

God Provides More Than We Could Ever Imagine

This week's Gospel story refers to God's continual gift of the one food we need, the Eucharist. In fact, the same terminology, "He took, He blessed and He broke" is used here and in the accounts of the Last Supper when Jesus gave his Body and Blood.

John's Gospel reflects the Church's deeper understanding of the Eucharist, emphasizing the timing, Ps 23 and the gathering of the fragments.

1) The Gospel of John places the multiplication of the loaves and fish at the time of the Passover. Jesus was providing a meal at the Passover time. He would provide another meal during another Passover. The Last Supper was the First Supper of the new People of God, eating the Body and Blood of the Lord.

2) Like the shepherd in Ps 23, Jesus sees the needs of the people. He has them recline on the green grass. He restores their strength with his food. Jesus is performing a prophetic action. He provides the Banquet of the Lord. Those who eat this Food will continue to eat it in the House of the Lord forever.

3) The third element is gathering of the fragments that are left. When the people of Israel gathered manna in the desert, the left over manna was not to be stored. Jesus, though, tells his disciples to gather up the remains. The Eucharist is stored so those who cannot attend the feast might still receive the Lord's Body.

How great is our God? God is so great that he has found a way for all of us to attend the eternal Passover. How great is our God? God is so great that he leads us into his presence and feeds us his meal. How great is our God? He is so great that he has found a way for each of us to join the disciples at the Last Supper, or what is really the First Supper, the First Supper of the Kingdom.

Today we pray that when we receive communion, we might come to a deeper understanding of the great gift of Love that is the Eucharist.

Saint Christopher Catholic Church

160 Holt Spur Drive

Jamestown, Tennessee 38556

Reverend Father Michael Sweeney, Pastor



July 28, 2018

Seventeenth 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

Emergency: 865-216-6453



Liturgical Ministers for Next Week
August 4, 2018

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**Readers:** M. Criswell / R. Germann / W. Allen  
**Altar Servers:** J. Rindler / B. Rindler  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** M. Mahon / S. Mahon  
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August Sacristan: Bernadette Rindler
Hospitality: Linda Savastano..... 704-1956
KoC Round Table Coordinator: George Savastano ...704-3419
Mass Intentions: Sarah Mahon..... 879-5361
Webmaster: Stormy Allen
Web-Page: www.saintchristopherjamestown.com
.....www.facebook.com/saintchristopherjamestown
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 21, 2018**

Parish: \$ 387

Building Fund: \$ 25

Sat. Night Service / Bilingual Service: 54 / 7  
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MASS INTENTIONS

July 28, 2018

For the repose of the soul of **Father Gordon Yahner**;
Requested by members of St. Hillary Parish, Fairlawn, Ohio.
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

At the last Parish Counsel meeting, it was decided that our parish should have a separate donation specifically for the **local charities of Fentress County**. To that end we will have envelopes in the back of church, to be used at any time.  
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There is still time to sign up for the **Ministries Day workshops** to be held in Knoxville on **August 18th** (Saturday). Registration forms as well as a description of all workshops can be found on the bulletin board.
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June 2018

**St. Christopher, Jamestown**

Thank you for your support!

Parish Goal: \$3,800.00

Total Committed: \$3,433.00

Collections to Date: \$2,668.00

Collections Needed to Reach Goal: \$1,132.00

**Liturgical Ministers for Future Week(s)**  
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Aug 11th **Readers:** W. Allen / R. Germann / B. Rindler
Altar Servers: J. Brayton / S. Brayton
Eucharistic Ministers: D. Hailey / L. Savastano

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.

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