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Mass Intentions This Week:



The Parishioners of St. Richard Catholic Church

Contact Elizabeth to schedule a Mass or if you have any questions. Please give Mass intentions to Father.

Next Week's Readings

Reading I: Isaiah 60:1-6
 Responsorial Psalm: 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
 Reading II: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
 Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

LECTOR SCHEDULE

01-01 Toni Ferris
 01-03 George Seif
 01-10 Anna Verduzco-Rios
 01-17 Elsie Moleno
 01-24 Fred Maldonado
 01-31 Toni Ferris

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People will stay on the prayer list for the sick for 1 month. If you would like your loved one to go back on the list for the following month please call the office and let Elizabeth know. We encourage parishioners to use this list during their daily prayer time to pray for those who are sick. May we all lift one another up in prayer during times of need: Steven Goellner, Earnest Thomas, Franklin Epps, & Rosemary Buskirk

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 If you are a Catholic man 18 years or older and wish to join our Council please contact: Jerry Beil (252-586-0635) ncjib2@gmail.com or Thomas O'Neill (252-308-0493) oneilltomandanne@gmail.com

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SUNDAY: 10:30AM
SPANISH MASS:
Wednesday: 6:00PM
ROSARY: 10am Sunday
CONFESSIONS: 10am Sunday
 Holy Days - As Announced.

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We welcome all visitors and guests to our parish family and wish you safe travels and a happy visit to Emporia.

The Epiphany of the Lord
 January 3, 2021



Focusing the Gospel
Key words and phrases: magi from the east, newborn king, Herod, search diligently, seeing the star, saw the child

To the point: The magi come from the East sincerely searching for "the newborn king of the Jews." The self-serving, deceitful plotting by Herod does not thwart their finding the newborn King. Like the magi, in spite of our own "Herods," we too must diligently search for Christ. Even when we seem to lose

sight of the star and the way forward is no longer clear, even when evil forces seek to thwart our search, we can trust that God never leaves us in darkness but always leads us to the Light.

Connecting the Gospel ...

... to First Reading: The First Reading reveals God's work: divine glory shines upon us to lead us, to gather us, and to enrich us with God's own splendor. What are we to do with this splendor? We are to walk in God's light so that we become that light for the world.

... to experience: Sometimes we grow discouraged in our search for God. But the truth is that we find God not primarily because we search but because God chooses to reveal the divine splendor and presence to us.

Centrar el Evangelio

Palabras y frases clave:

magos del este, rey recién nacido, Herodes, buscar diligentemente, ver la estrella, vio al niño

Hasta el punto: Los magos vienen de Oriente buscando sinceramente "al rey recién nacido de los judíos". El auto-servicio, engañoso conspiración de Herodes no frustra su hallazgo del Rey recién nacido. Al igual que los magos, a pesar de nuestros propios "Héroes", nosotros también debemos buscar diligentemente a Cristo. Incluso cuando parece que perdemos de vista a la estrella y el camino a seguir ya no está claro, incluso cuando las fuerzas malignas tratan de frustrar nuestra búsqueda, podemos confiar en que Dios nunca nos deja en tinieblas, sino que siempre nos lleva a la Luz.

Conectando el Evangelio...

... a la primera lectura: La Primera Lectura revela la obra de Dios: la gloria divina brilla sobre nosotros para guiarnos, reunirnos y enriquecernos con el propio esplendor de Dios. ¿Qué vamos a hacer con este esplendor? Debemos caminar en la luz de Dios para que nos conviremos en esa luz para el mundo.

... para experimentar: A veces nos desanimamos en nuestra búsqueda de Dios. Pero la verdad es que encontramos a Dios no principalmente porque buscamos, sino porque Dios elige revelarnos el esplendor divino y la presencia.

Calendar of Events & Special Announcements



This weekend mass will be celebrated by Father James O'Reilly.

Esta misa de fin de semana será celebrada por el Padre James O'Reilly.

Please pick up your 2021 contribution envelopes and calendars after mass.

Por favor, recoja sus sobres y calendarios de contribución 2021 después de la misa.

2021 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Today's gospel tells us the story of the Magi bringing gifts to the newborn Jesus. Stewardship messages are obvious here, paying homage to our Lord. But what if we don't have gold, frankincense or myrrh. As we start this year, take a look around you for the gifts you have to offer. Look for the blessings you have and make an offering to God of those gifts, in thanksgiving for them. "What are you talking about?" How about your home, your family, your comforts of heat and warm clothing? Thank God for providing these things to you. Bless your home with holy water and chalk above your doors --- 20+C+M+B+21 --- (look up Epiphany Blessing with Chalk for the prayers to say) this act will be a perfect offering to God. As we prepare for the upcoming Annual Diocesan Appeal, begin to pray about how you and your family can support the appeal this year.

2021 Apelación Diocesana Anual

El Evangelio de hoy nos cuenta la historia de los Reyes Magos trayendo dones al recién nacido Jesús. Los mensajes de la administración son obvios

aquí, rindiendo homenaje a nuestro Señor. Pero qué pasa si no tenemos oro, incienso o mirra. Al comenzar este año, echa un vistazo a tu alrededor para los regalos que tienes para ofrecer. Busca las bendiciones que tengas y haz una ofrenda a Dios de esos dones, en acción de gracias por ellos. "¿De qué estás hablando?" ¿Qué tal tu hogar, tu familia, tus comodidades de calor y ropa de abrigo? Gracias a Dios por proporcionarte estas cosas. Bendice tu hogar con agua bendita y tiza por encima de tus puertas --- 20+C+M+B+21 --- (busca la Bendición de Epifanía con Tiza para que las oraciones digan) este acto será una ofrenda perfecta a Dios. Mientras nos preparamos para la próxima Apelación Diocesana Anual, comience a orar acerca de cómo usted y su familia pueden apoyar la apelación este año.

Weekly Offerings:

December 25th

Christmas Offering: \$334

Catholic Charities Appeal: \$20

ParishSoft Egiving: \$445

Mass Attendance for 12/25:

Adults 15

Children 3

The St Peter and St Richard Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a "Baby Bottle Campaign" from January 1st through February 14th. All funds collected will be provided to the Roanoke Rapids Pregnancy Support Center, which provides counseling, information, support, and baby needs to pregnant women in our area. Baby bottles will be distributed at masses which are then used as collection containers for coins, paper money or checks, then returned to the church. Please take a bottle and help this worthy cause and the new babies it will support.

Los Caballeros de San Pedro y San Ricardo de Colón patrocinarán una "Campaña de Botella de Bebé" del 1 de enero al 14 de febrero. Todos los fondos recaudados se proporcionarán al Centro de Apoyo al Embarazo de Roanoke Rapids, que proporciona asesoramiento, información, apoyo y necesidades de bebés a mujeres embarazadas en nuestra área. Las botellas de bebé se distribuirán en masas que luego se utilizan como contenedores de recogida para monedas, papel moneda o cheques, y luego se devuelven a la iglesia. Por favor, tome un

biberón y ayudar a esta causa digna y los nuevos bebés que apoyará.



8th Ma. Socorro Conte
15th Mary Kramer
18th Luzviminda Saavedra
19th Myla Nery
20th Melanie DeLuna
23rd Pamela Amarillo
24th Nina Gendron
31st Steven Goeliner

Online Giving Reminder

If you manage your bills online, you can give to St. Richard Catholic Church online too. It's safe and secure, and you decide exactly when your gift is made and where it goes. Online Giving lets you set up recurring weekly offertory and special collections gifts, so you will be able to give the way you want—even if you've forgotten your envelope. Getting started is easy! Please visit <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/strichardemporia> va