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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	+Minerva Zimmerman For Rain and Good Weather
Tuesday	7:30 AM	Richardton	+David Hoff For the Sick
Wednesday	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Nick Loran
Thursday	7:30 AM	Richardton	++Frank & Theresa Messer
Friday	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Paul Meyer
Saturday,	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Frank Messer
Oct. 23rd	4:00 PM	Richardton	++Joe & Mary Hammerschmidt
	7:00 PM	St. Stephen	+Sharon Greff
Sunday,	8:00 AM	St. Thomas	PARISHES
Oct. 24th	10:00 AM	Richardton	+Living & Deceased Christian Mothers & K of C

Mass Schedule and Ministers: Saturday, October 23rd and Sunday, October 24th

Saturday, Oct. 23rd	4:00 PM	Lector: Adam Bohn	Eucharistic Minister: Leo Miller
	Richardton	November Ushers: Cary Lacher, Tim Cook, Ron Hoff	
	7:00 PM	Lector: Michaela Mitchell	Eucharistic Minister: Patty Thomas
	St. Stephen	Ava Messer & Will Messer	November Ushers: Chad Messer & Ava Messer
Sunday, Oct. 24th	8:00 AM	St. Thomas	Lector: Jerry Haich Server: Landon Meyer
	10:00 AM	Richardton	Lector: Joy Kitzan November Ushers: Jim Staudinger, Dale Dassinger, Reid Vaagen

Collections for October 10, 2021	St. Mary	St. Stephen	St. Thomas
Adults	1022.00	275.00	395.00
Plate	197.00	29.00	31.00
Children	1.50		
Total	1220.50	304.00	426.00

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 Eugene Tormasch who died Monday, Oct. 11th. His Funeral service was held here on Saturday morning @ 9:30 AM. May the angels lead him to paradise and the Good Shepard comfort his loved ones.

FALL CHURCH DINNER RAFFLE: preliminary figures look promising. "Thank you every one" for your raffle sales and for your donations. Together we make these parish events successful for the benefit of all. We still have about 4 bags of noodles (wide and narrow) available. Contact the parish office if interested. \$9/bag

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Will be moving their meetings to 7:00 PM with Rosary at 6:35 PM. Knight of the Month: Deacon Robert Bohn. Family of the Month: Ambrose & Charlotte Hoff. Council Drawing: Dustin Hueske – not present to win.

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.

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

ST. THOMAS PARISH

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

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:* Bonnie Hecker, Ted Goelzer, Chuck Hoff, Katie Thomas Kautzman, Leo Stein, Cindy Kostelecky, Gary Goetz, Gladys Goetz, Luke Olson, Lenny Hueske, Jacque Kitzan, Joan Meyer, 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.

GREAT PLAINS FOOD BANK: Will be at the St. Mary Social Center parking lot on Wed., October 20th from 12:30 – 1:30 PM. This will be a drive through distribution. Anyone in need of food assistance from any community is welcome.

ST. MARY PARISH NEW ENGLAND FALL FESTIVAL: Will be hosting 3 Bingo nights following the 5:00 PM Mass on Oct. 23rd, 30th, and Nov. 6th 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 12th at 8:00 PM at the Memorial Hall. For more information call the office at 579-4312.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH DICKINSON GERMAN NIGHT: Is scheduled for Saturday, November 6th from 4:30 – 7:30 PM. Free-will offering will be accepted. Silent Auction, Bake Sale & Wine/Beer Pull.

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:

Special thanks to the ladies and men of all our parishes who help with the funeral luncheons. This is a wonderful service and corporal work of mercy to our fellow parishioners and their guests. By serving them, we serve Christ. We also offer comfort to the mourning, feed the hungry and pray for the dead by this activity. I have not encountered a family who has not been grateful, appreciative and indebted for the delicious food, hard work and efforts in their time of grief and need. So thank you for your willingness to continue this spiritual and corporal work when so many parishes “farm it out.” I am proud that we can still provide homemade salads and desserts. If you are currently not serving on a funeral circle or are willing to bring a salad or dessert on occasion please call Bobbie Fandrich to volunteer 974-4237 or 290-1246 Thanks.

Plan ahead to attend the annual Diocesan THIRST Eucharistic Conference held on Saturday, Oct. 30. See the centerfold of the current DCA for details. Excellent speakers are featured and all events are free.

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 2nd 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.

I will be traveling to West Point, NE for a little vacation and family time Oct. 11-19. You will be remembered in prayer and thought.

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 Parish Endowment, St. Stephen Cemetery. St. Thomas would have these options: St. Thomas Parish, St. Thomas Parish 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 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: In 1921 Fr. Justus (Pastor) reported 63 Baptisms, 10 Marriages, 12,033 Confessions, 34,000 Communion and 25 Funerals (12 adults & 13 children). The debt in the 1921 Financial Report was \$57,000.00

Finally. Honk if you love Jesus; text while driving if you want to meet him.

Fr. Thomas, OSB

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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**
 Sts. Peter & Paul Fall Fundraiser @ New Hradec – Breakfast 8:30 – 12:30
- Oct. 20 **Great Plains Food Bank, Social Center parking lot 12:30 – 1:30 PM**
- Oct. 30 **Diocesan THIRST Conference in Bismarck**
 Gladstone KC Coyote Hunt
- Oct. 31 **5th Sunday Rosary following 10:00 St. Mary Mary**
- 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



