# 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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Fourth Ordinary Sunday - January 29, 2023



the pure in heart for they will see God those who are persecuted because of righteousness for theirs is the kingdom of heaven

those who hunger and thirst for righteousness

peacemakers

Rejoice and be glad great is your reward in heaven

those who mourn for they will be comforted the meek

those persecuted because of righteousness

the merciful for they will be shown mercy the meek for they will inherit the earth

you when people insult you persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me the peacemakers for they will be called children of God

the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven those who hunger and thirst for righteousness for they will be filled



Tuesday, January 31
10:00 AM - St. Christopher, Whitefish
No Intentions requested

Wednesday, February 01
10:30 AM - St. Pius X, Lively
† Rita & Basil McBain by Cecelia Jamieson

Thursday, February 2
10:00 AM - Meadowbrook, Lively
No Intentions requested

Friday, February 03
09:30 AM - St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff
† Frances Chenard by Faye Wafer

Fifth Ordinary Sunday
Saturday, February 04
04:30 PM St. Pius X, Lively
For the People entrusted to the Pastor
Sunday, February 05

09:00 AM St. Christopher, Whitefish
† Theresa Marion by Adrienne McIntyre
11:00 AM St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff
† Francisco Ortiz Munoz by the Ortiz family

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 Ordinary Sunday Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 146 Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

# Weekdays Scripture Readings: January 30 to February 5, 2023

Day	Reading	Gospel	
Monday	Hebrews 11. 32-40	Mark 5. 1-20	
Tuesday	Hebrews 12. 1-4	Mark 5. 21-43	
Wednesday	Hebrews 12. 4-7; 11-15	<b>Mark 6. 1-6</b>	
Thursday	Malachi 3. 1-4	Luke 2. 22-40	
Friday	Hebrews 13. 1-8	<b>Mark 6. 14-29</b>	
Saturday	Hebrews 13. 15-17, 20-21	Mark 6. 30-34	
Sunday	Isaiah 58. 6-10 / 1 Corinthians 2. 1-5	<b>Matthew 5. 13-16</b>	

Sunday Collection - January 22, 2023			Thank You for Your Continued Generosity!		
Church	Envelopes		Loose	PADP	
St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff	St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff \$ 414		\$ 77	\$	
St. Pius X, Lively	\$ 495		\$ 17.30	\$	
St. Christopher, Whitefish	\$ 625		\$ 180	\$	

# The Fourth Week of Ordinary Time

On the **Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time**, Matthew's Gospel gives us the essence of Jesus teaching in the Beatitudes. 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted'.

Tuesday is the Memorial of Saint John Bosco, priest. Thursday is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord with its own special readings. Saturday is the Memorial of Saint Agatha, virgin and martyr.

The first reading this week continues with the Letter to the Hebrews. Jesus is priest and we should not be discouraged.

In Mark's Gospel this week, Jesus continues to heal and teach. A man in the Gerasenes is healed of unclean spirits and wants to stay with Jesus but he tells the man, 'Go home to your family and announce to them all that the Lord in his pity has done for you'. The young daughter of a synagogue official is sick and on the way to cure her, as Jesus stood in a crowd, he felt the power go out of him as a woman with a hemorrhage touched his cloak. 'Your faith has saved you', he reassures her. To the synagogue official he says, 'Do not be afraid; just have faith' and heals his daughter. He teaches in the synagogue in his hometown 'and they took offense at him'. He was not able to perform miracles there, because of their lack of faith. Jesus sends his apostles, in twos, to share the good news. After publicly promising a dancer anything she wants, Herod reluctantly gives the girl her wish and orders John the Baptist to be beheaded. When Jesus' disciples return from their journeys, he encourages them, 'Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while'. But as they tried to get away 'and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things'.

On the **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**, Jesus encourages his disciples to let their light shine: 'Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father'.

# **Daily Prayer This Week**

The readings this week seem to be about healing and call. In our ongoing renewal, I can ask our Lord to be continually healed of what is getting in my way and to continually be more and more open to my call.

Even though we are trying to be people who find intimacy with God in the very midst of our everyday lives, there might be moments this week when we plug into a really great connection with our Lord. So often that happens when we find ourselves in need of healing. Perhaps after many years of one part of our life being dominated by an unclean spirit, we discover a readiness to be whole again, pure again. Maybe we encounter a sin that has become 'my' sin, my obstacle to growth in my relationship with God. This may be the week to open my heart to pure grace and reconciliation.

This could be the week when we discover what a handicap fear itself is in my life. It may be the reason we don't ask or even reach out to touch Jesus for healing. This may be the week we are being invited to no longer be afraid and to let our Lord love us and heal us. Touching his cloak, without words, may be enough for us.

This week, like so many, can be a time for us to be consciously aware of our being called - placed in a position of being his disciple. In that situation, whatever way the invitation comes to us, we are clearly facing an opportunity to be a source of good news, rather than bad news; to love tenderly, rather than selfishly; to be a gatherer of others, rather than a divider; and to be a source of compassion, rather than a heartless judge. And, when that happens, we can delight in spending a bit more time with Jesus, comforting us for being his disciple there. We can 'come away with him' for even a brief moment and give thanks that we had that taste of his ministry, happening through us.

When we rest each night this week, expressing our thanks for this daily prayer is quite in order.



# Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Matthew 5:1-12 - Beatitudes

A happy person does not fall into sin very easily. Satan stays away from happy and joyful people and they are too hard to tempt. Yet Satan finds ways on how to attract us to him. Jesus has beatitudes and Satan had beatitudes too and this is called Satan's beatitudes. It is like this:

Blessed are they who are too tired and busy to go to Church on Sunday, for the are my best workers.

Blessed are they who are bored with the minister's mannerisms and mistakes, for they get nothing out of the sermon.

Blessed are they who gossip for they cause strife and division that please me.

Blessed are they who are easily offended for they soon get angry and quit.

Blessed are they who do not give their offerings to carry on God's work, for they are my best helpers.

Blessed are they who profess to love God but hate their own brother and sister, for they will be with me forever.

Blessed are the troublemakers for they shall be called the children of the devil.

Blessed is he/she who has no time to pray, for that person shall be easy prey.

Beatitudes are golden rules for happiness, as Vima Dasan, SJ claimed in his homily book *His Word Lives*. It is because the blessed may be poor in riches but they don't mind it because they trust in a caring God and so they are happy. The blessed my be happened to be materially rich but because they are poor in spirit the result is that God becomes so dear to them that wealth means nothing to them and therefore they are happy and many more. People who are poor in spirit are those: who trust God (vs. greed); those who are humble (vs. pride); those who forgive (vs. revenge); those who are just (vs. unfairness); those who are merciful (vs. rash judgment); those who are pure of hearts (vs. lust) and those who are witnessing (vs. sloth). These are our Christian attitudes if we want to be called blessed by God.

Beatitudes remind us again that happiness flows from within. It is found in moments of life we label as 'quality' rather than 'quantity'. Nowadays, what we need are not quantity of members but quality members of our Catholic Church that are committed to go on and fulfill God's will.

Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting - February 1, 2023
6 PM Dinner 7 PM Regular Meeting At St. Stanislaus Lower Small Hall