

# 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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**St. Pius X :** Eleanor Williams 705-692-4061  
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**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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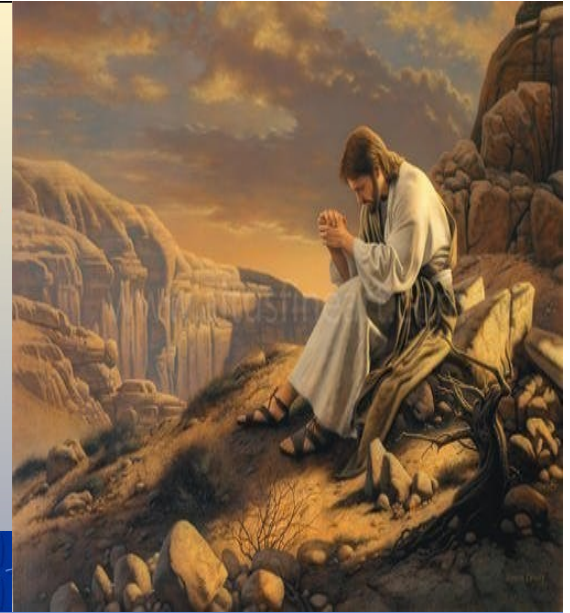
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**First Sunday of Lent - February 26, 2023**

## Jesus Christ Resisted Satan's Temptations

**Matthew 4:1-11**



## How did Jesus Resist?

*Matthew 4:1-11*

- Remember what sustains us:  
the word of God, *4:3-4 (Deut. 8:2-3)*
  - Not lust of the flesh, *Gal. 5:19-21*
- Humble reverence, *4:5-7*
  - Not pride of life, *Jas. 4:6-7*
- Personal worship and service, *4:8-10*
  - Not lust of the eyes, *Matt. 6:22-24*

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**During Lent - Stations of the Cross**  
**St. Pius X - Wednesday after 10 AM Mass**  
**St. Stanislaus - Friday after 9:30 AM Mass**  
**St. Christopher - Friday at 7:00 PM**

# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



**Tuesday, February 28**

**10:00 AM - St. Christopher, Whitefish**

No Intentions requested

**Wednesday, March 01**

**10:00 AM - St. Pius X, Lively**

For the intentions of St. Pius X Parishioners

**Thursday, March 02**

**10:00 AM - Meadowbrook, Lively**

No Intentions requested

**Friday, March 03**

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

For the intentions of St. Stanislaus Parishioners

**Second Sunday of Lent**

**Saturday, March 04**

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

† Ralph Cormier by Sheila Makela

**Sunday, March 05**

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

For the People entrusted to the Pastor

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

† Jack Kehoe by Eleanor Kehoe

**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**

**First Sunday of Lent**

**Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 51**

**Have mercy,**

**O Lord, for we have sinned.**

## Weekdays Scripture Readings: February 27 to March 05, 2023

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	Leviticus 19. 1-2, 11-18	Matthews 25.31-46
Tuesday	Isaiah 55., 10-11	Matthew 6. 7-15
Wednesday	Jonah 3. 1-10	Luke 11. 29-32
Thursday	Ester 14.1, 3-5, 12-14	Matthew 7. 7-12
Friday	Ezekiel 18. 21-28	Matthew 5.20-26
Saturday	Deuteronomy 26. 16-19	Matthew 5. 43-48
Sunday	Genesis 12. 1-4 / 2 Timothy 1.8 -10	Matthew 17. 1-9

Sunday Collection - February 19, 2023

Thank You for Your Continued Generosity!

Church	Envelopes	Loose	PADP
St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff	\$ 540	\$ 82	\$
St. Pius X, Lively	\$ 655	\$ 39	\$
St. Christopher, Whitefish	\$ 458	\$ 64	\$

### The First Week of Lent

On the **First Sunday of Lent**, we begin our Lenten journey, remembering how God re-established the covenant, after the flood, and we reflect on how Jesus began his public ministry with a retreat of forty days - led to the desert by the Spirit.

After last week's first four days, the next three weeks of Lent represent a period of instruction, originally designed for the Catechumens (those preparing for Baptism at the Easter Vigil). We can read these readings as a catechism of renewal for us all.

The first weekday reading of week one is the great giving of the Commandments: 'Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy'. Jesus gives the great parable about the last judgment - separating the charitable from the uncharitable: 'whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me'. Then, Jesus teaches his disciples to pray. He says that it is an evil generation that looks for 'signs'. He is the sign - a call to repentance. On Thursday, when we hear the desperate but faith-filled prayer of **Esther**, Jesus tells us to pray confidently. And he sums up the whole law and the prophets for us: 'Do to others whatever you would have them do to you'. Jesus says our holiness has to go beyond the letter-of-the-law holiness; it must touch our anger, our judgments of others, and be reconciled with those we've wronged. The holiness Jesus proposes for us calls us to love our enemies, even to pray for those who persecute us. We are called to love the way God does.


The **Second Sunday of Lent** offers us **Matthew's Gospel** of the Transfiguration. When the stammering disciples are overwhelmed at the reality of who Jesus really is they 'were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Rise, and do not be afraid'.

### Daily Prayer This Week

This first week of Lent is the time we are given to begin our Lenten patterns, to re-align our priorities, and to make use of more reflective time each day. It is a time to fast and abstain from those things that hinder our relationship with the Lord, and to consider being more generous to the poor.

As we make this beginning, we are offered some beautiful instruction about what is expected of us. These readings describe a very Jesus-like love. We can examine our care for the hungry, thirsty, naked, the stranger, sick or imprisoned. We can reflect upon who in our lives needs us and whether we love them as we want to be loved. And we can look at the deeper things, like our anger or how we treat others, and our response to those who are our 'enemies'. What is most important this first week, beyond a sharper examination of our consciences, is to see this as a time for God's grace to work in us. So, it is a time to ask for the graces we are starting to see we need.

Each morning this week we can ask our Lord to help us focus this day on the neediest people around us. We can ask to begin new patterns this week by practicing special charity and love, where I haven't been so generous or kind before. The key is to ask and to be very specific. Then, throughout the day, we can keep talking with our Lord, in the background, about these graces we ask for and the concrete circumstances we find ourselves in. It is in the particular events of our day that we will become attentive to our need for our Lord's presence and grace, as well as our need to choose a new pattern. Each evening, we can briefly review the day and recognize some missed opportunities to connect with the Lord or take advantage of a situation here or there, but most of all, we can thank the Lord for the moments of connection that have begun our Lenten journey.



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**What does it mean to 'fast'?**

To fast is to do without food. Its purpose is to experience the effects of not eating. It also serves to be a penance or a sacrifice - for the purpose of strengthening us. Fasting is purifying and prepares us to pray more deeply.

**When do I fast?**

**Catholics are required to fast on only two days of the year - Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.** On these days, fasting means something very specific and limited. It means that **one eats only one full meal in a day, with no food in-between meals.**

**What does it mean to 'abstain'?**

**To abstain is to not eat meat.** Its purpose is to be an act of penance - an act of sacrifice, that helps us grow in freedom to make much bigger sacrifices. Many people eat a vegetarian diet, for a variety of reasons, and eating meat is not even an issue. It might be possible to abstain from a non-meal that I really like, on all the Fridays of Lent. It should be noted that many people in this world cannot afford to eat meat or do not have access to it. Part of our abstaining from meat can place us in solidarity with so many of our sisters and brothers around the world.

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**Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting - March 01, 2023**  
**6:00 Pm Dinner 7:00 PM Regular Meeting at St. Stanislaus Lower Small Hall**

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**During Lent, Our Lady of Hope and Holy Redeemer Parishes are having Monday 9 AM Mass**

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**Pancake Breakfast at St. Andrew the Apostle Church Sunday March 5, 2023 at 10 AM to 1 PM**

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**St. Patrick's Day Take out Supper at St. Paul the Apostle, Coniston Sunday March 19 from 4 pm to 6 pm. Call Angie Hache at 705-694-4445 or email: angie.hache@gmail.com**