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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	+Eva Rettig For Rain and Good Weather
Tuesday	7:30 AM	Richardton	++James & D.J. Berger For the Sick
Wednesday	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Julie Wordekemper
Thursday	7:30 AM	Richardton	++Felix & Mary Haich
Friday	7:30 AM	Richardton	++Mr. & Mrs. Gene Conlon & Family
Saturday,	7:30 AM	Richardton	+++MaryAnn, Randall & Jason Hoff
Oct. 30th	4:00 PM	Richardton	++Dorothy & Bill Hauck
	7:00 PM	St. Thomas	+Keith Wolf
Sunday,	8:00 AM	St. Stephen	PARISHES
Oct. 31st	10:00 AM	Richardton	+Ron Frederick

Mass Schedule and Ministers: Saturday, October 30th and Sunday, October 31st

Saturday,	4:00 PM	Lector: Ben Bohn	Eucharistic Minister: Colleen
Oct. 30th	Richardton	Miller	November Ushers: Cary Lacher, Tim
	7:00 PM	Cook, Ron Hoff	
	St. Thomas	Lector: Magdalyn Czech	Server: T.J. Meyer
Sunday,	8:00 AM	Lector: Bridget/Allison Greff	Servers: Violet & Hannah Greff
Oct. 31st	Stephen	Eucharistic Minister: Kayla Zent	November Ushers: Chad Messer & Ava
	10:00 AM	Messer	
	Richardton	Lector: Mark Rummel	November
		Ushers: Jim Staudinger, Dale Dassinger, Reid Vaagen	

Collections for October 17, 2021	St. Mary	St. Stephen	St. Thomas
Adults	1235.00	270.00	420.00
Plate	295.00	131.00	12.00
Children			
Total	1530.00	401.00	432.00

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 Pauline Gaab. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her and all the souls of the faithful departed.

CONGRATULATIONS!! By working together and supporting our parish we cleared \$18,000 from the Raffle. The approximate breakdown looks something like this: Raffle \$9900; Noodles, strudels, pickles, etc. \$1250; Donations in lieu of free will offering: \$ 6600. I can't say thanks enough for all who helped in any way to make this successful. It might be tempting to think that we gain just as much without all the work of a dinner but what we "lose" is the opportunity to work together as a parish, serve one another and our guests and enjoy our friends and neighbors with good food. Looking ahead, we hope to have our Chicken Noodle Soup and Chicken Salad Lunch the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. So mark your calendars for Sunday, February 27!!

FIFTH SUNDAY ROSARY: will be prayed next Sunday following the 10:00 Mass. This rosary is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus for the holiness, health and stability of family life. All are invited to stay and pray; if you want to visit please do so outside so as not to disturb the pray-ers.

ST. STEPHEN PARISH

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

ST. THOMAS PARISH

RAFFLE TICKETS: I hope the ticket sales are going well. If you need more, I'm sure Tina Meyer has extras. Thanks for your efforts!

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 Kitzen, 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.

ST. MARY PARISH NEW ENGLAND FALL FESTIVAL: Will be hosting 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.

FINDING HOPE: Is a virtual workshop on navigating grief and the holidays. This workshop is free and open to the public but registration is required. The zoom meetings are scheduled for Nov. 7th, 8th, 9th and 16th. For more information contact: David Jenkins @ 701-456-4378 or via email: david.jenkins900@commonspirit.org no later than October 25th.

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:

Attached to the Bulletin is the envelope for the annual WORLD MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION. Please return it next weekend in the collection basket. This important collection helps the Catholic Church spread the Gospel in foreign lands and is a way for each of us to help spread the Good News; thank you for your generosity.

Next Sunday evening is “All Hallows Eve,” or as we know it, “Halloween.” Please be aware that this is not a celebration of ghosts, goblins and ghouls. Rather it is the Vigil (night before) of the Solemnity of All Saints Day, a day we set aside to celebrate eternal life. We remember and celebrate those who have died and are sharing in Eternal Life with God. So this includes the officially canonized saints and those loved ones who also share in eternal life but are not officially canonized, in short people known and unknown to us. November 2 is All Souls Day in which we remember and pray for those who have died and are “on their way” to heaven through purgatory. Purgatory is not a “mini hell” but a time of purgation and purifying of those things that prevent us from enjoying the perfection of heaven. The goal of purgatory is heaven. The teaching on purgatory is that of God’s mercy and expresses God’s desire for us to be with him in heaven.

In celebrating these 2 days our thoughts are led to our own death/mortality, the end times, our judgment, heaven and hell. And really our focus should be, since we’re all going to die and be judged, how do or should I live my life?

It is a good practice to visit a cemetery on All Souls Day, Nov. 2 and offer prayers for the dead, especially those who have no one to pray for them and to think of our own death in light of our life.

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 next Saturday, Oct. 30. See the centerfold of the current DCA for details or the poster hanging in each of the churches. Excellent speakers are featured and all events are free.

My trip to West Point was relaxing and peaceful. Special thanks to all who helped with the funerals while I was gone and made things go smoothly for the families and mourners.

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, Stop, Drop and Roll doesn’t work in hell!

Fr. Thomas, OSB

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct. 30 THIRST Conference**
- Oct. 31 5th Sunday Rosary following 10:00 St. 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. 2 ALL SOULS 7:30 am Mass @ St. Mary**
- Nov. 6 Confirmation kids lead Rosary @ St. Thomas before 7 pm Mass**
- Nov. 7 10:00 Annual Memorial Mass @ St. Mary
St. Stephen Bingo Party @ 3:00 pm**
- Nov. 11 7:30 pm 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**
- Nov. 28 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT
10:00 Baptism of MaKenna & MaKaylaTormaschy (Josh/Michelle) @ St. Mary**
- Nov. 29 6-7 pm Confessions @ St. Mary**

hello Nick! hope all is well with you...

