

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 : Faye 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
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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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Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 18, 2022

Matthew 1:20-21

But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because her child is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.'



Christmas Mass 2022

Saturday, December 24, 2022

4:30 PM - St. Stanislaus Church

7:00 PM - St. Pius X Church

Sunday, December 25, 2022

9:00 AM - St. Christopher Church

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Tuesday, December 20

10:00 AM - St. Christopher, Whitefish

† Frances Chenard by Hugette Gauthier

Wednesday, December 21

10:30 AM - St. Pius X, Lively

† Mrs. V.i Clark by C. Regimbal & family

Thursday, December 22

10:00 AM - Meadowbrook, Lively

† Jack Holtz by Sheila Makela

Friday, December 23

09:30 AM - St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff

† R. Oreskovich by Bruna Souliere

Christmas

Saturday, December 24

04:30 PM St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff

For the intentions of St. Stanislaus Parish

7:00 PM St. Pius X, Lively

For the intentions of St. Pius X Parish

Sunday, December 25

09:00 AM St. Christopher, Whitefish

For the intentions of St. Christopher Parish

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 Advent

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 24

**May the Lord come in;
He is king of glory.**

Weekdays Scripture Readings: December 19 to December 25, 2022

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	Judges 13. 2-7, 24-25	Luke 1. 5-25
Tuesday	Isaiah 7.10-14; 8. 10	Luke 1. 26-38
Wednesday	Zephaniah 3. 14-18	Luke 1. 39-45
Thursday	1 Samuel 1. 24-28	Luke 1. 46-56
Friday	Malachi 3.1-4; 4. 5-6	Luke 1. 57-66
Saturday	2 Samuel 7.1-5, 8-12, 16	Luke 1. 67-79
Sunday	Isaiah 62. 1-5 / Acts 13.16-17, 22-25	Matthew 1. 1-25

Sunday Collection - December 10 / 11, 2022

Thank You for Your Continued Generosity!

Church	Envelopes	Loose	PADP
St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff	\$ 1481	\$ 6.10	\$ 820
St. Pius X, Lively	\$ 1585	\$ 40	\$780
St. Christopher, Whitefish	\$ 430	\$ 130	\$725

Fourth Week of Advent

On the **Fourth Sunday of Advent**, we read in **Matthew's Gospel** about Joseph and his decision to divorce the pregnant Mary. An angel comes to Joseph: 'Do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her'.

Luke's Gospel is our guide this week. Monday we read of Mary and Elizabeth. Thursday is Mary's magnificent prayer in the continuation of the annunciation story. Friday is the naming of John by Zechariah. Saturday, in the morning, has Zechariah's prayer of praise after being allowed to speak again. The scenes and canticles, or songs, which are part of the story, are so well known to us that we can miss hearing them with an open heart.

If we celebrate the **Vigil of Christmas** on Saturday, **Matthew's Gospel** (though any of the gospels for Christmas may be used at any of the Christmas liturgies) offers the history of Jesus' family.

Christmas is on Sunday. The first celebration of **The Nativity of the Lord** is the **Mass at Midnight**. The first reading is from **Isaiah**: 'The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone'. This powerful reading deserves a slow contemplation. The Gospel is from **Luke**: the journey to Bethlehem, the birth, the angels announce the birth to the shepherds. The second celebration of **The Nativity of the Lord** is the **Mass at Dawn**. The Gospel is from **Luke**: the shepherds visit the newborn child. 'And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart'. The third celebration of **The Nativity of the Lord** is the **Mass during the Day**. Here the Gospel is from the beginning of **John's Gospel**: 'And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth'.


Daily Prayer This Week

This weekend may be quite full for many of us. Others of us may be alone although we may be a part of the faith community on Friday or Saturday, or perhaps daily this week. While some of us have had guests staying with us and a house to clean this week, others of us will be reviewing memories and struggling, even a little, with being alone.

Even though this may be a very busy week, with final Christmas preparations, or perhaps travel to visit family, it can be a contemplative week if we focus our desires each morning. No matter what our days hold, we can take a few minutes in the shower or while getting dressed to consciously ask for the grace to approach Christmas with faith and with a heart open to the graces offered us. 'Lord, help me today to stay focused on your coming in the flesh to be with us. While I'm busy about this and that, I ask your help. Keep reminding me throughout this day about Mary's acceptance of your plan for her, about the poverty into which Jesus was born'. We will use our own words to connect these stories of our Salvation with the concrete interactions and events of our upcoming day.

Mary herself can be a wonderful guide for us this week, and we can be bold in asking her to show us the graces her Son wants to give us this week. The one who says 'Behold the handmaid of the Lord' and 'My being proclaims the greatness of the Lord' can help us find words for our 'yes' and for our giving praise to God this week.

It could be a great grace to pause before going to church, Christmas Eve or Christmas morning, as individuals or for a brief prayer as a family, to ask for the grace to be touched by how he came in history for us and how he comes now among us still, to set us free.



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doors to Christ!**

**- St. Pope John Paul II
Anonymous**



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December 17 - 24

In these last eight days before Christmas, the relationship between the readings changes. Now the gospel brings us to our celebration of Christmas. The gospels are taken from the infancy narratives of Matthew and Luke. Each of these days, the first reading is taken from the Hebrew scriptures, and chosen to match the gospel. In many cases we can imagine Matthew or Luke having the first reading open on their desks while they wrote the gospel. So, we can read the gospel first and then read the first reading. The sense of anticipation and fulfillment builds as we read the story of the preparation for Jesus' first coming into this world for us.

Information from the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie:

Burying the Dead, Grieving Well:

A Guide for Catholics of Bodily Disposition and Grief, prepared by the Episcopal Commission for Doctrine and available on Canadian Conference of Catholics Bishops' Website.

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