St. Stanislaus & St. Pius XParish Priest :
Rev. Father Arulkumar& St. Christopher

Parish Secretary : Faye Wafer

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 : Faye 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. 78 Balsam Street, P.O. Box 910 Copper Cliff, ON P0M 1N0 Tel: 705-682-4683 / Fax: 705-682-2646 Email: ststans@eastlink.ca Website: www.sts-spc.com

The Epiphany of the Lord - January 07, 2024

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Like the Magi, may we also journey and be attentive, untiring and courageous on the path to find the invisible God who was born among us.

- Pope Francis

Wise Men Still Seek Him!

The Epiphany of the Lord

Liturgy - St. Stanislaus & St. Pius X & St. Christopher

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, January 09 10:00 AM - St. Christopher, Whitefish No Intentions requested

Wednesday, January 10 10:00 AM - St. Pius X, Lively † Walter & Marg Marcolini by Marcolini Family Thursday, January 11 10:30 AM - Meadowbrook, Lively No Intentions requested

Friday, January 12 09:30 AM - St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff †Tim Lee by Bruna Souliere

Second Ordinary Sunday Saturday, January 13 04:30 PM - St. Pius X, Lively †Deceased members of Curich family by Kris & Mary-Ann Dikran

Sunday, January 14 09:00 AM - St. Christopher, Whitefish For the People entrusted to the Pastor

11:00 AM - St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff † Arthur Lachance by Juanita Stencill 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

The Epiphany of the Lord Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 72 Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	Isaiah 55.1-11	Mark 1.7-11
Tuesday	1 Samuel 1.9-20	Mark 1.21-28
Wednesday	1 Samuel 3.1-10, 29-30	Mark 1.29-39
Thursday	1 Samuel 4.1c-11	Mark 1.40-45
Friday	1 Samuel 8.4-7, 10-22a	Mark 2.1-12
Saturday	1 Samuel 9.1-4, 17-19; 10.1a	Mark 2.13-17
Sunday	1 Samuel 3.3b-10, 19	John 1.35-42

Weekdays Scripture Readings: January 08 to January 14, 2024

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Parish News - St. Stanislaus & St. Pius X & St. Christopher

Sunday Collection - Dec. 31, 2023 / Jan. 1, 2024 Thank You for Your Continued Generosity!

Church	Envelopes	Loose	PADP
St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff	\$ 520/140	\$ 35/30	\$ 805
St. Pius X, Lively	\$1255/240	\$ 80/00	\$ 930
St. Christopher, Whitefish	\$475/120.50	\$ 310/157	\$645

The Week of Epiphany

For most of the world, January 6, is the celebration of the **Epiphany of the Lord**, although the US and some other countries celebrate it this Sunday. It is the feast in which we celebrate the Good News being shown/revealed to the Gentiles - the rest of the world. It is a celebration of the Light himself. It is also an acute awareness of the rejection of the Light. After being warned in a dream, the Holy Family become political refugees and must flee their own country.

In the second half of the week we read for the First Letter of John about the mystery of love. The gospels are from stories in the life of Jesus.

The **Baptism of the Lord** is on Sunday. We hear the Lord say in the first reading from **Isaiah**, 'Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased, upon whom I have put my spirit'. That is echoed in **Mark's Gospel**, after Jesus' baptism: 'On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased'. This feast marks the end of the **Christmas season**. Monday begins **Ordinary Time** on the Church calendar which will continue until **Ash Wednesday**.

The Epiphany - Daily Prayer This Week

In this week of Epiphany, we can all let ourselves be blessed with the Light of Jesus, in this period after Christmas. Our Christmas was probably different this year. For some of us, it was simple, perhaps quite poor. For some of us, it was made difficult with some family disfunction, or at least disagreements or hard feelings. And, yet, our faith offers us the grace of Jesus, being the Light in whatever darkness we experience. We can rely on our faith to see what we are too often prevented from seeing because we are discouraged, hurt, lonely, feeling alienated in any way. We can see hope where others only see darkness, because we let ourselves be touched by Jesus as God-with-us, by Jesus as unconditional love for us, by Jesus as always accompanying us on our journey, each day. We are not alone.

This is a week when we can ask for the grace to be a light ourselves, for others. We can be a light within our family. We can offer comfort, presence and accompaniment for someone who is feeling down, hurt or separated. We can reach out to a friend or relative and offer our care. Such light can even reach into the darkness of anger and grievance. Light that reveals love and presence, can so often, bring healing and peace.

We can let ourselves be blessed by the words of the First Letter of John. 'If anyone says, 'I love God', but hates his brother, he is a liar; for whoever does not love a brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. This is the commandment we have from him: Whoever loves God must also love his brother'.

We can let ourselves be blessed by the encounter between Jesus and the leper: 'Lord, if you wish, you can make me clean'. Jesus stretched out his hand, touched him, and said, 'I do will it. Be made clean'.

Lord, teach us to love, to be a light for others, and to bring reconciliation and peace where it is so needed. And, Lord, let us turn to you, with whatever isn't 'clean' in me and ask you for your healing. We so long to hear you say, 'Be made clean'.



The Story of the Other Wise Man By Henry Van Dyke

The story is an addition and expansion of the account of the Biblical Magi, recounted in the Gospel of Matthew in the New Testament. It tells about a 'fourth' wise man (accepting the tradition that the Magi numbered three), a priest of the Magi named Artaban, one of the Medes from Persia. Like the other Magi, he sees signs in the heavens proclaiming that a King has been born among the Jews. Like them, he sets out to see the newborn ruler, carrying treasures to give as gifts to the child - a sapphire, a ruby, and a pearl of great price. However, he stops along the way to help a dying man, which makes him late to meet with the caravan of the other three wise men. Because he missed the caravan, and he can't cross the desert with only a horse, he is forced to sell one of his treasures in order to buy the camels and supplies necessary for the trip. He then commences his journey but arrives in Bethlehem too late to see the child, whose parents have fled to Egypt. He saves the life of a child at the price of another of his treasures.

He then travels to Egypt and to many other countries, searching for Jesus for many years and performing acts of charity along the way. After 33 years, Artaban is still a pilgrim, and a seeker after light. Artaban arrives in Jerusalem just in time for the crucifixion of Jesus. He spends his last treasure, the pearl, to ransom a young woman from being sold into slavery. He is then struck in the head by a falling roof tile and is about to die, having failed in his quest to find Jesus, but having done much good through charitable works. A voice tells him 'Verily I say unto thee, Inasmuch as thou hast done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, thou hast done it unto me' (Matthew 25:40). He dies in a calm radiance of wonder and joy. His treasures were accepted, and the Other Wise Man found his King.

Knights of Columbus (Council 3909) Membership Monthly Meeting - January 10, 2024 6:00 PM Dinner 7:00 PM Regular Meeting at St. Stanislaus Lower Small Hall