

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 705-6924883
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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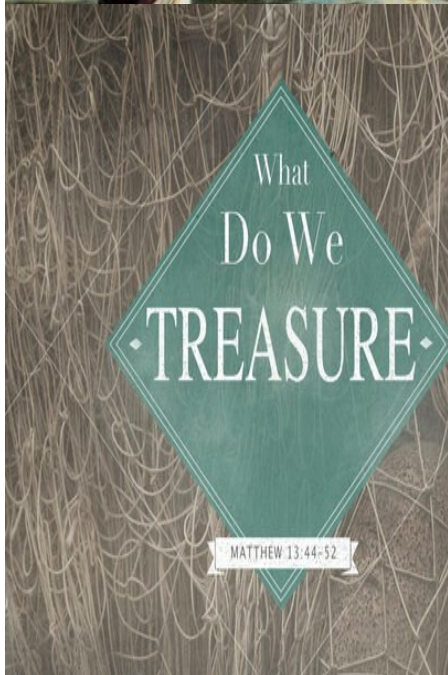
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17th Ordinary Sunday - July 30, 2023



The kingdom of
heaven is like a
treasure buried in a
field. Matthew 13:44



Where your
treasure is,
there your
H E A R T
will be also.

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Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Tuesday, August 01

10:00 AM - St. Christopher, Whitefish

No Intentions requested

Wednesday, August 02

10:00 AM - St. Pius X, Lively

For the Souls in Purgatory by C. Regimbal

Friday, August 04

09:30 AM - St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff

For the intentions of St. Stanislaus Parishioners

18th Ordinary Sunday

Saturday, August 05

04:30 PM St. Pius X, Lively

† Theresa Marion by Suzan Ryan

Sunday, August 06

09:00 AM St. Christopher, Whitefish

† Frances Powell by Brenda & Vicki Alemany

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

17th Ordinary Sunday

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 119

Lord, how I love your law!

Weekdays Scripture Readings: July 31 to August 06, 2023

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	Exodus 14. 15-24	Matthew 13. 31-35
Tuesday	Exodus 33. 7-11; 34. 4-9; 28	Matthew 13. 36-43
Wednesday	Exodus 34. 29-35	Matthew 13. 44-46
Thursday	Exodus 40. 16-21, 34-38	Matthew 13. 47-52
Friday	Leviticus 23. 1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34-37	Matthew 13. 54-58
Saturday	Leviticus 25. 1, 8-17	Matthew 14. 1-12
Sunday	Daniel 7, 9-10, 13-14 // 2 Peter 1. 16-19	Matthew 17. 1-9

Sunday Collection - July 23, 2023

Thank You for Your Continued Generosity!

Church	Envelopes	Loose	PADP
St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff	\$ 668	\$ 53	\$
St. Pius X, Lively	\$ 380	\$ 32.8	\$
St. Christopher, Whitefish	\$ 315	\$ 154	\$

The Seventeenth Week of Ordinary Time

On the **Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** we see how God admires Solomon because he asked for wisdom rather than riches. Jesus is the source of God's wisdom and teaches us more about the Kingdom of Heaven. We imagine the passion of one discovering a treasure buried in a field or finding a pearl of great value, sacrificing everything to buy what is so deeply desired. A dragnet hauls in fish that can nourish others as well as what is not useful for others. Jesus invites us into deeper reflection on what we value and prepares us for our mission.

Monday is the **Memorial of St. Ignatius of Loyola**.

This is the third and final week from the **Book of Exodus**. Moses carries down the Ten Commandments from God but breaks them in a fury when he sees the people worshipping a golden calf. He meets face to face with God in a tent in the desert and invites God to come with them on their journey. Moses' face is so radiant after meeting with God, it is covered with a veil. Moses builds a movable meeting tent for their journey, and puts the arc of the commandments in it, and in a cloud by day and with fire by night, God was with them. On Friday and Saturday we have two days of readings from the **Book of Leviticus** which is the third book of the set of five books that begin the scriptures, called the *Pentateuch*. It is a book of liturgical practices governing the ministry of the priestly descendants of Levi. Here we read about the great Jewish festivals and Jubilee years.

The gospels are from **Matthew's Gospel**, with wonderful stories worth pondering and reflecting on. We hear of the tiny mustard seed which grows into a towering bush, the explanation of the parable of the weeds in the field. Then we again hear how the Kingdom is like a treasure or a pearl a merchant makes great sacrifices to obtain. With the story of the fishing net tossed into the sea, we consider how everyone is gathered by God at the end of time to be judged. Jesus comes to his hometown to teach but took offense at him. 'A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and in his own house'. We end the week with the sad story of Herod, not wanting to be embarrassed in front of his guests, ordering John the Baptist beheaded.

On the **Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration. Jesus reveals himself to his disciples to 'prepare them for the scandal of the cross'.

Daily Prayer This Week

This whole week could be a time for each of us to grow in a sense of what we most deeply desire. If we let Sunday's gospel open our hearts we might find ourselves asking, begging God for what we need.

And we can let the daily gospels renew our hope. Have we become cynical and jaded a bit? The world does seem to be like a field someone sowed weeds into. God's reign in this world doesn't seem to be growing, and the seeds seem so small. This is a good week to get in touch with what is discouraged in our hearts and to let the courage the Lord is offering us renew us. He promises that even small seeds work and that even a little yeast allows dough to grow. The process is sometimes imperceptible, but that's why Jesus reminds us to place our trust in him. Our own hearts might be full of weeds, but the Lord doesn't want us ripping ourselves apart. He is full of mercy and healing reconciliation. Jesus does not want us to be scandalized by the evil we see in the world. God is patient. And, God alone will judge.

So every day this week, we can begin our day, establishing a focus. This might be while standing next to our bed for a brief minute, or while pouring ourselves a cup of coffee, or while in the shower or getting dressed. This is the time that can transform any busy day into a more focused time of connection with our Lord. Using all sorts of background times throughout the day will take no 'extra' time for prayer, but will make it possible to let these powerful scriptures interact with the daily events and relationships with which we are involved.



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17th Ordinary Sunday

Have you ever found yourself in a situation when you just begged God for clarity?
Life can be like a fisherman who throws a net into the sea and retrieves all kinds of things besides the good fish. It is for us to sort, discern and figure out the mess with God's help.
With faith in the Word of God, **We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.**

Have you ever found something that is symbolic of your love and life?
Perhaps a ring, a pearl, or a simple shell washed up on shore?
The treasure, the Love that one holds, is one we are to let go of and give only to have it returned a hundred fold! The whole field, a string of pearls, a beach filled with gifts from the sea are given in return.

Earlier in Matthew's Gospel we hear, **Where your treasure lies, there will your heart also be.** Look deep into your heart and there you will find the Kingdom of God. There you find Jesus who reigns and knows your deepest desires, with the treasures that are so precious to sustain you for a lifetime.

Fill in the blanks! No wrong answers!

My treasure is _____ !

The Kingdom of Heaven is like _____ !