

The story of the Rich Young Man appears more or less identically in all three of the Synoptic Gospels. The question the young man poses is an interesting one. He says, 'What must I do to inherit eternal life?' He thinks that we can get to heaven by doing things. If this were true it would only be a question of finding out what things we must do and then once these have been completed we will be let into heaven.

Actually, we know that entrance into the Kingdom of God is something that God freely chooses to bestow on whomever he wishes and nothing we do or don't do can gain us admittance. We cannot get to heaven by pulling ourselves up by our own bootstraps. Admission to eternal life is something that can only be granted as a result of the mercy of God; it is something that is completely unmerited by us.

Jesus quotes the commandments and the young man assures him that he has kept them since his youth. Jesus then tells him the one thing he lacks and that is radical discipleship. Then comes something unique, Jesus looks steadily at him and loved him. No where else is it stated in Mark's Gospel that Jesus loved a particular person.

Maybe Jesus chose the metaphor of 'the eye of the needle and a camel' precisely because it is grotesque, precisely because it describes a complete impossibility. He is telling us that we have to completely detach ourselves from material things in order to enter the Kingdom. As we go through our lives we find ourselves acquiring more and more material possessions but when we approach death we discover that we have to gradually detach ourselves from all of them. The final phase of our life is about letting go.

Remember the aphorism: we make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give.

The Christian follows a difficult path in life but it is a journey with a destination. And the destination is nothing other than the Kingdom of Heaven.

Saint Christopher Catholic Church

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Jamestown, Tennessee 38556
Reverend Father Michael Sweeney, Pastor***



***October 13, 2018
Twenty-Eighth 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
October 20, 2018

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**Reader:** R. Germann / **Alternate Reader:** S. Mahon  
**Altar Servers:** J. Rindler / B. Rindler  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** J. Vaughn / D. Hailey  
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October Sacristan: Deb Scott
Hospitality: Linda Savastano
KoC Round Table Coordinator: George Savastano
Mass Intentions: Sarah Mahon
Webmaster: Stormy Allen
Web-Page: www.saintchristopherjamestown.com
..... www.facebook.com/saintchristopherjamestown
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; Mary Henise; Joyce Mulligan; Bruce Bigard, brother of Allen Bigard; Teddie Stevenson; 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**

**October 6, 2018**

Parish: \$ 326  
Candles: \$ 4  
Building Fund: \$ 100

Sat. Night Service / Bilingual Service: 46 /14

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MASS INTENTIONS

October 13, 2018

For the repose of the soul of **Ed Cottrell**;
Requested by his wife **Marie Cottrell**.
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please join us **down stairs after mass** to get help downloading the **myParish** app to your cellphone (not for flip phones). There will also be step-by-step directions for those who would like to have it on their computer.

\*\*\*\* *We have **hotdogs, drinks, etc.** to celebrate the launch!*  
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The 2018 [Crossville] Knights of Columbus' **October Fest** will be held this coming **Friday and Saturday Oct 19th – 20th**. Time for both days is 11:30am – 9:00pm. This is the last week to purchase advanced tickets; they can be purchased from any Knight. Advanced tickets are \$6.00 each for a single day admission; tickets at the door are \$7.50.

Liturgical Ministers for Future Week(s)

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**Oct 27<sup>th</sup>** **Reader:** M. Criswell / **Alternate Reader:** B. Rindler  
**Altar Servers:** B. Allen / A. Salinas  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** M. Mahon / S. Mahon  
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Oct 31th **Reader:** B. Rindler / **Alternate Reader:** M. Criswell
All Saints **Altar Servers:** M. Mahon / S. Mahon
6:00 pm **Eucharistic Ministers:** L. Savastano / J. Vaughn