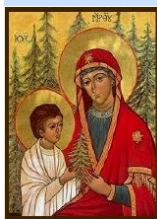


# Our Lady of the Pines & St. Theodore of Tarsus Catholic Churches



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January 8, 2017

The Epiphany of the Lord

## Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ

The Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ is one of the oldest Christian feasts. Next to Easter, the Epiphany is the oldest feast of the Church year. In Asia Minor and Egypt, the Epiphany was observed on January 6 as early as the second century.



The Epiphany originally celebrated four different events through which Jesus manifested Himself to the world. They are: the Baptism of Jesus Christ; the first miracle of Jesus, where he changed the water into wine at the wedding in Cana; the Nativity of Christ; and the visitation of the Wise Men or Magi. Each of these is a manifestation of Jesus Christ's mission and His divinity.

The Church in the East continued to celebrate the Epiphany in terms of the Baptism of Jesus while the Western church associated the Epiphany with the visit of the Magi. The new Lectionary of Catholic Church places the visit of the Magi on Epiphany Day and the Baptism of Jesus on the Sunday after the Epiphany.

## Congratulations to the Our Lady of the Pines First Reconciliation Class of 2017

We congratulate the following children who celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time.

Miranda Olivia Kowalke

Robert Brent Lindow

Noah Reed Rypkema

Emily Ruth Lindow

Gavin Troy Nelson

Gabriella Marie Scaper

**May you continue to experience the merciful love  
of God all the days of your life!**

## 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

Fridays: 9:30-10:30 AM

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 4:15-4:45 PM at OLP

Sundays 8:00 AM at St. Theodore's

## 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 obtain a registration form.

## *THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES*

<b>Saturday, 1/7</b>	9:30 AM 4:15 - 4:45 PM 5:00 PM	First Reconciliation Retreat at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis</b> <b>Mass at OLP:</b> For +Vi Pingal by Bob & Donna Lindow <b>Projectionist:</b> Anna Hudson
<b>Sunday, 1/8</b>  The Epiphany of the Lord  CLOW  Immigration Sunday	8:00 AM 8:30 AM 9:30 AM 10:30 AM  11:30 AM	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte</b> <b>Mass at STC:</b> For +Gene Johnson by Karen & Ray Copa STC Art & Environment Group Un-decorates St. Theodore's Church <b>Mass at OLP:</b> For the Members of our Parishes <b>Projectionist:</b> Anna Hudson <b>CLOW Leader:</b> Help Needed Hospitality following Mass OLP Art and Environment Group Un-decorates Our Lady of the Pines Church
<b>Monday, 1/9</b> PARISH OFFICE CLOSED		<b>No Mass</b> Pastor's Day Off
<b>Tuesday, 1/10</b>	10:30 AM Noon	<b>Money Counters:</b> Terry Lenz, Catherine Lenz & Sue Joerger <b>Mass at OLP:</b> Birthday Remembrance of Monica Novak by Walter & Cindy Novak
<b>Wednesday, 1/11</b>	9:00 AM Noon - 2:00 PM Noon - 3:00 PM 6:30 - 7:30 PM	<b>Mass at OLP:</b> For +Dorothy Puestow-Schultz by Pat Dietenberger Faith Formation Classes for Laporte School Release Time Students Faith Formation Classes for Nevis School Release Time Students Faith Formation Classes for Nevis Grades 7 - 10
<b>Thursday, 1/12</b>	9:00 AM	<b>Mass at OLP:</b> For +Marie Fabiani by the Fabiani Family
<b>Friday, 1/13</b> PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	9:00 AM 9:30 - 10:30 AM	<b>Mass at OLP:</b> For +Jack Karnowski by Ted & Mary Lorentzen <b>Eucharistic Adoration</b>
<b>Saturday, 1/14</b>	4:15 - 4:45 PM 5:00 PM	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis</b> <b>Mass at OLP:</b> Birthday Blessings on Clare Kulas by Mary Kempf <b>Projectionist:</b> Jesse Clack Monthly Birthday & Anniversary Celebration after Mass
<b>Sunday, 1/15</b>  2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  CLOW  2nd Collection: For the Church in Africa	8:00 AM 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte</b> <b>Mass at STC:</b> For the Members of our Parishes <b>Mass at OLP:</b> For +Angela McCluhan by Leah Pigatti & Family <b>Projectionist:</b> Kevin Lindow <b>CLOW Leader:</b> Rebecca Scrapper Monthly Birthday & Anniversary Celebration and Hospitality after Mass
<b>Upcoming Events</b>	January 17 January 18 January 18 January 19 January 19 January 21 January 21 - 22 January 24 - 27 January 25 January 25 January 29 January 31 February 05 February 06 - 10	Knights of Columbus General Meeting at 7:00 PM Faith Formation for Nevis School Release Time Students, Noon - 3:00 PM Faith Formation Classes for Nevis Grades 7 - 10, 6:30 - 7:30 PM DAA 2017 Kick Off Program at Crookston Cathedral at 3:30 PM Haiti Mission Committee Meeting at 7:00 PM First Reconciliation Retreat at St Theodore's Church, Laporte at 10:00 AM Food For the Poor Appeal - Visiting priest Father Scott Steinkechner No Weekday Mass due to Priest's Retreat Faith Formation for Nevis School Release Time Students, Noon - 3:00 PM Faith Formation Classes for Nevis Grades 7 - 10, 6:30 - 7:30 PM STC Guild Meeting at Laporte Parish Hall at 9:30 AM Weekday Masses Resume at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis OLP Liturgy Committee Meeting at 11:45 AM Crookston Priests' "Good Leader Good Shepherd Program" in Callaway, MN

<b>Our Lady of the Pines Church Liturgical Ministers Saturday, January 14, 2016</b>	
Sacristan	Judy Thompson
Musician	Ardis Johnson
Cantor	Connie Walz
Lectors	Theora Goodrich, Loren Kramer & Judy Thompson
Altar Servers	Molly Lindow, Megan Lindow & Eli Lindow
Ushers	Ken Thompson & Tom Walz
Greeters	Mike Duclose, Judy Duclose, Ken Thompson & Judy Thompson
Eucharistic Ministers	Sue Joeger (C), Rita Schulte, Jarod Senger, Help Needed & Help Needed

<b>Sunday, January 15, 2017</b>	
Sacristan	Bob DeCrans & Mary DeCrans
Musician	Ardis Johnson
Cantor	Angie Lindow & Karie Lindow
Lectors	Bob DeCrans, Carol Lindow & John Lindow
Altar Servers	Tyler Lindow, Spencer Lindow & Brenna Lindow
Ushers	Jason Funk, Stephen Lindow, Jim Warner & Gino Hebzynski
Greeters	Mary DeCrans & Help Needed
Eucharistic Ministers	Holly Funk (C), Ronda DeWulf, Mary DeCrans, Jeanne Thompson & Pat Hrubes

<b>OLP Monthly Assignments: January 2017</b>	
Hospitality Ministers	Carol Lindow, Carol Fridgen, Gina Rypkema, Mary Hebzynski, Helen Warner, Sarah Lindow, Candy Clausen, Jenny Rittgers
Altar Linen	Judy Thompson

<b>St. Theodore's Church Liturgical Ministers Sunday, January 15, 2017</b>	
Sacristan	Charlotte Rauch
Musician	Angie Jobe
Cantor	Sharon Lembke
Lectors	Joe Eisterhold, Bonnie Conrad & Rosemary Moss
Altar Servers	Cain Richardson, Gabby Nelson & Abbey Richardson
Ushers	Darin Katzenmeyer & John Duff
Greeters	Donna Minikus & Bonnie Conrad
Eucharistic Ministers	Jackie Duff (C), Brady Duff, & Help Needed

<b>Stewardship Report For the Week of 1/1/2017</b>	<b>Our Lady of the Pines</b>	<b>St. Theodore's Church</b>
New Year Masses	\$2760.00	\$739.00
<b>2nd Collection:</b> Laporte Food Shelf		\$286.00
Candle Offering Envelopes	\$24.00	- -
Rectory Project Envelopes	\$95.00	- -
Christmas Envelopes	\$30.00	\$110.00

**Next week's 2nd Collection: For Church in Africa**  
 Next week our parish will take up a Collection for the Church in Africa. African Churches face the challenges of high rates of poverty and unemployment, in addition to illiteracy and inadequate education. Your help will support essential pastoral projects throughout the continent. Please give generously in next week's Second Collection!

**Year-end Donations**  
**Received by St. Theodore's Church, Laporte**

- ◆ Larry & Kay Mack
- ◆ Charlotte Rauch
- ◆ Joe & Judith Siwek

**Received by Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis**

- ◆ Mark & Terrence Cain
- ◆ Rick Baumgartner

We are grateful for your generosity!

**Offertory Envelopes**  
 We request all parishioners and visitors use the offertory envelopes when you donate to the Church. In case you have forgotten to bring your envelope, or if you are a visitor, there are envelopes available in the pew. Please use them, designate your contribution by writing your intention and give us your contact information so we can send the statement of your contribution to you at the end of the year. If you do not receive your envelopes by mail, kindly call the Parish Office. Thank you for your generous support to the ministries of our parishes.

**What goes up, must come down!**  
 The Christmas decorations will be coming down after the 8:30 AM Mass at St. Theodore's and after the 10:30 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Pines. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

**Prayer Requests**  
 Alan Knott, Shirley Tatro, Carter James Majors, Michael Wade, Cindy Blair, Lydia Bjorklund, Jody Mockenhaupt, Carla Wheeler, Linda Wurm, Joan McGuire, Shirley Zurn, Helen Mockenhaupt, Peg Koktavy, Mike Van Guilder, Lilly Langlois, Barbara Lockwood, Dorthy Goeden, Jan Pollack, Daryl Pollack, Barbara Dietenberger, Paul Mockenhaupt, Priscilla Dietenberger, Rosie Davis, Bill Davis, Jean Dryness, Laverna Schulte, Ray Copa, Winslow Chery, 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.

## Immigration Sunday

Since 2009, the dioceses of Minnesota have observed "Immigration Sunday MN" to foster awareness of the plight of migrants and their families through the lens of Catholic teaching, and to encourage Catholics to better support our migrant brothers and sisters through policy advocacy and other initiatives. The Catholic bishops of Minnesota invite us to commemorate this weekend as **Immigration Sunday** in our parishes. Let us remember the Immigrants in our prayers:

### *Prayer for the Immigrants*

*Loving Father,*

*Remembering that the Holy Family fled violence and lived for a time as refugees, we ask that You protect all refugee families fleeing persecution, and provide them a place of safety and comfort.*

*For children who are making perilous journeys, often alone and without the protection of loved ones, we ask that You reunite them with their families and protect them from violence on the journey.*

*For all migrants, that they not feel compelled to migrate but have opportunities in their homeland where they can thrive and live fully human lives.*

*Open our hearts so that we may provide hospitality for those who come in search of refuge. Amen.*

## Program on Helping Our Youth

Dr. Mark Krejci, Director of the Office of Marriage, Family & Life in the Diocese of Crookston, has just completed a survey of all 9th and 11th grade students in the Diocese. He will describe the key role all adults in our parish can play in helping our youth grow into engaged young Catholics.

Dr. Krejci will review, based on survey results, some concrete steps parish communities can take to best prepare youth for life-long engagement with their Catholic Faith. Please join us at St. Philip's Catholic Church in Bemidji on **Thursday, January 12, at 6:30 PM.** For more information please contact Blake Quick at 218-441-4907 or email at [bquick@stphilipsembidji.org](mailto:bquick@stphilipsembidji.org)

## Christmas Begins

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
when the star in the sky is gone,  
when the kings and the princes are home,  
when the shepherds are back with their flocks,  
the work of Christmas begins:  
to find the lost,  
to heal the broken to feed the hungry,  
to release the prisoner,  
to rebuild the nations,  
to bring peace among the people,  
to make music in the heart.

~ Howard Thurman

## The Magi and Their Gifts

The Magi were not Kings, but a caste of Persian priests who served Kings using their skills in interpreting dreams and watching movements of stars. The sixth century Italian tradition that there were three Magi, Casper, Balthazar, and Melchior, is based on the fact that three gifts are mentioned in Matthew's Gospel: gold, frankincense and myrrh. The Magi may actually have been Persian priests or Babylonian astronomers or Nabataean spice-traders. Eventually, however, they were pictured as representatives of different peoples and races.

The Orthodox Church holds that the Magi consisted of twelve Kings, corresponding in number to the twelve tribes of Israel. Commentary on the Torah by Jewish rabbis suggested that a star appeared in the sky at the births of Abraham, Isaac and Moses. Likewise, in the Book of Numbers, the prophet Balaam speaks of "a star that shall come out of Jacob." Stars were believed to be signs from God, announcing important events. Thus, the brightness of the Light to which kings were drawn was made visible in the star they followed.

**The gifts:** Gold, frankincense and myrrh may be thought of as prophesying Jesus' future. Gold was a gift for Kings; frankincense (an ancient air purifier and perfume) was offered to God in Temple worship (Ex. 30:37); and myrrh (an oriental remedy for intestinal worms in infants) was used by the High Priest as an anointing oil (Ex. 30:23), and to prepare bodies for burial. These gifts were not only expensive but portable. Perhaps Joseph sold the gifts to finance the Holy Family's trip to Egypt. The gifts might have been God's way of providing for the journey that lay ahead.

## "Food for the Poor" Mission Appeal

Please join us the weekend of **January 21, 2017**, to hear Father Scott Steinkerchner, O.P. speak at all the services about a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Father Steinkerchner will share personal witness about "Food For the Poor's" mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another.

Father Steinkerchner was ordained in the Order of Preachers, the Dominicans, in 1998 and is a member of the Chicago Province. He is the Associate Professor of Religious Studies at Edgewood College in Madison, Wisconsin, where he teaches courses in Catholicism, World Religions, Medical Ethics and Ecclesiology.

## Evangelization

As Disciples inspired by prayer, we need to demonstrate a charity fueled by our faith to evangelize. Recognizing the inherent dignity of each human being, we need to love and serve others while seeking truth and the common good.