St. Stanislaus & St. Pius X & St. Christopher

Parish Administrator: Rev. Father John Suresh

> **Parish Secretary:** Ellen Austin

> > **Office Hours:**

Tuesday to Thursday 10 AM to 2 PM

Sunday Masses:

St. Pius X - Lively

Saturday: 4:30 PM St. Christopher - Whitefish **Sunday** : 9:00 **AM** St. Stanislaus - Copper Cliff **Sunday: 11:00 AM**

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

St. Stanislaus - Copper Cliff Sunday: 10:30 AM to 10:45 AM St. Pius X - Lively

Saturday: 4:00 PM to 4:15 PM St. Christopher - Whitefish Sunday: 8:30 AM to 8:45 AM

Baptism:

Usually on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Please make arrangements one month in advance by contacting the Parish Office.

Marriages:

Please make marriage arrangements 9 months in advance by contacting the Parish office. Saturday weddings are scheduled at 1:00 PM.

Other Sacraments:

Contact Parish Office

Bulletin Announcements:

Email yours to ststans@eastlink.ca **Before 12 PM Wednesday**

Prayer line:

St. Stanislaus: Fave Wafer 705-682-3207 or Ellen Austin 705-682-4596 St. Pius X: Eleanor Williams 705-692-4061 or Denise Stewart 705-6924883

St. Christopher: Adrienne McIntyre 705-866-2235

Mission Statement:

By our Baptism, we are committed to celebrate the presence of Christ in Word and Sacrament and are continually called to build our lives in the image of Christ. Through liturgy and ministry, we strive to bring ourselves closer to God and to each other, by building a strong community of believers and a joyous family of God.

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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME August 25, 2024





Tuesday, August 27

10:00 AM - St. Christopher, Whitefish Special intentions by Carole

Wednesday, August 28
10:00 AM - St. Pius X, Lively
Followed by Rosary and Social
†Jacquie & Maurice Dumas by Vic & Andrea Dumas

Thursday, August 29 10:30AM MEADOWBROOK LIVELY †Msgr Norman Clement by a parishioner

Friday, August 30 09:30 AM - St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff †Brenda Lizzi by Albert Nesseth

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY

Saturday, August 31 04:30 PM - St. Pius X, Lively †Don Giommi by Wilf & Flora Tremblay

Sunday, September 01 09:00 AM - St. Christopher, Whitefish For the people entrusted to the Pastor

11:00 AM - St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff †Jean Cormier by Knights of Columbus The Rosary is recited before Saturday and Sunday Mass.

The Cenacle of the Marian Movement of priests is held each Tuesday at 10:45 AM at St. Christopher's Church, Whitefish.

A Prayer Line is available for parishioners.
Anyone wishing to pray for a
special Intention, for someone who is ill,
having surgery, for the deceased, or
any other intention may contact
the Prayer Line or the Parish Office.

Mass Intentions

Offering Masses is a long standing tradition in the Catholic Church.

An Individual may ask a priest to offer a Mass for several reasons.

For example, in Thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a Birthday or an Anniversary), for someone who is sick or for the repose of the soul of someone who has died.

Call the Parish Office: 705-682-4683

TWENTY-FIRSTSUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 34.1-2 Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Weekdays Scripture Readings: August 26 to September 01, 2024

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	2 Thessalonians 1.1-5, 11b-12	Matthew 23.13-22
Tuesday	2 Thessalonians 2.1-3a, 14-17	Matthew 23.23-26
Wednesday	2 Thessalonians 3.6-10, 16-18	Matthew 23.27-32
Thursday	Jeremiah 1.17-19	Mark 6.17-29
Friday	1 Corinthians 1.17-25	Matthew 25.1-13
Saturday	1 Corinthians 1.26-31	Matthew 25.14-30
Sunday	Deuteronomy 4.1-2, 6-8 / James 1.17-18, 21-22,27	Mark 7.1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Thank You for Your Continued Generosity!

Sunday Collection - August 18, 2024

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Church	Envelopes	Loose	PADP	
St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff	\$ 1292.10	\$ 172.00		
St. Pius X, Lively	\$ 565.00	\$ 57.00		
St Christopher Whitefish	\$ 595.00	\$ 225.00		

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

On the **Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**, we continue with **John's Gospel** and the Bread of Life discussion, with many of the disciples finding Jesus' call to be nourished on his body and blood as tough to swallow. And they leave him. Peter speaks for the others: "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

Tuesday is the Memorial of Saint Monica. On Wednesday, we remember Monica's son, with the Memorial of St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church. Thursday is the Memorial of the Martyrdom of Saint John the Baptist, with its own special readings.

For the first reading we begin with a few selections from the **Second Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians** and then we move to readings from the **First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians** for the next several weeks.

Matthew's Gospel this week includes stories of Jesus strongly challenging the Pharisees. He saw how they made people's lives so difficult by their insistence on the rules and appearances while neglecting mercy and good faith. He chides them for paying attention to the extraneous and not the message: "Blind guides, who strain out the gnat and swallow the camel!" His criticism grows stronger: "On the outside you appear righteous, but inside you are filled with hypocrisy and evildoing." Jesus teaches about preparation: Stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." In the parable of the ten maidens who go out to meet the bridegroom, many of the women did not prepare for the meeting and do not have enough oil for their lamps and Jesus says again, "Stay awake." Saturday's gospel is the dramatic story of the three servants who are given resources by their master and rewarded or punished for what they did with the resources they had.

On the **Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**, the Gospel flows from the readings this past week. When Jesus is challenged because his disciples don't follow the ritual washings, he defends them, quoting Isaiah: "This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me." Jesus calls us to an inner cleanliness: "From within people, from their hearts, come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly. All these evils come from within and they defile."



Daily Prayer This Week

We can practice this week by asking ourselves some deep questions in the background of our life each day. Beginning each day by briefly expressing a desire to be more self-aware and transparent with our Lord, we can ask ourselves some probing questions.

In what Like physical exercises which build strength and stamina, these exercises for finding intimacy with God in our every-day lives involve practice. Nobody ever got good at soccer or baseball, running or dancing without careful practice that becomes a habit, a way of life. And, no one even attempts such a regimen without great desire. The same is true with having a better relationship with our Lord. It takes great desire to sustain a routine of reflection and affective, intimate conversation. Such prayerful focus and connectedness takes discipline, but it quickly becomes natural. And, the rewards are phenomenal.

ways am I a hypocrite? How do I use a double standard - harsher on others than I am on myself? How do I like to appear as a religious person, but actually lack mercy and deeds of charity? Am I a good steward of the gifts with which God has entrusted me?

As I grow in the ability to reflect throughout the day, I might try to recognize my inner spirit, my attitudes, the ways I respond. It is a way of staying alert and places me with my Lord in conversation, in the background as I make decisions, as I experience my reactions to events and people. Sometimes, I might just be saying "Thank you, Lord," expressing gratitude for what I've been given. At other times, that will quickly turn to a reflection on how I will be a good steward of those gifts. Hearing the readings this week, I might want to monitor how my fears or my laziness might prevent me from being bold about using the gifts the Lord has given me to build up the Kingdom in my world.

Preparing for celebrating God's love on Sunday, I can focus on the readings for and ask to be more humble in my life. Who is "the poor, the crippled, the lame" person who needs to be invited more deeply into my life?

Help me Lord to hear your word to me, even when it challenges me. Open my heart and guide me to use my talents to serve you. Teach me to be generous, Lord.