

This weekend we listen to the end of the Bread of Life Discourse. One of the reasons such large crowds came to follow Jesus was because of his preaching and mighty works, and because they saw him as the long awaited Messiah. With the Bread of Life Discourse Jesus seems to have crossed a line for many of those who followed him. Not only was he speaking as a Messiah, but he was beginning to reveal himself as being divine, the Son of God.

Jesus' teaching that he was the Bread of Life that led to Eternal Life was difficult for some of His followers to accept, and so we are told "that many of his disciple returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him." Jesus' response to the disciples leaving is to turn to the twelve and ask, "Do you want to leave?" In our relation with Jesus we make the decision to follow him or to leave him. This is the free will we were blessed with that enables us to love or reject the Lord.

Peter answered that question with a beautiful profession of Faith, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." This Gospel and question of Peter should cause us to pause and ask ourselves if we can give the same response about Jesus. Are we able to acknowledge him as the One who leads us to eternal life? Do we see him as the Holy One of God, as Lord, Savior, and Redeemer? To follow Jesus involves listening carefully and seriously to his teachings, and to reflect on them in a way that helps us to grow in our faith.

At times his teachings may seem difficult and his promises seem impossible, but with faith we come to understand even the most difficult teaching, and to believe that "with Christ all things are possible." This is a choice and people have made the choice to do so. May we reflect on this Gospel and give thanks to God for the gift of faith we have to follow him, and pray for those who have chosen not to. May their eyes and hearts be open to rediscover the beauty of Christ.

Saint Christopher Catholic Church

***160 Holt Spur Drive
Jamestown, Tennessee 38556
Reverend Father Michael Sweeney, Pastor***



August 25, 2018

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses: Saturday Vigil: 6:30 P.M. (CST)

Holy Days (Vigil): 6:00 P.M. (CST)

Confessions: After Mass (1st Saturday of month or as needed)

Spanish Communion Service: Sundays 8:00 A.M.(CST)

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Liturgical Ministers for Next Week
September 1, 2018

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**Readers:** M. Criswell / P. Dalton / S. Mahon  
**Altar Servers:** W. Allen / D. Briggs  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** J. Vaughn / L. Savastano  
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September Sacristan: TBA
Hospitality: Linda Savastano
KoC Round Table Coordinator: George Savastano
Mass Intentions: Sarah Mahon
Webmaster: Stormy Allen
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Bulletin: Mary Germann
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**INTENTIONS**



Together, let us pray for the needs of our brothers and sisters. Remember the sick, home-bound, caregivers and recovering of our parish and all those on the St. Christopher prayer list (available to view in the narthex) in your daily prayers: Juan Herrera; Zachary Chamness, grandson of George & Linda Savastano; Cissy and Vickie, daughters of Joyce Vaughn; Pete Yahner, brother of Sarah Mahon; Don Briggs; Mary Henise; Joyce Mulligan; Bruce Bigard, brother of Allen Bigard; Teddie Stevenson; Leo Duchon; Mike Emmons; Terry McDonald; Mike & MaryLee Baldalament; and for those of us who suffer in silence. Also, pray for our military personnel, especially those serving in harm's way. For these and all other unspoken needs; we pray to the Lord.

**ATTENDANCE & DONATIONS**

**August 18, 2018**

Parish: \$ 356  
Building Fund: \$ 50  
Tuition Support: \$ 328  
Local Charities: \$ 50  
Candles: \$ 5

Sat. Night Service / Bilingual Service: 39 / 6  
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MASS INTENTIONS

August 25, 2018

For the repose of the souls of **Don and Gladys Brayton**;
Requested by their son, **Jack and Sharon Brayton**.
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please don't forget: this **Thursday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm** in the church hall we will continue with our Catholic education series. "**The Mass**" is a DVD series of lectures by Bishop Robert Barron; we will cover the liturgy and learn how we are intimately joined with the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus through the Holy Eucharist.

This series is designed to help us understand how to fully, consciously and actively participate in the source and summit of Christian Life.

Classes will be held for 5 consecutive Thursday evenings from **7:00 pm – 8:30 pm** (a short break is factored in).

Snacks of chips and cookies will be provided. A signup sheet is provided in the Narthex to estimate class size.

**Liturgical Ministers for Future Week(s)**  
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Sept 8th **Readers:** W. Allen / R. Germann / B. Rindler
Altar Servers: J. Brayton / S. Brayton
Eucharistic Ministers: D. Hailey / L. Savastano