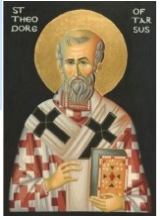


Our Lady of the Pines & St. Theodore of Tarsus Catholic Churches



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November 27, 2016

1st Sunday of Advent

Concluding the Year of Mercy

Seeing the great need for mercy and healing in the world, Pope Francis inaugurated the "Year of Mercy" last December. As the Jubilee year came to conclusion last Sunday, the Pope symbolically closed the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica.

What happens when the year ends? Are we supposed to be merciful for only a year? Needless to say, Pope Francis intended to emphasize not to limit it. In fact, you could say that his entire papacy has focused on that theme.

By this time, you might be tired of hearing about all the ways you are called to be merciful: to your spouse, your family members, your coworkers, and your neighbors; not to mention the poor, the sick the marginalized and, as Pope Francis reminded us in his encyclical *Laudato Si*, the earth: Creation itself deserves our mercy.

Perhaps, the one person you might have forgotten to have mercy on is YOU. You can always pray that God in His infinite compassion might look upon you mercifully. But God is already looking at you with mercy. So, why not also pray that you might look upon yourself mercifully? That you might give yourself a break for all that you do? As some spiritual directors say, "you might be easy with yourself".

Why not ask God to help you see yourself as God sees you: someone who is trying his or her best? Why not conclude the "Year of Mercy" by being merciful to someone God cares for very much: YOU.

~ James Martin SJ

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.

New Parishioners

Welcome to Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis and St. Theodore Church, Laporte, MN. We are happy to have you worshipping with us! If you consider becoming a member of either of our parishes, please stop by the Parish Office or call us at 218-652-4005 to send you a registration form.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES

<p>Saturday, 11/26</p>	<p>4:15 - 4:45 PM 5:00 PM</p>	<p>Sacrament of Reconciliation at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis Mass at OLP: For +Catherine Ryan by Peggy & Jim McAllister Projectionist: Jesse Clack Advent Wreath Lighters: Dolores and Ed Dvorak Christmas Centerpiece sale by Haiti Mission Committee</p>
<p>Sunday, 11/27 1st Sunday of Advent</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CLOW</p> <p>2nd Collection: For St. Mary's Red Lake Mission</p>	<p>8:00 AM 8:30 AM</p> <p>10:30 AM</p>	<p>Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte Mass at STC: For the Members of our Parishes Advent Wreath Lighters: Duff & Richardson Families</p> <p>Mass at OLP: For +Dennis Dartt by John & Carol Lindow Projectionist: Anna Hudson Advent Wreath Lighters: Mike & Nancy Greene CLOW Leader: Karie Lindow OLP Hospitality after Mass Christmas Centerpiece sale by Haiti Mission Committee</p>
<p>Monday, 11/28 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED</p>		<p>No Mass Pastor's Day Off</p>
<p>Tuesday, 11/29</p>	<p>10:30 AM Noon 1:00 PM</p>	<p>Money Counters: Doug Scraper, Nancy Greene, Help Needed Mass at OLP: For +Karen Hinton by Cleo & Rose Williams Fall Bible Study Program at OLP</p>
<p>Wednesday, 11/30</p>	<p>9:00 AM</p> <p>Noon - 3:00 PM 1:00 PM</p> <p>6:30 - 7:30 PM 7:00 PM</p>	<p>Mass at OLP: Birthday Remembrance of +Joe Thomas by the Knights of Columbus</p> <p>Faith Formation Classes for Nevis School Release Time Students Confessions for Grade 3</p> <p>Faith Formation Classes for Nevis Grades 7 - 10 STC Guild Meeting</p>
<p>Thursday, 12/1</p>	<p>9:00 AM 9:30 - 10:30 AM 2:30 PM 6:30 PM</p>	<p>Mass at OLP: For +Don MacHolda by Sandy Frank Eucharistic Adoration Fall Bible Study Program at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte OLP Choir Practice</p>
<p>Friday, 12/2 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>9:00 AM</p>	<p>Mass at OLP: For +Jack Karnowski by Gayle Garven</p>
<p>Saturday, 12/3</p>	<p>9:30 AM</p> <p>4:15 - 4:45 PM 5:00 PM</p>	<p>OLP Pastoral Council Meeting</p> <p>Sacrament of Reconciliation at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis Mass at OLP: For +Kurt Blumberg by Gene & Joan Blumberg Projectionist: Judy Thompson Advent Wreath Lighters: Help Needed Christmas Centerpiece sale by Haiti Mission Committee</p>
<p>Sunday, 12/4 1st Sunday of Advent</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CLOW</p> <p>2nd Collection at STC: For Laporte Food Shelf</p> <p>2nd Collection at OLP: For Rectory Project</p>	<p>8:00 AM 8:30 AM</p> <p>10:30 AM</p> <p>1:00 PM 3:00 PM</p>	<p>Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte Mass at STC: Birthday Blessings on Ron Kulas by Mary Kempf Advent Wreath Lighters: Katzenmeyer Family Hospitality at STC following Mass</p> <p>Mass at OLP: For the Members of our Parishes Projectionist: Anna Hudson Advent Wreath Lighters: Kevin & Karie Lindow & Family CLOW Leader: Lisa Kriens OLP Hospitality after Mass Christmas Centerpiece sale by Haiti Mission Committee</p> <p>OLP Youth Program: Bowling at Lorilea Fall Bingo at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte</p>

**Our Lady of the Pines Church Liturgical Ministers
Saturday, December 3, 2016**

Sacristan	Judy Thompson
Musician	Ardis Johnson
Cantor	Connie Walz & Sounds of Faith
Lectors	Jarod Senger, Help Needed & Help Needed
Altar Servers	Megan Lindow, Molly Lindow & Eli Lindow
Ushers	Mark Carter & Tom Walz
Greeters	Dee Dvorak, Ed Dvorak, Judy Thompson & Ken Thompson
Eucharistic Ministers	Theora Goodrich (C), Bob Lindow, Pat Dietenberger, Help Needed & Help Needed

Sunday, December 4, 2016

Sacristan	Bob DeCrans & Mary DeCrans
Musician	Don Hudson
Cantor	Don Hudson
Lectors	Bob DeCrans, Ronda DeWulf & Chuck Tangeman
Altar Servers	Lydia Bjorklund, George Bjorklund & Adeline Bjorklund
Ushers	Jason Funk, Stephen Lindow, Jim Warner & Gino Hebzynski
Greeters	Carol Lindow & Deb Tangeman
Eucharistic Ministers	Jeanne Thompson (C), Carol Lindow, John Lindow, Mary Jo Masloski & Holly Funk

OLP Monthly Assignments: December 2016

Hospitality Ministers	Sue Joerger, Marsha Karam, Angie Lindow, Jody Karl, Donna Lindow, Kate Schraeder, Mary DeCrans, Florence Kramer, Shirley Zurn, Karrin Lindow
Altar Linen	Judy Thompson

**St. Theodore's Church Liturgical Ministers
Sunday, December 4, 2016**

Sacristan	Charlotte Rauch
Musician	Sharon Lembke
Cantor	Angie Jobe
Lectors	Karen Copa, Joe Eisterhold & Charlotte Rauch
Altar Servers	Caine, Abby, Evan, Anna, Aubrey, Gabby, Calli, Blake
Ushers	Roger Rudbeck & John Duff
Greeters	Ruth Grandy & Charlotte Rauch
Eucharistic Ministers	Jackie Duff (C), Carol Wellen & Bonnie Conrad

Stewardship Report For the Week of 11/20/2016	Our Lady of the Pines	St. Theodore's Church
Sunday Collection	\$2,068.00	\$773.00
Second Collection: Campaign for Human Development	\$568.00	\$167.00
Candle Offering	\$24.00	- -
Haiti Envelopes	\$100.00	- -
Military Services	- -	\$5.00
Laporte Food Shelf	- -	\$25.00
Rectory Project	\$1,195.00	- -

OLP 2nd Collection Next Week: Rectory Project

Since May, we have been raising funds for building a Rectory in Nevis. We have been blessed to receive your generous financial support. So far, we've received **\$144,477** through endowments, donations, and fundraiser events. The members of the Building Committee have been working tirelessly to review the bids and select the main contractor who will work with local subcontractors from our parishes. A tentative start date for construction is scheduled for May 2017.

Next weekend, we will be taking the last second collection of the season at OLP. We ask you to be generous in contributing toward this project. We are amazed at your good will and generosity!
~ Rectory Building Committee



Bingo at St Theodore's

Please join us for an afternoon of Bingo fun on **December 4th from 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM.** This is a fundraiser event for the STC Guild. We hope to see you there!
~Sandy Roerick

Knights of Columbus News

Robert (Bob) DeCrans has been selected as the November Knight of the Month. Bob is a charter member of the Knights of Columbus Council for the Laporte/Nevis parishes and served as the Grand Knight the first year. Bob has been a Knight for over 48 years and a 4th degree member for 37 of those years. In addition to Bob's participation in the Knights of Columbus, he is also a sacristan and a facilitator for adult faith formation at OLP. Congratulations Bob!
~ Gary Roerick

Park Rapids Classic Choral.

Park Rapids Classic Chorale presents "One Small Savior" on **Friday, December 2, 2016** at 7:30 PM and **Sunday, December 4, 2016** at 3:00 PM at St. John's Lutheran Church, Park Rapids. All are welcome. Free will offering.
~ Amanda Primus

Prayer Requests

Carla Wheeler, Linda Wurm, Joan McGuire, Shirley Zurn, Helen Mockenhaupt, Mike Van Guilder, Lilly Langlois, Barbara Lockwood, Barbara Dietenberger, Peg Koktavy, Dorthy Goeden, Jan Pollack, Daryl Pollack, Paul Mockenhaupt, Priscilla Dietenberger, Rosie Davis, Bill Davis, Jean Dryness, Laverna Schulte, Ray Copa, Winslow Chery, Janet Payne, Larry Rice, Harold Dietenberger.

OLP Christmas Choir

The OLP choir will sing on Christmas Eve, **December 24**, starting at 4:30 PM with Lessons and Carols. Christmas is a great time to raise your voice and join in the celebration of Christ's birth. There will be two practices: December **15th** and **22nd at 6:30 PM**. New voices are welcome to join us!



St. Francis of Assisi Statue Blessed at STC

Last Sunday, a beautiful statue of St. Francis of Assisi was blessed at St. Theodore's Church Campus, Laporte. The statue is a donation from Richard Andre and Tom

Arthur in memory of their friend +John Hagege, who was a long-standing member of St. Theodore's parish.

Year-end Giving

This is the time of the year we think of making a year-end giving. We count the blessings of the Lord in our lives and reflect on sharing with others. Do consider your parish and its ministry when you make a year-end giving and get a tax benefit when you make a gift to the Church.

OLP Teen Day

WHEN: **Sunday, December 4, 2016**
WHERE: **Bowling at LoriLea Lanes**
TIME: **1:00 PM - 3:00 PM**



We thank the following parents who have come forward in chaperoning this activity: *Karrin Lindow, Jen McNamee, Anne Marie Nelson, Kathy Soldwisch, & Amy Wroolie*. For more information, please contact: Ronda DeWulf at olpfaithform@gmail.com

2017 Church Calendars

The 2017 Church Calendars have arrived and are available on the tables in the Gathering Space.

Christmas Flower Memorials

If you wish to make a memorial for a deceased loved one or honor a living person during this season of Christmas, you may use the Christmas Flower Envelope in your offering box or use this Bulletin cut-out box. Your contributions will be used for flowers and decorations during Christmas and all memorials will be published in our parish bulletin.

Your Name: _____

In Memory of: _____
or

In Honor of: _____

Amount: _____ Thank You.

Sunday Reflection: Stay Awake and Hope

This week we begin the Church New Year with a call to stay awake. Paul tells us in the second reading, that we must be awake from our sleep because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. Jesus tells us in apocalyptic terms in the gospel that we do not know exactly when the Lord is coming, we just need to be ready for Him.

Advent is the season of hope. Our hope is that Jesus Christ will come a second time and bring lasting peace. Our hope is that we will all experience this peace, either in this world or, if our lives end before the Second Coming, in the next world.

Advent is also a season that calls us to be prepared. The Gospel speaks about people not being ready for the coming of the Lord. Many of these people of Noah's day weren't ready to be 'whom God created them to be'. Consequently, they weren't ready for the flood. They were too busy with their lives to be concerned about God's will and his Way. They were unconcerned.

This is the attitude of so many that we rub shoulders with every day. Most people do not try to be evil. They just are unconcerned about having a place for God in their lives. The number of people of all faiths who worship regularly is far less than those who do not worship at all. Will we be ready when it is time to give an accounting of our lives?

Haiti Mission Committee Centerpieces

The Haiti Mission Committee is selling centerpieces with fresh greens and holiday accents **after Mass on Saturday & Sunday, November 26-27**. All proceeds support the beneficiary school in Haiti. We welcome your support for our program. For more information: ccnevislaporte.org/haiti-mission-committee.
~ Carol Lindow

Deanery Day of Reconciliation

Calling all Catholics to Bemidji for an opportunity to experience God's Grace through reconciliation. **Friday, December 9 from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM** at St. Philip's Catholic Church (702 Beltrami Avenue NW, Bemidji). Two priests will be available every hour in the Chapel Reconciliation Room to hear individual confessions. Reconciliation aids will be available in the confessional. Enter through the north parking lot, use Door #2.

Nevis Community Holiday Shoppe & Pancake Breakfast with Santa

On **Saturday, December 10, from 8:30 AM to 11:00 AM**, Nevis Community Education & Nevis 4-H are hosting the annual Holiday Shoppe and Pancake Breakfast with Santa at Nevis School. This event enables students to buy gifts for others during this holiday season. Come enjoy a pancake breakfast and meet Santa! There is an admission fee for the breakfast. All proceeds will support the Nevis Community Education and Nevis 4-H programs
~ Alex White