

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
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Before 12 PM Wednesday

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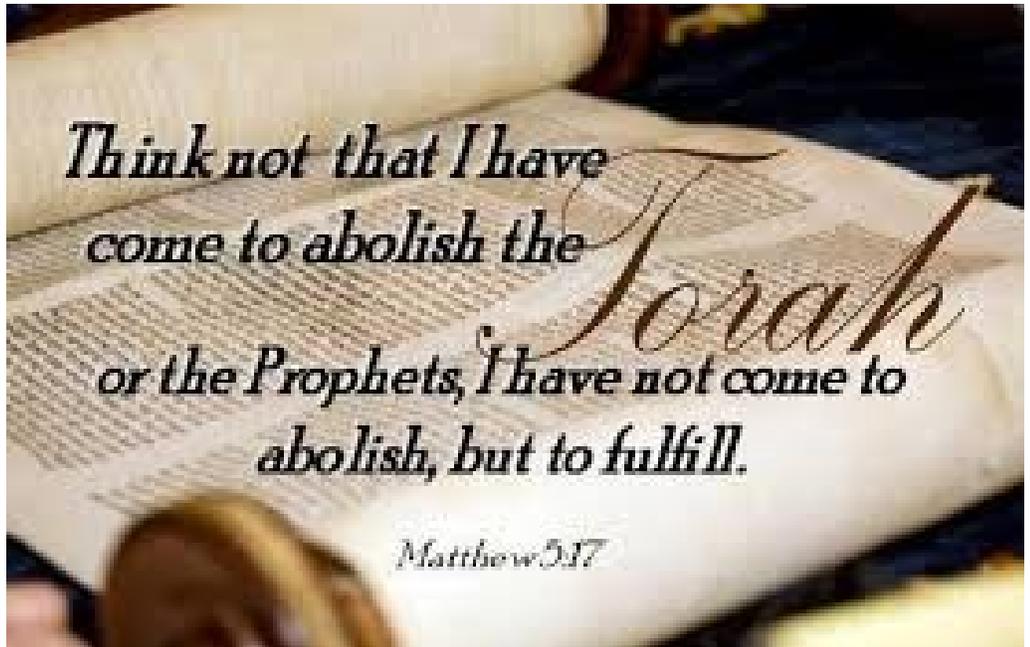
Mission Statement :
By our Baptism, we are committed to
celebrate the presence of Christ in Word
and Sacrament and are continually
called to build our lives in the image of
Christ. Through liturgy and ministry, we
strive to bring ourselves closer to God
and to each other, by building a strong
community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

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6th Ordinary Sunday - February 12, 2023



Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Tuesday, February 14

10:00 AM - St. Christopher, Whitefish

No Intentions requested

Wednesday, February 15

10:30 AM - St. Pius X, Lively

For the intentions of St. Pius X Parishioners

Thursday, February 16

10:00 AM - Meadowbrook, Lively

No Intentions requested

Friday, February 17

09:30 AM - St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff

For the intentions of St. Stanislaus Parishioners

Seventh Ordinary Sunday

Saturday, February 18

04:30 PM St. Pius X, Lively

† Walter & Marg Marcolini by Andrea & Vic Dumas

Sunday, February 19

09:00 AM St. Christopher, Whitefish

† Frances Chenard by Brenda Almany

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

Sixth Ordinary Sunday

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 119

Blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord!

Weekdays Scripture Readings: February 13 to February 19, 2023

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	Genesis 4.1-15, 25	Mark 8. 11-13
Tuesday	Genesis 6. 5-8; 7. 1-5, 10	Mark 8. 14-21
Wednesday	Genesis 8.6-13, 20-22	Mark 8. 22.26
Thursday	Genesis 9. 1-13	Mark 8. 27-33
Friday	Genesis 11. 1-9	Mark 8. 34-38; 9. 1
Saturday	Hebrews 11. 1-7	Mark 9. 2-13
Sunday	Leviticus 19. 1-2, 17-18 / 1 Corinthians 3. 16-23	Matthew 5. 38-48

The Sixth Week of Ordinary Time

On the **Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time** we hear **Matthew's Gospel**. Jesus speaks to his followers about religious laws and also of our own relationships. Go to offer gifts to God at the altar, but first, Jesus says, 'Leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift'.

Tuesday is the **Memorial of Saint Cyril, monk, and Saint Methodius, bishop**.

We continue with first readings from the **Book of Genesis**. This is the beginning of the story of salvation: Cain and Abel, Noah and the Ark, the Tower of Babel. The week concludes with the **Letter to the Hebrews'** summary of the beliefs of our ancestors in the faith.

As we follow Jesus' ministry in **Mark's Gospel**, we witness Jesus' discouragement as he again encounters the challenges of the religious leaders: 'he sighed from the depth of his spirit'. As they retreat to the other side of the lake, Jesus warns his disciples against the rebellious 'leaven' of the Pharisees and reminds them of the meaning of the miracle of the loaves - he is like God, come to feed them in whatever desert journey they encounter. Jesus heals a blind man who first sees only in a distorted way - a scene which begins the journey to Jerusalem on which Jesus tries to heal the blindness of his disciples. Peter acknowledges Jesus as the Christ but rejects Jesus' instruction that he must suffer and die before the resurrection. Jesus rebukes him and instructs his disciples about their discipleship. It is about taking up our own cross with him: 'whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the Gospel will save it'. Then Jesus takes Peter, James and John and shows them his glory, to prepare them for the scandal of the cross.

On the **Seventh Week of Ordinary Time**, Jesus gives us one of the biggest challenges to living the Christian life: Love Your Enemies. 'I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil. When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one as well'.

Daily Prayer This Week

We can feel the tension in this week's readings. Jesus is trying to warn his disciples - and us - about the rebellious style of the Pharisees, about hypocrisy. And, he is trying to heal the blindness of his disciples - and our blindness - about what his mission is all about. He has come to free us from sin and the captivity we have to all kinds of self-centered patterns.

So when we stay reflective this week, we can become more conscious of how we rebel from the path of Jesus, from joining him in becoming less selfish. When we begin our days this week, we can ask, 'Lord, help me see the ways I'm too self-centered this week. Help me notice the needs of those you place in my life. Stretch my heart to love more today'. It is simple, but it begins to change our focus.

As we go through the week, we can pay closer attention to our resistance, the places we catch ourselves holding back. We can open our eyes to see the patterns in our lives that we might not have paid attention to before. It doesn't have to be serious evil we are choosing. It might just be ways in which we are avoiding losing our lives for him. Once we focus, start paying attention to the daily choices we make, our day becomes a day of prayer. We can be in communion with the Lord throughout the day because it becomes a day of dialogue, in the midst of all the busyness.

'Lord, as I put on this sweater, I'm aware how I just spoke to Helen. I'm sorry. That was all about my fear, wasn't it? I cut her off because I was just afraid of what she was asking of me. I became more aware of the cost to me than anything else. Please help me to continue to see how I respond to people. Please calm my fears'. We can get in the habit of doing this kind of prayer every day, right where we are, in very brief moments. Finding intimacy with God in the midst of our daily lives is the goal of this kind of prayer.

All of this is reinforced by our prayer of gratitude each night. If we can feel the need for this kind of communion with our Lord each day, and thank God for it each night, there is no question that we will be developing a new pattern in our life. We tend to continue to do what we enjoy. And gratitude feeds even more openness and generosity.



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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Matthew 5:17-37

In today's readings we are looking at options - good and bad, right and wrong.

With free will, we have actual options. We can choose, but those choices come with ramifications and outcomes. We have what we need to make good choices. We have the commandments. These laws are not capricious or onerous. They are appropriate and eternal.

Don't kill. Don't cheat. Don't steal. They come down to treating each other respectfully and showing that we love God by loving his creation. It's really simple at its basis: love God and love one another.

We can and should choose to do that. Unfortunately, not everyone does. We can choose to do the right thing. We can choose to treat others decently and respectfully, but unfortunately not everyone does. Even some who call themselves Christians do not prove that by loving God's creation and following the commandments.

Jesus says in the gospel that we can choose to be good. We can choose to do right. We can choose to respect others and their property. But if we choose not to, even though we may gain some benefit here on earth, we will not gain a place in heaven. We know what we should do. We know how we should act. It's no secret, and it's really basic decency. This is an informed choice.

We can choose to do what's right. We can choose to do good. And we should do it for its own sake, but if we do right, we will get a heavenly reward as well.