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Mass Intention



Rosemary Seif

Póngase en contacto con Elizabeth Martin para programar una misa o si tiene alguna pregunta. Por favor, den intenciones de misa al Padre.

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

Praying With Next Week's Readings

Reading I: Wisdom 18:6-9

Responsorial Psalm:

33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22

Reading II: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

Gospel: Luke 12:32-48

Aug Birthdays

- 1 **Agustina Diaz**
- 3 **Brayn Gonzalez**
Joseduardo Plascencia
- 6 **Desiderio Maldonado**
- 7 **Luis Castro**
- 9 **Gabriel Amarillo**
- 21 **Alejandra Alonso**
Sonia Fitzgerald
- 23 **Miryam Ramirez**
- 26 **Anayeli Verduzco**
- 30 **Jennifer Rosales**

Anniversaries

Mary Ann & Lane Newsome
8/20/1977

Margaret and John Jones
8/21/1965



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

Mary Frances Kramer, Nina Gendron & family, Esther Zepeta

Please contact the office with updates.

Upcoming Events:

Aug 15: BVM Assumption—Holy Day

Aug 17: Finance Council

Aug 24: Pastoral Council

Aug 26: Book Club

Our Lady of the Lake



Council 9309

Officers for 2025-2026

Chaplain: Fr. Jong R. Bayta

Grand Knight: John Husson

Deputy Grand Knight: Isaac
Bette

Chancellor: Dave Thomas

Recorder: Bobby Berndt, PGK*

Treasurer: Jay Warfel, PGK*

Financial Secretary:

Tom O'Neill, PGK*

Advocate: Bob Oravits

Warden: Paul Kurilla

Guards:

Inside: Kip Boisot, PGK*

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Trustee One Year:

Bobby Berndt, PGK*

Trustee Two Years:

Wilson Youngblood, PGK*

Trustee Three Years:

Mark Fracassa, PGK*

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Catholic men 18 years or older are eligible to join the Knights of Columbus. Please contact John Husson (919)740-8405 or Tom O'Neill (252)308-0493.

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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

Weekday Mass:

Wednesday: 12:00 pm at SVMC

Weekend Masses:

Saturday—1:00 pm (Spanish)

Sunday—10:30 am

Rosary:

Wednesday—11:45 am at SVMC

Sunday—10:00 am

Reconciliation:

Sunday—10:00 am

Pastoral Council—Anayeli Verduzco-Rios: 434-368-8141

Finance Council—Janet McKenzie: 614-579-8185

Religious Formation—Anayeli Verduzco-Rios: 434-368-8141

Music Coordinator—Rocky Rodriguez; **Assistants—**Ramis Celedonia; Jeromil Enoc

Altar Ministry—Stevie Thomas: 434-634-6713

Family Service Advisor—Linda Adamos: 434-774-9376

The 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Aug 3, 2025

Encountering the Word with Jeff Cavins.
Luke 12:13-21

In the readings , we are invited to consider where our hearts are truly focused—on earthly treasures or heavenly ones. The first reading from Ecclesiastes warns that the pursuit of earthly things is vanity, leading only to frustration. Similarly, Paul’s letter to the Colossians reminds us that through Christ, we have been raised to new life. Our citizenship is in heaven, and we are called to set our hearts and minds on things above, not on earthly desires. Paul urges us to think differently because Christ has transformed us! Our treasures should not be found in the

things of this world, but in the things that matter to God. In the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve made the mistake of choosing earthly desires over their relationship with God. But in Christ, we are given the chance to choose differently— to walk with him and live for heavenly treasures. The Gospel of Luke offers a parable about a rich man who amasses great wealth but misses the point of life. Jesus reminds us “to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one’s life does not consist of possessions” (Luke 12:15). The man’s wealth cannot follow him beyond the grave, and God calls him a fool for living only for himself. This week’s readings

challenge us to reflect on what kind of treasure we are building. Are we investing in our relationship with God and in loving others, or are we focused on accumulating earthly wealth that will not last?

What can you do to follow Paul’s advice and focus more on God’s will and less on the distractions of the world?

PARISH NEWS

- **Parish Council Meeting** has been rescheduled from Aug 10 to Aug 24. **Finance Council** meets on Aug 17.
- The Knights of Columbus will be conducting their annual **Food for Families— Food Drive** the weekend of August 16th/17th. All non-perishable foods are welcomed & will be donated to a local food bank. There will be a designated drop off area in the Narthex. The Knights thank you in advance for your generosity.
- **FAMILY PICNIC.** St. Richard parishioners are invited to the 2nd Annual Family Picnic hosted by your Knights of Columbus Council 9309. Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, fixin’s and Drinks are provided. BYOB (adult beverages). Bring a side dish or dessert and join us!! Please use sign up sheet in narthex so we can plan appropriately. Contact Luis Medina 757-692-5498 or Jerry Beil 919-417-6612. WHEN: Sunday Sept 7, 12:30 PM . WHERE: St. Peter Church Grounds
- It’s not too late to join Book Club; our next Meeting is Aug 26. The first fall **Bible Study** will be a 6-week program called “The Wild Goose - Discovering a Deeper Relationship with the Holy Spirit”. It will begin on Tues, September 9th. Please contact Jennifer Foran for more information and to sign up. See contact information on first page of bulletin.

Last Week’s Offertory

	Needed	Actual	Over/(Under)	Mass Attendance
Offertory:	\$1055.77	\$861.00	(\$194.77)	7/27/25: 106
*Spanish Mass		\$59.00		
Building Fund	\$433.33			

*Spanish Mass totals included in Offertory Actual
Online Giving <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/Strichardemporiava> OR Text GIVE to 434-603-6341

El Decimooctavo Domingo Del Tiempo Ordinario

Encuentro con la Palabra con Jeff Cavins.
Lucas 12:13 –21

En las lecturas, se nos invita a considerar dónde están realmente enfocados nuestros corazones: en tesoros terrenales o en tesoros celestiales. La primera lectura del Ecclesiastés advierte que la búsqueda de cosas terrenales es vanidad, llevando solo a la frustración. De manera similar, la carta de Pablo a los colosenses nos recuerda que a través de Cristo, hemos sido levantados a una nueva vida. Nuestra ciudadanía está en el cielo, y se nos llama a poner nuestros corazones y mentes en las cosas de arriba, no en deseos terrenales. Pablo nos insta a

pensar de manera diferente porque ¡Cristo nos ha transformado! Nuestros tesoros no deberían encontrarse en las cosas de este mundo, sino en las cosas que importan a Dios. En el Jardín del Edén, Adán y Eva cometieron el error de elegir los deseos terrenales sobre su relación con Dios. Pero en Cristo, se nos da la oportunidad de elegir de manera diferente: caminar con él y vivir para tesoros celestiales. El Evangelio de Lucas ofrece una parábola sobre un hombre rico que acumula grandes riquezas pero pierde el sentido de la vida. Jesús nos recuerda “que guardemos contra toda avaricia, porque aunque uno pueda ser rico,

la vida de uno no consiste en las posesiones” (Lucas 12:15). La riqueza del hombre no puede seguirlo más allá de la tumba, y Dios lo llama necio por vivir solo para sí mismo. Las lecturas de esta semana nos desafían a reflexionar sobre qué tipo de tesoro estamos construyendo. ¿Estamos invirtiendo en nuestra relación con Dios y en amar a los demás, o estamos enfocados en acumular riquezas terrenales que no perdurarán?

¿Qué puedes hacer para seguir el consejo de Pablo y enfocarte más en la voluntad de Dios y menos en las distracciones del mundo?

NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

- La reunión del Consejo Parroquial se ha reprogramado del 10 de agosto al 24 de agosto. El Consejo de Finanzas se reúne el 17 de agosto.
- Los Caballeros de Colón llevarán a cabo su campaña anual Food for Families— Recolección de Alimentos el fin de semana del 16/17 de agosto. Se aceptan todos los alimentos no perecederos y serán donados a un banco de alimentos local. Habrá un área designada para dejar los alimentos en el Nártex. Los Caballeros te agradecen de antemano por tu generosidad.
- PICNIC FAMILIAR. Los feligreses de San Richard están invitados al 2º Picnic Familiar Anual organizado por su Consejo de Caballeros de Colón 9309. Se proporcionarán perritos calientes, hamburguesas, guarniciones y bebidas. BYOB (bebidas para adultos). Traiga un plato adicional o un postre y ¡únete a nosotros! Por favor, use la hoja de inscripción en el nártex para que podamos planificar adecuadamente. Contactar a Luis Medina al 757-692-5498 o a Jerry Beil al 919-417-6612. CUANDO: Domingo 7 de septiembre, 12:30 PM. DÓNDE: Terreno de la Iglesia de San Pedro.
- No es demasiado tarde para unirse al Club de Lectura; nuestra próxima reunión es el 26 de agosto. El primer estudio bíblico de otoño será un programa de 6 semanas llamado "El Ganso Salvaje - Descubriendo una Relación Más Profunda con el Espíritu Santo". Comenzará el martes 9 de septiembre. Por favor, contacta a Jennifer Foran para más información y para inscribirte. Consulta la información de contacto en la primera página del boletín.

Next Week’s Ministry Schedule

Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Servers
Elsie Moleno	Stevie Thomas	Elizer Carillo	Julio Gonzalez, Jesus DeLuna-
Toni Ferris	Dave Thomas	Dave Thomas	Ramirez, Luis Ramos

Next Week’s Cleaning Group

Christine Smith, Stevie Thomas, Lois Gownley, Vanessa Carillo, Mary Ann Newsome, Magdalena Alston