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Mass Schedule

Please note: Reconciliation Saturday 7:00 – 7:15 AM, Saturday 3:15 – 3:45 PM, Missions: 20 minutes before Mass, or call the office for appointment.

Monday	7:30 AM	Richardton	++Harry & Catherine Kearnes For Rain/Protection From Storms
Tuesday	7:30 AM	Richardton	Rolene Fischer For the Sick
Wednesday	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Bertha Hunke
Thursday	7:30 AM	Richardton	++Ray Stein & Joseph Schabry
Friday	7:30 AM	Richardton	Brian & Lisa Reider (Adoration 8-9)
Saturday,	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Gaite Gebhardt
Sept.	4:00 PM	Richardton	+Jana Hamann
3rd	7:00 PM	St. Thomas	PARISHES
Sunday,	8:00 AM	St. Stephen	+Living & Deceased Christian Mothers & Kof C
Sept.	10:00 AM	Richardton	+Deceased Greenshields Family Members
4th			

Mass Schedule and Ministers: Saturday, September 3rd & Sunday, September 4th

Saturday,	4:00 PM	Lector: Emma Goetz	Eucharistic Minister: Colleen
Sept. 3rd	Richardton	Miller	September Ushers: Gary &
	7:00 PM St.	Kathy Tormaschy and	
	Thomas___	Volunteers	
		Lector: Tina Meyer	Server: T.J. Meyer
Sunday,	8:00 AM St.	Lector: Michaela Mitchell	Eucharistic Minister: Duane
Sept.	Stephen	Zent	Servers: Ethan Reisenauer &
4th	10:00 AM	Volunteer	September Ushers: Chuck
	Richardton	Schorsch & James Thomas	
		Lector: Marla Hoff	
		September Ushers: Sheri Gebhardt, Deanna	
		Voltz, Suzy Rummel	

Collections for August 21, 2022	St. Mary	St. Stephen	St. Thomas
Adults	1580.00	310.00	257.00
Plate	381.00	141.00	27.00
Children			
Total	1961.00	451.00	284.00

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

THANK YOU! for some recent donations towards the improvements at the Social Center; this is a nice help to our efforts to keep our buildings in good repair and updated.

IMPROVEMENTS: have been ongoing at the cemetery as you may have noticed or heard. It is the responsibility of family and relatives to care for the monuments of their loved ones. A great many of the concrete vault covers unfortunately are in failure or starting to crack or crumble. It is better to address these situations now, rather than later since they will only get worse as you no doubt have also seen in our cemetery. If left unattended they can crumble, develop holes where snakes and rodents take residence or even cave in. Besides being unsightly and disrespectful, these situations can also be dangerous. Some have tried to caulk or cement over the damage but this is only a temporary bandaid solution. Jeff Ficek of Ron's Backhoe Service (Dickinson) has been doing the work. He does a very good job and is extremely respectful and careful in performing this work. You are welcome to contact him at the cemetery when he's working to get an estimate or call him at 701 227 8710. Fr. Thomas can't give you an estimate but is willing to explain the process to you. Often siblings, children, cousins, aunts, uncles, etc. can be contacted and are willing to help share the costs of parents, grand or great grandparents graves.

CHURCH DINNER: has been set for Sunday, October 2. It has been 2 years since we have been able to host our dinner so we look forward to serving our delicious chicken with all the trimmings this year. The Committee (Pam Aman, Scott Bohn (co-chairs), Kathy Hueske, Sue Hoff, Diane Hauck, Rosalie Hunke and Bobbie Fandrich) met recently to get the ball rolling. If you would like to volunteer for any specific task as a chairperson or helper, please call the office. We thank those who have been already contacted or volunteered and who said yes.

RAFFLE TICKETS: are now available at the front entrance of the church. The Raffle is the main fundraiser for our parish and dinner; please make every effort to buy and sell your tickets. There are lots of good prizes, as usual, thanks to our donors. More tickets are available at the Office; tickets remain at \$1 each and \$15 for a book of 15. Money can be turned into the Office or dropped in the collection in a marked envelope *along with the stubs.*

DONATIONS: are accepted for the Church Dinner. Besides cash donations we can use flour, sugar, cucumbers (for pickling), beets (for pickling), eggs, apples, etc. Thanks much!

NOODLE MAKING: In preparation for the Church Dinner we are once again making homemade noodles to sell. The dates for noodle making are: Tuesday,

August 30th and Thursday, September 8th from 8:30 AM – till noon. If you're available those days, your help is greatly appreciated.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILARY: Will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 7th at 12:00 PM at the American Legion Hall for an appreciation brunch honoring the Dakota Community Bank for sponsoring Michaela Mitchell at Girls State this year. Michaela will report on Girls State and the National Event. A short meeting will follow.

ST. STEPHEN PARISH

NEW CARPETING: is on order for the stairwells and choir loft. Arrival and installation dates TBA.

K of C MEETING: Monday, Sept. 5?

ST. THOMAS PARISH

COFFEE/ROLLS: resumes on September 11 I assume?

K of C MEETING: Sunday, September 11 @ 6:00?

MANY THANKS: for nice, neatly mowed grass, fresh flowers, carefully tended potted plants!

ALL THREE PARISHES

PLEASE PRAY: for those who are *seriously ill, terminally ill or in immediate concern:* Caroline Scholz, Bonnie Hecker, Chuck Hoff, Leo Stein, Cindy Kostecky, Lenny Hueske, Jacque Kitzan, Gerald & Darlene Frederick, Joe J. Wanner, Wayne Baer, Myrna Weber, Tillie Hauck and all those living with various cancers, other illnesses and our parishioners in nursing and assisted living homes.

BIBLE STUDY: starts Wed., Sept. 28 @ 1:00 pm in the PREP Room. Topic is *James: Pearls of Wisdom*. The Letter of James was meant to “help a fledgling Church live out its faith in the face of persecution and a world view opposed to the Gospel.” Ancient wisdom applied to today. Cost of book: ca. \$30. Contact Colleen Hutchinson (974 3982) or Marilyn Lacher (590 2605) by Sept. 1.

LAST WEEKEND: attached to the Bulletin was the envelope for the annual Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Your generous support of this appeal is much appreciated and supports the work of many parishes which are still considered in mission territory here in the US. At one point in history that included all 3 of our parishes. The help of others 100 yrs. ago helped us all in our faith history and got us to where we are today in some way. Drop you envelope with your donation in to the collection. God Bless You!

ST. CLEMENT ORATORY OF MAYMARSH: Will celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on Wednesday, September 14. Mass begins at 12:00 Noon (CST). All are welcome!

ST. HILDEGARD'S FALL DINNER: Will take place on Sunday, Sept. 11th in Menoken. Dinner will be served from 11 AM – 3 PM (CT) which includes sausage and roast beef. There will also be children's games and Bingo. A raffle prize drawing will be held at 4:00 PM.

ST. WENCESLAUS FESTIVAL: Is scheduled for October 1st from 4:30 – 7:00 PM in the Parish Life Center of St. Wenceslaus Church, Dickinson. Deep fried turkey and roast beef are on the menu. There will also be Bingo, cake walk, silent auction and raffle.

THAT MAN IS YOU!: “The Light of Men” will be hosted by St. Joseph Church of Dickinson on Friday mornings 6:00 AM to begin a 13 week semester on Friday, September 16th. Please contact Deacon Bob @ 701-290-1849 or Deacon Dallas @ 701-260-5558 for more information. There is no cost associated with this program. All men are welcome.

PARISH WEBSITE: www.stmaryrichardton.com. The weekly bulletin is included on the website and is normally posted on Mondays.

FROM THE PASTOR:

Wednesday, Sept. 7 the regular Rel. Ed classes will begin. Thanks to those who have volunteered to teach our youth. Registration forms have been sent out to families this past week; if you did not receive one please call Michelle 701 290 6995.

I am home to West Point, NE until Sept. 1 to visit family and friends.

Reminder: we still have available the “History in Records,” a listing of baptisms, marriages and deaths/burials from the beginnings of Sts. Mary, Stephen, Thomas and Philip parishes. The books are over 100 pages and sell for \$20 (\$23 to mail). They are available at the Office or see Fr. Thomas after Masses. Christmas is less than 4 months away!

When doing your estate planning, please include your parish and cemeteries. Each parish has an endowment and each of our parishes has a cemetery. If the idea of an endowment doesn't appeal to you just naming the parish or cemetery in your estate is an option. A cash amount, percentage, insurance policies, stocks, acreage, etc. are options. Consult your legal advisor when doing this to make sure it is handled correctly. Estate planning is a way to continue giving and making an impact long after your earthly life. God bless you!

2020 marked the 120th anniversary of St. Stephen and Thomas Parishes. I'll be providing some interesting historical tidbits about *St. Stephen Parish* for you to enjoy over the next few months in “**FROM THE ARCHIVES.**”

FROM THE ARCHIVES: First Holy Communion stats for a few select years: **1911: 28;** 1916: 31; **1917: 24;** 1918: 15; **1919:11.** In 1928 there were 50 were young adults confirmed by Bishop Vincent Wehrle, OSB. Where did all those kids come from??

Finally: What did the pig say on a hot summer day? I'm bacon.

Have a great week!

Fr. Thomas, OSB

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 2	1 st Friday Adoration @ St. Mary; 8-9 am
Sept. 5	St. Stephen KC mtg?
Sept. 5-8	Fall Clergy Conference @ Medora
Sept. 7	Rel. Ed classes begin @ St. Mary
Sept. 11	St. Thomas Coffee/Rolls St. Thomas KC mtg? St. Hildegard Fall Dinner @ Menoken
Sept. 14	Haymarsh Mass – Exaltation of the Holy Cross @ 12:00 PM CST
Sept. 16	“That Man is You” begins @ St. Joseph's - Dickinson
Sept. 18	St. Stephen Coffee/Rolls
Sept. 28	Bible Study begins
Oct. 1	St. Wenceslaus Festival @ Dickinson
Oct. 2	St. Mary Chicken Dinner & Raffle
Oct. 3	St. Stephen KC mtg.
Oct. 9	St. Thomas Coffee/Rolls St. Thomas KC mtg.
Oct. 16	St. Stephen Coffee/Rolls
Oct. 30	5 th Sunday Rosary for family life led by KC's following St. Mary 10:00 Mass
Nov. 1	SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS Holy Day of Obligation

Nov. 6

Nov. 20

St. Stephen Bingo Party

St. Thomas Breakfast