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## Mass Intention



### Our Parishioners

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

Póngase en contacto con Elizabeth  
para programar una misa o si tiene  
alguna pregunta. Por favor, den inten-

### Praying With Next Week's Readings

Reading I: Deuteronomy 4:1-2,

6-8

Responsorial Psalm: 15:2-3, 3-4,

4-5

Reading II: James 1:17-18,

21b-22, 27

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

## August Birthdays

- 3 **Brayh Gonzalez**
- 5 **Gabriel Amarillo**  
**Steve Brophy**
- 7 **Luis Castro**
- 15 **Elsie Hanhauser**
- 16 **Gretchen**  
**Hanhauser**
- 21 **Alejandra Alonso**  
**Sonia Fitzgerald**
- 23 **Miryam Ramirez**
- 24 **Harry Allen**
- 26 **Anayeli Verduzco**
- 30 **Jennifer Rosales**

## Happy Anniversary

**Rosemary & George Seif**

**August 13, 1966**

**Mary Anne & Lane Newsome**

**August 20, 1977**

**Margaret & John Jones**

**August 21, 1065**

**Jenny & John Holtkamp**

**August 25, 1979**



Please use this list to pray for  
those who are in need. May we  
all lift one another up in prayer.

**Steven Goellner; Franklin**  
**Epps, Rosemary Buskirk,**  
**Robert Taylor, Mary**  
**Frances Kramer, Nancy**  
**Stivers**

Please contact the office with  
updates.

## Our Lady of the Lake



### Council 9309

#### Officers for 2021-2022

Chaplain: Fr. Jong R. Bayta

Grand Knight: Bobby Berndt

Deputy Grand Knight:

Chancellor: Dave Thomas

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#### BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Trustee One Year:

Mark Fracassa

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Chuck Youse

If you are a Catholic man 18  
years or older and wish to join  
our Council, please contact  
Bobby Berndt (434)636-2565  
or Tom O'Neill (252)308-0493.

# St. Richard Catholic Church

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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.

#### Mission Statement:

We, the Church of Saint Richard, have been anointed by Jesus Christ to continue His Mission. For us to participate in the mission of Jesus, we are challenged by the Gospel to a daily conversion to God, leading to spiritual growth and holiness. We invite others to join us at the Eucharistic table. Mindful of our neighbors, we will work to bring about a just and peaceful society. At every opportunity, we will work with other faith communities to further God's Kingdom.

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## Liturgical Schedule

Weekend Masses:

**Saturday—1:00 pm (Spanish)**

**Sunday—10:30 am**

Rosary:

**Sunday—10:00 am**

Reconciliation:

**Sunday—10:00 am**

**Pastoral Council—**Jenny Holtkamp: 515-201-3761

**Finance Council—**Dr. Fitzgerald Marcelin: 804-984-0277

**Religious Formation—**John Holtkamp: 937-935-4516

**Music Coordinator—**Luz Zapanta: 434-430-6092

**Altar Ministry—**Stevie Thomas: 434-634-6713

# 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time—August 22, 2021

## Study of the Readings

### Focusing the Gospel

#### Key words and phrases:

This saying is hard, disciples were murmuring, said to the Twelve, Do you want to leave?

**To the point:** In this Sunday's Gospel it is not the crowd who murmurs but Jesus' own disciples. Only intimacy with Jesus such as the Twelve experienced can bring anyone to stay with Jesus despite the

challenge of what he says. When the disciples hear Jesus' words, they voice what many feel: "This saying is hard." And indeed it is! The choice that confronts those disciples confronts us: will we accept the hard saying? Will we stay with Jesus or not?

### Connecting the Gospel

#### ... to the First Reading:

Both the First Reading and the Gospel call upon us to decide

whom we will serve. The decision is based on our knowledge and experience of what God has done for us, and our relationship with Jesus.

#### ... to experience:

Sometimes we follow Jesus even without full understanding or complete conviction. But, like Peter, we know that there is none other to whom we would rather go.

## PARISH NEWS

We will be celebrating Father Jong's 25th anniversary as a priest with a hog roast/potluck on October 10th after Mass. More details to follow next month.



### Knight's Clothing Drive

The Knights of Columbus will be holding a clothing drive to collect gently used items for the needy on August 29th. Please bring items in to Mass next weekend. This would be a great opportunity to clean out your closet and help those less fortunate in our area. Tell your neighbors and friends - and let's make this a resounding success!

### Last Week's Offertory

Needed	Actual
Offertory: \$807.70	Not Available

### Online Giving

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/strichardemporiava>

OR  
Text GIVE to  
434-603-6341

MASS ATTENDANCE:

**August 15th**  
**45**

# Domingo 21 del Tiempo Ordinario

## Estudio de las Lecturas

### Enfocando el Evangelio

#### Palabras y frases claves:

Este dicho es duro, los discípulos murmuraban, dijeron a los Doce: ¿Quieres irte?

#### Al punto:

En el Evangelio de este domingo no es la multitud la que murmura, sino los propios discípulos de Jesús. Sólo la intimidad con Jesús, como la que experimentaron los Doce, puede llevar a cualquiera a quedarse con Jesús a pesar del

desafío de lo que dice. Cuando los discípulos escuchan las palabras de Jesús, expresan lo que muchos sienten: "Este dicho es difícil". ¡Y de hecho lo es! La elección que enfrenta a esos discípulos nos confronta:

¿aceptaremos el dicho duro? ¿Nos quedaremos con Jesús o no?

### Conectando al Evangelio

#### ... a la Primera Lectura:

Tanto la Primera Lectura como

el Evangelio nos llaman a decidir a quién serviremos. La decisión se basa en nuestro conocimiento y experiencia de lo que Dios ha hecho por nosotros, y nuestra relación con Jesús.

#### ... experimentar:

A veces seguimos a Jesús incluso sin comprensión completa o convicción completa. Pero, al igual que Pedro, sabemos que no hay otro a quien preferiríamos ir.

## NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

Celebraremos el 25 aniversario del Padre Jong como sacerdote con un asado de cerdos / potluck el 10 de octubre después de la Misa. Más detalles a seguir el próximo mes.

### Campaña de ropa de Caballero

Caballeros de Colón llevará a cabo una campaña de recolección de ropa para recolectar artículos usados suavemente para los necesitados el 29 de agosto. Por favor, traiga los artículos a misa el próximo fin de semana. Esta sería una gran oportunidad para limpiar su armario y ayudar a los menos afortunados en nuestra área. Dígame a sus vecinos y amigos - y vamos a hacer de esto un éxito rotundo!

### Next Week's Ministry Schedule

READERS	BODY OF CHRIST	USHER	BLOOD OF CHRIST
John Holtkamp	Peggy Jones	Elizer Carillo	N/A
Toni Ferris		Dave Thomas	

### Upcoming Events:

August 24-K of C Meeting  
August 26-27-Office Closed  
August 29-Clothing Drive  
September 12-Pastoral Council Meeting