St. Stanislaus & St. Pius X & St. Christopher **Parish Priest : Rev. Father Arulkumar**

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Second Sunday of Advent - December 4, 2022

Sacrament of Reconciliation : St. Stanislaus - Copper Cliff Sunday : 10:30 AM to 10:45 AM 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.

Parish Secretary :

Faye Wafer

Office Hours:

Tuesday to Thursday 10 AM to 2 PM

Sunday Masses :

Saturday: 4:30 PM

St. Christopher - Whitefish **Sunday : 9:00 AM** St. Stanislaus - Copper Cliff Sunday : 11:00 AM

St. Pius X - Lively

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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

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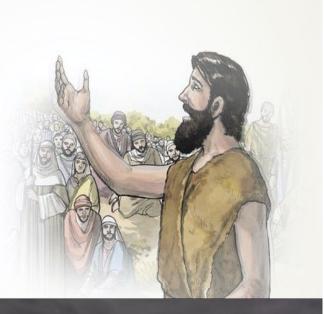
St. Christopher : Adrienne McIntyre 705-866-2235

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.

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven

is at hand



Matthew 3:1-12

Get Ready for the **Kingdom!**

Advent Reconciliation Service Tuesday, December 13th, 2022 - 6:30 PM at St. Stanislaus Church, Copper Cliff

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

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 6 10:00 AM - St. Christopher, Whitefish † Nathan Heerschap by family

Wednesday, December 7 10:30 AM - St. Pius X, Lively For the intentions of St. Pius X

Thursday, December 8 09:30 AM - St. James School, Lively No intention Requested

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

Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 10

04:30 PM St. Pius X, Lively
† Rita & Mac McBain by Cecelia Jamison Sunday, December 11

09:00 AM St. Christopher, Whitefish

† Frances Chenard by Juliette Boisvert

11:00 AM St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff For the People entrusted to the Pastor 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

Second Sunday of Advent Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 72 In his days may righteousness flourish, and peace abound forever.

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	Isaiah 35. 1-10	Luke 5. 17-26
Tuesday	Isaiah 40. 1-11	Matthew 18. 12-14
Wednesday	Isaiah 40. 25-31	Matthew 11. 28-30
Thursday	Genesis 3. 9-15, 20 / Ephesians 1. 3-6, 11-12	Luke 1. 26-38
Friday	Isaiah 48. 17-19	Matthew 11. 16-19
Saturday	Sirach 48. 1-4, 9-11	Matthew 17. 10-13
Sunday	Isaiah 35. 1-6, 10	Matthew 11. 2-11

Weekdays Scripture Readings: December 5 to December 11, 2022

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

Sunday Collection - November 26 / 27, 2022			Thank You for Your Continued Generosity!		
Church	Envelopes		Loose	PADP	
St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff	\$ 545		\$ 36.50	\$	
St. Pius X, Lively	\$ 387		\$ 15	\$	
St. Christopher, Whitefish	\$ 670		\$ 125	\$	

Second Week of Advent

In the Second Sunday of Advent we hear Isaiah write of peace and prosperity that will come when the 'root of Jesse' blossoms. 'Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them'. Matthew's Gospel brings us the famous Advent reading of John the Baptist serving as a voice of one crying out in the desert, 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths'.

Wednesday is the Memorial of Saint Ambrose, bishop and doctor of the Church. Thursday is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary with its own special readings.

We focus on the first readings from the Prophet **Isaiah** this week. With the Babylonian Captivity, the temple was destroyed, the leaders of the people were taken away to Babylon and a remnant was left behind. A life-threatening desert separated the people. In this context, Isaiah proclaims God's vindication of the people in exile. The desert will be reborn. A highway will bring their liberation. And the signs will be that there is healing and peace. 'Comfort, give comfort to my people', says the Lord. The valleys will be filled in, the mountains leveled - every obstacle will be overcome - to build a highway for our God to come and save us. The people can hardly believe the good news. They are weak and weary of their captivity. Isaiah proclaims, 'They that hope in the LORD will renew their strength, they will soar as with eagles' wings'. He offers support: 'I am the LORD, your God, who grasp your right hand; It is I who say to you, 'Fear not, I will help you'. The people have been at a distance from the Lord for some time and were not obeying the commandments. The Lord says, 'I, the LORD, your God, teach you what is for your good, and lead you on the way you should go'. The final first reading this week is a piece from the book of **Sirach** in which the prophet Elijah is praised. Elijah, who was destined to come again to restore order before the day of the Lord, is seen in the reading from **Matthew's Gospel** to be John the Baptist.

The gospels this week, taken from various evangelists, show Jesus as the fulfillment of the liberation promised. Jesus heals the paralytic. He tends to the lost sheep of his flock. He comforts us who labor and are burdened. Jesus teaches a true wisdom.

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'.

Daily Prayer This Week

Finding intimacy with God in the midst of our busy lives begins with getting in touch with our own desires. Advent is a wonderful time to ask myself, 'What am I looking for? What do I desire? What longing can I recognize in my heart?' The answers to those questions will be our best guide for daily prayer. The readings this week offer some possible ways to talk with the Lord about our desires.

We can begin by trying to get in touch with a part of my heart that is divided, perhaps with a desert separating the two parts. For example, is there a disconnect between my primary commitments and the amount of time and attention that I give to them? Is there a distance between who I say I am and who I actually am? Do I experience something missing between what I believe and how I live those beliefs? We all have these contradictions and inconsistencies within us. These are the places into which we can let our Advent desiring grow. This week, we can imagine the prophet saying, 'There will be a path between what is separate or divided or at a distance in your life!' or 'What is desert, barren, dry and life-less in you will come to life!' We can hear, 'You will find freedom and comfort, where you have been finding yourself in a captivity to pattern and routine, where you have felt weak and weary'. 'Learn from the Lord and learn real wisdom'.

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Part 1: up until December 16

While most liturgical seasons have the gospel as their main focus, during the first weeks of Advent, the Church gives us daily readings from the prophet Isaiah. With the eyes of faith, these foretell the coming of the Messiah. Rather than a continuous gospel narrative familiar to us for most of the year, this part of Advent offers a wide variety of gospel readings that support the first reading of the day. After almost two weeks of Isaiah readings, we hear the foretelling of a Messiah from other prophets from the Hebrew scriptures - in Sirach, Numbers, Zephaniah and returning to Isaiah. With each passing week, the prophets speak more clearly of the coming of a Savior. So, in reading the first reading, for the first part of Advent, we listen to the anticipation, expectation, hope and promise. In listening to the second reading, we listen for the fulfillment or connection with the gospel.

Part 2: 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:

Each morning this week, we can turn to our God, when we first wake up, while in the shower or getting dressed, and simply ask: 'Come, Lord. Come into this place, into this embarrassing place of need in my life'. We may be able to be specific and ask, 'Please, Lord, come and be with me and bring life and hope into my morning as I face this meeting'. As we go to work or do laundry or shop, or head home from work, we might ask even more specifically for the grace to love - to take the liberating journey across the desert and let the Lord bring us home to a place of comfort, healing and peace.

Knights of Columbus Monthly Membership Meeting - December 7th, 20226:00 PM Dinner7:00 PM MeetingAt St. Stanislaus Lower Hall