

Saint Christopher Catholic Church

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



***December 1, 2018
First Sunday of Advent***

**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
December 8, 2018

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**Reader:** P. Dalton / **Alternate Reader:** R. Germann  
**Altar Servers:** W. Allen / T. McDonald  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** L. Savastano / J. Vaughn  
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December Sacristan: Allison Stucker
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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; Mary Henise; Joyce Mulligan; Bruce Bigard, brother of Allen Bigard; Teddie Stevenson; Mike Emmons; Terry McDonald; Mike & MaryLee Baldalament; Todd Swallows 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**

**November 24, 2018**

Parish: \$ 615

All Saints: \$ 50

Building Fund: \$ 110

Sat. Night Service / Bilingual Service: 45 / 9

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MASS INTENTIONS

December 1, 2018

For the repose of the soul of **Father Gordon Yahner**;

Requested by members of **St. Hillary Parish** in Fairlawn, Ohio.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mass for the **Feast of the Immaculate Conception** is **this Friday**, December 7<sup>th</sup> at **6:00 pm**. The next day, Saturday December 8<sup>th</sup> is our normal week-end Mass.

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The parish **Thanksgiving / Christmas dinner** will be on Saturday, **December 15th**, after Mass. If you wish to bring something, sign-up sheets are in the narthex.

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Donation forms for the **Christmas poinsettias** are in the narthex. These poinsettias will be used on the altar during the Christmas season.

***Liturgical Ministers for Future Week(s)***

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Immaculate Conception:

Dec 7th **Reader:** M. Criswell / **Alternate Reader:** P. Dalton

Friday **Altar Servers:** S. Schuch / A. Salinas

6:00 pm **Eucharistic Ministers:** M. Mahon / S. Mahon

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**Dec 15<sup>th</sup>** **Reader:** R. Germann / **Alternate Reader:** S. Mahon

**Altar Servers:** W. Allen / T. McDonald

**Eucharistic Ministers:** D. Hailey / M. Mahon

Today we begin the new liturgical year with the First Sunday of Advent and we will be guided through it with the help of St Luke the Evangelist. Surprisingly we begin at the very end. On this First Sunday of Advent we hear how Jesus predicts the end-times, the Second Coming. He warns his disciples that they will not know in advance when that dreadful day will be. Although there will be signs in the sky and on the earth, actually that day will be sprung on us suddenly, as Jesus says, like a trap. Our task is to live our lives in readiness, prepared always for that final day of days. We are advised by Christ to stay awake, to be alert so that we may stand in confidence before the Son of Man when he comes in glory. Those who live sinful lives will have reason to fear when that day comes. Those who are caught up in selfishness, licentiousness, deceit and such things will be shaking in their shoes when that final day arrives. However, for a serious Christian the proper attitudes to adopt in preparation for that day are alertness and readiness and a spirit of repentance for our sins. The whole of our Christian lives ought to be one of preparedness, getting ourselves fit for that Last Day.

What this means is living our lives in a proper manner; it means keeping the commandments as best we can; it means cultivating in our lives the Christian values; it means turning to God in the Sacrament of Reconciliation whenever we have broken God's laws. And besides these things, it also means that we should take seriously our duty as Christian Evangelists, especially in relation to our own children. It is our sacred duty to hand on the faith to our children, to teach them to pray and to show them how to love God and our neighbor. God does not want us to live our lives in fear and trembling or in dread of that final day. As Jesus says in the final line of our Gospel today, he wants us to 'stand with confidence before the Son of Man.' God wants us to live our lives in such a way that we will have no fear of an adverse judgment at the end of time. Living our lives in accordance with Christ's teaching will fill us with inner strength and self-assurance. Following the Gospel will give us integrity and strength and we will discover that we have become more fulfilled human beings.