

## Wisdom

What is Wisdom? In short, we can consider it to be the first and highest gift of the Holy Spirit. It makes the soul responsive to God in the contemplation of divine things. Where faith is a simple knowledge of the articles of Christian belief, wisdom goes on to a certain divine penetration of the truths themselves.

This week, we have a reading from the Book of Wisdom. There was a time when this Book was called *The Wisdom of Solomon*. The Book of Wisdom is part of what are called the wisdom books, which include Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs, Job, and Sirach. Even the meaning of “wisdom” is elusive. Obviously, the central theme is “wisdom” itself — wisdom as it applies to us and wisdom as it applies to God. One of the intentions is to make it clear that “wisdom” as it applies to us shows itself in action. This would seem to parallel what we believe about stewardship — that it shows itself in what we do, our actions, more so than in any other way.

St Paul speaks to the idea of giving in 2 Corinthians. If wisdom involves understanding the need to give, it follows that there are reasons for that. There was some friction between Paul and the Corinthian community. Paul sent his follower Titus to personally deliver a letter and present it to them, because Paul wanted Titus to be able to explain and enhance it. It appeared that the Corinthian Christians probably intended to give. They certainly thought about giving. They were responsive to the idea of giving. However, the toughest part was actually getting them to, in Paul’s words, “complete this grace.”

That is true to many of us as well. We may understand what it means to be a good steward, and we may even be willing to live lives of stewardship, but the most difficult part is actually doing it. Paul rightfully points to Jesus as the ultimate example of giving.

Rich does not always mean having lots of assets or money in the bank. It means you have the wisdom to see that through Jesus’ promise to you, you are richer beyond imagination.

## **Saint Christopher Catholic Church**

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



**June 30, 2018**

**Thirteenth 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**  
**July 7, 2018**

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**Readers:** M. Criswell / W. Allen / S. Mahon  
**Altar Servers:** J. Brayton / S. Brayton  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** L. Savastano / J. Vaughn  
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**July Sacristan:** ..... Sharon Brayton  
**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; Philip Adkins, relative of the Brayton family; 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**

**June 23, 2018**

Parish: \$ 531  
Building Fund: \$ 95  
Guatemala: \$ 20  
Bush-hogging: \$ 100

Sat. Night Service / Bilingual Service: 50-ish / 10  
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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**June 30, 2018**

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

On Wednesday, we will again be reminded that we live in a free country. Our freedom is no accident - it is God-given. It has been preserved by brave men and women who have sacrificed their very lives so that we might remain free. Pray that we might continue to enjoy this great freedom -- that our children and grandchildren may know and experience the joy and blessedness of the freedom that we have known.  
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The next **Parish Pastoral Council meeting** (PPC) will be Wednesday, **July 11<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00 pm in the parish hall. All parish members are encouraged to attend.  
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The next **St. Mother Teresa guild meeting** will be held on Thursday, **July 19<sup>th</sup>** at 11:00 am in the parish hall.

**Liturgical Ministers for Future Week(s)**  
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**July 14<sup>th</sup>** **Readers:** W. Allen / P. Dalton / M. Criswell  
**Altar Servers:** F. Schuch / A. Stucker  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** M. Mahon / S. Mahon