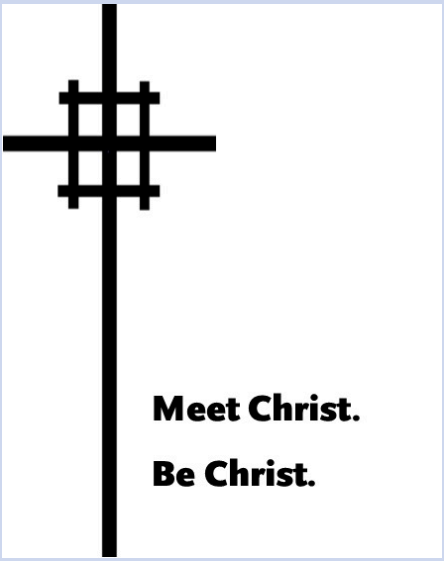

Hello, St. Christopher's Community!

State Fair Parking began this morning! Remember to let parking volunteers know if you are going to be in the building, not going to the Fair. Then park on the highway side of the building by the fence. Please park well off the driveway, to allow room for buses to get through.

Good Morning, Teacher! *by Fr. Randy+*

It is that time of year again. The enormous yellow school buses are lining up outside the school like row upon row of giant yellow loaves of bread—opening their doors to drop off hundreds of excited students. Chaos and energy abound! Students of all ages are greeted by school staff and ushered into their new classrooms. *"Good morning, students."* And the response chorus rings out, *"Good morning, Teacher!"*

Classroom management techniques are quickly put into play by teachers, while students describe their summer adventures to their new classmates. New pencils, paper, crayons, books, and backpacks. New faces. New names. New stories. New teachers. Hopefully, their new favorite teachers.
"He taught them." (Luke 4:31)

Who was your favorite teacher in school? Just about everyone has *"that one teacher"* whose skill and enthusiasm gave them a greater love for learning.

In Luke's gospel, he tells us about the time when Jesus came to the synagogue in Capernaum and *"taught them."* (Luke 4:31) And his "teaching" included miracles of healing and forgiveness of sins. He was so effective, in fact, that the people *"were astonished"* at what he said (4:32). The story is even more poignant because it happened just after the people of his own hometown of Nazareth had rejected his words and had gone so far as to try to kill him (4:16-30). What a contrast between open and closed hearts!

Jesus' teachings weren't meant only for people who lived back then in Bible times. They are meant for us today. Christ's entire life was a continual teaching. His miracles, his gestures, his prayer, his love for all people, and his special affection for those little ones and those living on the margins. Jesus

continues to announce that the kingdom of God is at hand, through his living word in Scripture, through the witness of his life, and through the living example of his followers today. That means that you have a Teacher who cares about you, who loves you, who forgives you, who has redeemed you, and who guides you into the eternal life of his kingdom.

Jesus longs for you to listen to his teachings with an open heart and an open mind, just as the people of Capernaum did. So, listen and learn. Use your imagination to picture Jesus living and acting in your midst today—close alongside you here and now. By pondering his words and the way he lived, you'll come to love him more and you'll want to follow his example of Godly living. Jesus really is better than the best teacher you've ever had!
Randy+

ECMN Night at the Saints

Friday, September 11th is ECMN Night at the Saints – This is more than just a game; it's a day to connect, celebrate fellowship, and enjoy the spirit of community. Starting at 5pm, savor delicious bites and share in the joyous atmosphere with friends old and new at the Cub a Cabana. The game starts at 6:37 pm. Bring your family, bring your friends, and bring your spirit of joy—this event promises to be a divine evening filled with laughter, camaraderie, and, of course, baseball! You can purchase tickets for just the game ($29), or for the game and dinner ($54).

Click here to reserve tickets with the St. Christopher's block – I will buy the tickets all together so that we can sit in a group. You will pay St. Christopher's, and I will get reimbursed. **Deadline has been extended! Sign up by Sunday, August 30th!!**

Click here to choose your *own* tickets in the ECMN block.

Backpack Blessing!
September 13 at the 10:30 service

Bring your backpacks, briefcases, lunch boxes, etc. to our worship service, and we will lift up students of all ages, as we begin a new school year. Marion will have special bag tags at the Children and Youth table in the parish hall.

St Christopher's Crossings Book Group

Greetings and Blessings St. C's Book Group (and those Curious),
Now that Angela has retired, perhaps it is time to move the Book Group to the daytime.

Here is a link to a poll to help determine a good time to meet, Find a Time for St Christopher's Crossings Book Group.

Our first read is:
September: ***This Tender Land*** by William Kent Krueger.

Here is a link to our current considerations:
St Christopher's Crossings Book Group Selections

For any questions contact Angela Robinson,
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Upcoming Lectionary Readings

August 30: Pentecost 14 (Proper 17), Year A
Jeremiah 15:15-21; Psalm 26:1-8; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28.

September 6: Pentecost 15 (Proper 18), Year A
Ezekiel 33:7-11; Psalm 119:33-40; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20.

Sunday Ministries August 30

9:30 AM
Nursery - Kathy A
Lectors - Erin B, Chris B
Intercessor - Pat A
LEM - Millie W, Mike S
Crucifer - Marion H
Acolytes - Ellery B, Hazel M
Ushers - Tom M, Don S
Altar Guild - Karen H, Jill E
Coffee Hosts - Kathy & Ross A

Prayer List Requests

Have you noticed a “Prayer Requests” button on our website? This is a very short form to add a name to our prayer list! Requests will be monitored Monday through Friday and added to the list published on Fridays. You may, of course, still call or email the office to add or remove a name from the list.

(Please note: There is NO way to reply to the prayer request form.)

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