

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 : Faye Wafer 705-682-3207
or Ellen Austin 705-682-4596
St. Pius X : Eleanor Williams 705-692-4061
or Denise Stewart 705-692-4883
St. Christopher : Adrienne McIntyre
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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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19th Ordinary Sunday - August 13, 2023



Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Tuesday, August 15

10:00 AM - St. Christopher, Whitefish

No Intentions requested

Wednesday, August 16

10:00 AM - St. Pius X, Lively

† Alcide Babineau by C. Regimbal

Thursday, August 17

10:30 AM - Meadowbrook, Lively

No Intentions requested

Friday, August 18

09:30 AM - St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff

For the intentions of St. Stanislaus Parishioners

20th Ordinary Sunday

Saturday, August 19

04:30 PM St. Pius X, Lively

† Mervyn Cummings by J.&V. Maloney

Sunday, August 20

09:00 AM St. Christopher, Whitefish

For the People entrusted to the Pastor

11:00 AM St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff

† Marcella Guidi by Dina Paolin & family

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

19th Ordinary Sunday

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 85

**Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.**

Weekdays Scripture Readings: August 14 to August 20, 2023

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	Deuteronomy 10. 12-22	Matthew 17. 22-27
Tuesday	Revelation 11.19; 12.1-6,10 / 1 Corinthians 15.20-26	Luke 12 39-56
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 34. 1-12	Matthew 18. 15-20
Thursday	Joshua 3. 7-10, 11, 13-17	Matthew 18. 21; 19. 1
Friday	Joshua 24. 1-13	Matthew 19. 3-12
Saturday	Joshua 24. 14-29	Matthew 19. 13-15
Sunday	Isaiah 56. 1, 6-7 // Romans 11. 13-15, 29-32	Matthew 15. 21-28

Sunday Collection - August 06, 2023

Thank You for Your Continued Generosity!

Church	Envelopes	Loose	PADP
St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff	\$ 646	\$ 20	\$ 830
St. Pius X, Lively	\$ 425	\$ 17	\$ 800
St. Christopher, Whitefish	\$ 440	\$ 161.40	\$ 775

The Nineteenth Week of Ordinary Time

On the **Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**, Elijah finds God not in the thunder and driving wind, but in a gentle breeze. We repeat the gospel we heard a few days ago as Peter's fear gets the best of him, when Jesus calls him out of his boat in a stormy sea. Peter takes his eyes off of Jesus and would have perished without Jesus' rescuing him.

Tuesday is the **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**.

In the first readings this week from **Deuteronomy**, we hear about the entry into the Promised Land. Moses says farewell to the people. Then we have readings from the **Book of Joshua**, who was the successor of Moses. The people cross the Jordan, with the Ark of the Covenant clearing a path through the river. Joshua speaks to the people as a prophet and recounts all God has done for them. The people renew their covenant at Shechem.

In the daily readings from **Matthew's Gospel**, Jesus again warns his disciples about his upcoming passion, death and resurrection, but they are 'overwhelmed with grief'. Jesus resolves the temple tax question, as if to say, 'it will be given you'. When the disciples are wondering about 'who is the greatest', Jesus points to a child and says the greatest is the one who is humble, like the defenseless child. He tells them to care for each other 'If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone', and to pray together for anything they need. When Peter asks Jesus how many times we must forgive, Jesus tells the powerful parable of the servant who is forgiven his debt but doesn't forgive his debtors. Jesus urges us to forgive from our hearts. Jesus tells his disciples about the sacredness of marriage. The disciples tried to prevent people from bringing children to Jesus and he said, 'Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these'.

God's love belongs to all of us, according to the readings of the **Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**. In **Isaiah**, God promises 'my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples'. Paul, in his **Letter to the Romans**, tells us 'the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable' and refers to himself as the 'apostle to the Gentiles'. In **Matthew's Gospel**, Jesus hears the pleas of a 'foreign' woman, a Canaanite who begs Jesus to heal her daughter.

Daily Prayer This Week

Throughout this week, each of us can find the connection between some part of the readings and a desire, a need, a longing in our unique situation. If we begin each day - at the side of our beds, in the shower, while getting dressed, over a cup of coffee - simply talking with our Lord about our upcoming day, we will have a wonderfully reflective week. It doesn't have to be long. It just needs to be focused and focusing. That is, we need to keep uncovering something inside of us that we can talk with our Lord about, at various 'in between' times during the day. Like a song that keeps playing in the back of our head all day, a desire we express in the morning will focus our day and our relationship with Jesus throughout the day. At night we can all pause to give thanks for times of connection with Jesus during the day, and the gifts God gives us.

This week, it might be Jesus' prediction of his passion, death and resurrection that unsettles us, as we realize he's calling us to follow him. It might be the battle for being the greatest that the disciples are caught up in, and that I might myself be caught up in, as I compete with and judge others. So, Jesus' words about our emulating the little, humble child can open our hearts. His call to embrace the child, the defenseless one, might allow us to pray this week about an openness to a particularly defenseless person or to hearing the cry of the poor in our city or in the world. And, who can't be opened up by the parable of the servant who doesn't forgive as he's been forgiven? Each day we might name people we struggle to forgive. We could make a focused effort to thank God for the mercy, compassion and unconditional love we've experienced, as ask for the grace to share that with others. For some of us, it will be important to spend a day or more asking for the grace to be faithful in our marriage - in all the ways that will call us to die to ourselves and think of the needs of our spouse before my own.

Development and Peace Caritas Canada:

Save the Date! **October 13-15, 2023 - Fall Retreat & Workshop** Anishinabe Spiritual Center

Development and Peace Caritas Canada Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie

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19th Ordinary Sunday - 'Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid'

I am afraid. Where is the Lord?

The first reading gives us dramatic examples of the power and majesty of nature where you might expect to find the Lord: strong and heavy wind rending mountains and crushing rocks,.. earthquake, fire. Was the Lord in these? No. Our God of surprises is in a tiny whispering sound! Elijah had been told the Lord will be passing by and only at the tiny whispering sound, not the mighty forces of nature, did he recognize the passing of the Lord, hide his face in his cloak and stand at the entrance of the cave. I'm sure I would have been hiding IN the cave at any one of the mighty forces of nature and in fear not even looking for the Lord. Much less in a tiny, whispering sound! What an invitation! I resolve not to let my fears drown out the subtle, gentle voice of God.

The Gospel setting is a familiar one: Jesus seeks some alone time to be with his Father on the mountain top and sends the disciples off in their boat to go before him to the other side of the lake. As can happen with a rather shallow lake, the wind comes up and tosses the boat around. Another fearful gesture from nature. It is the fourth watch, the hours from 3-6 a.m., the time of significant encounters with God in many Bible stories. A holy time.

The disciples see a figure approaching on the water - more fear! They think it is a ghost, but the figure speaks: 'Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid'. Peter: 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water'. Jesus replies simply: 'Come'.

Once again fear interferes. Peter, realizing the strength of the wind begins to sink and cries out 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reaches out and catches Peter, saying, 'O you of little faith, why did you doubt?'

I am often wakened at three a.m. for no rational reason...what a great time to turn to the Lord in prayer. To listen for that tiny whispering sound. To remember all his words in this Gospel. And reach for his hand, outstretched toward mine.....

'Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid'.

'Come'.

'O you of little faith, why did you doubt?'