

The Catholic Permanent Diaconate

Who is a deacon?

A Catholic deacon is an ordained minister who shares in the apostolic work of the Archbishop. The title “deacon” comes from the Greek word “diakonos,” which means “servant.” The vocation of deacon carries the profound responsibility to pour out one’s life in service to others, just as Christ who came “not to be served, but to serve.”

Why does the Church need deacons?

The Second Vatican Council emphasized the Church as Servant to all humanity, in its every condition, weakness and need. As a response to this vision, the Church restored the order of deacons as a concrete sacramental sign of our Lord Jesus Christ, in and at the service of the world. Through his ministry, the deacon serves as a reminder and a challenge to all the baptized, who are called to imitate Christ in their care for others. Pope John Paul II once said, “the service of the deacon is the Church’s service sacramentalized.”

What do deacons do?

Through their ordination, deacons share, to a lesser extent, in the threefold apostolic ministry of the bishop: a ministry of Word, of Sacrament, and of Charity. Deacons are official teachers and preachers of the Gospel, they preside at celebrations of baptism, funerals, matrimony and they visit the infirm, the imprisoned, and the needy. They do not celebrate Mass or hear confessions.

What is the difference between a deacon and a priest?

Deacons are ordained “not for the priesthood, but for service.” The permanent diaconate is not a lesser version of the priesthood, but a unique vocation unto itself. Unlike a priest, a deacon may have a wife, a family, and a secular job; they are particularly called to bring Christ’s service outside of church buildings and ecclesial structures, into their workplaces and family lives.

Saint Christopher Catholic Church

160 Holt Spur Drive

Jamestown, Tennessee 38556

Reverend Father Michael Sweeney, Pastor



September 15, 2018

Twenty-Fourth 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
September 22, 2018

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**Readers:** R. Germann / W. Allen / M. Criswell  
**Altar Servers:** J. Rindler / B. Rindler  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** M. Mahon / S. Mahon  
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September Sacristan: TBA
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; 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**

**September 8, 2018**

Parish: \$ 420  
Building Fund: \$ 125

Sat. Night Service / Bilingual Service: 40 / 15  
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MASS INTENTIONS

September 15, 2018

For the repose of the soul of **Bob Mulligan**;
Requested by his wife **Joyce Mulligan**.
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The schedule for readers and Eucharistic ministers is now being made. Please let Mary Germann know if you will be out of town on the weekends from Oct 1<sup>st</sup> – Dec 31<sup>st</sup>.  
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The St. Christopher Ladies' Guild will have its' annual **Garage Sale** October 5th - 6th this year. Please bring your clean saleable items to the church hall and put them in the larger classroom.
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The second collection next week is for the **Diocesan Deacon Formation Program**. This is a program that trains lay men of the diocese to become permanent deacons.

**Liturgical Ministers for Future Week(s)**  
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Sept 29th **Readers:** S. Mahon / B. Rindler / W. Allen
Altar Servers: F. Schuch / A. Stucker
Eucharistic Ministers: L. Savastano / J. Vaughn
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**Oct 6<sup>th</sup>** **Reader:** M. Criswell / **Alternate Reader:** P. Dalton  
**Altar Servers:** TBA / TBA  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** D. Hailey / L. Savastano

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**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 11<sup>th</sup> &%]\*\*\*** 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.

A new catholic educational series will start on **Thursday, August 30th** in St. Christopher's Hall. **"The Mass"** is a DVD series of lectures by Bishop Robert Barron designed to help us understand how to fully, consciously and actively participate in the source and summit of Christian Life.

For 5 Thursday evenings (last class on September 28), we will cover the liturgy and learn how we are intimately joined with the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus through the Holy Eucharist. Sessions will start at 7 PM and last for 90 minutes with a short break.

Snacks of chips and cookies will be provided. All are welcome. A signup sheet is provided in the Narthex solely to estimate class size.

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 **Father Gordon Yahner**;
Requested by members of St. Hillary Parish, Fairlawn, Ohio.

Please don't forget: this **Thursday, August 30th at 7 pm** in the church hall we will continue with our catholic education series. **"The Mass"** is a DVD series of lectures by Bishop Robert Barron; we will cover the liturgy and learn how we are intimately joined with the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus through the Holy Eucharist.

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Please think about all the tasks necessary to keep St. Christopher Church running smoothly. Next week, **September 6<sup>th</sup>** we will be handing out **Ministry Duties Cards** where you can indicate what ministry you would like to help in. During September/October, Father Michael will be giving short classes on the protocol for all ministries we have here. Please consider getting more involved with the smooth running of our parish.

The 2018 Knights of Columbus' **October Fest** will be held **Oct 19<sup>th</sup>** – **20<sup>th</sup>** this year. Time for both days is 11:30am – 9:00pm.

Advanced tickets are \$6.00 each for a single day admission, and can be purchased from George Savastano, David Brooks, or Jim Romer.

Put in bulletin next week (9/15ish)

**Loose Change Drive** is a new initiative for the Jamestown **Knights of Columbus**. Recipients of this project are the mentally challenged. All money collected stays in Tennessee.

Vacation time for readers and extraordinary ministers of HC.