# 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:**

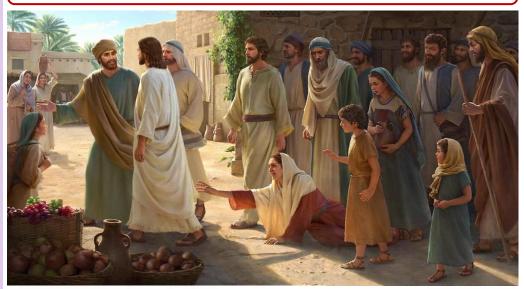
By our Baptism, we are committed to celebrate the presence of Christ in Word and Sacrament and are continually called to build our lives in the image of Christ. Through liturgy and ministry, we strive to bring ourselves closer to God and to each other, by building a strong community of believers and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

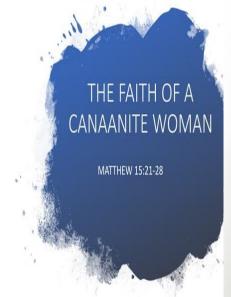
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20th Ordinary Sunday - August 20, 2023





Oh woman, great is your faith. Let it be to you as you desire Matthew 15:28

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This Week From Monday to Friday **English Sector Priests' Annual Retreat Keep all our Priests in Prayer** 

This Week the Office will be CLOSED



# Monday to Friday Priests' Annual Retreat

21st Ordinary Sunday

Saturday, August 26

**04:30 PM St. Pius X, Lively** † Robert Lisk by KofC 3909

Sunday, August 27

**09:00 AM St. Christopher, Whitefish** No Intention Requested

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

20th Ordinary Sunday Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 67 Let the peoples praise you, O God, Let all the peoples praise you!

Weekdays Scripture Readings: August 21 to August 27, 2023

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	Judges 2. 11-19	Matthew 19. 16-22
Tuesday	Judges 6. 11-24	Matthew 19.23-30
Wednesday	Judges 9. 6-15	Matthew 20. 1-16
Thursday	Revelation 21. 9-14	John 1. 45-51
Friday	Ruth 1. 1-6, 14-16, 22	Matthew 22.34-40
Saturday	Ruth 2. 1-3; 8-11; 4. 13-17	<b>Matthew 23. 1-12</b>
Sunday	Isaia 22. 15; 19-23 // Romans 11. 33-36	Matthew 16. 13-20

Sunday Collection - August 13, 2023			Thank You for Your Continued Generosity!		
Church	Envelopes		Loose	PADP	
St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff	\$ 589		\$ 40	\$	
St. Pius X, Lively	\$ 1725		\$ 32	\$	
St. Christopher, Whitefish	\$ 440		\$ 115	\$	

## The Twentieth Week of Ordinary Time

God's love belongs to all of us, according to the readings of the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time. In Isaiah, God promises 'my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples'. Paul, in his Letter to the Romans, tells us 'the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable' and refers to himself as the 'apostle to the Gentiles'. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus hears the pleas of a 'foreign' woman, a Canaanite who begs Jesus to heal her daughter.

This week we remember St. Pius X, The Queenship of Mary and St. Bartholomew.

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 and introduces 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'.

Keys are central to readings for the Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time. The first reading from **Isaiah** offers the story of the faithful servant Eliakim, who will be given the keys for his master's palace. Paul's brief reading from the Letter to the Romans is a moving prayer filled with awe at the depth and unknowing ways of our Lord. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus asks his followers what people are saying about him. Then he asks the real question, 'Who do you say I am?' Peter's direct answer, 'You are the Christ' prompts Jesus' reply that Peter would be given the keys to the kingdom of heaven and would be the rock upon which his church would be built.

### **Development and Peace Caritas Canada:**

Save the Date! October 13-15, 2023 - Fall Retreat & Workshop Anishinabe Spiritual Center **Development and Peace Caritas Canada Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie** 

For more information contact: Rose-Marie Valade at 705-252-8797 email: rmvalade48@gmail.com



### 20th Ordinary Sunday - 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 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 is 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 is helps keep us focused. When we get really busy, it can be like being on a tread mill. 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.