

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

Parish Administrator :
Rev. Father John Suresh

Parish Secretary :
Ellen Austin

Office Hours :
Tuesday to Thursday
09:30 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 : Ellen Austin
705-682-4596

St. Pius X : Eleanor Williams 705-692-4061
or Denise Stewart 705-692-4883

St. Christopher : Lisette Martin
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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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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT **MARCH 30, 2025**

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Charity

Charity in World Religions

Charity constitutes a cornerstone of various world religions, fostering compassion, kindness, and generosity towards others. Across diverse faith traditions, charitable giving is esteemed as a sacred obligation, underscoring its pivotal role in promoting social welfare and alleviating human suffering. Notably, charity holds a prominent position within Christianity as a theological virtue, Islam as Zakat (one of the Five Pillars), Judaism as Tzedakah (a fundamental aspect of Jewish law), Hinduism as Dana (a sacred duty), Buddhism as Dana (a key principle), and Sikhism as Sewa (selfless service), collectively inspiring individuals to transcend self-interest and prioritize the welfare of others.

Charity in Lent

Embracing charity during the Lenten season offers a profoundly transformative experience, yielding a multitude of spiritual benefits that recalibrate our relationship with the divine. As we detach from the material possessions that often define us, we cultivate humility, recognize the inherent value of every human being, and develop empathy, allowing us to see the world through the eyes of the marginalized, poor and the needy. By emulating Christ's teachings and actions, which unequivocally emphasized the imperative of caring for the poor and vulnerable, we embody the very essence of His message, one that underscores the intrinsic link between charity and discipleship. As one of the three pillars of Lent, alongside prayer and fasting, charity facilitates a profound process of purification, renewal, and spiritual revitalization, enabling us to celebrate the paschal mystery with deeper reverence and gratitude. Furthermore, by integrating charity into our Lenten observance, we pay tribute to the exemplary generosity of illustrious Catholic saints, such as St. Francis of Assisi and St. Teresa of Calcutta, and, in doing so, we deepen our spiritual lives, drawing closer to the very heart of the Gospel, where love, compassion, and selflessness converge.

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Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Tuesday, April 01, 2025

10:00 AM - St. Christopher, Whitefish

†Mr.&Mrs Eugenoi Franhini by family
Followed by Stations of the Cross

Wednesday, April 02, 2025

10:00 AM - St. Pius X, Lively
Followed by Rosary and Social

†Harvey Blanchard by Audrey and family

Thursday, April 03, 2025

10:30 AM - Meadowbrook, Lively

†Tom Duff by Heather Duff

Friday, April 04, 2025

09:30 AM - Stanislaus, Copper Cliff

†Jane Favot by CWL

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Saturday, April 05 2025

04:30 PM - St. Pius X, Lively

†Robert Williams by Sheila Makela
Followed by Stations and Social

Sunday, April 06 2025

09:00 AM - St. Christopher, Whitefish
Healthy and speedy recovery of Darwin Brunne

11:00 AM - St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff
For the people entrusted to the pastor

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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Psalm: 34.1-2,3-4,5-6

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Weekdays Scripture Readings: March 31 to April 06, 2025

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	Isaiah 65.17-21	John 4.43-54
Tuesday	Ezekiel 47.1-9, 12	John 5.1-16
Wednesday	Isaiah 49.8-15	John 5.16-30++
Thursday	Exodus 32.7-14	John 5.18, 31-47++
Friday	Wisdom 2.1a, 12-22	John 7.1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday	Jeremiah 11.18-20	John 7.40-53
Sunday	Isaiah 43.16-21/Philippians 3.8-14	John 8.1-11

Sunday Collection - March 23, 2025

Thank You for Your Continued Generosity!

Church	Envelopes	Loose	PADP
St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff	\$ 755.00	\$ 271.00	
St. Pius X, Lively	\$ 570.00	\$ 112.00	
St. Christopher, Whitefish	\$ 325.00	\$ 167.25	

Charity and Catholic families

1. Explain the impact of Charity

Explaining the tangible impact of charitable donations to children is a pivotal step in cultivating empathy and social responsibility. By sharing narratives, videos, or concrete exemplars, parents can effectively illustrate how their children's contributions can provide essential necessities, such as sustenance, shelter, education, and healthcare, to vulnerable individuals. Utilizing age-appropriate language, parents can contextualize the benefits of charitable giving, for instance, "your donation can facilitate meal provision for a child in need" for younger children, or "your donation can empower educational initiatives for underprivileged youth" for teenagers. By emphasizing the far-reaching consequences of their benevolence, parents can instill a profound sense of purpose and foster a lifelong commitment to generating positive change.

2. Establishing a Family Charity Budget: Fostering a Culture of Philanthropy

Creating a family charity budget is an initiative-taking and meaningful way to instill the value of generosity in children. This endeavor commences with a thoughtful discussion about the significance of charitable giving, culminating in the establishment of a collective philanthropic objective. As a family, determine a percentage of your household income to allocate towards charitable causes, initiating with a modest percentage that can be incrementally increased over time. This intentional approach will not only cultivate a spirit of giving within your family but also provide a valuable opportunity for children to develop essential life skills, such as empathy, compassion, and social responsibility.

3. Fostering Empathy and Agency: Involving Children in Philanthropic Decision-Making

Meaningful participation in charitable giving can profoundly shape a child's values and worldview. To cultivate empathy, social responsibility, and compassion, it is essential to engage your children in the decision-making process surrounding philanthropic endeavors. Encourage them to take an active role in researching reputable charitable organizations, allocating funds, and discerning the impact of their contributions. By doing so, you will empower your children to develop a deeper understanding of the complexities of social issues, while instilling a sense of agency and purpose. This collaborative approach will not only enrich their lives but also contribute to the development of a more empathetic and socially conscious next generation.

4. Cultivating a Culture of Philanthropy: Establishing a Regular Charitable Giving Schedule

To integrate charitable giving into the fabric of your family's values and traditions, consider implementing a regular donation schedule. This could entail monthly, quarterly, or annual contributions to select charitable organizations. Consistency is key in fostering a sense of social responsibility and compassion in children. By maintaining an open dialogue about the impact of your donations and encouraging children to pose inquiries, you will empower them to develop a nuanced understanding of the role philanthropy plays in creating positive change. By making charitable giving habitual practice, you will instill a lifelong commitment to generosity, empathy, and civic engagement in your children.

5. Cultivating Empathy and Compassion: The Transformative Power of Philanthropic Education

By engaging your children in charitable giving, you will be imparting invaluable lessons about empathy and compassion, essential virtues for fostering a sense of social responsibility and civic engagement. Encourage your children to adopt a perspective-taking approach, imaginatively placing themselves in the circumstances of those in need. Facilitate nuanced discussions about the tangible impact of your philanthropic endeavors, highlighting the profound differences your donations can make in the lives of others. By instilling empathy and compassion in your children, you will be guiding them toward a trajectory of personal growth, social awareness, and responsible citizenship, empowering them to become caring, informed, and engaged members of society.

Prepared by Fr. John, Pastor



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**Be not afraid!
Open wide the
doors to Christ!**

- St. Pope John Paul II

Miss no single opportunity of making
small sacrifice, here by a smiling look,
there by a kindly word; always doing the
smallest right and doing it all for love.
Therese of Lisieux



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Fourth Week of Lent

For the **Fourth Sunday of Lent** we read the powerful story of the Prodigal Son from **Luke's Gospel**. The younger son, who asks for his inheritance and spends it all, returns and asks to be a servant at his father's house. Instead he is welcomed home with open arms by his father who was filled with compassion, ran to his son and forgave him. The older son is jealous and will not share in the happiness but the father says to "celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found."

Our gospels this week are all from **John's Gospel**. After two days of healing stories, the opposition against Jesus builds. In Cana, in Galilee, Jesus heals the son of a royal official. Back down in Jerusalem, he heals a man who was sick for 38 years, incurring the wrath of his enemies because he did it on the Sabbath. Because of this, and because he called God his Father, they now plot a way to kill him. Jesus says his opponents do not want to come to him for life. He calls God his father and says, "I have testimony greater than John's." Unafraid of his opponents, Jesus goes to Jerusalem for a feast and openly tells people that he has come from God. They did not arrest him then, "for his hour had not yet come." Thinking they know where Jesus is from (in both senses: where he lived now and his origin in heaven), his enemies insist that Jesus can't be a prophet: "Look and see that no prophet arises from Galilee."