

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

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16th Ordinary Sunday - July 19, 2020

Parish Priest :

Rev. Father Arulkumar

D. O. S : **Ethel Fraser**
Whitefish Lake First Nation

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 :

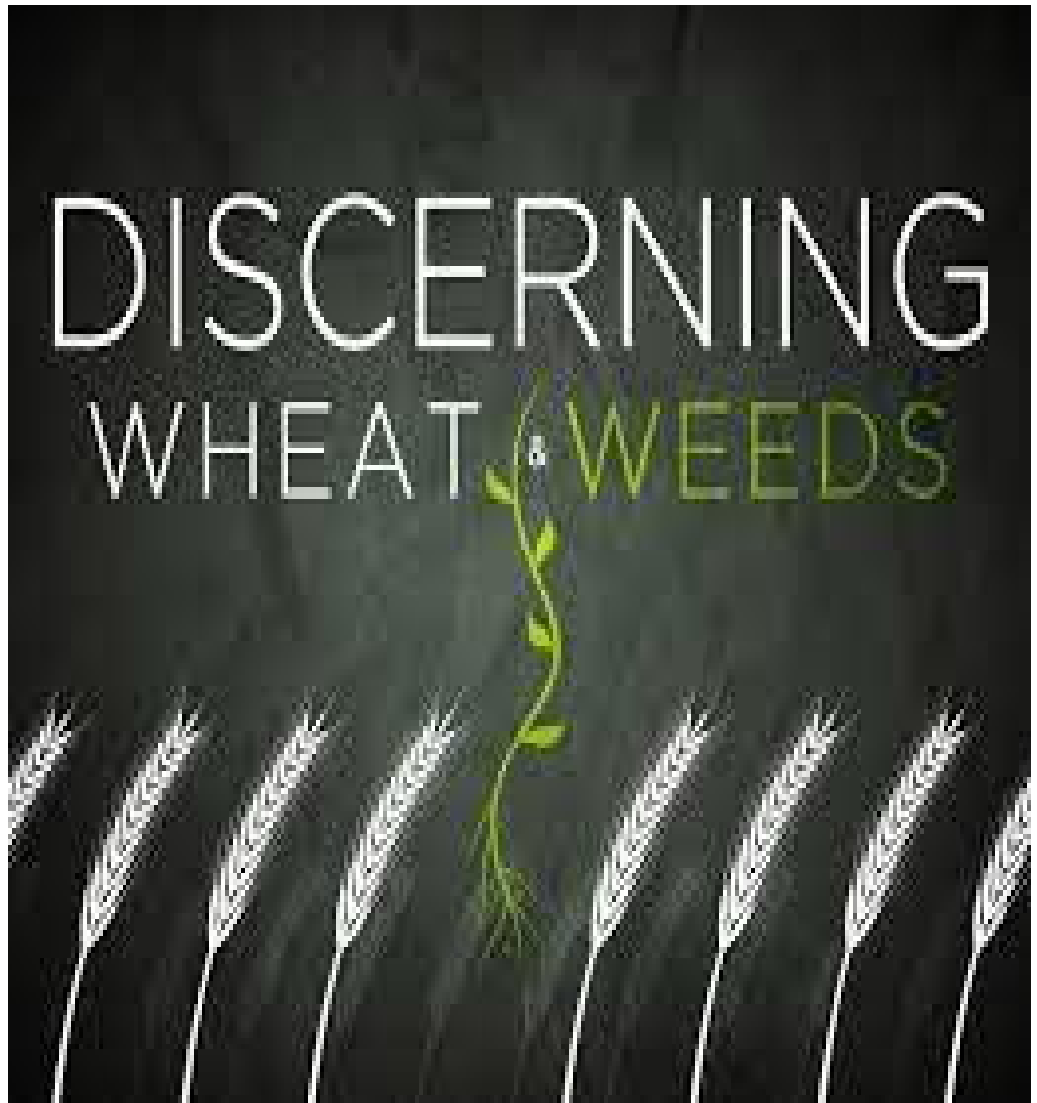
St. Stanislaus : Faye Wafer 705-682-3207
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St. Pius X : Eleanor Williams 705-692-4061
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Mission Statement :

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.



Welcome Back!

We are happy to have you with us.

**The parishioners are strongly advised to attend their
own Parish due to the seating capacity of the Church.**

You can reach the Office by Phone only

Tuesday to Thursday - 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Thank you!



Tuesday, July 21

09:30 AM Mass

Wednesday, July 22

09:30 AM Mass

Thursday, July 23

09:30 A:M Mass

For all missionary priest By Elaine Fievola

Friday, July 24

09:30 AM Mass

† Eileen Stonley By CWL St. Stanislaus

17th Ordinary Sunday

Saturday, July 25

04:30 PM St. Pius X, Lively

For the People entrusted to the Pastor

Sunday, July 26

09:00 AM St. Christopher, Whitefish

† Nathan Heerschap By the Heerschap Family

11:00 AM St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff

† Trevor Poland By Ellen Austin

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.

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 20 to July 26, 2020

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	Micah 6:1-4, 6-8	Matthew 12:38-42
Tuesday	Micah 7:14-15, 18-20	Matthew 12:46, 48-50
Wednesday	Song of Songs 3:1-4 - St. Mary Magdalene	John 20:1, 11-18
Thursday	Jeremiah 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13	Matthew 13:10-17
Friday	Jeremiah 3:14-17	Matthew 13:18-23
Saturday	2 Corinthians 4:7-15 - St. James, Apostle	Matthew 20:20-28
Sunday	1 Kings 3:5-12 Romans 8:28-30	Matthew 13:44-52

16th Ordinary Sunday - Matthew 13:24-43 - By Msgr. Joseph A. Pellegrino

The parable of the mustard seed: *'And Jesus said, behold the mustard seed. It is the smallest of seeds yet it grows into a large bush'* (Matthew 13:31-32).

Consider **'Reading'** as the example: We all can pick up a newspaper, a magazine, a novel, or whatever and in a few moments be brought into a world beyond our immediate surroundings. We can learn new things. We can develop our own intelligence. We can be transported to the world of imagination, etc. **All due to our ability to read.** Now **how did this start? How did we learn how to read?** We started, most of us, with blocks and individual letters. We learned what sounds these letters represented. Then we put the letters together and learned how to spell words. We even learned new words. We put the words together and learned new concepts or reinforced that which we had learned. **In very small steps, we went from the letters on the blocks to being able to read the philosophy of St. Thomas Aquinas.**

It all began in a small way. It all began with letters. **The Kingdom of God is like a child learning** his or her letters. Time goes on and Mom, Dad and teachers work with the child. The child's ability to read grows so great. The child becomes a professor of English Literature. And so it is with the Kingdom of God.

Great-Grandma and Great-Grandpa taught their children their prayers. They **brought their children to Church and taught them with their lives to value their relationship with the Lord.** And their children became parents and did the same. And their children are the Moms and Dads of our parish. **The Church is full of good Christian men and woman,** people of all walks of life, even priests, **all living the values of the Kingdom of God, the spiritual realities of life.**

And now you are doing the same. You are teaching the ABC's of religion to your children. **You have faith that the Kingdom of God will spread through them.** So, do not wonder if anything is getting through to the children. Do not allow yourself to think that maybe nothing is happening for your children. **Trust in God.** Your Children can become a great force of love for the Kingdom of God. **Say prayers with your children. Allow God to turn the tiny mustard seed into a great plant.**

The parable of the weeds and the wheat: *And Jesus said, 'The Kingdom of Heaven is like the farmer who sowed wheat, then an enemy came and sowed weeds...'* (Matthew 13:24-25).

The weeds and the wheat grew together. *'Let us get rid of the weeds'*, said his workers when the weeds and the wheat were still tiny plants. **'Better not'**, said the farmer, *'you might lose some of the wheat too. We will wait until they are ready for harvesting* when we're sure we know *what is weed and what is wheat. Then we'll get rid of the weeds'* (Matthew 13:26-30).

The Kingdom of Heaven is like the School where we send our treasures, our children. They are not finished products when they get there. They have to do a lot of growing. They are still our treasures and we love them. **Perhaps in the school there are other children who may not have experienced basic human values.** Perhaps, they have been raised in violent households. Perhaps, they have witnessed people hurting others, taking what is not theirs, using bad language, doing terrible things. **As a result, these children may have some pretty rough edges.**

Should the principal of the school throw the children from dysfunctional homes out before they cause serious problems or should the principal give them the opportunity to learn basic values from the school and even from their classmates? Yes, children need to be removed from the mainstream if they do something that threatens the welfare of the other children, but they are not going to be removed if they have not offended gravely, because the plants are still young and there may be wheat where we think there is weed.

The Kingdom of Heaven is like the life of every man and every woman. There is wheat and weed in each of us. Should God destroy us because of the weed in us? Or should He give us time?

The weed in us should be overtaken by the wheat. A strong prayer life goes a long way in **preventing serious sin.** We should not give up on ourselves. God knows that what may appear to be weed is in reality wheat.

For example, a man has a drinking problem. His drinking is destroying himself and his family. **Through prayer** and the determination to change his life and through his own **openness to the grace of God, he goes for help.** He first becomes a member of AA. Then he is active in helping others. Now for the last fifteen years he is dry. He is still an alcoholic, but his condition has resulted in virtue overcoming vice. **Now he helps others.** God did not give up on him. He did not give up on himself. What looked like weed, the disease of alcoholism, turned out to be wheat as he brings God's healing to other alcoholics.

The parable of the mustard seed: the little efforts we make for the Kingdom of God **have a tremendous impact upon the world.**

The parable of the weeds and wheat: God has infinite patience. He is not about to give up on his people. We should not give up on others. And we should not give up on ourselves.

The parable of the mustard seed and the parable of the weeds and the wheat - Two simple parables. Two simple stories. Two **tremendous sources of encouragement for us.**

