St. Stanislaus & St. Pius XParish Priest :
Rev. Father Arulkumar& St. Christopher

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 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. 78 Balsam Street, P.O. Box 910 Copper Cliff, ON P0M 1N0 Tel: 705-682-4683 / Fax: 705-682-2646

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31st Ordinary Sunday - November 05, 2023



Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat, so do and observe whatever they tell you, but not the works they do. For they preach, but do not practice. Matthew 23:1-3

A desire to preach without a burden to study is a desire to perform.

Liturgy - St. Stanislaus & St. Pius X & St. Christopher

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, November 07 10:00 AM - St. Christopher, Whitefish No Intentions requested

Wednesday, November 08 10:00 AM - St. Pius X, Lively † Lena Besner by Dina Greene

Thursday, November 09 10:30 AM - Meadowbrook, Lively

Friday, November 10 09:30 AM - St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff † For the deceased members of the St. Stanislaus

32nd Ordinary Sunday Saturday, November 11

04:30 PM - St. Pius X, Lively
† Deceased Members of CWL St. Pius X
† Deceased Members of K of C 3909

Sunday, November 12

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

11:00 AM - St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff† Leona Bartolucci 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 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

31st Ordinary Sunday Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 131 In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

Weekdays Scripture Readings: November 06 to November 12, 2023

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	Romans 11. 29-36	Luke 14. 12-14
Tuesday	Romans 12. 5-16	Luke 14. 15-24
Wednesday	Romans 13. 8-10	Luke 14. 25-33
Thursday	Ezekiel 47. 1-2, 8-9, 12	John 2. 13-22
Friday	Romans 15. 14-21	Luke 16. 1-8
Saturday	Romans 16. 3-9, 16, 22-27	Luke 16. 9-15
Sunday	Wisdom 6. 12-16 // 1 Thessalonians 4. 13-18	Matthew 25. 1-13

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

Sunday Collection - October 29, 2023 Thank You for Your Continued Generosity! Church **Envelopes** PADP Loose \$ 580 \$ St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff \$ 229.05 \$ St. Pius X, Lively \$ 620 \$ 15 St. Christopher, Whitefish \$ 780 **\$ 217** \$

31st Week of Ordinary Time

Jesus calls us to humility on the **Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time** as he says in the **Gospel of Matthew**, 'Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted'. He encourages us to turn away from honors and titles and to take the lowest place at the banquet.

We celebrate the **Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome**; the **Memorial of Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church**, and the **Memorial of Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop**.

During the regular readings this week, we conclude a four-week series of first readings from **Paul's Letter to the Romans**. He reminds us, 'Who has known the mind of the Lord?'

In the **Gospel according to Luke** we see Jesus living out his daily life with challenging honesty. He calls us to extend an invitation out of our hearts, not with an eye on an invitation in return: 'invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind'. Then Jesus tells the parable of the invited guests who made excuses to decline the invitation. He sends his servants to invite everyone. Jesus tells a crowd that they have to renounce their possessions to be his disciple and that to do something really important, we have to prepare and be ready. When the religious leaders complain, 'This man welcomes sinners and eats with them', Jesus tells parables of the man who finds his lost sheep and the woman with the lost coin, both of whom rejoice in finding what was lost. A steward protects himself by pardoning those who owe his master. We end the week with Jesus asking which is more important, God or money? 'No servant can serve two masters'.

Being prepared for the coming of the Lord is the nugget in the gospel for the **Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time.** We hear in **Matthew's Gospel** the story of the foolish maidens who are not ready for their master's coming, and miss the wedding feast.

31st Ordinary Week - Daily Prayer This Week

This week guides us deep into our faith in several ways.

As we go about our very busy lives this week, we can continue to practice focusing our attention on an ongoing conversation with our Lord throughout the day. Our desires - for union with our Lord, to know God's love for us, to become more aware of our failings, to become more generous with our family and friends, to be more patient and forgiving, to love as we have been loved - can be expressed in these simple expressions. These expressed desires will naturally interact with the real events of our day.

The gospels this week will draw us into desiring to be more merciful and to not let money or pride dominate our behavior. We won't be 'unprepared' if we keep making openings for our Lord to enter the ordinary moments of our days. In repeated moments, we can simply open our hearts and ask God for the desire to have our lives focus on God's desires for us, rather than what our culture wants us to focus on so constantly.

Jesus welcomes us - even as sinners - and eats with us. He is the one who invites us to be like him in seeking out the lost, to growing in compassion. We can reflect all week on that call, in concrete terms in relation to the people in our lives and throughout the world.

Of course, we can prepare for Sunday by reflection on how we are prepared with oil in our lamps - and what that might mean for our 'readiness' for the calls we are receiving from the Lord.

Each night, let's look back over the day briefly, and give thanks for a God who listens to our desires.

From Knights of Columbus 3909:

Will recite the names of all deceased Knights at St. Pius X, Lively, November 11, 2023 at 4:15 PM



31st Ordinary Week - The greatest among you must be your servant (Mt. 23:11)

When we stop and really open our hearts to Jesus, we can recognize once again that we are far from perfect. But the good news for us is that Jesus is not looking for perfection in us but humility and service. Jesus reminds us that we are brothers and sisters, part of the human family. He urges us to be compassionate and not to let our lives get sidetracked by the external rewards offered by our society.

Jesus invites all of us, even the greatest among us, to be a servant. We may chafe at the idea of being a servant. I don't want to be lowly and I want to be in control in a way a servant is not. But what if we alter the way we think about the kind of service Jesus is calling us to? As we consider being a *servant*, we change the meaning to *love*.

I am a servant to my husband: I serve my husband by loving him better.

Parents are called to serve their children - to love them.

Many of us are servants for / loving - our elderly parents.

In my life today, I am no longer raising children, but I am serving / loving my husband each day as much as I can. And I have grandchildren to care for, and my adult children to love in new ways.

When I am at my best, Jesus is at the center of my life and service, and any activity I am involved in, is about serving. I still listen as people share their suffering with me and I grieve for those around the world whose lives are so filled with pain.

Our goal is to be a servant for those who suffer, sharing this pain with Jesus. It is that awareness of others and the compassion I pray for that counteracts what Pope Francis calls the globalization of indifference.

The first reading from Malachi echoes the gospel with the same challenges to the religious leaders who had grown lazy in their duties. Soon the people followed their example. Malachi reproaches: they 'have turned aside from the way, and have caused many to falter' by their instruction. 'Have we not all the one father? Has not the one God created us?'