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

**Parish Priest:** Rev. Father Arulkumar

**Parish Secretary:** 

**Fave 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:**

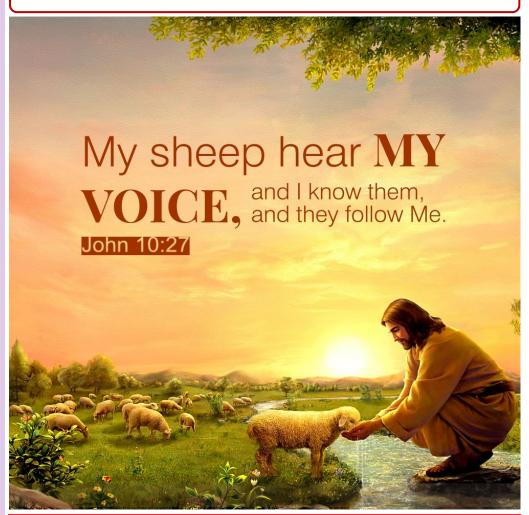
By our Baptism, we are committed to celebrate the presence of Christ in Word and Sacrament and are continually called to build our lives in the image of Christ. Through liturgy and ministry, we strive to bring ourselves closer to God and to each other, by building a strong community of believers and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

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Fourth Sunday of Easter - April 30, 2023



## World Day of Prayer for Vocations - April 30

This Sunday, the Church throughout the world prays for Vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life for our Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie?

Take this opportunity to pray for the priests and religious who have ministered to you in your life and consider a vocation as a priest or religious sister or brother.

Pray that those that the Lord is calling to serve the Church will overcome their fear and allow God to shape them into who he has made them to be.



## Fifth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, May 06

**04:30 PM St. Pius X, Lively** † Linda Dugas by Angre Dugas

Sunday, May 07

**09:00 AM St. Christopher, Whitefish** For the People entrusted to the Pastor

11:00 AM St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff
† Archie Nesseth by Al Nesseth

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 of Easter
Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 23
The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want.

Weekdays Scripture Readings: May 01 to May 07, 2023

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	Acts 11. 1-18	John 10. 11-18
Tuesday	Acts 11. 19-26	John 10. 22-30
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 15. 1-8	John 14. 6-14
Thursday	Acts 13. 13-25	John 13. 16-20
Friday	Acts 13. 26-33	John 14. 1-6
Saturday	2 Timothy 4. 1-5	John 10. 11-16
Sunday	Acts 6. 1-7 / 1 Peter 2. 4-9	John 14. 1-12

Sunday Collection - April 23, 2023			Thank You for Your Continued Generosity!		
Church	Envelo	pes	Loose	PADP	
St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff	\$ 497		\$ 50	\$	
St. Pius X, Lively	\$ 520		\$ 95	\$	
St. Christopher, Whitefish	\$ 525		\$ 160	\$	

#### Fourth Week of Easter

It's oftentimes hard for me to think about what life was like before Apple Maps or Wazes or any other favorite GPS app. Although it has been quite some time, I remember using a good old fashioned paper map. I can recall as a child my dad would oftentimes stop at the Rest Area right after we crossed a state border to pick up the latest map. We also had a trusted Rand McNally (for those of you under 50, you may need to Google that one) that my father cherished with various notations of places we went or paths that may have not been exactly accurate. Being one car guided by a map was one thing, but there were times when I remember having to follow someone driving ahead to get to a planned destination. No cell phones, no Apple Maps, no paper map, just trusting the lead car shepherding us to the desired location. What if someone pulled in front of you and you lost site of the lead car? What if you got stuck at a red light and you lost site of the lead car? These were all apprehensions that someone or something would rob you from getting to where you needed to be.

In today's Gospel in John, Jesus is sharing some basic earthly truths that have a heavenly meaning. Jesus made connections between sheep, shepherds, thieves, and robbers and applied these earthly observations as *guides* to our spiritual lives.

Take a moment to imagine the football stadium of your favorite team. Consider what it might look like if there was a large wall that separated the spectators from the players. The only access to the field is through just one single gate controlled by the head coach. Generally, we know that during a game players should only listen to the coaches. Opposing spectators who try to access their way on to the field and distract the players is prohibited. We can imagine how quickly security would address any opposing spectator who reached the field by climbing over the wall like a robber or thief. We also know that after a game players do not remain on the field, but they are led out of the stadium to do many things including nourishing their bodies so they will continue to thrive and perform well in future games.

Hopefully, this analogy easily illustrates what Jesus was describing in John as both gate and shepherd. For it is Jesus who protects us from the opposing spectators or thieves and robbers including the devil, the world, and our sinful nature from the fall of Adam. The Pharisees questioned the signs of Christ and did not believe He was there to be a sacrifice for the whole world. Of course, Jesus Himself is the shepherd who calls us his own sheep by name and leads us to an eternal life in Him.

As we celebrate the Easter season our reading reminds us that the only way to enter into the ultimate sheep gate is by confessing Jesus Christ as the risen Lord. The simple fact is that anytime we take responsibility for all or even some small fraction of our salvation, we will lose. That is the reason that Jesus compares us to sheep. In fact, the Bible compares us to sheep in many places. Psalm 119:176 says, "I have astrayed like a lost sheep." The prophet Isaiah in chapter 53, verse six, said, "We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all." If you anyone who raises sheep they will tell you that if you give sheep an opportunity to make trouble, they will take it. We, like sheep, know that it is simply impossible for us to stay perfect. But our Shepherd provides the gate and the path.

We Pray

Good and gracious Lord, we thank you for your role as gate and shepherd. We are blessed to be your lambs led on



### **Daily Prayer This Week**

This is potentially a powerful week for entering into how available Jesus is for us. He promises to be with us, to make us one with him, even to make his home in us. He promises to keep us safe and to bring us to our true home to be with him forever. The opportunity we have this week is to accept this offer of deepening our relationship with our Lord. We accept it if we let his availability to us seep more and more deeply into our consciousness each day. We do this by beginning each day focusing our first thoughts of the day in a simple recognition that we are not alone: "Thank you for this day, Lord. I know you want to stay close to me, to guide me and support me today. I need some real strength and courage to face some of the challenges of this day. Help me to keep connecting with you throughout this day, to remember your presence and love." This 20 second prayer will open our day to a Lord who invites us to surrender our troubles to him.

At various times of the day - especially when we approach a particularly challenging responsibility, or an occasion or situation in which we habitually lose our peace or give in to temptation - we can be renewed by another 20 second prayer. Each time we turn to the Lord, our "moment of connection" can become more specific, more intimate, and more confident.

If we find ourselves sidetracked and distracted all day, or for several days, it is easy to get right back on track by pausing, while doing almost anything, and asking our Lord to remind us of his constant presence. We will quickly return to a sense that Jesus knows us, understands us, and wants to be with us in whatever troubles our hearts. And, each night, when we give thanks to our Lord for his fidelity to us throughout the day, we will be given the grace to know, again, that we are never alone.

Regular Knights of Columbus Monthlyh Meeting - May 3, 2023 Dinner: 6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting: 7:00 PM At. Staninslaus Lower Small Hall