

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

Parish Priest :
Rev. Father Arulkumar

Parish Secretary :
Faye Wafer

Office Hours :
Tuesday to Friday
12:00 PM to 4:00 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
Friday : 9:00 AM to 9:15 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 12:00 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
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Second Sunday of Advent - December 5, 2021

Today's Message:

Preparing the way for Jesus

Luke 3:1-6

Synod 2021 - 2023

Pope Francis is inviting the universal Church to participate in this important Church event. In our diocese, we will mark the opening of the Synod on the third Sunday of Advent. In January 2022, you will be invited to participate during the consultation phase, by sharing your ideas about the Church. Let us pray for the success of the Synod and may we welcome the Holy Spirit to guide us on this synodal journey together (From the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie).



You can reach the Office by Phone only
Tuesday to Thursday - 10 AM to 1 PM
Thank you!

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Tuesday, December 7

09:30 AM - Mass

No intention Requested

Wednesday, December 8

09:30 AM - Mass

No intention Requested

Thursday, December 9

10:00 AM - Mass At Meadowbrook

† Betty Guay by C. Regimbal

Friday, December 10

09:30 AM - Mass

No intention Requested

Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 11

04:30 PM St. Pius X, Lively

† Gino Gonnella by Sonia & Mel Chomiak

† Ed & Lucille O'Hearne by O'Hearne Family

Sunday, December 12

09:00 AM St. Christopher, Whitefish

For the People entrusted to the Pastor

11:00 AM St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff

† Verner Wittmer by Ursula & Robert Wittmer

The Rosary is recited before
Saturday and Sunday Mass.

The Cenacle of the Marian Movement of priests
is held each Tuesday at 9:15 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

Second Sunday of Advent

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 126

To The Lord has done great things
for us; we are filled with joy.

Weekdays Scripture Readings: December 6 to December 12, 2021

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	Isaiah 35. 1-10	Luke 5. 17-26
Tuesday	Isaiah 40. 1-11	Matthew 18. 12-14
Wednesday	Genesis 3. 9-15, 20 / Ephesians 1. 3-6, 11-12	Luke 1. 26-38
Thursday	Isaiah 41. 13-20	Matthew 11. 11-15
Friday	Isaiah 48. 17-19	Matthew 11. 16-19
Saturday	Sirach 48. 1-4, 9-11	Matthew 17. 10-13
Sunday	Zephaniah 3. 14-18a / Philippians 4. 4-7	Luke 3. 10-18

Sunday Collection - November 27 / 28, 2021

Thank You for Your Continued Generosity!

Church	Envelopes	Loose	PADP
St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff	\$ 862	\$	\$
St. Pius X, Lively	\$ 309.60	\$ 11	\$
St. Christopher, Whitefish	\$ 782.89	\$ 65	\$

Second Sunday of Advent

'Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God forever'. Those words from **Baruch** are in the first reading for the **Second Sunday of Advent**. **Luke's Gospel** offers us a first look at the promise of John the Baptist as he cries out, 'Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God'.

Tuesday is the **Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**. Wednesday is the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, with its own special readings.

We focus on the first readings from the Prophet **Isaiah** this week. With the Babylonian Captivity, the temple was destroyed, the leaders of the people were taken away to Babylon and a remnant was left behind. A life-threatening desert separated the people. In this context, Isaiah proclaims God's vindication of the people in exile. The desert will be reborn. A highway will bring their liberation. And the signs will be that there is healing and peace. 'Comfort, give comfort to my people', says the Lord. The valleys will be filled in, the mountains leveled - every obstacle will be overcome - to build a highway for our God to come and save us. The people can hardly believe the good news. They are weak and weary of their captivity. Isaiah proclaims, 'They that hope in the LORD will renew their strength, they will soar as with eagles' wings'. He offers support: 'I am the LORD, your God, who grasp your right hand; It is I who say to you, 'Fear not, I will help you'. The people have been at a distance from the Lord for some time and were not obeying the commandments. The Lord says, 'I, the LORD, your God, teach you what is for your good, and lead you on the way you should go'. The final first reading this week is a piece from the book of **Sirach** in which the prophet Elijah is praised. Elijah, who was destined to come again to restore order before the day of the Lord, is seen in the reading from **Matthew's Gospel** to be John the Baptist.

The gospels this week, taken from various evangelists, show Jesus as the fulfillment of the liberation promised. Jesus heals the paralytic. He tends to the lost sheep of his flock. He comforts us who labor and are burdened. Jesus teaches a true wisdom.

Sunday of the Third Week of Advent begins with the **Prophet Zephaniah's** announcement of liberation and God's presence among the people after decades of their own infidelity. In **Luke's Gospel**, John the Baptist is the focus of the expectation in the people who come to him asking what to do. He exhorts them to integrity and charity and announces the one who is to come: 'He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire'.

Daily Prayer This Week

Finding intimacy with God in the midst of our busy lives begins with getting in touch with our own desires. Advent is a wonderful time to ask myself, 'What am I looking for? What do I desire? What longing can I recognize in my heart?' The answers to those questions will be our best guide for daily prayer. The readings this week offer some possible ways to talk with the Lord about our desires.

We can begin by trying to get in touch with a part of my heart that is divided, perhaps with a desert separating the two parts. For example, is there a disconnect between my primary commitments and the amount of time and attention that I give to them? Is there a distance between who I say I am and who I actually am? Do I experience something missing between what I believe and how I live those beliefs? We all have these contradictions and inconsistencies within us. These are the places into which we can let our Advent desiring grow. This week, we can imagine the prophet saying, 'There will be a path between what is separate or divided or at a distance in your life!' or 'What is desert, barren, dry and life-less in you will come to life!' We can hear, 'You will find freedom and comfort, where you have been finding yourself in a captivity to pattern and routine, where you have felt weak and weary'. 'Learn from the Lord and learn real wisdom'.

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