

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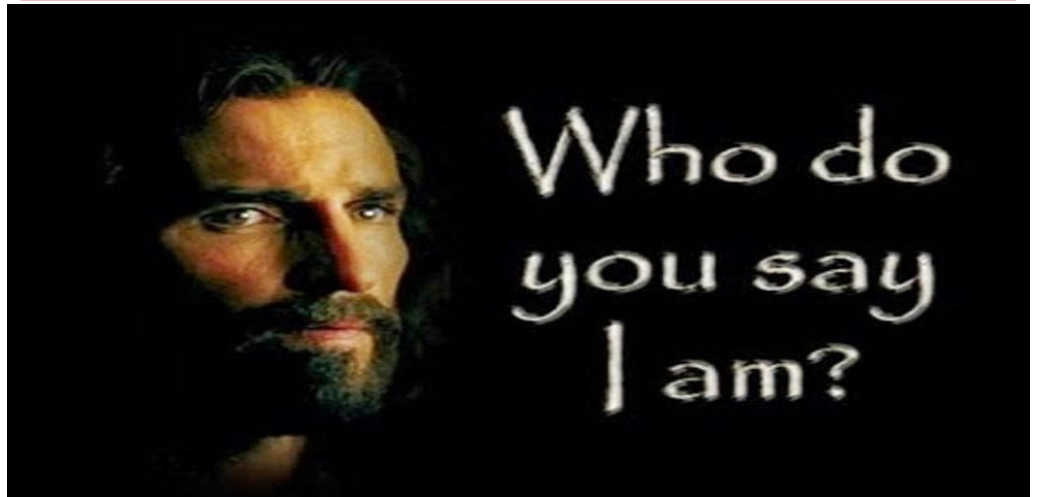
**Mission Statement :**  
By our Baptism, we are committed to  
celebrate the presence of Christ in Word  
and Sacrament and are continually  
called to build our lives in the image of  
Christ. Through liturgy and ministry, we  
strive to bring ourselves closer to God  
and to each other, by building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

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**21st Ordinary Sunday - August 27, 2023**



Simon Peter answered  
**You Are The Christ**  
**The Son Of The Living God**

Matthew 16:16

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**Matthew 16:18**  
And I say also unto thee, That  
thou art Peter, and upon this  
rock **I will build my church**; and  
the gates of hell shall not  
prevail against it.



# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



**Tuesday, August 29**

**10:00 AM - St. Christopher, Whitefish**

No Intentions requested

**Wednesday, August 30**

**10:00 AM - St. Pius X, Lively**

† Alcide Babineau by C. Regimbal

**Thursday, August 31**

**10:30 AM - Meadowbrook, Lively**

No Intentions requested

**Friday, September 01**

**09:30 AM - St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff**

For the intentions of St. Stanislaus Parishioners

**22nd Ordinary Sunday**

**Saturday, September 02**

**04:30 PM St. Pius X, Lively**

For the People entrusted to the Pastor

**Sunday, September 03**

**09:00 AM St. Christopher, Whitefish**

† Frances Powell by Pat & Darwin Brunne

**11:00 AM St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff**

† Claude Normand by Adele Presello

**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**

## 21st Ordinary Sunday

**Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 138**

**Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures  
forever. Do not forsake the work of  
your hands.**

## Weekdays Scripture Readings: August 28 to September 03, 2023

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	1 Thessalonians 1. 1-5, 8-10	Matthew 23:13-22
Tuesday	Jeremiah 1:17-19 - The Passion of St. John the Baptist	Mark 6:17-29
Wednesday	1 Thessalonians 2:9-13	Matthew 23:27-32
Thursday	1 Thessalonians 3:7-13	Matthew 24:42-51
Friday	1 Thessalonians 4:1-8	Matthew 25:1-13
Saturday	1 Thessalonians 4:9-11	Matthew 25:14-30
Sunday	Jeremiah 20:7-9 // Romans 12:1-2	Matthew 16:21-27

Sunday Collection - August 20, 2023

Thank You for Your Continued Generosity!

Church	Envelopes	Loose	PADP
St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff	\$ 539	\$ 95.10	\$
St. Pius X, Lively	\$ 595	\$ 36.80	\$
St. Christopher, Whitefish	\$ 220	\$ 73.50	\$

### 21st Week of Ordinary Time

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.

This week we have the **Memorial of St. Augustine** and the **Memorial of the Passion of John the Baptist**.

The first readings this week are from Paul's **First Letter to the Thessalonians**, the oldest book in the New Testament. The letters are affectionate and frank reminders of the humiliation and challenges that Paul met in preaching to this community he loved so much. These readings are a wonderful reminder that the letters of Paul were just that - letters to teach, encourage and support early communities of Christians.

**Matthew's Gospel** this week includes stories of Jesus strongly challenging the Pharisees. He saw how they made people's lives so difficult by their insistence on the rules and appearances while neglecting mercy and good faith. He chides them for paying attention to the extraneous and not the message: 'Blind guides, who strain out the gnat and swallow the camel!' His criticism grows stronger: 'On the outside you appear righteous, but inside you are filled with hypocrisy and evildoing'. Jesus teaches about preparation: 'Stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come'. In the parable of the ten maidens who go out to meet the bridegroom, many of the women did not prepare for the meeting and do not have enough oil for their lamps and Jesus says again, 'Stay awake'. Saturday's gospel is the dramatic story of the three servants who are given resources by their master and rewarded or punished for what they did with the resources they had.

Our week ends as we look to the **Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**. We see a glimpse of the Prophet **Jeremiah** who understands the pain of following the Lord and decides not to speak the Lord's name again, 'but then it becomes like fire burning in my heart'. Paul's letter to the **Romans** encourages those ancient Romans - and us - not to conform to this age but to discern the will of God. In **Matthew's Gospel**, Jesus corrects his disciples' resistance to his own passion and death, telling them that if they try to save their lives, they'll lose them. 'Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me'.

**Development and Peace Caritas Canada:**

Save the Date! October 13-15, 2023 - Fall Retreat & Workshop Anishinabe Spiritual Center  
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- St. Pope John Paul II  
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**21st Ordinary Sunday - Daily Prayer This Week**

This week, we can go from hearing these wonderful readings to listening to Jesus with our hearts. It is great to begin this week asking for the grace to reflect throughout the day on how we will enter 'the narrow gate', by how we go about our day, interact with people, or return home from work. Then we can reflect on how we can humble ourselves and what that means for our day to day choices.

We could ask for the grace to go deeper than the externals and rules and get to the heart of our faith - loving others with the same compassion and love that Jesus shows us. For some of us, it might be extremely helpful this week to take the word 'awake' and to carry it all day long. 'Help me stay awake, Lord: to be alert and attentive, focused and reflective today. It will be busy, but I ask that you help me be consciously aware that you will be with me all day'. We may want to ask, 'Lord, let me be conscious of the many gifts and blessings you have given me. Let me reflect upon how I use each gift gratefully and for others. Let me really see today if there are gifts that I am neglecting, squandering, or simply are afraid to use. Then, give me the courage to give you thanks and to be a good steward of your gifts'.

As we prepare for Sunday, we can begin to reflect upon giving up the honors in our lives. We can begin each day praying, 'Lord, help me humble myself today, put myself last in caring for my family, in doing my job with a more selfless sense of service. Help me forgive people who aren't performing well or behaving well. Help me see the way you give me life in this surrender, in this freedom to spend brief moments today in talking with you, friend-to-friend, in heart-felt connection with you, for others'.