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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: Isaiah 62:1-5

Responsorial Psalm: 96:1-2, 2-3,

7-8, 9-10

Reading II: 1 Corinthians

12:4-11

Gospel: John 2:1-11

## January Birthdays

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

## Our Lady of the Lake



## Council 9309

### Officers for 2021-2022

Chaplain: Fr. Jong R. Bayta

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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.



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

Steven Goellner; Rosemary  
Buskirk, Robert Taylor,  
Mary Frances Kramer, Nina  
Gendron & family

Please contact the office with  
updates.

## 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

# The Baptism of the Lord—January 9, 2022

## Study of the Readings

### Focusing the Gospel

#### Key words & phrases:

filled with expectation, he will baptize you, Holy Spirit, beloved Son, well pleased

**To the point:** Because of the power of John's baptism, the people's expectation is that they have found the Christ in John. John points the people, however, to Jesus, who will bring an even more powerful baptism. The Holy Spirit

descended on Jesus, so does the Holy Spirit descend upon us; Jesus is the beloved Son, so are we beloved children; God was well pleased with Jesus, so is God well pleased with us. To what does such a baptism call us? What do we expect? What does God expect?

### Connecting the Gospel

#### ... to the Second Reading:

The Second Reading spells out what baptismal living looks

like: "reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly." This is the rebirth to which God calls us.

**... to experience:** Over time and experience we grow to maturity as human beings, appreciating more and more fully both our roots and our potential. So, too, with baptism. We grow over time into understanding its meaning and its power.

## PARISH NEWS

The beginning of Faith Formation will be delayed to Sunday, January 23rd. due to the rapid emergence of the Omicron variant of Covid-19.

The Knights of Columbus will hold their annual "Baby Bottle Campaign" January 15th, providing support for the Pregnancy Support Center of Roanoke Rapids. Please save your loose coins now so we can surpass our last year total of \$1700!

## Last Week's Offertory

Needed	Actual
12/25/21	\$362.00
Christmas Flowers:	\$60.00
Catholic Charities:	\$148.00
12/26/21: \$807.70	\$328.00 (\$479.70)
Building Fund:	\$1097.66
Solemnity of Mary:	\$31.68
01/02/22: \$807.70	\$1218.66 \$410.96

### Online Giving

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/strichardemporiava>  
OR  
Text GIVE to  
434-603-6341

#### MASS ATTENDANCE:

**December 25th**  
**45**

**December 26th**  
**54**

**January 2nd**  
**67**

# El Bautismo del Señor

## Estudio de las Lecturas

### Enfocando el Evangelio

#### Palabras y frases claves:

llo de expectativa, él te bautizará, Espíritu Santo, Hijo amado, bien complacido

**Al punto:** Debido al poder del bautismo de Juan, la expectativa de la gente es que han encontrado al Cristo en Juan. Juan señala a la gente, sin embargo, a Jesús, quien traerá un bautismo aún más poderoso. El Espíritu Santo descendió sobre Jesús, así el Espíritu Santo desciende sobre

nosotros; Jesús es el Hijo amado, así somos nosotros los hijos amados; Dios estaba bien complacido con Jesús, así llama. Este es el renacimiento al que Dios nos como Dios está bien complacido con nosotros. ¿A qué nos llama tal bautismo? ¿Qué esperamos? ¿Qué espera Dios?

**... experimentar:** Con el tiempo y la experiencia crecemos hasta la madurez como seres humanos, apreciando cada vez más plenamente tanto nuestras raíces como nuestro potencial. Lo mismo ocurre con el bautismo. Con el tiempo crecemos para comprender su significado y su poder.

### Conectando al Evangelio

#### ... a la Segunda Lectura:

La Segunda Lectura explica cómo es la vida bautismal: "rechaza los caminos impíos y los deseos mundanos y vive

## NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

El inicio de la Formación en la Fe se retrasará hasta el domingo 23 de enero debido a la rápida aparición de la variante Omicron del Covid-19.

Caballeros de Colón llevará a cabo su "Campaña de Biberones" anual el 15 de enero, brindando apoyo al Centro de Apoyo al Embarazo de Roanoke Rapids. ¡Guarde sus monedas sueltas ahora para que podamos superar nuestro total del año pasado de \$ 1700!

### Christmas Flower Donation in Memory/Honor of:

Edwin & Anne Brinser	Beatrice F. Haliburton
Madaline Brophy	Ines Jaworski
Ronald B. Clarke	Clifton W. Jones
Joseph Comorat	Russell & Ann K. Newsome
Frank Derring	Agnes Pepper
Mary Derring	Steven Specht
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Romeo G. Gasalao	Leda & Nelson Thomas
Kelli Gownley	
Timothy Gownley	

## Next Week's Ministry Schedule

READERS BODY OF CHRIST USHER

Mary Anne Newsome	John Jones	Elizer Carillo
George Seif		Dave Thomas