# 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: 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:**

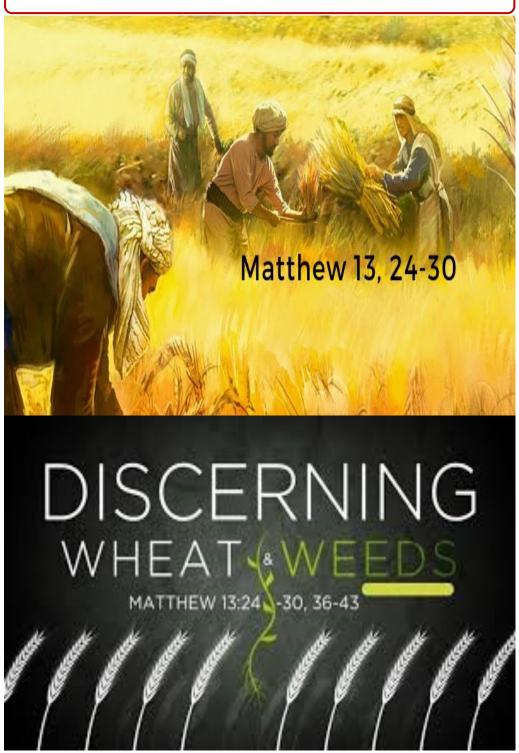
By our Baptism, we are committed to celebrate the presence of Christ in Word and Sacrament and are continually called to build our lives in the image of Christ. Through liturgy and ministry, we strive to bring ourselves closer to God and to each other, by building a strong community of believers and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

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16th Ordinary Sunday - July 23, 2023





Tuesday, July 25

10:00 AM - St. Christopher, Whitefish

No Intentions requested

Wednesday, July 26

10:00 AM - St. Pius X, Lively

Turner & Babineau families by C. Regimbal

Thursday, July 27

10:30 AM - Meadowbrook, Lively

No Intentions requested

Friday, July 28

09:30 AM - St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff

For the intentions of St. Stanislaus Parishioners

17th Ordinary Sunday

Saturday, July 29

04:30 PM St. Pius X, Lively

† Robert Lisk the Stewart family

Sunday, July 30

09:00 AM St. Christopher, Whitefish

For the People entrusted to the Pastor 11:00 AM St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff

† The Grandson of M. Pegoraro by U. Wittmer

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

16th Ordinary Sunday Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 86 Lord, you are good and forgiving

# Weekdays Scripture Readings: July 24 to July 30, 2023

Day	Reading	Gospel	
Monday	Exodus 14. 5-18	Matthew 12. 38-42	
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 4. 7-15	Matthew 20. 20-28	
Wednesday	Sirach 44. 1, 8, 10-15	Matthew 13. 16-17	
Thursday	Exodus 19, 1-2, 9-11, 16-20	Matthew 13. 10-17	
Friday	Exodus 20. 1-17	Matthew 13. 18-23	
Saturday	Exodus 24. 3-8	John 11. 17-27	
Sunday	1 Kings 3. 5-12 // Romans 8. 28-30	Matthew 13. 44-52	

Sunday Collection - July 09, 2023			Thank You for Your Continued Generosity!		
Church	Envelopes		Loose	PADP	
St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff	\$ 708		\$ 40	\$	
St. Pius X, Lively	\$ 490		\$ 46	\$	
St. Christopher, Whitefish	\$ 340		\$ 250	\$	

# The Sixteenth Week of Ordinary Time

On the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time we are reminded that God has sown good seed, but, of course, an enemy has sown weeds in the same field. We are not supposed to go out there judgmentally pulling up weeds, but to leave judgment to God. The way the Kingdom of God grows is the way tiny seeds grow and the way yeast makes dough rise: it is surprising and slow and almost imperceptible. If we have ears, we ought to hear.

Tuesday is the Feast of St. James, the Apostle.

The daily readings continue our second week from the **Book of Exodus** continuing the story of God's faithful deliverance of the people from slavery in Egypt. Pharaoh has a change of heart and chases the fleeing Israelites. Moses tells them to 'Fear not! Stand your ground, and you will see the victory the Lord will win for you today'. With Moses' outstretched arm, they pass through the sea on dry land, while their pursuers drown. Still the people grumble against God in the desert and God gives them manna to eat, with Moses saying, 'This is the bread which the Lord has given you to eat'. Then God comes to the people in smoke and fire. He summoned Moses and gave him the Ten Commandments and Moses shares them with the people in a covenant ceremony, sprinkling the blood of sacrificed bulls on the altar, saying, 'This is the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you'.

In Matthew's Gospel this week some people come up and ask Jesus for a sign. He answers mysteriously by saying that the only sign they will receive is the sign of Jonah the prophet, whose preaching brought about conversion. His family comes looking for Jesus and he again asks the mysterious question about who is really a relative, an intimate, with him. His answer is that all of us who do the will of his Father. Then we hear the parable of the sower. It is important for us not to be discouraged because all of the seed doesn't find its way to good soil. Jesus encourages us to be sowers of the Word. He will guarantee a rich harvest. To understand his parables is Jesus' gift to us. Finally, we hear the parable about the weeds in the field again.

On the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time we see how God admires Solomon because he asked for wisdom rather than riches. Jesus is the source of God's wisdom and teaches us more about the Kingdom of Heaven. We imagine the passion of one discovering a treasure buried in a field or finding a pearl of great value, sacrificing everything to buy what is so deeply desired. A dragnet hauls in fish that can nourish others as well as what is not useful for others. Jesus invites us into deeper reflection on what we value and prepares us for our mission.

# From the Diocese of Sudbury: Mass at the Grotto

Saint Anne and Saint Joachim

Wednesday, July 26, 2023 at 7:00 PM, 271 Van Horne St, Sudbury, ON P3B 1J1



## 16th Ordinary Sunday - Daily Prayer This Week

These weekly guides offer us an opportunity to practice being 'contemplatives in action'. For us busy people, it is possible to pray - 'to lift our minds and hearts to God' - in the midst of our everyday, active lives. Prayer is really about our relationship with the Lord, a relationship that is always a gift of the Holy Spirit. That relationship can stay alive, and grow in its intimacy, to the degree we can let the daily events, responsibilities and relationships of our lives become a part of our relationship with our Lord. All it takes is a little focus and some practice.

Every morning this week, we can begin our day with a brief conversation with our Lord that expresses a desire that comes from within us and is shaped by the scriptures this week. We might say, 'O Lord, help me trust your presence in what you call me to do today, letting me remember how tiny seeds grow'. I may pray: 'Dear Lord, thank you for this day. Let me trust your care for me. Let me not be afraid or grumble, but fill me with the nourishment of your presence today'. Or we might ask, 'Lord, let me do your will today, and experience the closeness you offer me as I do so'. Perhaps, we can pray, 'Thank you, Lord, for the gift of my children. Help me to trust that not everything I say or do will seem to work, but that you will take care of them and allow my efforts to be fruitful'. And, on the weekend, we might be praying, 'Dear Lord, the relationship you are offering me is like a treasure that makes me want to sell what has seemed to be so important to me so that I might buy that field investing more deeply in my relationship with you'.

Throughout each day, we can repeat and refine these desires and prayers in our hearts. Each thing we do, each person we relate to, each request that is made of us will help us say this or that expression of gratitude or request for grace.

The practice comes in doing this ongoing conversation and connections with our Lord in the background of our day - in the brief in between times: in the shower, while getting dressed, on the way to work, while walking to a meeting, during a meeting, while shopping, as we transition from any part of our day to the next. It all comes together as we take a brief bit of time at night, before we go to bed, to say thanks for the graces we have received, for the opportunity to feel connected and know that we are not alone throughout the day. Sometimes, we'll ask the same thing for several days. At times, we'll notice a pattern in what we are asking for and what we experience ourselves as receiving. In this very simple way, with just a little focus and practice, we will find a pearl of great value - a growing relationship with our Lord that transforms our spirits in the midst of our busy lives.