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Mass Intentions This Week:



Parishioners of St. Richard

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

Next Week's Readings

The Ascension of the Lord
 Reading I: Acts 1:1-11
 Responsorial Psalm: 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9
 Reading II: Ephesians 1:17-23 or 4:1-13
 Gospel: Mark 16:15-20

LECTOR SCHEDULE

05-02 Elsie Moleno
 05-09 Ana Verduzco-Rios
 05-16 Toni Ferris
 05-23 John Holtkamp
 05-30 George Seif

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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; Franklin Epps; Rosemary Buskirk; Robert Taylor

Knights of Columbus Council 9309

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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SCHEDULE OF MASSES:

SUNDAY: 10:30AM

SPANISH MASS:

Saturday: 1:00PM

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.

**6th Sunday of Easter
 May 9, 2021**



Focusing the Gospel

Key words and phrases:

Remain in my love, love one another, lay down one's life, I have called you friends
To the point: Jesus issues two commands in this gospel: to remain in his love and to love one another. Actually the two commands are one: remaining in his love is to love others. By remaining in his love, we

love with his love, laying down our lives. By remaining in his love, we bear the fruit of a very tangible love that is expansive enough to call everyone "friend." Everyone.

Connecting the Gospel

... to the Second Reading:

The Second Reading invites us to obey the command to love given by Jesus in the gospel. Love is the very being of God ("God is love") and since we are "begotten by God," love is our very being as well. To refuse the invitation is to refuse who we are.

... to experience:

We generally use the word "remain" to mean to "stay put." The "remain in me" that Jesus speaks, however, calls us to move beyond where we are to embrace an ever widening circle of those whom we love.

Centrar el Evangelio

Palabras y frases clave:

Permanezcan en mi amor, se amen, den la vida, los he llamado amigos

Hasta el punto: Jesús emite dos mandamientos en este Evangelio: permanecer en su amor y amarse unos a otros. En realidad, los dos mandamientos son uno: permanecer en su amor es amar a los demás. Al permanecer en su amor, amamos con su amor, poniendo nuestras vidas. Al permanecer en su amor, damos el fruto de un amor muy tangible que es lo suficientemente expansivo como para llamar a todos "amigos". todos.

Conectar el Evangelio

... a la Segunda Lectura:

La Segunda Lectura nos invita a obedecer el mandamiento del amor dado por Jesús en el Evangelio. El amor es el ser mismo de Dios ("Dios es amor") y como somos "engendrados por Dios", el amor también es nuestro propio ser. Rechazar la invitación es rechazar quiénes somos.

... para experimentar:

Generalmente usamos la palabra "permanecer" para significar "permanecer quieto". El "permanecer en mí" que Jesús habla, sin embargo, nos llama a ir más allá de donde estamos para abrazar un círculo cada vez más amplio de aquellos a quienes amamos.

Calendar of Events



On Saturday, May 22, 2021 at 9 AM the Knights of Columbus will participate in the Walk for Life sponsored by The Pregnancy Support Center at 1021 Roanoke Ave., Roanoke Rapids, NC. We are inviting all church members to join us on the walk or sponsor a walker to personally show our moral and philosophical support of Pro Life. Our goal is to raise \$2000 in support of this cause. To sign up to walk or sponsor please contact Tom O'Neill at 252-308-0493 or oneilltomandanne@gmail.com.

El sábado 22 de mayo de 2021 a las 9 am los Caballeros de Colón participarán en el Walk for Life patrocinado por The Pregnancy Support Center en 1021 Roanoke Ave., Roanoke Rapids, CAROLINA DEL NORTE. Estamos invitando a todos los miembros de la iglesia a unirse a nosotros en el paseo o patrocinar a un caminante para mostrar personalmente nuestro apoyo moral y filosófico de Pro Life. Nuestro objetivo es recaudar \$2000 en apoyo de esta causa. Para inscribirse para caminar o patrocinar, comuníquese con Tom O'Neill al 252-308-0493 o oneilltomandanne@gmail.com.

PRAYER FOR AN END TO THIS PANDEMIC

To be recited after the rosary

O Mary, You shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the foot of the cross, were united with Jesus' suffering, and persevered in your faith.

"Protectress of the Roman people," you know our needs, and we know that you will provide, so that, as at Cana in Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us. For he took upon himself our suffering, and burdened himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God; Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from every danger, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin



There are a lot of ideas out there about what it takes to be happy: earn a certain income, have certain experiences, achieve certain things. In today's Gospel, Christ presents us a vision of happiness that is wildly counterintuitive to our contemporary, individualistic society: "love one another."

Jesus reveals that we find ourselves only by giving ourselves away. This is because we are made for relationship, not self-indulgence. Christ tells us that there is no greater love than to "lay down one's life one's friends," not in an effort to scare us, but so that his joy may be in us and that "your joy may be complete."

So how do we live out this self-giving love? Most of us aren't called to be missionaries in foreign lands, or to completely devote our lives to caring for the poor or sick. Yet opportunities to lay down our lives for others abound. One simple way? Support our ongoing Annual Diocesan Appeal. Your offering will directly contribute to our ability to share the love of Christ with a world in desperate need, truly producing "fruit that will remain."



Hay muchas ideas sobre lo que se necesita para ser feliz: obtener ciertos ingresos, tener ciertas experiencias, lograr ciertas cosas. En el Evangelio de hoy, Cristo nos presenta una visión de la felicidad que es tremendamente contradictoria con nuestra sociedad individualista contemporánea: "amaos los unos a los otros". Jesús revela que nos encontramos a nosotros mismos solo dándonos a nosotros mismos. Esto se debe a que estamos hechos para las relaciones, no para la autocomplacencia. Cristo nos dice que no hay mayor amor que "dar la vida a los amigos de uno", no en un esfuerzo por asustarnos, sino para que su gozo esté en nosotros y que "vuestro gozo sea completo". Entonces, ¿cómo vivimos este amor generoso? La mayoría de nosotros no estamos llamados a ser misioneros en tierras extranjeras ni a dedicar nuestra vida por completo al cuidado de los pobres o los enfermos. Sin embargo, abundan las oportunidades para dar nuestra vida por los demás. ¿Una forma sencilla? Apoye nuestra Campaña Diocesana Anual en curso. Su ofrenda contribuirá directamente a nuestra capacidad de compartir el amor de Cristo con un mundo que lo necesita desesperadamente, produciendo verdaderamente "frutos que permanecerán".

Weekly Offerings:

May 2nd
Offertory: \$503
Building Fund: \$30
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Mass Attendance for 05/02:	
Adults	28
Children	9



- 3 Rosemary Buskirk
- 12 Janely Leon
- Joe Verduzco
- 15 Alison Hernandez Vallejo
- 24 Kirk Cook
- 28 Patrick Rillio
- Juan Carlos Gonzales



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