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

Parish Priest: Rev. Father Arulkumar

> **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: 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:

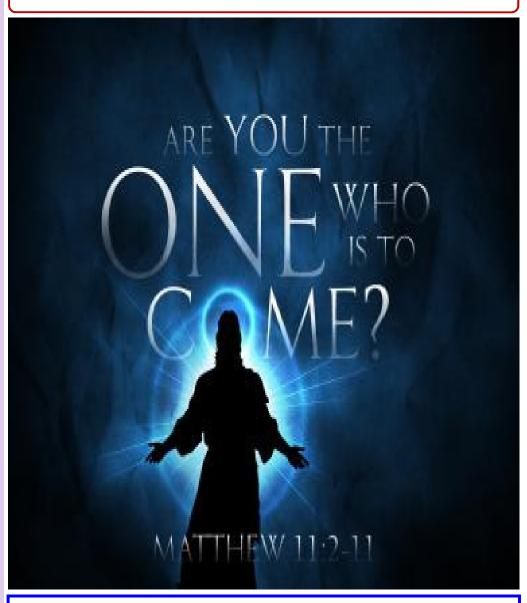
By our Baptism, we are committed to celebrate the presence of Christ in Word and Sacrament and are continually called to build our lives in the image of Christ. Through liturgy and ministry, we strive to bring ourselves closer to God and to each other, by building a strong community of believers and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

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Third Sunday of Advent - December 11, 2022



Advent Reconciliation Service Tuesday, December 13th, 2022 6:30 PM

at St. Stanislaus Church, Copper Cliff



Tuesday, December 13
10:00 AM - St. Christopher, Whitefish
† Frances Chenard by Theresa Matheson

Wednesday, December 14 10:30 AM - St. Pius X, Lively

† Harvery Blanchard by C. Jamieson

Thursday, December 15
10:00 AM - Meadowbrook, Lively
† Jean Turcotte by Lorette Woodlifte

Friday, December 16 09:30 AM - St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff For the intentions of St. Stanislaus Parish

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 17

04:30 PM St. Pius X, Lively
For the People entrusted to the Pastor
Sunday, December 18

09:00 AM St. Christopher, Whitefish

† Mr. & Mrs. Contini by N. Contini & E. Barisas

11:00 AM St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff

† Deceased Members of St. Stanislaus CWL

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

Third Sunday of Advent
Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 146
Lord,
Come and save us.

Weekdays Scripture Readings: December 12 to December 18, 2022

Day	Reading	Gospel	
Monday	Zechariah 2. 10-13	Luke 1. 39-47	
Tuesday	Zephaniah 3. 1-2, 9-13	Matthew 21. 28-32	
Wednesday	Isaiah 45. 6-8, 18, 21-25	Luke 7. 19-23	
Thursday	Isaiah 54. 1-10	Luke 7. 24-30	
Friday	Isaiah 56. 1-3, 6-8	John 5. 16-17, 33-36	
Saturday	Genesis 49.2, 8-10	Matthew 1.1-17	
Sunday	Isaiah 7. 10-14 / Romans 1. 1-7	Matthew 1. 18-24	

Sunday Collection - December 3 / 4, 2022			Thank You for Your Continued Generosity!		
Church	Envelopes		Loose	PADP	
St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff	\$ 729		\$ 35	\$	
St. Pius X, Lively	\$ 725		\$ 65	\$	
St. Christopher, Whitefish	\$ 825		\$ 25	\$	

Third Week of Advent

The **Third Sunday of Advent** repeats an Isaiah reading from earlier in the week, filled with promise, healing and a hope for our longing: 'Then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing.... They will meet with joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning will flee'.

In **Matthew's Gospel**, John the Baptist hears of Jesus' work and sends a message to his cousin: 'Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?' Jesus replies that his work speaks for itself. 'The blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them'.

Monday is the Memorial of Our Lady of Guadalupe, in the Americas. Tuesday is the Memorial of Saint Lucy, virgin and martyr. Wednesday is the Memorial of Saint John of the Cross, priest and doctor of the Church.

We continue to focus on the first readings in this first part of Advent. From the **Book of Numbers**, we have the proclamation that 'a star shall advance from Jacob...' **Zephaniah** is the prophet of impending doom, if the people don't abandon their idolatry. But this week we read about consoling healing, 'on that day', when the Lord comes. **Isaiah's** message is full of promise: 'Turn to me and be safe ... for I am God; there is no other!' 'Fear not, you shall not be put to shame ... with great tenderness I will take you back ... My love shall never leave you'.

Gospels are chosen to show Jesus as the fulfillment of these promises: his question to the Pharisees who challenge his authority; the parable of the two sons; the Baptizer's question about whether Jesus is the promised one; the fulfillment Jesus points to; Jesus' praise of John the Baptist; Jesus points to his works as his testimony.

Saturday is December 17th, which begins the second part of Advent. In these last eight days of Advent the focus returns to the gospels with stories from Jesus' family in the time before he was born. In **Matthew's** gospel, we read the genealogy, the list of Jesus' ancestors. Joseph decides to divorce the pregnant Mary until an angel appears to him in a dream, saying, 'It is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her'.

On the Fourth Sunday of Advent, we read in Matthew's Gospel about Joseph and his decision to divorce the pregnant Mary. An angel comes to Joseph: 'Do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her'.

Daily Prayer This Week

This third week of Advent, our daily prayer continues to allow us to become much more concrete about naming our desires and preparing the way for the Lord. We begin this week with joy, knowing that our celebration of all the ways our Lord comes to us is near.

For some of us, the great grace will be to ask that expectant hope - and the joy that this can bring - will fill our hearts and replace whatever is heavy or dark or sad there. We can only let our Lord bring good news to us in our own poverty, if we acknowledge that we are poor in some ways. He can only proclaim liberty and release to us if we can admit that we are captives and prisoners to so many habits and patterns that inhibit joy.

This is a wonderful week to examine our consciences as we let our daily, prayer filled background moments interact with some of the places in our daily lives in which we discover the need for mercy and peace. Wherever we encounter some experience of darkness or fear, some struggle with faith or hope, some discouragement about my own generosity or freedom, it is there that we have an opportunity to pause, in the briefest way and pray, 'Come, Lord Jesus; come and visit me here, in this place'.

Preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, individually or in common, can be a powerful Advent religious experience. And the one who forgives us deeply desires to heal us and give us his peace.



December 17 - 24

In these last eight days before Christmas, the relationship between the readings changes. Now the gospel brings us to our celebration of Christmas. The gospels are taken from the infancy narratives of Matthew and Luke. Each of these days, the first reading is taken from the Hebrew scriptures, and chosen to match the gospel. In many cases we can imagine Matthew or Luke having the first reading open on their desks while they wrote the gospel. So, we can read the gospel first and then read the first reading. The sense of anticipation and fulfillment builds as we read the story of the preparation for Jesus' first coming into this world for us.

Advent:

This is a week of recognizing ourselves, and recognizing our need for a Savior - a wonderful way to prepare for Christmas. We can only turn to our God and trust in the safety we find accepting our God as the only god of our lives, if we first can name the place in which we are in danger from the choices we are making. We can surrender our fear of being put to shame by humbly coming face to face with the un -humble person we can sometimes be. The depths of gratitude and joy come when we can experience the tenderness with which our Lord keeps taking us back.

From the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie (For Ages 13 to 19)

2023 Northern Ontario Catholic Leadership Conference - Saturday, February 25, 2023 at St. Joseph-Scollard Hall in North Bay, Ontario. More details www.holynamestalphonsus.com/levelup Keynote Speaker, Ken Yasinski. Registration will open in January 2023.

A BIG Thank from St. Pius X & CWL to all who helped the Potluck Supper last Saturday

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