

"Envy is sadness and annoyance at the sight of another's well-being and the desire to acquire unjustly what others have" (YouCat 466). In today's reading from the Book of Numbers, we hear how a group of seventy elders of the people received the Spirit of the Lord so that they could assist the over-worked Moses.

Later, a young member of the congregation saw that Eldad and Medad received the very same prophetic gift of the Spirit even though they were not among the chosen seventy. He and Joshua became envious and complained to Moses, asking him to forbid Eldad and Medad from exercising their God-given gift. Moses wisely reproves them: "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets!" (Num 11:29). Moses understood that we are not to be envious of others' blessings. In today's gospel Jesus rebukes His disciples when they had tried to chase away someone who was driving out demons in Jesus' name, but was not a member of the disciples.

They were envious of this man. Jesus tells the disciples: "Do not prevent him; whoever is not against us is for us" (Mk 9:39-40). He then continues to teach them that there are in fact deeds that confirm their practitioners are very much "against" the Lord and "against us" who wish to be his followers. Of such a person Jesus says "it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea." Further, he tells his disciples that they must be willing to set aside anything that gets in the way of being "for Jesus". Stemming from that Gospel teaching, James proclaims that riches and the seeming security they provide can put us squarely in the "against Jesus" camp. James says: "Come now, you rich, weep and wail over your impending miseries" (James 5:1). Be it temporal riches or the spiritual gifts that God bestows on others, many intrinsically good things can become stumbling blocks for us. Let us rejoice then in whatever gifts that come from the gracious hand of the Lord, whether they be given to us or to another.

Saint Christopher Catholic Church

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***September 29, 2018
Twenty-Sixth 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 6, 2018

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**Reader:** M. Criswell / **Alternate Reader:** P. Dalton  
**Altar Servers:** A. Fackler / A. Salinas  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** L. Savastano / 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
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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; 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**

**September 22, 2018**

Parish: \$ 207

Building Fund: \$ 25

Deaconate Program: \$ 153

Sat. Night Service / Bilingual Service: 41 / 22

Funeral: 74

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MASS INTENTIONS

September 29, 2018

For the repose of the soul of **James Stanton**;
Requested by his daughter **Joyce Vaughn**.
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The St. Christopher Ladies' Guild is having its' annual **Garage Sale this Friday and Saturday**, October 5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>. Please bring your clean saleable items to the church hall in the early part of the week. Hours for the garage sale are: **Friday** 9:00am – 4:00pm and **Saturday** 9:00am – 2:00pm. We hope all will come and find a gem or two!

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The 2018 [Crossville] Knights of Columbus' **October Fest** will be held **Oct 19th – 20th** 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. Tickets at the door are \$7.50.
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The schedule for the readers and the Eucharistic ministers is in the narthex. **Readers** please note that we have gone to one (1) reader per Mass instead of having three. An alternate/back-up reader is listed as well.

***Liturgical Ministers for Future Week(s)***

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Oct 13th Reader: P. Dalton / **Alternate Reader:** R. Germann
Altar Servers: J. Brayton / S. Brayton
Eucharistic Ministers: D. Hailey / J. Vaughn
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