

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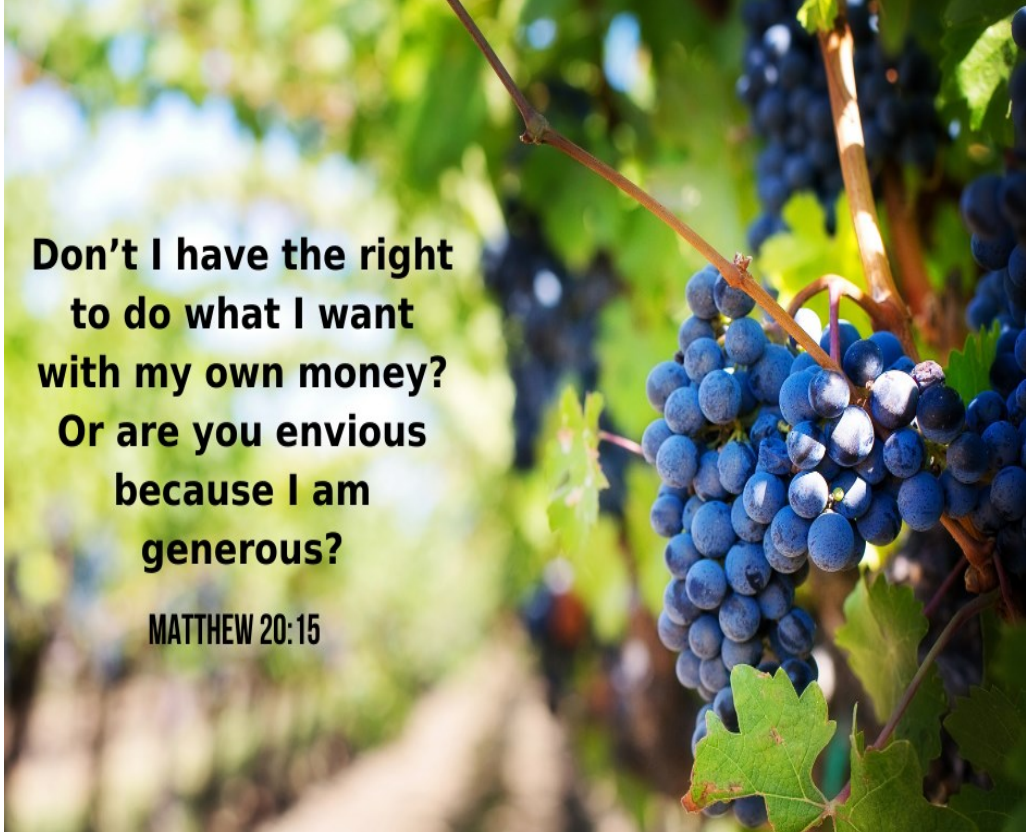
**Mission Statement :**  
By our Baptism, we are committed to  
celebrate the presence of Christ in Word  
and Sacrament and are continually  
called to build our lives in the image of  
Christ. Through liturgy and ministry, we  
strive to bring ourselves closer to God  
and to each other, by building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

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**25th Ordinary Sunday - September 24, 2023**



**Don't I have the right  
to do what I want  
with my own money?  
Or are you envious  
because I am  
generous?**

**MATTHEW 20:15**

**The Last Shall Be First  
& The First, Last**

**MATTHEW 20:1-16**

# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



**Friday, September 29**

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

For the intentions of St. Stanislaus Parishioners

**26th Ordinary Sunday**

**Saturday, September 30**

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

† Robert Williams by Andy & Anik Williams

**Sunday, October 01**

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

For the People entrusted to the Pastor

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

† Arthur & Henrietta Lachance by J. Stencil

**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**

**25th Ordinary Sunday**

**Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 145**

**The Lord is near to all who call on him.**

**Weekdays Scripture Readings: September 25 to October 01, 2023**

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	Ezra 1. 1-6	Luke 8. 16-18
Tuesday	Revelation 7. 9-17 // 2 Corinthians 4. 7-15	Luke 9. 23-26
Wednesday	Ezra 9. 5-9	Luke 9. 1-6
Thursday	Haggai 1. 1-8	Luke 9. 7-9
Friday	Revelation 12. 7-12	John 1. 47.51
Saturday	Zechariah 2. 1-5, 10-11	Luke 9. 43-45
Sunday	Ezekiel 18. 25-28 // Philippians 2. 1-11	Matthew 21. 28-32

Sunday Collection - September 17, 2023

Thank You for Your Continued Generosity!

Church	Envelopes	Loose	PADP
St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff	\$ 786	\$ 259	\$ 805
St. Pius X, Lively	\$ 365	\$ 3.75	\$ 780
St. Christopher, Whitefish	\$ 550	\$ 210	\$ 665

### 25th Week of Ordinary Time

For the **Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time** we receive the powerful parable about the landlord who represents God's way of caring for us. Though workers go out into his vineyard at various times of the day, he pays them all the same. When they grumble, he simply explains that he desires to be generous. How this can change our view of God and our own sense of justice?

This week we celebrate the **Memorial of Saint Vincent de Paul, priest, the Feast of Saint Michael, Saint Gabriel and Saint Raphael, archangels, and the Memorial of Saint Jerome, priest and doctor of the Church.**

The first reading this week comes from the **Book of Ezra**, one of the first chroniclers of the post-exile period of Judaism. He is responsible for helping hold the restored people together. We finish the week with brief selections from the prophets **Haggai** and **Zechariah**, who were prophets during this period. 'Consider your ways!' 'My spirit continues in your midst; do not fear!'

In **Luke's Gospel**, Jesus urges us to use our gifts: 'No one lights a lamp and hides it under a bushel basket'. When his family comes looking for him, Jesus uses the occasion to tell us that we are family to him, if we hear his Word and act on it. Herod is wondering who Jesus really is. He encourages his Apostles to freedom, sending them out to teach and heal, taking nothing with them. Jesus asks his disciples who they think he is. Peter replies for them all, 'The Christ of God'. Jesus doesn't want them to announce he's the type of Messiah they were looking for. Instead, he tells them of his upcoming passion and death.

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'.

### Reflection By Carol Zuegner

I have always loved this parable for a personal reason: As someone whose last name begins with a Z and a U, I am generally always last. I can tell the harried clerk to just check the last page, the last name on any list, and I'm probably there.

My smugness with the idea that the last shall be first, finally, speaks to me today. In a society where it seems we are always trying to make sure that someone didn't get more than we did, that we didn't lose out in some way, the words of today's Gospel make me pause. We are obsessed with being first and behind ahead of others. I think we should strive to do our best, to challenge ourselves. Too often, however, we look at others and don't pay attention to ourselves. I can hear my slightly whiny voice: Hey, she got more than me. Or exclaiming or thinking to myself, Hey, that's not fair at some perceived slight if a co-worker appeared to get a better deal than me.

Instead of looking outward at what others have, I need to look inward. I need to pay attention to how I am living my life, whether I am reflecting God's love and charity. Being envious of others is a waste of time and energy. Instead, I need to turn that destructive energy and thinking to me, to what I'm doing and to what I can do better. If I start feeling that green tint come over me, I need to stop, take a deep breath and thank God for all I have. I need to remember that God's love is with me wherever I am, whether I am last or I am first.



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**- St. Pope John Paul II**  
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**25th Ordinary Week - Daily Prayer This Week**

This is a great week to be reminded that the call to be a Christian is not a simple path. We are called to serve boldly and without worrying about material needs. This week's readings have a clear call for us to examine how we share God's love for us with others.

How do we do such serious reflection when it seems we don't have time for it? We can be 'contemplatives in action' by beginning our day with a desire, letting that desire come to our consciousness throughout the day in the 'background' moments, and by giving thanks for what graces we received at the end of the day.

How do we come up with the desire? The first step to finding 'intimacy with God in the midst of our daily lives' is to develop the habit of naming a desire for the day, while we are still just getting started with the day, before our concentration becomes pre-occupied with the worries of the day. These guides can help by suggesting desires that flow from the readings of the week, but the best desires are in the very needs and anxieties that are deep in our hearts. That is where God is working in us, revealing things we can turn over to the Lord and form into a prayer. It can often be just 45 seconds, when we throw on a robe or slippers, or while in the shower or getting dressed. It is deep prayer if we can just say, 'Help me, today, Lord. My day is so full. Give me courage, and let me know you are with me all day'.

We can use the readings of the week in a variety of ways. We can take a day to imagine being part of Jesus' family, with a desire to hear his word and keep it. We can let Jesus address us one day this week, asking us who we say he is. The words don't need to be complicated - it's just starting conversation with God who loves you deeply, then listening.

*Gracious God, I ask you to heal me today as you healed so many others. Bless my eyes that I might appreciate all that I see around me; and my mouth that I may not judge others and speak harshly of them. And bless my feet as you send me on this journey of grace in my life each day.*