

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
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Before 12 PM Wednesday

Prayer line :
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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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1st Advent Sunday - December 03, 2023

Advent

BE WATCHFUL. BE ALERT

WATCHFUL

“Be watchful! Be alert!
You do not know when
the time will come.”

MARK 13:33

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The St. Pius X CWL invites you to a
Pot Luck, Silent Auction and Member Appreciation
on Saturday, December 2nd, 2023
in the St. Pius X Church Hall after Mass

Advent Reconciliation Service
Thursday, December 14th, 2023 - 6:30 PM
at St. Stanislaus Church, Copper Cliff

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Tuesday, December 05

10:00 AM - St. Christopher, Whitefish

No Intentions requested

Wednesday, December 06

10:00 AM - St. Pius X, Lively

† Maria Boric by R. Frappier

Thursday, December 07

09:30 AM - St. James School, Lively

Friday, December 08

09:30 AM - St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff

† Werner Wittmer by Ursula & Robert Wittmer

Second Advent Sunday

Saturday, December 09

04:30 PM - St. Pius X, Lively

† Harvery Blanchard by A. Blanchard & family

† Maria Boric by K& N Dikran

Sunday, December 10

09:00 AM - St. Christopher, Whitefish

† Nathan Heerschap by Heerschap family

11:00 AM - St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff

For the People entrusted to the Pastor

In St. Stanislaus Church: This week the Sanctuary lamp is lit in loving memory of Robert Carmichael.

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

1st Advent Sunday

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 80

Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Weekdays Scripture Readings: December 04 to December 10, 2023

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	Isaiah 2. 1-5	Matthew 8.5 –13
Tuesday	Isaiah 11. 1-10	Luke 10. 21-24
Wednesday	Isaiah 25. 6-10	Matthew 15. 29-37
Thursday	Isaiah 26. 1-6	Matthew 7.21; 24-27
Friday	Genesis 3. 9-15 // Ephesians 1. 3-6, 11-12	Luke 1. 26-38
Saturday	Isaiah 30. 19-21; 23-26	Matthew 9. 35; 10. 1 –8
Sunday	Isaiah 40. 1-5; 9-11 // 2 Peter 3. 8-14	Mark 1. 1-8

Sunday Collection - November 26, 2023

Thank You for Your Continued Generosity!

Church	Envelopes	Loose	PADP
St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff	\$ 582	\$ 15	\$
St. Pius X, Lively	\$ 539	\$ 41.75	\$
St. Christopher, Whitefish	\$ 980	\$ 117	\$

First Week of Advent Time

Sunday is the beginning of a new liturgical year with the **First Sunday of Advent**. The first reading from the **Prophet Isaiah** as the people repent before God: 'Would that you might meet us doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways!' **Mark's gospel** offers the image of the master who leaves his servants in charge while he is away. Be watchful! Be alert!

Friday is the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**.

During the first part of Advent - until December 17 - we focus on the first reading. This week it is from the **Prophet Isaiah**. These readings are about promises. Isaiah is consoling, building up and preparing his people to have hope. 'In the days to come', he says over and over. When the day of promise comes, 'They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; One nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again'. Even though King David's line, and that of his father, Jesse, are almost wiped out, Isaiah proclaims hope: 'On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom'. Who would believe even a peace in nature - lion lying down with the lamb? 'There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD, as water covers the sea'. God's unique ways of favoring the poor, which Mary comes to know and proclaims in her *Magnificat*, are seen when Isaiah says, 'He humbles those in high places, and the lofty city he brings down; He tumbles it to the ground, levels it with the dust'. Even Jesus' own statement about his mission is seen in the powerful images Isaiah uses to give us courage and hope: 'On that day the deaf shall hear ... the eyes of the blind shall see ... the lowly will ever find joy in the LORD ...' 'On the day the LORD binds up the wounds of his people'.

The gospels for this first part of Advent are chosen from several gospels. They are meant to match the first readings and to show that the promises are fulfilled in Jesus. Jesus brings healing. He raises up the childlike. And Jesus calls and sends the twelve apostles to continue his ministry.

In the **Second Sunday of Advent** we hear Isaiah write of a voice that cries out in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!' These lines from the prophet are repeated in the **Mark's Gospel** as we are introduced to John the Baptist who prepares the way for Jesus. John says, 'One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit'.

First Advent Week - Daily Prayer This Week

Despite all of the distractions at this time of year, we really can focus on Advent during these weeks. We seem to get very busy, and at times have to go to a number of social events or wrestle with budgets and shopping, but the heart of this season is all about expectant hope. So, we begin our Advent journey by giving ourselves some time - just a few minutes each day - to reflect on how much God promises us.

Our goal this week is to let ourselves feel like those to whom the promises of our God are made. We want to get in touch with ourselves, especially those parts of ourselves that are in need of a Savior. We do this by keeping our focus on the places that feel like a desert, the places that feel like we've been through a war, the places that feel like a lifeless stump. When we have a hard time seeing, we ask for the grace to be able to believe the promise that we shall see. When we seem deaf, we place our trust in the One who assures us that we will hear. And when we feel beaten down and awfully lowly, we turn to the One who promises that we will 'find joy in the Lord'. And, who among us doesn't have days on which we are aware of various kinds of wounds? On the day of promise, 'the Lord binds up the wounds of his people'.

As we let these deep realities of our daily, busy lives come into focus and interact with the readings, something wonderful happens. We become more and more aware of our need for God. Very naturally and quite spontaneously, a prayer comes forth from deep within us, which we can say in the smallest moments of our busiest days. 'Come, Lord'. 'Come and save me'. 'Come and be with me in all of these messy, empty, dry and disordered places in my life'. 'Come, Lord. I feel my longing for you grow. I feel my hope grow. And, as I place my hope in your promises, Advent begins to come alive in me'.



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First Week of Advent

As we begin Advent, we light one candle in the midst of all the darkness in our lives and in the world. It symbolizes our longing, our desire, our hope. **When we wake up, each day this week, we could light that candle, just by taking a few moments to focus.** We could each find our own way to pray something like this: 'Lord, the light I choose to let into my life today is based on my trust in you. It is a weak flame, but I so much desire that it dispel a bit more darkness today. Today, I just want to taste the longing I have for you as I go to the meeting this morning, carry out the responsibilities of my work, face the frustration of some difficult relationships. Let this candle be my reminder today of my hope in your coming'.

Each morning this week, that momentary prayer might get more specific, as it prepares us for the day we will face. And as we head to work, walk to a meeting, rush through lunch, take care of errands, meet with people, pick up the phone to return some calls, answer e-mail, return home to prepare a meal, listen to the ups and downs of our loved ones' day, we can take brief moments to relate our desire for the comings of the Lord to our life.

If our family has an Advent wreath, or even if it doesn't, we could pray together before our evening meal. As we light the first candle on the wreath, or as we simply pause to pray together our normal grace. Then, as we begin to eat, we can invite each other, including the children, to say something about what it means today to light this first candle.

Perhaps we could ask a different question each night, or ask about examples from the day. How did I prepare today? How can we prepare to experience his coming into our lives this year? What does it mean for us now, with our world involved in so much conflict? How much more do we long for his coming to us, in the midst of the darkness in our world? In what ways can we renew our lives so we might be prepared to greet him when he comes again?

And every night this week, we can pause briefly, perhaps as we sit for a minute at the edge of the bed. We can be aware of how that one, small candle's worth of desire brought light into this day. And we can give thanks. Going to bed each night this week with some gratitude is part of the preparation for growing anticipation and desire.

Come, Lord Jesus! Come and visit your people. We await your coming. Come, O Lord.

Knights of Columbus Council 3909 Membership Monthly Meeting - December 06, 2023
6 PM Dinner 7 PM Regular Meeting At St. Stanislaus Church Lower Small Hall