

**January 8, 2023****Volume 76, No. 2**

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.

<b>Monday</b>	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Leo Miller
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Deceased Greenshields Family Members For the Sick
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Tillie Hauck
	10:00 AM	St.Thomas	+Regina Morel Funeral
<b>Thursday</b>	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Joan Zimmerman
<b>Friday</b>	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Nick Rehling
<b>Saturday,</b>	7:30 AM	Richardton	+Ron Frederick
<b>January 14<sup>th</sup></b>	4:00 PM	Richardton	+Leona Hoff
	7:00 PM	St.Thomas	PARISHES
<b>Sunday,</b>	8:00 AM	St.Stephen	++Clyde Wanner & Eleanor Ludwig
<b>January</b>	10:00 AM	Richardton	++Fred & Agnes Heidecker
<b>15<sup>th</sup></b>			

**Mass Schedule and Ministers: Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>**

	4:00 PM		<b>Lector:</b> Emma Goetz	<b>Eucharistic Minister:</b> Harvey Baer
<b>Saturday,</b>	Richardton			
<b>January 14<sup>th</sup></b>	7:00 PM	St. Thomas	<b>Lector:</b> Tina Meyer	<b>Server:</b> Natalie Meyer
	8:00 AM	St. Stephen	<b>Lector:</b> Gary Freidt	<b>Eucharistic Minister:</b> James Thomas
<b>Sunday, January</b>	10:00 AM		Hannah Greff	<b>Servers:</b> Violet &
<b>15<sup>th</sup></b>	Richardton			
			<b>Lector:</b> Jack Wyckoff	

<b>Collections for January 1, 2023</b>	<b>St. Mary</b>	<b>St. Stephen</b>	<b>St. Thomas</b>
Adults	2805.00	530.00	220.00
Plate	131.02	235.00	47.00
Children			
Total	2936.02	765.00	267.00

**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**

**A HUGE THANK YOU FOR RECENTS GIFTS:** given as end-of-year or toward parish projects including for new lights in the Social Center Dining Room, the Cemetery, work done on the roof flashing at the Social Center this past fall, the Parish Endowment, paint for classrooms, etc. Thank you very much for your generosity and thinking of the parish and it's needs, now and into the future.

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS MEETING:** Is scheduled for Thursday Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> at Suzy's Stash. Rosary at 6:50 PM with meeting to follow: Agenda: Come early to start quilting. Festival of Tables planning. Lunch: Karen Lewis, Marilyn Lacher, Bobbie Fandrich.

**K of C MEETING:** Thursday night, Jan. 12. 6:35 Rosary followed by meeting and luncheon.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** for Sunday, February 19! We will hold our Annual Homemade Chicken Noodle Soup and Chicken Salad Dinner at the Social Center. We will also again have the Chinese Auction and Bingo. Dinner will be served from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM. We would very much welcome your themed baskets to be part of that auction. Please let Kathy Hueske (974 4227) know if you will sponsor a basket. Donations are most welcome: cash, eggs, flour.

**1<sup>st</sup> RECONCILIATION (Confession):** will be held after the St. Mary 10:00 Mass on January 29. Please keep in prayer Hoyt Dukart, Braxden Heck and Nicole Hoff who will be celebrating their 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation. Many thanks to their teacher, Marilyn Lacher, for their excellent preparation.

**ST. STEPHEN PARISH**

**ROLL LIST FOR JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>:** Fran Hauck- Chairman, Ruth Haas – Bread, Karen Zent, Kathy Schorsch, Diane Friedt, Dana Scholz, Kelsey Dobitz, Megan Dukart.

**NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:** until March 19.

**CARD PARTY:** is next Sunday afternoon, January 15<sup>th</sup> starting at 3:00 pm. Thanks everyone for the preparations.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY:** Will be held on Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> for the ladies of St. Stephen Church. Lunch will be served at noon. Please bring a gift if you are interested in participating in the gift exchange.

**ST. THOMAS PARISH**

**OUR SYMPATHY:** to the family of Regina Morel who passed away on Thursday morning. Her funeral will be Wednesday morning at 10:00 here at St. Thomas. May the angels escort her to paradise and the Good Shepherd comfort her loved ones!

**COFFEE & ROLLS:** following Mass.

**K of C MEETING:** Sunday night 6:30 pm at the Hall.

## ALL THREE PARISHES

**PLEASE PRAY:** for those who are *seriously ill, terminally ill or in immediate concern:* Marie Hauck, Gary Earl, Bonnie Hecker, Chuck Hoff, Leo Stein, Darlene Frederick, Wayne Baer, Connie Bruesch, Susan Krenzel and all those living with various cancers, other illnesses and our parishioners in nursing and assisted living homes.

**THAT MAN IS YOU!:** Will resume at St. Joseph Church, Dickinson on January 20<sup>th</sup> and Friday mornings thereafter at 6:00 AM. This year our Lenten journey will be from the Holy Land. Questions? Call Deacon Dallas Carlson @ 701-260-5558.

**BISHOP KAGAN:** Will be leading a time of Eucharistic Adoration for the Dickinson Deanery on Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 – 4:00 at Queen of Peace in Dickinson. It will include a homily, silent prayer, and Benediction. All are welcome to attend.

**ND MARCH FOR LIFE:** Will take place on January 20, 2023 with Mass at 10:45 AM CT at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit in Bismarck. Immediately following Mass, there will be a march to the ND State Capitol steps. The Rally will begin at 12:30 PM CT. Please register groups by January 11<sup>th</sup> on the diocesan website: <http://bismarckdiocese.com/ndmfl>.

### FROM THE PASTOR:

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. This marks the arrival of the 3 Wise Men or Magi who came bringing gifts to worship our Lord. This is symbolic of Jesus' salvation for all the world, not just the Jewish nation. "Epiphany" means showing, revealing, manifestation so God is revealing Jesus as the savior of the world. In some countries of Europe this day is bigger than Christmas and the day to share gifts. January 9, Monday, is the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord which officially marks the end of the Christmas Season. Of course, it is our call to continually "show, reveal and manifest" Jesus to those we encounter all year long.

Thank you for your kind remembrances, prayers, goodies, cards and gifts this Christmas Season! I am touched by your kindnesses and love and consider myself blessed to serve such good parishes. May we continue to work together to bring each other to God's Kingdom. God Bless You All!

Next Sunday, Jan. 15 is the St. Stephen Card Party. The party starts at 3:00 pm and concludes with a luncheon. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun and enjoy good company, laughter and conversation. The \$10 fee includes a lunch.

Looking waaay ahead to the Fall, I am planning to offer the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) program. This program is designed for adults who are not Catholic but are considering joining our faith (but are not obligated to join at it's conclusion) and for those who want to learn more about our Catholic faith. The program would run from Sept. to Easter, meets weekly at a time determined by the group and the only cost would be for the study guide. In the case of married couples where 1 spouse is not Catholic, the Catholic spouse is required to also attend. The class is based on discussion with minimal reading. I don't need commitments at this time but want to throw this out for your prayerful consideration.

2020 marked the 120<sup>th</sup> 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:** Census reports showed 132 individual members in 1992 and 135 in 1995. In 1995 there were 40 children in grades 1-12; the same in 1996 and 41 in 1997. In 1999 there were 32 in grades 1-12; 25 in 2000 and 22 in 2002.

Finally, After preschool one day, my 5 yr. old granddaughter came home with a book on flags of different nations. We were going through it together when we came across a picture of the American flag. I asked her, "What flag is this?" She answered, "That's our country's flag." When I asked her what the name of our country was, she responded, "Tis of Thee."

Fr. Thomas, OSB

### Upcoming Events:

**Jan. 8 SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

St. Thomas Coffee/Rolls after Mass

St. Thomas K of C mtg. @ 6:30 pm

**Jan. 9 Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (End of the Christmas Season)**

**Jan. 12 CDA mtg. @ Suzy's Stash**

St. Mary K of C 6:35 Rosary & 7:00 mtg.

**Jan. 15 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation Parent mtg. @ St. Mary Social Center following 10:00 Mass**

3:00 pm St. Stephen Card Party @ St. Stephen

**Jan. 20 ND March for Life, Bismarck**

**Jan. 29 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation @ St. Mary following 10:00 Mass**

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosary following St. Mary 10:00 Mass

**Feb. 5 PREP mtg. @ 1:00 pm in the PREP room**

**Feb. 6 St. Stephen K of C mtg. 7:00 pm**

**Feb. 12 St. Thomas Coffee/Rolls following Mass**

St. Thomas K of C mtg. @ 6:00 pm

**Feb. 19 Coffee/Rolls @ St. Stephen**

St. Mary Chicken Noodle Soup/Chicken Salad Dinner

**Feb. 22 ASH WEDNESDAY – LENT BEGINS**

7:30 am St. Mary Mass

4:00 pm Rel. Ed. Mass @ Social Center

7:00 pm St. Mary Mass

**Feb. 23 7:00 Mass @ St. Thomas (with ashes)**

**Feb. 24 7:00 Mass @ St. Stephen (with ashes)**

6:00 St. Mary Stations of the Cross

**Mar. 2 6:30 Stations of the Cross/Mass @ St. Thomas**

**Mar. 3 St. Stephen Fish Fry 5-7 pm @ Social Center**

(No Mass/Stations @ St. Stephen)

6:00 St. Mary Stations of the Cross

