

Discipleship

In the Gospel this weekend Jesus instructs the disciples that one must leave his possessions behind. He is saying not to think about possessions, but to think about serving the Lord. Jesus is not seeking half-hearted followers, but only those who have the desire to wholeheartedly embrace Him, to love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and all your mind.

Jesus gives his disciples instructions before sending them out to minister. He is not only giving them the mission of preaching repentance and casting out demons, he is also giving them a very basic lesson on the cost of discipleship. To be a disciple of Jesus costs all that we have. There is not room for the dollar-store disciple, or a disciple with coupons that will allow him to save something. To be a disciple of Jesus one must be willing to surrender all to the Lord. Jesus is very particular about this, “take nothing for the journey but a walking stick – no food, no sack, no money in your belts.” (Mk 6:8) This giving up of our heart, our will and our mind is to be done freely, for God does not force us to surrender. He instructs, encourages and invites, but there is always the freedom to hold back.

For most of us the thought of surrendering our possessions is one we would rather avoid. This Gospel might be an opportunity for us to take a good look at what we have and do – a mid-Summer cleaning of our homes, our closets and cabinets. This would be a good start towards surrendering, because surrendering is far more than just getting rid of our old, used and no longer needed items. Surrendering is an attitude of the heart that would have us see Christ as the most important possession we have, and to strive towards Him being the only worthwhile possession. Beginning this process of changing our hearts and letting go is difficult, but once we begin we realize that the less we carry on this journey, the easier the journey becomes. Christ becomes more and more the center of our lives and all else becomes just things on the periphery.

Saint Christopher Catholic Church

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



July 14, 2018

Fifteenth 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
July 21, 2018

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**Readers:** R. Germann / P. Dalton / S. Mahon

**Altar Servers:** A. Fackler / A. Cruz

**Eucharistic Ministers:** L. Savastano / J. Vaughn  
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July Sacristan: Sharon Brayton

Hospitality: Linda Savastano..... 704-1956

KoC Round Table Coordinator: George Savastano ...704-3419

Mass Intentions: Sarah Mahon..... 879-5361

Webmaster: Stormy Allen

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Bulletin: Mary Germann 752-5714
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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 7, 2018**

Parish: \$ 411

Building Fund: \$ 105

Peter's Pence: \$ 63

Sat. Night Service / Bilingual Service: 53 / 7  
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MASS INTENTIONS

July 14, 2018

For the repose of the soul of retired **Lt. Col. Jim Young**;

Requested by **George** and **Linda Savastano**.
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next **St. Mother Teresa guild meeting** will be this **Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup>** at 11:00 am in the parish hall.  
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Next Saturday, **July 21st** please plan to join us for **cake and ice cream** in the church hall after mass. We will be celebrating Fr. Michael's birthday and St. Christopher's feast day.
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The diocesan Office of Christian Formation is sponsoring a Ministries Day on Saturday, August 18, 2018 at All Saints Church in Knoxville. **This event is open to all who share the Catholic Faith.** A copy of the course descriptions is posted on the church bulletin board and a registration form is included in this bulletin. More information can be found on the diocesan website ([www.dioknox.org/calendar](http://www.dioknox.org/calendar)).

**Liturgical Ministers for Future Week(s)**  
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July 28th **Readers:** B. Rindler / S. Mahon / M. Criswell

Altar Servers: D. Briggs / W. Allen

Eucharistic Ministers: D. Hailey / J. Vaughn

Used eye glasses and cases can be taken into the **Eye Centers of Tennessee** in Jamestown, where they will be given to those who cannot afford them. This is usually done by the Lyon's Club but we don't have one here. If you need more information please call the Eye Center at: 879-5897. [11/7, 12/26]

If you are having trouble hearing Father during mass, please see Jim Romer. The church has 4 hearing assistance devices available for use.

A reminder: we have a Facility's Calendar on the bulletin board in the narthex. Please add any usage days/times that you become aware of. Thank you.

The **Mother Teresa Guild** is again this year preparing **food boxes** for Thanksgiving and Christmas. If you know anyone in need of a food box, there are cards in the narthex for you to let us know all the pertinent information for preparation and delivery. For further information, please contact Linda Savastano at 879-8569. [10/3, 10/10, 10/17, 10/24]

The next **Parish Council** meeting is this Wednesday, *****[&%November 11th &%]***** from 6pm – 7:30pm. All parishioners are welcome. [11/7, 11/14]

This is the Last Sunday of the Church Calendar Year

The Church's Liturgy during November reflects the changes of the seasons. The prayers and readings focus on death, judgment, heaven, hell and Purgatory, with an emphasis on the Communion of Saints. As the Liturgical Year draws to a close, we also consider our final ends. We become more aware of our suffering brethren on earth (and Purgatory) and strive to make extra sacrifices and prayers on their behalf.

Today's feast **The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe** marks the end of the Liturgical Year with the tone not of fear or despair, but one of hope. The themes of hope and eschatology (end times) continue into the Advent season. We are given a new beginning for self-examination and renewal and to prepare for the two-fold coming: 1) remembrance of Christ's first coming as an infant at Christmas and 2) Christ's Second Coming and our Final Judgment.

[11/21]

This annual season of **Advent** draws our attention to what is most important: **God's love revealed to us in the incarnation of Jesus.** Let us mark this season with a heightened awareness of God's presence in our midst, so that we may truly prepare for the coming of the lord into our hearts.

The rest of the world is awaiting the coming of the Lord, even if they don't know it. What are we doing to show them the

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It has been said that fathers are the world's most unsung heroes. Their value is rarely acknowledged, and their sacrifices often go unseen and unappreciated. Once a year on Father's Day, we have the ideal opportunity to show our dads how much they mean to us.

The role of the father is especially important in a Christian family, as he is seen as the central figure and a role model and source of strength for his children.

**\*\*Put in bulletin for 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues of most every month:** see Geroge

The **KoC** will have it's next **Council meeting** Tuesday **July 10<sup>th</sup>** in Crossville. The rosary will be said at 5:30 pm and the meeting begins at 6:00 pm.

The July – September 2018 schedule for readers and Eucharistic ministers is in the narthex.

Eucharistic Ministers: Please check to see if you have a **pix** which you are no longer using. There are 2 or 3 that seem to be missing.

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