

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

Parish Priest :

Rev. Father Arulkumar

D. O. S : **Ethel Fraser**
Whitefish Lake First Nation

Parish Secretary :

Faye Wafer

Office Hours :

Tuesday to Friday
12:00 PM to 4:00 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

Friday : 9:00 AM to 9:15 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 12:00 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 705-692-4883

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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7th Ordinary Sunday - February 23rd, 2020



Ash Wednesday - February 26

The Day of Fasting and Abstinence

**LENTEN FASTING
& ABSTINENCE**

PRESENTED BY JONATHAN TEIXEIRA FOR THE FOCUS BLOG



**WHEN
FASTING
AND
ABSTINENCE**

ABSTINENCE

WHO



**CATHOLICS
14+
ARE OBLIGED TO
PRACTICE ABSTINENCE**



**CATHOLICS
18-59
ARE OBLIGED
TO FAST**



THOSE OUTSIDE THE AGE LIMITS

and those whose state in life (e.g. pregnant women, manual laborers, those who are ill) may be excused from the requirements of fasting and abstinence, but are encouraged to take up some other form of penitence or acts of charity or piety.

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, February 25

10:30 AM St. Christopher, Whitefish

† Lionel Gauthier by Frances & John Chenard

Ash Wednesday Masses:

09:30 AM St. Pius X, Lively

† Aline Rinta by Barry & Lynn Van Horne

11:30 AM St. Christopher, Whitefish

05:30 PM St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff

Thursday, February 27

9:30 AM Meadowbrook, Lively

No Intentions Requested

Friday, February 28

9:30 AM St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff

† Edith Thurlow by St Stans CWL

First Sunday of Lent

Saturday, February 29

4:30 PM St. Pius X, Lively

† Gil Kresan by O'Hearn Family

Sunday, March 1

9:00 AM St. Christopher, Whitefish

For the people entrusted to the Pastor

11:00 AM St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff

† Archie & Elsa Narduzzi by Gary & Jane Favot

The Rosary is recited before
Saturday and Sunday Mass.

The Cenacle of the Marian Movement of priests
is held each **Tuesday** at **9:15 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.

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

7th Ordinary Sunday

Responsorial Psalm Ps 103

The Lord is merciful and gracious.

Weekdays Scripture Readings: February 24 to March 1, 2020

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	James 3.13-18	Mark 9.14-29
Tuesday	James 4.1-10	Mark 9.30-37
Wednesday	Joel 2.12-18	Matthew 6.1-6, 16-18
Thursday	Deuteronomy 30.15-20	Luke 9.22-25
Friday	Isaiah 58.1-9a	Matthew 9.14-15
Saturday	Isaiah 58.9b-14	Luke 5.27-32
Sunday	Genesis 2.7-9 16-18 Romans 5.12-19	Matthew 4.1-11

Sunday Collection - Feb 15/16 2020

Thank You for Your Continued Generosity!

Church	Envelopes	Loose	PADP
St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff	\$720.00	\$ 25.25	/
St. Pius X, Lively	\$670.00	\$ 45.00	/
St. Christopher, Whitefish	\$310.00	\$77.00	/

St. Pius X CWL Monthly Meeting
March 4th at 11:00 am at St. Pius X Church Hall

St. Christopher's Ladies Guild Monthly Meeting
Sunday March 1/ 2020 after Mass in the parish hall

Registration for First Reconciliation and First Communion 2020
Registration forms for the Sacraments of **Reconciliation** and **First Communion** will be available after each Mass. The child must be in at least **Grade Two**.

St. James School students will receive the forms at school and will return them to the school by **March 6, 2020**.

Other registration forms may be returned to the Parish Office or placed in the **collection basket** at any of the three parishes on **March 7 / 8, 2020**.

Late registrations will not be accepted.

If the child was baptized in a parish other than St. Christopher, St. Pius X or St. Stanislaus a **recent copy of the baptismal certificate must be submitted with the registration form.**

Pope's Lenten Message calls for conversion

Pope Francis invites believers to prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery with mind and heart renewed, warning that 'Sin leads man to consider himself the god of creation, to see himself as its absolute master and to use it, not for the purpose willed by the Creator but for his own interests'. **The theme chosen this year is 'For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God' (Romans 8:19).**

'Let us leave behind our selfishness and self-absorption, and turn to Jesus' Pasch. Let us stand beside our brothers and sisters in need, sharing our spiritual and material goods with them'. This is one of the key passages of Pope Francis' Lenten Message. Reflecting on a verse from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans, the Pope highlights how the season before Easter must be a time to 'welcome Christ's victory over sin and death into our lives', and attract 'its transforming power to all of creation'.

Fasting, prayer, almsgiving

Appealing to the faithful to not allow this season of grace to pass in vain, Pope Francis says that if, 'the Lent of the Son of God 'was an entry into the desert of creation to make it become again that garden of communion with God' that it was before the original sin, Christians today are invited 'to embody the paschal mystery more deeply and concretely in their personal, family and social lives, above all by fasting, prayer and almsgiving'.

Fasting, the Pope says, means turning away from the temptation to 'devour' everything to satisfy our voracity; **Prayer** teaches us to abandon idolatry and the self-sufficiency of our ego; **Almsgiving**, whereby we escape from the insanity of hoarding everything for ourselves in the illusory belief that we can secure a future that does not belong to us.

If we follow this journey, he said it 'is possible to rediscover the joy of God's plan for creation and for each of us, which is to love him, our brothers and sisters, and the entire world, and to find in this love our true happiness'.

Conversion

The path to Easter, therefore, demands that 'we renew our faces and hearts as Christians through repentance, conversion and forgiveness' the Pope said pointing out that it is a call that involves the whole of creation.

This 'eager longing', this expectation of all creation, Pope Francis says, will be fulfilled in the revelation of the children of God, that is, when Christians and all people enter decisively into the 'travail' that conversion entails.

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