

Bread of Life

We only fully receive the benefits of the Eucharist when we recognize how our hunger for the Lord is "fed" in other ways.

The opening of John's sixth chapter (the Bread of Life discourse) features the multiplication of the loaves, the only miracle reported in all four gospels. God provides for all our needs, and in this particular instance Jesus provides directly for the need for physical nourishment. Here we see God's compassion manifested in a simple but powerful gesture. Next in John 6 Jesus walks on the Sea of Galilee, demonstrating his sovereignty over the created order and all that is part of it. Jesus admonishes the pursuing crowds: "Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life" (Jn 6:26-27).

Jesus taught them that there is a more profound kind of "food" that he has to offer, which is far more important than bodily nourishment. He proceeds to clarify that it was God, not Moses, who fed their ancestors with manna in the desert: "My Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world" (Jn 6:32-33). Jesus then reveals that it is He Himself who has been sent by God to be the definitive "bread" for the world: "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst" (Jn 6:35).

This "bread of life" comes to Jesus' disciples first in the form of his very person and teaching; every aspect of his person and being, every element of the way he lives, and everything that he teaches makes up this "bread" which is needed by all Christians. Although it happens in a different manner we are nourished as surely by our prayerful study of God's sacred Word in the scriptures as we are by receiving the Eucharist.

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world" (Jn 6:51).

Saint Christopher Catholic Church

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



***August 4, 2018
Eighteenth 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)
Father Michael Sweeney: Rectory 865-882-9838
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Liturgical Ministers for Next Week
August 11, 2018

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**Readers:** W. Allen / R. Germann / B. Rindler  
**Altar Servers:** J. Brayton / S. Brayton  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** D. Hailey / L. Savastano  
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August Sacristan:Bernadette Rindler
Hospitality: Linda Savastano
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Mass Intentions:Sarah Mahon
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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**

**July 28, 2018**

Parish: \$ 350  
Building Fund: \$ 25  
Church In Africa: \$ 117  
Candles: \$ 2.50

Sat. Night Service / Bilingual Service: 40 / 9  
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MASS INTENTIONS

August 4, 2018

For the repose of the soul of **Josephine Halaburda and family;**
Requested by **Sue and Howard Duncan.**
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Denise Salinas and Becca Padget** wish to thank the Ladies' Guild for the school supplies and the pizza party. Every one who attended the party thoroughly enjoyed themselves and all are appreciative of the supplies.  
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Please mark your calendars: August 14th (a Tuesday) we will celebrate the Feast of the Assumption. As for all Holy Day Vigils mass will begin at 6:00 pm.
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A reminder: our parish is now doing a separate donation specifically for the **local charities of Fentress County**. Envelopes for this purpose are in the back of church, to be used at any time.

***Liturgical Ministers for Future Week(s)***  
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Aug 14th **Readers:** R. Germann / P. Dalton / M. Criswell
(Tues) **Altar Servers:** M. Mahon / S. Mahon
6:00 pm **Eucharistic Ministers:** J. Vaughn / L. Savastano
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**Aug 18<sup>th</sup>** **Readers:** S. Mahon / M. Criswell / W. Allen  
**Altar Servers:** F. Schuch / A. Stucker  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** J. Vaughn / D. Hailey