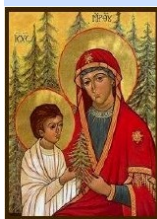


Our Lady of the Pines & St. Theodore of Tarsus Catholic Churches



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October 9, 2016

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

An Election Year Message from the Roman Catholic Bishops of Minnesota

Voting is a privilege and an important duty. It is an opportunity for God's faithful to love our neighbors by electing legislators who will hopefully enact policies that protect the weak, strengthen the family, promote the conditions for all to flourish, and ensure that citizens can practice their faith without fear of reprisal.

The responsibility of voting is especially important to Minnesotans this year; our entire state legislature is up for election. At a time when many Catholics feel politically homeless and not represented well by either party, this year's elections provide a special opportunity to work for life and dignity where it matters most - in our own backyard. Minnesota Catholics should not let frustrations with the presidential race prevent them from participating in our many important local elections.

The choices we are to make on Election Day are not always obvious. We must rise above partisanship, self-interest, and emotions to elect candidates who are most likely to work for the common good and govern in a manner consistent with God's providential care for all of creation. We should prepare ourselves by forming our consciences, studying the candidates' positions and character, and turning to God for guidance in prayer.

As you get ready to cast your vote, we encourage you to visit the Minnesota Catholic Conference's election resources center, at MNCatholic.org/election. Here, you'll find a novena to help you prayerfully prepare for election day, resources to help you find out where the candidates stand on the issues, and materials for forming your conscience.

Thank you for bringing your faith into the public arena. And don't forget to vote!

Yours Sincerely,

Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda, Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis;
Bishop John M. LeVoir, Diocese of New Ulm; **Bishop Michael J. Hoeppner**,
Diocese of Crookston; **Bishop John M. Quinn**, Diocese of Winona; **Bishop Paul
D. Sirba**, Diocese of Duluth; **Bishop Donald J. Kettler**, Diocese of Saint Cloud;
Auxiliary Bishop Andrew Cozzens, Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis.

Mass Times

Our Lady of the Pines, Nevis

Tuesdays: 12 Noon

Wednesdays-Fridays 9:00 AM

Saturdays: 5:00 PM

Sundays: 10:30 AM

St. Theodore's Church, Laporte

Sundays 8:30 AM

Eucharistic Adoration at OLP

Thursdays: 9:30-10:30 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 4:15-4:45 PM at OLP

Sundays 8:00 AM at St. Theodore's

Information on Reception of Sacraments

Baptism: We are delighted to welcome you or your children into our faith community. Please call the Pastor at 218-652-4022 for Baptism preparation and for scheduling a date of your child's Baptism.

Marriage: Congratulations! We are happy to assist you in preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. Do call the Pastor at 218-652-4022 as early as 6 months in advance.

Pastoral Visitation: We want to be a part of your life. If you desire a home visit with communion for the sick and homebound or intend to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation or Anointing of the Sick, or just a pastoral visit, please call the Pastor at 218-652-4022.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES

Saturday, 10/8	4:15 - 4:45 PM 4:30 PM 5:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis Rosary Leader at OLP: Catherine Krause Mass at OLP: For +Joseph Grant by Jerome & Arlene Biessener Projectionist: Jesse Clack Monthly Birthday & Anniversary Celebration after Mass
Sunday, 10/9 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time CLOW Fall Faith Sharing Group Registration - 2	8:00 AM 8:10 AM 8:30 AM 10:00 AM 10:30 AM	Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte Rosary Leader at STC: Rosemary Moss Mass at STC: For +Michael & Mary Fernando by Ed & Cecilia Pettit STC Hospitality following Mass Rosary Leader at OLP: Bob DeCrans Mass at OLP: For the Members of our Parishes Projectionist: Anna Hudson CLOW Leader: Karie Lindow Monthly Birthday & Anniversary Celebration and OLP Hospitality after Mass
Monday, 10/10 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED		No Mass Pastor's day off
Tuesday, 10/11	10:30 AM 12:00 PM	Money Counters: Terry Lenz, Catherine Lenz & Sue Joerger Mass at OLP: For +Kurt Blumberg by Gene & Joan Blumberg
Wednesday, 10/12	9:00 AM 12:00 - 2:00 PM 12:00 - 2:00 PM 6:30 - 7:30 PM	Mass at OLP: For +Don & Lucy Carlson by the Carlson Family Faith Formation Classes for Nevis School Release Time Students Faith Formation Classes for Laporte School Release Time Students Faith Formation Classes for Grades 7-10
Thursday, 10/13	9:00 AM 2:30 PM 3:30 PM 7:00 PM	Mass at OLP: For the Safe Travel of Emily Kempf by Mary Kempf Eucharistic Adoration RCIA at St. Theodore's Church STC Cemetery Committee Meeting Haiti Committee Meeting
Friday, 10/14 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	9:00 AM	Mass at OLP: For the Intentions of the Lisa & Steve Andrew Family by Walter & Renee Johnson
Saturday, 10/15	9:30 AM 4:15 - 4:45 PM 4:30 PM 5:00 PM	OLP Finance Council Meeting Sacrament of Reconciliation at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis Rosary Leader at OLP: Loren Kramer Mass at OLP: For +Joe Tomas by Helen Tomas & Family Projectionist: Anna Hudson Monthly Birthday & Anniversary Celebration after Mass
Sunday, 10/16 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time CLOW	8:00 AM 8:10 AM 8:30 AM 10:10 AM 10:30 AM 11:30 AM 11:45 AM	Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte Rosary Leader at STC: Bonnie Conrad Mass at STC: For the Members of our Parishes Rosary Leader at OLP: Doug Scrapper Mass at OLP: For Birthday Blessings upon Renee Johnson by Mary Kempf Projectionist: Anna Hudson CLOW Leaders: Rebecca Scrapper & Logan Funk Monthly Birthday & Anniversary Celebration and OLP Hospitality after Mass AED Training for Ushers and Greeters at Our Lady of the Pines Church OLP Guild Meeting
Upcoming Events	October 18 October 18 October 20	Fall Bible Study at 1:00 PM at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis Knights of Columbus General Meeting at 7:00 PM Youth Rally in Ada, MN 9:30 AM - 9:00 PM

Our Lady of the Pines Church Liturgical Ministers Saturday, October 15, 2016	
Sacristan	Leah Pigatti
Musician	Don Hudson
Cantor	Don Hudson
Lectors	Connie Walz, Judy Thompson & Dustin Wroolie
Altar Servers	Tommy Gust, Joey Senger & Johnny Senger
Ushers	Judy Thompson & Ken Thompson
Greeters	Loren Kramer, Florence Kramer, Judy Duclos & Help Needed
Eucharistic Ministers	Leah Pigatti (C), LaVonne Lindow, Theora Goodrich, Maureen Waltman & Ed Waltman

Sunday, October 16, 2016	
Sacristan	Bob DeCrans & Mary DeCrans
Musician	Don Hudson
Cantor	Don Hudson
Lectors	Ronda DeWulf, Mike DeWulf & Jan Lundberg
Altar Servers	Grace McNamee, Liddy DeWulf, Julia Durgin & Addison Lindow (M)
Ushers	Jason Funk, Stephen Lindow, Jim Warner & Gino Hebzynski
Greeters	Deb Tangeman & Help Needed
Eucharistic Ministers	Mary Schiebe(C), Holly Funk, Mary Jo Masloski, Help Needed & Help Needed

OLP Monthly Assignments: October 2016	
Hospitality Ministers	Diane Yamry, Sally Froelich, Jan Lundberg, Rose Kramer, Judy Thompson, Mary Jo Masloski, Lori Griffith & Brenda Nulliner
Altar Linen	Deb Tangeman

St. Theodore's Church Liturgical Ministers Sunday, October 16, 2016	
Sacristan	Charlotte Rauch
Musician	Don Hudson
Cantor	Don Hudson
Lectors	Bonnie Conrad, Anna Hudson & Rosemary Moss
Altar Servers	Caine, Abby, Evan, Anna, Aubrey & Gabby
Ushers	Darin Katzenmeyer & Joe Eisterhold
Greeters	Lisa Katzenmeyer & Karen Copa
Eucharistic Ministers	Joe Eisterhold (C), Jean Janiga & Dan Janiga

Stewardship Report For the Week of 10/22016	Our Lady of the Pines	St. Theodore's Church
Sunday Collection	3,024.00	996.00
Second Collection: Laporte Food Shelf Rectory	1,479.75	261.00
Building Maintenance	100.00	- -
Candle Offering	25.00	- -
STC Guild Breakfast	- -	132.00
STC Harvest Sale	- -	517.75

OLP Guild News

The OLP Guild had the great honor of serving Nevis community dinner on Thursday, September 29th. We welcomed about 140 people for a lasagna dinner. A big thank you to: Tom & MaryJo Masloski, Doug & Kathy Scaper, the Funk Family, Felicia Cizek, Judy Thompson, Mike Greene and Cecilia Daniels for their wonderful help and smiles.
~ Nancy Greene

Knights of Columbus News

During the past month, KC Council of Mother Teresa has been busy picking potatoes for area food shelves. To date, we have delivered 5,000 pounds of potatoes! If you know of any organizations, nonprofits, or families who are in need of some free potatoes, contact Gary Roerick at [218-760-8266](tel:218-760-8266) or any KC member. We currently have over 3,000 pounds of potatoes in storage ready for delivery.
~ Gary Roerick

Life in the Spirit Seminar

Our Lady of the Lakes Magnificat invites all women to attend the Life in the Spirit Seminar on **Saturday, October 15, 2016** from 8:00 AM - 4: 30 PM at St. Agnes Parish, 210 Division Street, Walker, MN. If you are interested in learning more about the Holy Spirit and His love for us, this seminar will be invaluable to you. Continental breakfast will be provided. Bring your Bible, a sack lunch and a snack to share. For more information, call Jean Bauerly 218-547-3111.

Voters Guide

The Minnesota Catholic Conference (MCC) has developed a "Voters Guide." This publication addresses important issues in the context of the forthcoming elections. It encourages Catholics to evaluate their political candidates through the lens of Catholic social teaching, and to vote for candidates based upon a well-formed conscience. Copies of the Voters Guide are available at their website: <https://mncatholic.org/election>

Prayer Requests

Mike Van Guilder, Lilly Langlois, Joan McGuire, Barbara Lockwood, Marlene Meyer, Barbara Dietenberger, Stan Pidde, Peg Koktavy, Dorthy Goeden, Jan Pollack, Daryl Pollack, Paul Mockenhaupt, Priscilla Dietenberger, Rosie Davis, Bill Davis, Jean Dryness, Laverna Schulte, Ray Copa, Candy Clausen, Winslow Chery, Janet Payne, Larry Rice, Harold Dietenberger.

Please call the Parish Office at 652-4005 to keep a name on the Prayer List or to add someone new. Names will be removed after 4 weeks, unless a fresh request is made.

Prayer Before the Election

Lord God,

As the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community.

We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty.

We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned, men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender.

We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom.

We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love, and keep in the ways of your truth as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace. We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Faithful Citizenship

The bishops of the United States have issued a statement on the importance of bringing the values of our faith to the decisions made in our public life. In their statement, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, the bishops call for "a different kind of political engagement: one shaped by the moral convictions of well-formed consciences and focused on the dignity of every human being, the pursuit of the common good, and the protection of the weak and the vulnerable" (no. 14). As you prepare for the upcoming election, please consider how the values of your faith can help you make your decisions. For information on Faithful Citizenship, visit www.faithfulcitizenship.org.

Thoughts on Mercy

"From the heart of the Trinity the great river of mercy wells up and overflows unceasingly. It is a spring that will never run dry, no matter how many people draw from it."

~ Pope Francis

Lifetime Achievement Award for Leah Pigatti

Leah Pigatti of Our Lady of the Pines Church was honored for her 38 years of community service at the MinnCAP awards luncheon last month in the presence of Head Start Director Margaret Aho, Family Development Director Marcia Otte, and Head Start Education Director Joyce Duffney, along with Leah's sisters and friends. Leah received the "Connie Greer Lifetime Achievement Award" for helping the low-income and elderly people of Minnesota. She will retire in November as executive director of Mahube. Congratulations, Leah!

Sunday Reflection:

"Stand up and go; your faith has saved you."

Jesus cures ten lepers, but only the Samaritan returns to give thanks and praise. Jesus praises the man's faith but asks where are the others? We might similarly ask – who are the lepers in our current culture? How do we respond to Jesus' summons to show mercy, as God has mercifully loved us? These are tough questions to ponder and live in a society that pushes us toward indifference and quick judgment. May merciful gratitude be our response.

Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) Invitation

If you, or someone you know, is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or desires to become a Catholic, RCIA is a program of welcome, prayer and reflection that can help you take the next step. This program is also available for baptized Catholics who may not have received First Holy Communion or Confirmation. It is our joy to help you be fully initiated into the Catholic faith. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Fall Adult Faith Formation Program

Have you signed up for the Fall Adult Faith Formation Program? As a community, let us come together once again in small groups to study, reflect and pray on Mercy and Love. Like other seasons, this program will be for 6 weeks, starting **Tuesdays, October 18 at 1:00 PM**, soon after the noon Mass at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis.

St. Theodore's Church Adult Faith Formation Group will meet on **Thursdays 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM** in the parish Hall, starting **Thursday, October 20, 2016**. Signup sheets are available at the gathering space. Please prayerfully consider joining in this program.

AED Training for OLP Usher and Greeters

Chris Norton, owner of Life Signs Plus, will be training parishioners on our Automated External Defibrillator (AED), **October 16th at 11:45 AM**. It is important for ushers and greeters to know where the device is and be familiar with how it is used. We want to personally invite you to this training. If you cannot attend the training, please let the Parish Secretary know by **Thursday, October 13th**. Thank you for all you do. ~ Judy Thompson

OLP First Holy Communion Parents Meeting

If your child is in the second grade, it is time for us to start preparing your child for the reception of the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. This year, we intend to use the books from "Sadlier Sacrament Program". We ask the parents to come for a meeting on **Wednesday, October 12, 2016, at 6:30 PM** along with your children. We will go through the sacramental preparation needs for your child. ~ Angie Lindow