# 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 : Fave 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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32nd Ordinary Sunday - November 12, 2023

# HOW TO BE A WISE VIRGIN AND WELCOME THE BRIDEGROOM

How Prepared Are You?

MATTHEW 25:1-13

Keep watch, because

you do not know the day or the hour.

### Liturgy - St. Stanislaus & St. Pius X & St. Christopher

# Mass Intentions

**Tuesday, November 14 10:00 AM - St. Christopher, Whitefish** No Intentions requested

Wednesday, November 15 10:00 AM - St. Pius X, Lively † Gary Therrien by Jack & Cecelia Jamison Thursday, November 16 09:30 AM - St. James School Visit, Lively

**Friday, November 17 09:30 AM - St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff** For the intentions of St. Stanislaus Parishioners

33rd Ordinary Sunday Saturday, November 18

04:30 PM - St. Pius X, Lively
† Marg Marcolini by the family
† Anna Marie Flora by Marcolini family

Sunday, November 19

**09:00 AM - St. Christopher, Whitefish** No Intentions 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

32nd Ordinary Sunday Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 63 My soul thirsts for you, O Lord my God.

Weekdays Scripture Readings: November 13 to November 19, 2023

Day	Reading	Gospel	
Monday	Wisdom 1. 1-7	Luke 17. 1-6	
Tuesday	Wisdom 2. 23; 3.9	Luke 17. 7-10	
Wednesday	Wisdom 6. 1-11	Luke 17– 11-19	
Thursday	Wisdom 7. 22; 8. 1	Luke 17. 20-25	
Friday	Wisdom 13. 1-9	Luke 17. 26-37	
Saturday	Wisdom 18. 14-16; 19. 6-9	Luke 18. 1-8	
Sunday	Proverbs 31, 10-31 // 1 Thessalonians 5. 1-6	Matthew 25. 14-30	

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**Parish News** - St. Stanislaus & St. Pius X & St. Christopher

Sunday Collection - November 05, 2023			Thank You for Your Continued Generosity!		
Church	Envelopes		Loose	PADP	
St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff	\$ 799		\$ 96	\$	
St. Pius X, Lively \$831.80			\$ 1.80	\$	
St. Christopher, Whitefish	\$ 485		\$ 196.75	\$	

# 32nd Week of Ordinary Time

Being prepared for the coming of the Lord is the nugget in the gospel for the **Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time.** We hear in **Matthew's Gospel** the story of the foolish maidens who are not ready for their master's coming, and miss the wedding feast.

We celebrate the Memorial of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin and the Memorial of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious.

As we draw toward the end of the liturgical year, our first reading this week is taken from **Wisdom**, a book written to encourage a downtrodden Jewish community. The vivid imagery offers us a view of the glory and justice of the Lord. 'The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them'.

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus turns his focus away from the Pharisees and back to his followers. 'If your brother sins, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him'. He tells them the duties of discipleship, asking if a master should be grateful to a servant who does what is commanded. 'So should it be with you'. We read of the curing the ten lepers - yet only one returns to give thanks. 'Stand up and go; your faith has saved you'. He also tells us that we should not spend our lives looking for the coming of the Kingdom 'for behold, the Kingdom of God is among you'. The Kingdom of God is coming, when we least expect it and, 'Whoever seeks to preserve his life will lose it, but whoever loses it will save it'. We must 'pray always without becoming weary'.

The Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time brings us the familiar and powerful parable from Matthew's Gospel about the servants who are each given sums of money to invest. We are all called upon to use the gifts we have received as gifts, and to return them, fully developed and utilized.

## **32nd Ordinary Week - Daily Prayer This Week**

In this process of becoming 'Contemplatives in Action' by finding intimacy with God in the background of our everyday busy lives, we are seeing more and more clearly that Prayer is not really 'saying prayers' but is a relationship that needs to be nourished in an ongoing way. No matter how hectic our week is, it is easy to think about our daily relationship with Our Father, with Jesus, in the Holy Spirit.

As we look ahead to the landscape of our week - with a few big things coming up, a host of ordinary responsibilities, and perhaps several bruised or difficult relationships that trouble us - we can begin to locate and formulate into words, the desires in our hearts for our Lord's help along the way. Perhaps we will have time to review a Daily Reflection each day or just the readings of the day. We may only have time to have a general sense of the Word of God addressed to us - from last Sunday and what is coming up this coming Sunday. That Word will further inform and shape how we will be in an ongoing dialogue with our Lord this week.

The rest is about developing the habit of focusing more intentionally on our relationship with our Lord, anticipating the events of our day, preparing for them, and letting our Lord be there in it with us. This is what it is to keep enough oil in our lamps. This is what it is to know that the presence of God is in our midst. This is what it takes to be good stewards of all that our Lord has entrusted to us.

So, we ask for what we need and desire, each morning, as soon as we can. We return to that desire, in brief moments, throughout the day. At the end of our day, we give thanks for this gifted relationship that sustained us and allowed us to be his disciples this day.



# **32nd Ordinary Week**

In this world where good and evil can occupy the same space, we must be wise and vigilant. In this world where stately roses and disruptive weeds can share the same garden, we must be wise and vigilant. In this world where the foolish and the wise can sit together at the same table, we must be the wise and prudent ones. The question is: how often are we prepared to be the wise one? The idea of being unprepared is almost strange to me, because I am one of those students - the over achiever - who buys and reads textbooks before the start of the school term or semester, just so that I can be one step ahead. I am also that person who shows up at meetings with every document already in hand along with additional research, just in case. I have my shoulders high and ready for whatever comes my way that day. I have always been that way and never gave it a second thought. Having said that, I don't think I can sincerely brag about my spiritual preparedness.

Growing up, my grandmother would tell us stories to explain why it wasn't right to tell a lie, or why it was wrong to steal, and so on. I used to hear her stories and say to myself, "why can't grandma just say what she means? Why does she have to tell us these stories?" As I got older, it occurred to me that not only did she just enjoy using stories to convey life lessons, but the life lessons made more sense once digested, and became nourishment for my soul. Today's Gospel reminds me of my grandmother's stories - a little esoteric, thought-provoking, with moments that make you want to ask a question, but hold back, and in a way, open to interpretation. Like any parable, the reader is invited to do more than just read it. The reader is invited to chew slowly, let the words digest, and relish the total mind and soul effect at the moment when we realize that we have being enriched, and awakened by the words; by the parable; by the story. This Gospel prompts us to stay spiritually awake, and to be prepared to bring light to the darkness.

As Christians, it seems we are always waiting for Jesus to reveal himself to us; we tell ourselves that we will see him at the end of our lives. It also seems that in our anticipation to be part of the Kingdom of God, we forget what is necessary; we forget that we need the light of Christ. We need the light that we get when we are baptized, the light that we get when we are compassionate, the light that exudes from us when we live out the Gospel. The light that is fueled by our faith, perseverance, and good works. This light illuminates our path to see and experience the Kingdom of God. We don't need to wait for the end of our lives to prepare ourselves, the Kingdom of God is with us everyday, but, we need the light. The light that shows the way, and lights the path for a stranger, for a friend, or an outcast. The light that is also a guiding compass for those seeking mercy and understanding. Brothers and sisters, let us stay spiritually awake and be prepared with our light. Let's not forget what is necessary to fully experience the Kingdom of God.

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. Bring your favorite Dish! Please contact Luda Curich at 705-626-4584 for more information.