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

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The Baptism of the Lord - January 9, 2022



"All baptized persons are missionaries of the Good News, above all by their lives, their work, and their witness of joy and conviction." Pope Francis Millennial

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

Parish Priest : Rev. Father Arulkumar

> **Parish Secretary: Fave Wafer**

Office Hours : Tuesday to Thursday **10 AM to 1 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 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.



Tuesday, January 11

09:30 AM - Mass No intention Requested

Wednesday, January 12 09:30 AM - Mass No intention Requested

Thursday, January 13 10:00 AM - Mass No intention Requested

Friday, January 14 09:30 AM - Mass No intention Requested

Second Ordinary Sunday

Saturday, January 15

04:30 PM St. Pius X, Lively † Betty Guay by K of C 3909

Sunday, January 16

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

11:00 AM St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff † Trevor Poland by Bruna Souliere 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

The Baptism of the Lord Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 29 The Lord will bless his people with peace.

	weekuays Scripture Readings. January 10 to January 16, 2022				
Day	Reading	Gospel			
Monday	1 Samuel 1:9-20	Mark 1:14-20			
Tuesday	1 Samuel 1:9-20	Mark 1:21-28			
Wednesday	1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20	Mark 1:29-39			
Thursday	1 Samuel 4:1-11	Mark 1:40-45			
Friday	1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22	Mark 2:1-12			
Saturday	1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1	Mark 2:13-17			
Sunday	Isaiah 62:1-5 / 1 Corinthians 12:4-11	John 2:1-12			

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

Sunday Collection - January 1/2, 2022			Thank You for Your Continued Generosity!		
Church	Envelopes		Loose	PADP	
St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff	\$ 300 / 1	195	\$	\$	
St. Pius X, Lively	\$ 209 /	305	\$	\$	
St. Christopher, Whitefish	\$ 95 / 6	55	\$ 230	\$	

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The First Week of Ordinary Time

Sunday is the **Baptism of the Lord**. We hear the Lord say in the first reading from **Isaiah**, 'Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased, upon whom I have put my spirit'. Those words are echoed in the reading from **Luke's Gospel**, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased'. This feast marks the end of the Christmas season and the beginning of Ordinary Time on the Church calendar.

During the weekdays, we begin a three-week cycle of captivating readings from the **First Book of Samuel**. We read of Samuel's mother, Hannah, who promises the Lord, 'if you give your handmaid a male child, I will give him to the LORD for as long as he lives'. Samuel hears a call from the Lord and responds, 'Speak, for your servant is listening'. An epic battle against the Philistines ends in devastating losses for Israel and the capture of the Ark of the Covenant. In his old age, Samuel rules Israel and the elders ask Samuel to appoint a King to rule them. Samuel meets Saul. When Samuel caught sight of Saul, the LORD assured him, 'This is the man of whom I told you; he is to govern my people'.

From now until the beginning of Lent, the weekday gospels are from **Mark's Gospel**. Mark offers us a look at the beginning of Jesus public ministry. Jesus calls his first disciples, fisherman at work: Simon and Andrew, then James and John. 'Then they left their nets and followed him'. He drives out evil spirits and heals the sick. He hears the cry of the leper: 'If you wish, you can make me clean', and Jesus, 'moved with pity' heals him. Friends lower a paralytic from a roof down into the crowd in front of Jesus, who heals him and says, 'Child, your sins are forgiven'. Jesus extends an invitation to the despised tax collector, Levi: 'Follow me'.

On the **Second Sunday of Ordinary Time**, a beautiful reading from Isaiah promises vindication which will 'shine forth like the dawn'. In the **First Letter to the Corinthians**, we are reassured that each of us has different gifts of the Spirit. 'There are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone'. The Wedding Feast of Cana is the centerpiece of **John's Gospel**. His mother told the servants to follow his orders and Jesus performed his first public miracle 'and so revealed his glory'.

Daily Prayer This Week

In this first week of Ordinary Time, we might find ourselves feeling a little let-down after the Christmas season, especially in parts of the world where it seems cold and dark most days. This is where we can ask for the grace to let the stories of the gospels come alive in our hearts.

Jesus encounters Levi, a Jewish tax collector. Because of his profession, he was probably wealthy but he had humiliated his family and made himself a pariah to most of those around him. Jesus' response to this 'outcast' was to invite him to be one of his closest disciples - and to dine at his house.

In our own lives we may find a loneliness or separation from people in our family or others in our lives. We have parts of our lives that are dark and embarrassing and seem unchangeable. It is into this very darkness and discomfort that Jesus extends the same invitation to us: 'Follow me'. This clear and personal call to us is from Jesus who already knows us and our failings and yet asks us to be with him. We can hear this invitation more clearly if we can be touched with awareness of our own failings and understand more deeply how much we need a savior in our lives. It is then that our hearts open to accept this invitation.

This week Jesus invites us to follow him, as friends and disciples. This is a good week for us to contemplate with Jesus, what we are looking for and how much we want to turn and follow him. We can pray to Jesus for the strength to leave the patterns and habits of our lives that so often turn us away from him and ask for the grace to make a new beginning in our lives. If we can sit with our hands open in humility, we can accept that we can't do this on our own, but know in our hearts that with the help of God, nothing is impossible.

A presentation by Sister Nathalie Becquart, XMCJ on Synodality Young People & Church, Friday, January 14, 2022, 11 AM to 1 PM, Online Event. All are welcome. RSVP: navfdco@gmail.com

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