

God is a hands-on God. Jesus, truly God and truly man, was born into our world and walked, lived and died among us. All of this so that he could personally take the punishment for our sins so that he would rise and extend to us the invitation to follow Him and rise with Him. This is all part of God's plan for us.

The Prophet Isaiah and the Gospel very nicely illustrate the continuity and progression of God's plan from the Old Testament to the New Testament, and to our own time. The people of Jerusalem were oppressed in their alliance with the Assyrians. Isaiah prophesied that God would come to vindicate them: "Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared." Isaiah speaks of God in a personal manner as the one who knows those basic needs of ours. His message looked towards the fulfillment of God's plan of sending a Messiah and Redeemer.

Throughout the Gospels Jesus fulfills this prophecy as he opens the ears of the deaf and restores the speech of those with impediments, he also opens the eyes of the blind, heals the crippled, raises the dead back to life, and ultimately takes away our sins. This is so much more than what the people who heard Isaiah's message expected.

In this particular Gospel passage we see the compassion and tenderness of Jesus when he ministered. His was a ministry in which He personally became involved with those who came for help. In the Gospel the people begged Jesus to lay hands on the deaf man with a speech impediment. Jesus did much more; he put his finger into the man's ears and touched his tongue. For Jesus it was a natural response of God's love and personal involvement with us.

These Scriptures show us how close God is to us. He desires to reach out and touch us, whether it be to heal us of some infirmity, comfort us during a time of sorrow, or forgive us when we sin against him. When we turn our hearts and lives to God we always receive far more than we expect.

Saint Christopher Catholic Church

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



September 8, 2018

Twenty-Third 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
September 15, 2018

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**Readers:** R. Germann / P. Dalton / M. Criswell  
**Altar Servers:** M. Mahon / S. Mahon  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** D. Hailey / J. Vaughn  
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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 1, 2018**

Parish: \$ 465

Building Fund: \$ 50

Sat. Night Service / Bilingual Service: 49 / 10  
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MASS INTENTIONS

September 8, 2018

For the repose of the soul of **George Craven**;
Requested by his sisters **April** and **Denise**
and brother-in-law **Jim Romer**.
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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.  
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The St. Christopher Ladies' Guild will have its' annual **Garage Sale** October 5th - 6th this year. We will be able to begin bringing our "for sale" items to the church starting September 15th. So start cleaning out your garage and storage room!

Liturgical Ministers for Future Week(s)
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**Sept 22<sup>th</sup>** **Readers:** R. Germann / W. Allen / M. Criswell  
**Altar Servers:** J. Rindler / B. Rindler  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** M. Mahon / S. Mahon  
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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