# St. Stanislaus & St. Pius X & St. Christopher Parish Priest:

Rev. Father Arulkumar

D. O. S: Ethel Fraser Whitefish Lake First Nation

Parish Secretary:

Faye Wafer

Office Hours:

**Tuesday to Friday** 12:00 PM to 4:00 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 Friday: 9:00 AM to 9:15 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 12:00 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:

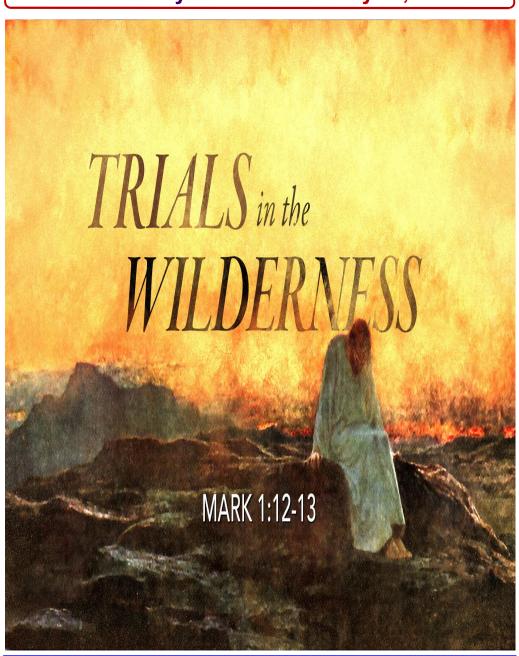
By our Baptism, we are committed to celebrate the presence of Christ in Word and Sacrament and are continually called to build our lives in the image of Christ. Through liturgy and ministry, we strive to bring ourselves closer to God and to each other, by building a strong community of believers and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

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First Sunday of Lent - February 21, 2020



You can reach the Office by Phone only Tuesday to Thursday - 10 AM to 1 PM Thank you!



**Tuesday, February 23** 

09:30 AM -

No Mass

Wednesday, February 24

09:30 AM -

No Mass

Thursday, February 25

09:30 A:M -

No Mass

Friday, February 26

09:30 AM -

No Mass

**Second Sunday of Lent** 

Saturday, February 27

04:30 PM St. Pius X, Lively

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Sunday, February 28

09:00 AM St. Christopher, Whitefish

For the People entrusted to the Pastor

11:00 AM St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff †Franco Presello by Ellen Austin

The Rosary is recited before Saturday and Sunday Mass.

The Cenacle of the Marian Movement of priests is held each Tuesday at 9:15 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

## First Sunday of Lent Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 25

Your paths, Lord, are love and faithfulness for those who keep your covenant.

## Weekdays Scripture Readings: February 22 to February 28, 2021

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	1 Peter 5. 1-4	Matthew 16. 13-19
Tuesday	Isaiah 55. 10-11	Matthew 6. 7-15
Wednesday	Jonah 3. 1-10	Luke 11. 29-32
Thursday	Esther 14. 1, 3-5, 12-14	<b>Matthew 7. 7-12</b>
Friday	<b>Ezekiel 18. 21-28</b>	Matthew 5. 20-26
Saturday	Deuternomy 26. 16-19	Matthew 5. 43-48
Sunday	Genesis 22. 1-2, 9-13, 15-18 Romans 8. 31-37	Mark 9. 2-10

In the book *Traveling Mercies* by Anne Lamott, she tells the story of a young girl who gets lost in her hometown. A police officer stops to help her and asks if she knows where she lives. She replies through tears that she does not remember her way home. He offers to drive her around town in his cruiser hoping that she will spot her house. While slowly rolling down one street the girl exclaims, "Stop! Let me out. That's my church. I know my way home from there."

## Home.

It can be so easy in life to get turned around and flipped upside down such that we lose our way. Lent is a wonderful season where we acknowledge just how lost we are. So while ashes from last Wednesday may have washed away by bedtime, perhaps we still hear that haunting phrase ringing in our ears, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." We forget where we came from (and where we're headed!). It's no wonder we suffer from this spiritual amnesia when you consider all the distractions and disordered attachments (as St. Ignatius of Loyola would call them) we have in our lives. The Jesuit poet Gerard Manley Hopkins eloquently describes it this way in "God's Grandeur": "Nor can foot feel being shod."

Thankfully, like that little girl whose church guides her home, we too have a compass that always points us in the right direction. It is Jesus. No matter how far we stray or off course we get, Jesus is the breadcrumb that guides us home to God's heart.

Let's be honest (and gentle) with ourselves. This Lent lands amidst the tattered mess of a pandemic that has taken so much from us as a global family. The very thought of making additional sacrifices right now might feel like more than we can bear. Similar to Jesus in today's Gospel, we have found ourselves having our own encounters in a desolate place with darkness in all its forms. Wild beasts torment and taunt us in the form of sickness and death, fear and doubt, abuses of power and unearned privilege, and a pervasive tribalism that daily fractures our human family.



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