

# 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  
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Before 12 PM Wednesday

**Prayer line :**  
**St. Stanislaus :** Faye Wafer 705-682-3207  
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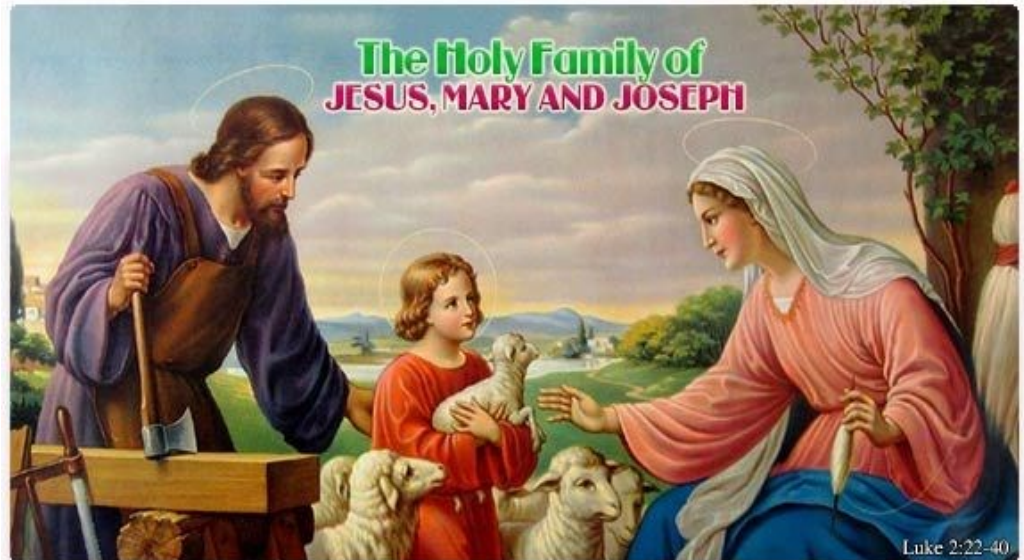
**Mission Statement :**  
By our Baptism, we are committed to  
celebrate the presence of Christ in Word  
and Sacrament and are continually  
called to build our lives in the image of  
Christ. Through liturgy and ministry, we  
strive to bring ourselves closer to God  
and to each other, by building a strong  
community of believers and a joyous  
family of God.

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**The Holy Family - December 31, 2023**



**The Office will be closed**  
**from December 26, 2023 to January 01, 2024**

# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



## Friday, January 05

**09:30 AM - St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff**

For the intentions of St. Stanislaus Parishioners

## The Epiphany of the Lord

## Saturday, January 06

**04:30 PM - St. Pius X, Lively**

For the People entrusted to the Pastor

## Sunday, January 07

**09:00 AM - St. Christopher, Whitefish**

Violet Vanderpost by Ron & Julie Denomme

**11:00 AM - St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff**

† Linda Paolin/Guisto by Nadine & Gus Principi

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

**The Holy Family of Jesus,  
Mary and Joseph**

**Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 128**

**Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord.**

### Weekdays Scripture Readings: January 01 to January 07, 2024

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	Numbers 6:22-27 / Galatians 4:4-7	Luke 2:16-21
Tuesday	1 John 2:22-28	John 1:19-28
Wednesday	1 John 2:29; 3:1-6	John 1:29-34
Thursday	1 John 3:7-10	John 1:35-42
Friday	1 John 3:11-21	John 1:43-51
Saturday	1 John 5:5-13	Mark 1:4-5, 7-11ff
Sunday	Isaiah 60:1-6 / Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6	Matthew 2:1-12

Sunday Collection - December 24 / 25, 2023

Thank You for Your Continued Generosity!

Church	Envelopes	Loose	PADP
St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff	\$ 620/1461	\$ 25/604	\$
St. Pius X, Lively	\$ 350/490	\$ 102.10/122	\$
St. Christopher, Whitefish	\$ 872/675	\$ 147/145	\$

## The Second Week of Christmas

Sunday is the wonderful **Feast of the Holy Family**, and there is a wonderful variety of readings from which to choose. **Luke's Gospel** is the story of the teen aged Jesus teaching in the temple while his parents searched for him. Jesus goes back home with his family. 'He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man'.

New Year's Day, is the **Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God**. In addition, it is a celebration of **World Day of Prayer for Peace**. It marks the mid-point in the Christmas Season.

The week continues with a **Memorial of Saint Basil the Great and Saint Gregory Nazianzen**.

Next Sunday is the celebration of the **Epiphany of the Lord**. That is why this year the closing feast of the Christmas Season, the **Baptism of the Lord**, is moved to Monday.

The first reading until the Epiphany continues from the **First Letter of John**, encouraging us to make our home in the one who makes his home in us. In Jesus, we have eternal life and we are called to love one another.

The Gospels for this week show Jesus manifesting himself in his life on earth, following **John's Gospel**, from the testimony of John to the manifestation or sign at the wedding feast of Cana.

**The Epiphany of the Lord** celebrates the light that has come into the darkness of the world and that our salvation was made known to the Gentiles.

**The Baptism of the Lord** is another epiphany. The divine voice from heaven manifests, reveals, points Jesus out as God's 'beloved Son'.


## Prayer for this Week

This second week of the Christmas Season can be a great help for our daily connections with our Lord. We begin the week with the full and wonderful Solemnity in honor of Mary, in her role as 'Mother of God'. We can ask her to be our guide all week as we desire to grow closer to her Son. We can read the Holy Father's words for the World Day of Prayer for Peace and chew them from time to time this week.

As we go through our daily and often very busy lives, in this time after Christmas, we can continue a sense of this brief season by continuing to ask that our Lord come to us in the ways we still need light and healing and peace. For some of us, this will be an easy prayer this week. Waiting faithfully can continue throughout the Christmas Season.

A special grace to ask for this week would be the gift of celebrating our Lord's presence with us. We can ask for it every morning, as we get going and we can enter into brief conversations with our Lord, in the background, as we encounter some of the places in our life in which we can see more hope, more of an opportunity for peace. This week, we might hold up each member of our family, close friends and neighbors, and those we might work with, seeing and celebrating how our Lord is manifest in them. For some of us, there may be real epiphany moments, when we see what we haven't been seeing, feel what we haven't been feeling or experience a call we haven't felt before. Being watchful for and open to these special post-Christmas moments of grace is very important.

The Baptism of the Lord ends this Christmas Season and reminds us of the rest of our lives. As Jesus fully enters our world, by becoming one with us in the waters of baptism, we can ask for a renewed sense of our union with him in baptism - for our salvation and for our mission in this world.



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**Open wide the**  
**doors to Christ!**  
**- St. Pope John Paul II**  
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**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph - By Pope Francis**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On this first Sunday after Christmas, while we are still immersed in the joyous climate of celebration, the Church calls us to contemplate the Holy Family of Nazareth. The Gospel today presents Our Lady and St Joseph at the time when, 40 days after Jesus' birth, they go to the temple in Jerusalem. They do so in religious obedience to the Law of Moses, which requires that the first born son be presented to the Lord (cf. Lk 2:22-24).

We can imagine this tiny family, in the midst of so many people, in the temple's grand courtyards. They do not stand out, they are not distinguishable.... Yet they do not pass unnoticed! Two elderly people, Simeon and Anna, moved by the Holy Spirit, approach and praise God for that Child, in whom they recognize the Messiah, the light of the people and the salvation of Israel (cf. Lk 2:22-38). It is a simple moment but rich with prophecy: the encounter between two young spouses full of joy and faith due to the grace of the Lord; and two elderly people also filled with joy and faith through the action of the Spirit. Who causes them to meet? Jesus. Jesus makes them meet: young and old. Jesus is He who brings generations closer. He is the font of that love which unites families and people, conquering all diffidence, all isolation, all distance. This causes us to also think of grandparents: how important their presence is, the presence of grandparents! How precious their role is in the family and in society! A good relationship between the young and the elderly is crucial for the journey of the civil and ecclesial community. Looking at these two elderly people - Simeon and Anna - let us greet from here, with applause, all the worlds' grandparents.

The message that comes from the Holy Family is first of all a message of faith. In the family life of Mary and Joseph, God is truly at the center, and He is so in the Person of Jesus. This is why the Family of Nazareth is holy. Why? Because it is centered on Jesus. When parents and children together breathe in this climate of faith, they have an energy that allows them to face even difficult trials, as the experience of the Holy Family shows, for example, in the dramatic event of their flight to Egypt: a difficult ordeal.

The Baby Jesus with his Mother Mary and with St Joseph are a simple but so luminous icon of the family. The light it casts is the light of mercy and salvation for all the world, the light of truth for every man, for the human family and for individual families. This light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth in those family situations in which, for various reasons, peace is lacking, harmony is lacking, and forgiveness is lacking. May our concrete solidarity not diminish especially with regard to the families who are experiencing more difficult situations due to illness, unemployment, discrimination, the need to emigrate.... Let us pause here for a moment and pray in silence for all these families in difficulty, whether due to problems of illness, unemployment, discrimination, need to emigrate, due to difficulty in understanding each other and also to disunion. Let us pray in silence for all these families.