St. Stanislaus & St. Pius X **& St. Christopher**

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26th Ordinary Sunday - October 01, 2023

Whether of them two did the will of his father? They say to him, The first. Jesus said to them, Truly I say to you, That the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you. Matthew 21:31



Doing the Will of the Father -Bearing Fruit

Matthew 21:28-32

St. Stanislaus, St. Pius X, St. Christopher has enjoyed our visiting Priest from India, Father Sabastian. He teaches at a Seminary in India. We are having a silver collection for the seminarians the weekends of Oct 1 and 7th. Please be as generous as possible for the needs of the seminarians. There will be no tax receipts issued for this collection . 'May God Bless You'

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.

Liturgy - St. Stanislaus & St. Pius X & St. Christopher



Friday, October 06

09:30 AM - St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff

For the intentions of St. Stanislaus Parishioners

27th Ordinary Sunday

Saturday, October 07

04:30 PM - St. Pius X, Lively

† Sylvio & Rolande Regimbal by C. Regimbal

Sunday, October 08

09:00 AM - St. Christopher, Whitefish

† Nathan Heerschap by Ernie & Sandy Heerschap

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

26th Ordinary Sunday Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 25 Lord, be mindful of your mercy.

Weekdays Scripture Readings: October 02 to October 08, 2023

Day	Reading	Gospel	
Monday	Exodus 23. 20-23	Matthew 18. 1-5, 10	
Tuesday	Zechariah 8. 20-23	Luke 9. 51-56	
Wednesday	Nehemiah 2. 1-8	Luke 9. 57-62	
Thursday	Nehemiah 8. 1-4, 5-6, 7-12	Luke 10. 1-12	
Friday	Baruch 1. 15-22	Luke 10. 13-16	
Saturday	Baruch 4. 5-12, 27-29	Luke 10. 17-24	
Sunday	Isaiah 5. 1-7 // Philippians 4. 6-9	Matthew 21. 33-43	

Parish News - St. Stanislaus & St. Pius X & St. Christopher

Sunday Collection - September 24, 2023			Thank You for Your Continued Generosity!		
Church Envel		opes	Loose	PADP	
St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff	\$ 714		\$ 61	\$	
St. Pius X, Lively	\$ 535		\$ 2	\$	
St. Christopher, Whitefish	\$ 585		\$ 51.25	\$	

26th Week of Ordinary Time

On the **Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time** we hear Paul exhorting the **Philippians**, 'Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus', offering us a powerful image of Jesus' humble, self-less service. In **Matthew's Gospel** Jesus offers a story about two sons, one who agrees to work in the vineyard but doesn't; the other who tells his father he will not work but then quietly goes to work. It is a story that challenges the chief priests and elders of the people, 'Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you'.

This week we celebrate memorials of the Guardian Angels, Saint Francis of Assisi, and Our Lady of the Rosary.

The first readings continue with the prophet **Zechariah** of the period of recovery after the exile. 'They shall be my people, and I will be their God, with faithfulness and justice'. The **Book of Nehemiah**, like Ezra, chronicles this history. The prophet **Baruch** gives us a prayer of the people in captivity and God's reply, 'Fear not, my children; call out to God!'

We continue reading Luke's Gospel, as the disciples argue about who is the greatest. Jesus points out a young child and asks them to strive to be the 'least' not the greatest. Jesus stops his disciples from preventing people, not of their group, from healing, because they are with Jesus, too. He stops the disciples from 'calling down fire from heaven' on the Samaritan people who didn't give them a good reception. People come up, offering to follow Jesus, but have excuses for why they can't do it now. Jesus calls them to not 'look back' once they have said, 'yes'. He sends his disciples to other towns: 'The harvest is rich but the workers are few'. Jesus warns the people blessed by the graces of his visits there, but who have not changed their ways. He prays, 'I give you praise, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike'.

A parable about tenants who were entrusted with their master's fields is at the center of the **Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time.** We hear Jesus really challenge the religious leaders with this story of the tenant farmers who refused to listen to the master's servants (the prophets) and abused and killed his son (Jesus) in an attempt to usurp his inheritance. Jesus tells them, 'Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit'.

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26th Ordinary Week - Daily Prayer This Week

This week we can ask for the desire to become the least, not the greatest, in ways that apply to us. We can ask to experience humility and grace in the real limits we experience in our lives. All of us have some places where we come to know our humanity and are brought to our knees: perhaps we continue to be judgmental of others even after asking for forgiveness ourselves; we keep falling into the same temptations; we present ourselves one way in public, but act a very different way with those closest to us; we never get around to acts of generosity and charity, perhaps even to our parents.

We can all begin our mornings with our own version of this prayer: 'Lord, help me to be more simple, authentic, transparent and trusting today. I don't want to try to be someone else'. We might ask, 'Help me not 'look back' today, Lord' or 'Lord, I need your held today to be more accepting of others who are different. Help me to see you in those who suffer or struggle in any way'.

For those who have hurt us in some ways, we can do as Thérèse of Lisieux suggests and pray for those people. It is nearly impossible to hold a grudge or hang onto a hurt inflicted by someone when we are praying for that person each day.

Throughout the day this week, we can take brief moments, in the background of our consciousness, while driving, going to a meeting, shopping, doing laundry, to repeat and deepen these prayers. And, may our God send prophets and angels and his own Son to help us find intimacy with God in the midst of our busy lives. We can beg God to increase our faith and in the simplest ways each day, we can let our tiny seed of faith bloom in extraordinary ways in our lives.

Knights of Columbus (3909) membership Monthly Meeting Date: October 4th, 2023; Time: 6:00 PM (Dinner); 7:00 PM (Regular Meeting) Location: St. Stanislaus Lower Small Hall