St. Thomas Endowment, St. Thomas Cemetery. It's never too early to get your affairs and estate in order. Thank you for remembering your parish in your plans.

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:** By the 1920's the annual St. Mary Church Fair had become a tradition, bringing in a profit of \$2,606 in 1923. The Parish Board minutes briefly approve of the annual event saying, "it is needed."

Finally, you can't enter heaven unless Jesus enters you. Let him in!

Fr. Thomas, OSB

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Oct. 3** CANCELLED: St. Mary Fall Chicken Dinner  
3:00 St. Mary Raffle drawing @ Social Center; also noodles and other goodies for sale from 11:15-3:00 at Social Center
- Oct. 4** St. Stephen KC mtg.
- Oct. 9** Feast of Wenceslaus Festival – Dickinson @ 4:30 PM
- Oct. 10** St. Thomas Coffee/Rolls  
St. Mary Christian Mothers mtg.  
St. Thomas KC mtg.  
St. Pius V Fall Festival – New Salem following 10:00 AM CT Polka Mass
- Oct. 14** St. Mary Catholic Daughters mtg. 6:50 Rosary followed by mtg.  
St. Mary KC mtg. 7:35 Rosary followed by mtg.
- Oct. 17** St. Stephen Children's Liturgy of the Word, St. Stephen Coffee & Rolls and Confirmation students lead Rosary before St. Stephen 8:00 Mass
- Oct. 30** Diocesan THIRST Conference in Bismarck  
Gladstone KC Coyote Hunt
- Nov. 1** SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS (Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year because it falls on a Monday.)  
St. Stephen KC mtg.
- Nov. 7** 10:00 Annual Memorial Mass @ St. Mary  
St. Stephen Bingo Party @ 3:00 pm
- Nov. 11** 7:30 Catholic Daughters & KC Memorial Mass @ Social Center
- Nov. 14** St. Thomas Coffee & Rolls  
St. Thomas KC mtg.
- Nov. 21** St. Thomas Breakfast & Raffle  
St. Stephen Coffee & Rolls
- Nov. 25** Thanksgiving Day 7:30 Mass @ St. Mary; 9:30 Mass @ St. Stephen

