

St. Stanislaus & St. Pius X & St. Christopher

Parish Priest :

Rev. Father Arulkumar

Parish Secretary :

Faye Wafer

Office Hours :

**Tuesday to Friday
12:00 PM to 4:00 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

Friday : 9:00 AM to 9:15 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 12:00 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
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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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20th Ordinary Sunday - August 15, 2021



Ordination Announcement - Deacon Chadwick Franklin
Place: Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption, North Bay
On Thursday, August 26th, 2021
By Most Rev. Thomas Dowd

Note: Due to COVID-19 restrictions, attendance will be by invitation only. Please remember Deacon Chad in your prayers as he prepares to be ordained to the priesthood of our Sault Ste. Marie Diocese.

You can reach the Office by Phone only
Tuesday to Thursday - 10 AM to 1 PM
Thank you!

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Tuesday, August 17

09:30 AM - Mass

No intention Requested

Thursday, August 19

10:00 AM - Mass - Meadowbrook

†Henryka Gorecki by Sheila Makela

Friday, August 20

09:30 AM - Mass

No intention Requested

21st Ordinary Sunday

Saturday, August 21

04:30 PM Mass

† Judy Saikkonen by St. Pius X CWL

Sunday, August 22

9:00 AM Mass

†Mary Zvonkovick by Marianne & Tom Scharf

11:00 AM Mass

For the People entrusted to the Pastor

Note: The times of weekdays celebrations are given so that the parishioners are prayerfully unite themselves in their homes.

The Rosary is recited before **Saturday and Sunday Mass.**

The Cenacle of the Marian Movement of priests is held each Tuesday at **9:15 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 Assumption of Virgin Mary
Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 45

At your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

Weekdays Scripture Readings: August 16 to August 22, 2021

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	Judges 2. 11-19	Matthew 19. 16-22
Tuesday	Judges 6. 11-24a	Matthew 19. 23-30
Wednesday	Judges 9. 6-15	Matthew 20. 1-16a
Thursday	Judges 11. 29-39a	Matthew 22. 1-14
Friday	Ruth 1. 1-2ab, 3-6, 14b-16, 22++	Matthew 22.34-40
Saturday	Ruth 2. 1-3, 8-11; 4, 13-17	Matthew 23. 1-12
Sunday	Joshua 24. 1-2a, 15-18b; Ephesians 4. 32-5.1-32++	John 6. 53, 60-69

20th Week in Ordinary Time

On the **Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time** the key question the people are asking in **John's Gospel** is: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' Jesus tells us the eating his flesh and drinking blood is real food and drink. It gives us life, eternal life. We are one with him and he is one with us.

Friday is the **Memorial of Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church**; Saturday is the **Memorial of Saint Pius X, Pope**.

In the first part of the week, we have readings from the **Book of Judges**. We read of how Israel worshiped other gods and fell into the power of their enemies; how God called Gideon to be a leader of his tribe; of Gideon's son Abimelech who was unfairly made king and his brother Jotham's response; and of Jephtha's promise to God to sacrifice the first person he saw if only he was victorious in battle. After his victory, Jephtha's only child ran to greet him and he sacrificed her. The **Psalm** reading for that day reminds us that 'Sacrifice or oblation you wished not, but ears open to obedience'. Two days of readings from the **Book of Ruth** tell the moving story of Naomi and her loving daughter-in-law Ruth. Ruth leaves her own homeland to return with Naomi to Bethlehem, where Ruth remarries and has a child, Obed, who will become the grandfather of the great king, David.

Matthew's Gospel this week includes some favorite parables, like the rich young man. Jesus says 'it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the Kingdom of God', and we know he is introducing the counter-cultural idea that riches may make it more difficult to be saved. Those are followed by stories of the Master of the vineyard who leaves us with the phrase 'The last will be first and the first, last'. Jesus tells the parable of the landowner who hires workers throughout the day, including the last hours. When he pays them all the same, those who worked all day grumbled. 'Are you envious because I am generous?' He offers the parable of the guests who are too busy to attend the wedding feast of the king's son. Friday, Jesus tells us to love our neighbors as ourselves. Saturday, Jesus says, 'Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted'.

On the **Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**, we continue with **John's Gospel** and the Bread of Life discussion, with many of the disciples finding Jesus' call to be nourished on his body and blood as tough to swallow. And they leave him. Peter speaks for the others: 'Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life'.

Daily Prayer This Week

This week we can be moved by the powerful fidelity of a woman like Ruth. And the familiar gospel stories will guide us through the week, mostly with practical advice and challenging ideas.

It is good to begin by recognizing our own issues with God. For many of us, the graces with which we will be asking God to bless us have to do with our freedom from being so independent. For some of us, it will be to ask to keep our priorities straight this week. It may mean that we let this be a week when we ask what 'success' really means for us. It could be a week to try to name more clearly what our purpose, our mission in life is: what the Lord calling us to do with our lives.

The real grace of finding intimacy with God in the midst of our busy everyday lives is that it helps keep us focused. When we get really busy, it can be like being on a treadmill. We begin our day in the morning, go where the day takes us, and jump off at night. Our desire here is to live with more choice, more freedom. We want to live each day more reflectively.

So, if I know the gospel is going to ask me to ponder how the lure of having more and more money can become an impediment to my salvation, or how generous and merciful God is, or how my busyness leads me to forget or lose my priorities, then I can choose to let those reflections shape my week. The way I can do that is by beginning each day with focus. What gives focus is recognizing and naming a desire, a grace or gift I ask of God, for that day, conscious of what I will be experiencing, what will challenge me, what opportunities will be offered me. What really makes this effective is to keep talking with Jesus about those desires in the small, quiet moments that are tucked into each day, the 'in between times' of the day.

The effect is that more and more of the details of our lives are interacting with the Word of God and the desires which God is inspiring in our hearts. As we move toward the weekend, we can prepare to hear Jesus ask us who we say he is - who he is for us. Connecting with Jesus in our daily lives allows him to become my Savior and the intimate friend who knows me through and through and is helping me come to know myself with great honesty, integrity, freedom and peace.

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