# St. Stanislaus & St. Pius X & St. Christopher

**Parish Priest:** Rev. Father Arulkumar

> **Parish Secretary:** Ellen Austin

> > 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: 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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Third Sunday of Easter - April 14, 2024

Look At My Hands And My Feet. It Is I Myself! Touch Me And See; A Ghost Does Not Have Flesh And Bones, As You See I Have."

Luke 24-39



FAREWELL PARTY FOR FATHER ARULKUMAR Starts at 4:30 PM Sunday April 14, 2024



Tuesday, April 16
10:00 AM - St. Christopher, Whitefish
No Intentions requested

Wednesday, April 17
10:00 AM - St. Pius X, Lively
† Bruna Walker by the Armbrusters

Friday, April 19 09:30 AM - St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff

† Deceased members of the Favot, Narduzzi and Hearty families by Joe & Jane Favot

Fourth Sunday of Easter
Saturday, April 20
04:30 PM - St. Pius X, Lively
For the People entrusted to the Pastor

Sunday, April 21
09:00 AM - St. Christopher, Whitefish
† Reg & Grace Brunne by Darwin & Pat Brunne

11:00 AM - St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff Special Intentions by Adele Pressello

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

Third Sunday of Easter Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 118

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

# Weekdays Scripture Readings: April 15 to April 21, 2024

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	Acts 6.8-15	John 6.22-29
Tuesday	Acts 7.51—8.1a	John 6.30-35
Wednesday	Acts 8.1b-8	John 6.35-40
Thursday	Acts 8.26-40	John 6.44-51
Friday	Acts 9.1-20	John 6.52-59
Saturday	Acts 9.31-31-42	John 6.53, 60-69++
Sunday	Acts 118.1+8-9, 21-23, 26+28-29/ 1 John 3.1-2	John 10.1-10

Thank You for Your Continued Generosity!

Sunday Collection - April 07 2024

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Church	Envelope	es Loose	PADP	
St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff	\$ 925.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 805.00	
St. Pius X, Lively	\$ 750.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 930.00	
St. Christopher, Whitefish	\$ 125.00	\$ 580.90	\$ 645.00	

## Third Week of Easter

On the **Third Sunday of Easter, Luke's Gospel** has the very human story of Jesus' appearing to the disciples after the Resurrection, inviting them to touch his hands and feet to see that he is real. He ate with them and 'he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures'.

In our first readings from **Acts of the Apostles** this week, we read of one of the earliest martyrs, Stephen and of Philip converting an Ethiopian slave along the road. Also this week is the story of Saul, persecutor of Christians being blinded and then healed by Ananias in the name of Jesus. The week ends with Peter traveling the region and healing.

The gospel for this week is from Chapter 6 of **John's Gospel** on Jesus as the 'Bread of Life'. Like so many stories in this gospel, Jesus teaches from one layer of understanding to another, taking us deeper into understanding his gift of himself to us in the Eucharist. Jesus says, 'Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life'. 'The bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world'. 'I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst'. 'I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my Flesh for the life of the world'. 'Whoever eats my Flesh and drinks my Blood remains in me and I in him'. This marvelous dialogue ends with this exchange with his disciples: 'Jesus then said to the Twelve, 'Do you also want to leave?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God'.

For the Fourth Sunday of Easter we reflect on the Paschal Mystery more deeply. Psalm 118 says, 'The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone'. Peter quotes this psalm in preaching that the crippled man was healed, 'in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead'. In John's Gospel, Jesus tells us, 'A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep'.



## **Daily Prayer This Week**

This can be a very good week to grow in a sense of and practice with the notion of being a 'contemplative in the midst of action'. We have practically a whole week of gospels about Jesus' gift of himself to us as the 'Bread of Life'. This gives us the opportunity to let that mystery be in the background of our consciousness every day this week, as we go about our everyday tasks. What makes it 'contemplative' is that we will be asking for graces each morning, and we will let our desires and our activities interact.

We can begin reflecting upon how often we 'work for food that perishes'. The pay-off, the success, the accomplishment, the reward we receive for what we do is often quite passing and unsatisfying. It would be important to be able to sense anything that appears to be food that doesn't last and name it as such this week. The real food, the life-giving nourishment that our Lord offers us is himself.

If we can't celebrate the Eucharist daily this week, we can make what we used to call a 'spiritual communion' simply by opening our hearts and desiring to receive our Lord, so that he remains in us and we remain in him. We can practice consciously choosing union with Jesus, our Risen Lord and only Savior, and experiencing how that would affect the choices we need to make throughout our day. If we begin each day, asking for the grace of this union, and renew the desire at brief moments we have at various times in the day, our focus and attention begins to change. We will experience a peace and a gifted lack of hunger and thirst for so many of the things that draw us away from him, from loving, from mercy, from consciousness on those in need.

If the background focus of each day this week is to desire to be fed by a closeness with my Lord, it doesn't matter how busy I am, or how many conflicts I have to face or what suffering I or my loved ones must endure. His flesh and blood are real food and drink because they are the real sacrifice that takes away the power of sin and death itself. United with his surrender to the Father, we are set free from whatever can take away the life he gained for us. For this gift, for this faith, we can give thanks for every night, as we review our union with our Lord each night.