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 705-866-2235

Mission Statement:

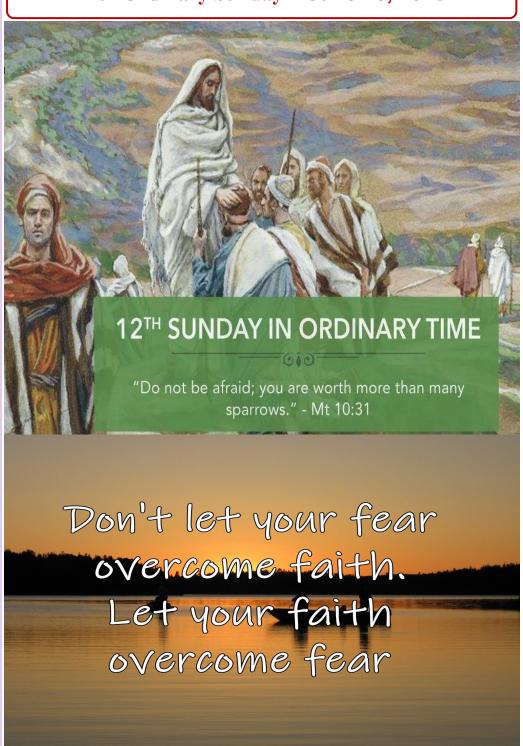
By our Baptism, we are committed to celebrate the presence of Christ in Word and Sacrament and are continually called to build our lives in the image of Christ. Through liturgy and ministry, we strive to bring ourselves closer to God and to each other, by building a strong community of believers and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

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12th Ordinary Sunday - June 25, 2023





Tuesday, June 27
10:00 AM - St. Christopher, Whitefish
No Intentions requested

Wednesday, June 28 10:00 AM - St. Pius X, Lively

† George Ruddy by Cecile Jamieson

Thursday, June 29 09:30 AM - St. James School, Lively No Intentions requested

Friday, June 30 09:30 AM - St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff For the intentions of St. Stanislaus Parishioners

13th Ordinary Sunday
Saturday, July 01
04:30 PM St. Pius X, Lively
For the People entrusted to the Pastor
Sunday, July 02

09:00 AM St. Christopher, Whitefish
† Odell Guitard by Jackie & family
11:00 AM St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff
† Dr. James McAlister by McAlister family

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

12th Ordinary Sunday
Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 69
Lord, in your steadfast love,
answer me.

Weekdays Scripture Readings: June 26 to July 02, 2023

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	Genesis 12, 1-9	Matthew 7. 1-5
Tuesday	Genesis 13.2, 5-18	Matthew 7.6, 12-14
Wednesday	Genesis 15. 1-12, 17-18	Matthew 7, 15-20
Thursday	Acts 12. 1-11 / 2 Timothy 4.6-8, 17-18	Matthew 16. 13-19
Friday	Genesis 17. 1, 5, 9-10, 15-22	Matthew 8. 1-4
Saturday	Genesis 18. 1-15	Matthew 8. 5-17
Sunday	2 Kings 4. 8-12, 14-16 / Romans 6. 3-4, 8-11	Matthew 10. 37-42

Thank You for Your Continued Generosity!

Sunday Collection - June 18, 2023

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Church	Envelopes	Loose	PADP
St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff	\$ 771	\$ 86	\$
St. Pius X, Lively	\$ 775	\$ 25	\$
St. Christopher, Whitefish	\$ 360	\$ 174	\$

The Twelfth Week of Ordinary Time

Sunday is the **Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time.** Jesus tells us not to be afraid and to trust in his love and care for us.

We remember St. Ireneaus this week and celebrate the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul and the Solemnity of the Birth of John the Baptist.

We begin reading from the **Book of Genesis** for the next four weeks. We begin with the promise to Abram,

In the gospels this week we read the last part of the **Sermon on the Mount** in **Matthew.** In the same way he has before, Jesus calls us deeper. We are not to judge so that we ourselves won't be judged. We are to be fair in treating others if we want to be treated fairly. We have to get the freedom to recognize our own faults before we try to remove others. We are to care for others, as we would wish to be cared for. Our security will come from building our lives of the solid rock of God's promises to us, rather than on the shifting sands of what the world might promise us. Jesus teaches us how to pray to our common Father.

Sunday is the **Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time.** Jesus tells us that his call is one we can not look back from. But, he consoles us with the works, 'Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it'.

Daily Prayer This Week

This is a great week to reflect on several wonderful elements of the Word and to let them interact with genuine desires in our hearts - desires that carry over from previous weeks or desires that are just coming to our awareness. We can reflect upon our call - the vocation we find ourselves in, the ways we live it and are faithful to it. We can be comforted by Jesus telling us that fear is what gets in the way of our freedom to be a witness of the Good News for others.

Fear comes in so many forms. Sometimes, when we are angry a lot, or finding ourselves to be more and more defensive, we can trace the anxiety or insecurity back to a particular fear or a general fear. How liberating it can be for us to pray for the grace to be fear-less, especially in the concrete ways that will come to us in our every-day life this week.

And it is good to recognize the traps that sabotage us in our everyday relationships and daily choices. Judging others is an easy trap for people trying to be good. It is so easy for me to notice when you aren't as good as I'm trying to be. The end result is I'm trapped, and fail to recognize my own ways of failing to love. If only we could love others, at least in the same way we crave to be loved! The culture we live in, the way Jesus describes it to us is clearly entering through the 'narrow' gate. And, when I don't sort through my various and sometimes conflicting desires, it feels like my life is built upon sand. When the going gets tough, I have nothing to fall back upon. The week ends with a picture of Jesus, the healer.

Perhaps by the end of the week, the brief conversations we have with Jesus, in the midst of our daily life, will reveal desires for healing. Jesus always wants to show us how he can make us whole. He always wants us to be able to receive gifts, which we in turn can share with others. All of us can find grace in some part of the Abraham and Sarah story. Who among us doesn't feel that we are unable, too old, not religious enough, not strong enough, not ready, held back in some way from bringing forth life or fulfilling our vocation? This week is a good reminder that 'nothing is impossible with God'. Each night this week, we can recall what we've talked about, asked for and received, and we can give thanks.



12th Ordinary Sunday

Fear and being afraid are featured prominently in today's gospel. God and Jesus are well acquainted with the human capacity for fear. So much so, that fear is mentioned about 350 times in the bible. God knows how we can sometimes get so overwhelmed by fear that we can become paralyzed or silenced or willing to go along with something we know is so very wrong. Perhaps that is what is behind Jesus' question:

'Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs on your head are counted. So do not be afraid: you are worth more than many sparrows'.

Jesus and God do not want us to live our lives in fear. Today's gospel is trying to encourage people to move beyond their fears.

So often I have wondered why it is so easy to incite fear and hate, yet so difficult to foster compassion and love. Is it our propensity towards fear that drives the willingness to suspicious of and/or fear the 'other'?

In the 1990s, I partnered with a business ethics professor to have her MBA students work with entrepreneurs from a microbusiness development program in north Omaha. Only once, during the four years of working together, did we each have a married couple in our classes. So naturally we paired them with each other.

After that class session, the MBA students approached us as they found out they both had 14 year old daughters. They were quite surprised to learn their daughters were experiencing very similar problems. They had anticipated that a 14 year old white girl would have different problems than a 14 black girl. They had forgotten that 14 is a difficult age regardless of what race you are. It struck me then, as it does now, that as long as we are so separated, we cannot know about each other lives. And that not knowing, not being connected makes it easier to judge others or to fall prey to our fears.

When you start to become fearful or feel afraid of someone based on how society has labeled them, that's when Jesus is calling on us to remember the sparrows in Matthew's gospel. Jesus wants to remind us that, as each one of us is a child of God, we are *all* worth more than hundreds of sparrows (By Julie Kalkowski, Creighton University).

From the Diocese of Sault Ste Marie:

Mass at the Grotto Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin Friday, July 14th, 2023 at 7:00 PM