# 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: 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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Fourth Sunday of Lent - March 19, 2023





**Lenten Reconciliation Service** Wednesday, March 22nd, 2023 6:30 PM

at St. Stanislaus Church, Copper Cliff



Tuesday, March 21
10:00 AM - St. Christopher, Whitefish
No Intentions requested

Wednesday, March 22
10:00 AM - St. Pius X, Lively
For the intentions of St.Pius X Parishioners

Thursday, March 23 10:30 AM - Meadowbrook, Lively No Intentions requested

Friday, March 24
09:30 AM - St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff
For the intentions of St. Stanislaus Parishioners

Fifth Sunday of Lent Saturday, March 25 04:30 PM St. Pius X, Lively

† Theresa Marion by McIntyre Family

Sunday, March 26

09:00 AM St. Christopher, Whitefish For the People entrusted to the Pastor

11:00 AM St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff

- † Lena Desotti by Eleanor Kehoe
- † Rose Sheehan by K of C 3909

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

Fourth Sunday of Lent
Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 23
The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want.

Weekdays Scripture Readings: March 20 to March 26, 2023

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	2 Samuel 7.4, 12-14, 16	Luke 2. 41-51
Tuesday	Ezekiel 47. 1-9, 12	John 5. 1-16
Wednesday	Isaiah 49. 8-15	John 5. 16-30
Thursday	Exodus 32. 7-14	John 5. 18, 31-47
Friday	Wisdom 2.1, 12-22	John 7. 1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday	Isaiah 7, 10-14; 8. 10	Luke 1. 26-38
Sunday	Ezekiel 37. 12-14 / Romans 8. 8-11	John 11. 1-45

Sunday Conection - March 12, 2025			Thank Tou for Tour Continued Generosity:		
Church	Envelo	pes	Loose	PADP	
St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff \$ 1125			\$ 55	\$	
St. Pius X, Lively	\$ 540		\$ 107	\$	
St. Christopher, Whitefish	\$ 345		\$ 147.05	\$	

#### The Fourth Week of Lent

The Fourth Sunday of Lent brings the story of the man born blind from John's Gospel. His disciples ask, 'Who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' Jesus heals the man who now sees more clearly than the Pharisees the true identity of Jesus. 'I do believe, Lord'.

The first readings this week can be read as powerful messages to us from our God about our Lenten journey. They also seem to be chosen with an eye to the persecution Jesus will experience.

Our gospels this week are all from the **Fourth Gospel**. After two days of healing stories, the opposition against Jesus builds. In Cana, in Galilee, Jesus heals the son of a royal official. Back down in Jerusalem, he heals a man who was sick for 38 years, incurring the wrath of his enemies because he did it on the sabbath. Because of this, and because he called God his Father, they now plot a way to kill him. Jesus says his opponents do not want to come to him for life. Unafraid of them, Jesus goes to Jerusalem for a feast and openly tells people that he has come from God. They did not arrest him then, 'because his hour had not yet come'. Divisions occur when the chief priests and Pharisees argue that Jesus cannot be a prophet because he is from Galilee. The guards respond, 'Never before has anyone spoken like this man'.

The **Fifth Sunday of Lent** brings us closer toward the Passion and death of Jesus. In **John's Gospel**, we hear the story of the raising of Lazarus. Jesus was not there when his dear friend, Lazarus died, but after meeting with Lazarus' grief-stricken sisters and weeping himself, he stood at the door of the tomb and called, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, 'Untie him and let him go!'

### **Daily Prayer This Week**

The readings this week make it very clear that Jesus faced opposition that couldn't accept who he is. We see that Jesus comes to lay down his life that we might live. So, this week of Lent is an important time for us to ask ourselves if there are any parts of our hearts, any of our patterns, which oppose Jesus and his desire to give us life. This kind of honesty can transform our lives. It can allow the grace of God to bring reconciliation and healing we might not have imagined.

Even if it hasn't been easy to get really engaged with Lent so far, we can still make a beginning, even now. The key is openness and desire. If we can feel any attraction, any sign that the Lord is possibly drawing us closer, then the Lord can work with us - no matter what resistance or fear we might also be experiencing. All we have to do is act out of these desires and simply ask the Lord for the grace to help us be more honest and more open to what he is offering us. For example, we can ask for the grace to examine our consciences more thoroughly. We could try a different approach to facing any resistance we might have to the Lord's working in us. We might not commit the big sins, but we may not have examined what we fail to do. Who am I failing to love, to forgive, to be generous to? With whom am I withholding affection, care, reconciliation? Where can I live more honestly, with more integrity? How might I proactively change patterns of escape with patterns of care for others?

It is a time of grace when we can experience moments of 'recognition', or self-understanding. It isn't grace to 'beat up on' ourselves. It is grace to feel grateful to the Lord for showing us obstacles to the life he is offering us. It is grace to feel our spirits lighten as we feel drawn to greater freedom and peace. It is incredible grace when we are drawn to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This week, let us give thanks to the Lord who deeply desires our greater freedom and joy. As we go to bed each night, let us thank the Lord for what we saw that day and renew our desires for the next day of grace.



## **Registration for Reconciliation and First Communion 2023**

Registration forms for the sacraments of <u>Reconciliation</u> and <u>First Communion</u> will be available after each Mass.

The children in GRADE TWO are eligible for these sacraments, as well as any child in grades three or four who did not receive the sacraments.

St. James School students will receive the forms at school and will return them to the school by April 5, 2023.

Other registration forms may be returned to the Parish Office or placed in the collection basket at any of the three parishes on April 01 / 02, 2023.

## Late registrations will not be accepted.

If the child was baptized in a parish other than St. Christopher, St. Pius X and St. Stanislaus a recent copy of the baptismal certificate must be submitted with the registration form. If there are questions and / or concerns, please contact the Parish Office.

St. Pius X CWL: You are invited to a gathering on Wednesday March 22 following 10 AM Mass and Stations of the Cross. A Soup and Sandwich lunch will be served along with some social fun! Please RSVP to Kathy Smorhay by Email ksmorhay@gmail.com or Phone 705-692-4833