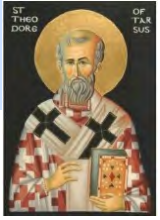


Our Lady of the Pines & St. Theodore of Tarsus Catholic Churches



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February 19, 2017

7th Sunday of Ordinary Time



Love Your Enemies

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus lays out many of his basic life teachings. Several of them are extraordinarily difficult for us to understand, much less put into practice. Two of these are the famous “turn the other cheek” and “love your enemy”. To understand what Jesus is saying and what it means to us today, we first need to understand the context in which Jesus is speaking.

He is addressing the Jews, the Chosen People. They have been given the truth about the one God and God’s commandments in the Law. God entered into a special relationship with them because God wanted them to be the means by which these truths were conveyed to the entire world. Many Jews in the first century, however, saw non-Jews, i.e. the Gentiles and especially the Romans, as enemies. They distanced themselves from the Gentiles and some fought against their Gentile oppressors. But Jesus calls the Jews to love their enemies - to love the very Gentiles who have lived an immoral life far from God and have inflicted so much suffering on the Jewish people.

One way of understanding what Jesus is saying about the need to love your enemy is to think of an iron bar. In order to bend it, you first must heat it. In the same way, if you want to move people and convert them, then you need to apply the heat of love. We can never change the world simply with the iron bar of stating the truth. The proclamation of the truth must be imbued with love.

If we merely announce the truth about such things as abortion and marriage, but we do so without loving the people we are speaking to, then it won’t make much difference. They will not change. If we want to convert a pagan, or someone from the secular culture, then we must do so by first applying the radical kind of love Jesus proposes in his teachings.

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

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

Saturday, 2/18	9:30 AM 4:15 - 4:45 PM 5:00 PM	OLP Finance Council Meeting Sacrament of Reconciliation at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis Mass at OLP: For +Thomas L. Frank by Mary Frank Projectionist: Jesse Clack
Sunday, 2/19 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time CLOW	8:00 AM 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte Mass at STC: For +Angela Martini by Connie Gueli and Family Mass at OLP: For the Members of our Parishes Projectionist: Anna Hudson CLOW Leader: Lisa Kriens Hospitality after Mass
Monday, 2/20 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED		NO Mass. Pastor's Day Off
Tuesday, 2/21	Noon 7:00 PM	Mass at OLP: For the Intentions of the Jenny & John Emmel Family by Walter & Renee Johnson Knights of Columbus General Meeting
Wednesday, 2/22	9:00 AM Noon - 3:00 PM 6:30 - 7:30 PM	Mass at OLP: Birthday Remembrance of +Angela McCluhan by Leah Pigatti and Family Faith Formation Classes for Nevis School Release Time Students Faith Formation Classes for Nevis Grades 7 - 10
Thursday, 2/23	9:00 AM	Mass at OLP: For +Tom Frank by John & Carol Lindow
Friday, 2/24 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	9:00 AM 9:30 - 10:30 AM	Mass at OLP: For the Intentions of the William & Cathy Berenz Family by Walter & Renee Johnson Eucharistic Adoration
Saturday, 2/25	4:15 - 4:45 PM 5:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis Mass at OLP: Birthday Remembrance of +Jack Karnowski by David Karnowski Projectionist: Anna Hudson
Sunday, 2/26 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time CLOW	8:00 AM 8:30 AM 9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte Mass at STC: For the Members of our Parishes STC Guild Meeting Mass at OLP: Birthday Blessings upon Loretta Kempf by Mary Kempf Projectionist: Anna Hudson CLOW Leader: Karie Lindow Hospitality after Mass
Upcoming Events	March 1 March 1 March 1 March 1 March 1 March 1 March 1 March 3 March 3 March 5 March 5 March 8 March 8 March 8	Second Collection for Eastern Europe Ash Wednesday Mass at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte, at 12:00 Noon Faith Formation Classes for Laporte School Release Time Students Faith Formation Classes for Nevis School Release Time Students Faith Formation Youth (Grades 7-10) join Ash Wednesday Mass at 6:00 PM Ash Wednesday Mass at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis, at 6:00 PM Lenten Soup Supper at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis, at 6:45 PM Stations of the Cross at STC, Laporte, at Noon KC Fish Fry at Our Lady of the Pines Church Hall at 5:00 PM Second Collection for Black & Native American Ministry Movie Time at Our Lady of the Pines Church Hall at 11:45 AM Stations of the Cross at St Theodore's Church, Laporte, at Noon Stations of the Cross at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis, at 6:00 PM Lenten Soup Supper at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis, at 6:45 PM

Our Lady of the Pines Church Liturgical Ministers Saturday, February 25, 2016	
Sacristan	Theora Goodrich
Musician	Don Hudson
Cantor	Don Hudson
Lectors	Jarod Senger, Connie Walz & Jill Clack
Altar Servers	Tommy Gust, Joey Senger & Johnny Senger
Ushers	Ed Dvorak & Tom Walz
Greeters	Dee Dvorak, Ed Juelich, Theora Goodrich & Help Needed
Eucharistic Ministers	Sue Joeger C), Rita Schuldt, Anna Hudson, Loren Kramer & Help Needed

Sunday, February 26, 2017	
Sacristan	Bob DeCrans & Mary DeCrans
Musician	Don Hudson
Cantor	Don Hudson
Lectors	Carol Lindow, John Lindow & Jan Lundberg
Altar Servers	Mallory Kowalke, Blake Kowalke & Miranda Kowalke
Ushers	Jason Funk, Stephen Lindow, Jim Warner & Gino Hebzynski
Greeters	Karie Lindow & Mary DeCrans
Eucharistic Ministers	Kevin Lindow (C), Mike Van Guilder, Ronda DeWulf, Pat Hrubes & Help Needed

OLP Monthly Assignments: February 2017	
Hospitality Ministers	Theresa Leyh, Joanne Blaeser, Connie Walz, Arlene Biessener, Wendy Bjorklund, Lisa Kriens, Theora Goodrich, Molly Senger
Altar Linen	Mary DeCrans

St. Theodore's Church Liturgical Ministers Sunday, February 26, 2017	
Sacristan	Charlotte Rauch
Song Leader	Charlotte Rauch
Lectors	Joe Eisterhold, Rosemary Moss & Help Needed
Altar Servers	Caine Richardson, Abbey Richardson & Gabby Nelson
Ushers	John Duff & Darin Katzenmeyer
Greeters	Charlotte & Iren Fehn
Eucharistic Ministers	Bonnie Conrad (C), Brady Duff & Jackie Duff

Stewardship Report For the Week of 2/12/2017	Our Lady of the Pines	St. Theodore's Church
Sunday Offering	\$2,036.25	\$486.00
Candle Offering Envelopes	\$6.00	--
Rectory Project	\$25.00	--
Building Maintenance Envelopes	\$20.00	--

2017 DAA Contribution \$ as of February 6, 2017 % of Parish Participation	\$425.00 (Goal: \$14,215) 0.96 %	\$0.00 (Goal: \$3,632) 0.0 %
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OLP Money Counters for the February 18-19 Weekend
Terry Lenz, Catherine Lenz & Sue Joeger

Diocesan Annual Appeal 2017

If you have not already done so, please make your commitment, gift or pledge to the Diocesan Annual Appeal. You may use an envelope and prayer card available here at the parish or the one mailed to your home. Fill out the pledge card completely. You may make a gift by check or cash, by credit card or automatic withdrawal from your checking account over the course of 12 months. If you have been a faithful giver, consider increasing your gift by 10% this year. A gift in any amount is meaningful to the work of the Diocese of Crookston! For questions about online giving, please contact Renée Tate at rtate@crookston.org or call toll-free 1-855-297-8252.

Thank you, Bingo Lovers!

St. Theodore's Guild raised \$591.00 at Bingo last Sunday. We thank all who came and enjoyed an afternoon of fun with us.
~ Charlotte Rauch



A Haiti Committee Thank You!

The Valentine dinner was a successful fundraiser. Thanks to all who attended and/or donated items to the silent auction. God bless your generosity.
~ Carol Lindow

Lenten Mission at St. Michael's Church, Mahnomen

Starting **Saturday, March 25, 2017**, Brendan Case will preach a Lenten mission, "**School of the Spirit**", at Mahnomen and Beaulieu Parishes. The Mission will be held starting at 6:30 PM; it will conclude on **Thursday, March 30**, with a healing service. For more details, please see the flyer on the bulletin board.

Prayer Requests

Dorothy Pohl, Ruth Grandy, Karen Mondry, Jenny Avenson, Katie Trebesch, Jesse Trebesch, Alan Knott, Shirley Tatro, Michael Wade, Cindy Blair, Lydia Bjorklund, Jody Mockenhaupt, Carla Wheeler, Joan McGuire, Peg Koktavy, Ray Copa, Helen Mockenhaupt, Barbara Lockwood, Dorothy Goeden, Jan Pollack, Daryl Pollack, Barbara Dietenberger, Paul Mockenhaupt, Priscilla Dietenberger, 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.

First Holy Communion Classes

First Holy Communion Classes will resume on **Sunday, February 26, at 9:15 AM** at Our Lady of the Pines Church and 9:45 AM at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte. Parents and guardians of the First Communicants are requested to do the first lesson with the children at home and bring the books to the class. It will be a wonderful opportunity for these children to witness all that they are learning in the class room during Sunday Eucharist.

TEC Weekend Retreat

TEC weekend retreats are available for our youth to deepen their faith. This is a 3-day retreat focusing on the Paschal Mystery. Besides meeting new friends, it's a fun weekend that will stay with you for the rest of your life! The weekend begins on Saturday morning and ends Monday afternoon. Cost of a weekend is \$100. Participants must be at least 16 years old and a sophomore in high school. The retreat weekend dates are: **February 18-20** at St. Joseph's Church in Moorhead and **March 11-13** at Sand Hill Lake Bible Camp, Fosston. You can register on-line at www.agassizvalleytec.com.

St. Philip's Parish Mission

St. Philip's Church in Bemidji will hold a Parish Mission with renowned speakers from "**Casting Nets**", **Sunday through Tuesday, February 26th - 28th**. Sessions start at 4:00 PM on Sunday; 6:00 PM on Monday and Tuesday nights in the church's Social Hall. Come to one, two or all three sessions. They are absolutely FREE! There are 3 specialized conversations: one designed for our youth at Noon on the 26th; a conversation with our Senior Citizens at 10:00 AM on the 27th; and a college conversation at BSU at Noon on the 28th. Our Parish Mission will conclude with the final talk and a Mardi Gras Party on Fat Tuesday Night!

Best Lent Ever

Sign up for Matthew Kelly's daily email program, **Best Lent Ever**, to help you have a life-changing Lent. You will receive: a short inspirational video, practical tips for daily living and a Study Guide which you may use personally or with your Family/Friends. **Best Lent Ever** is based on the book by Matthew Kelly, *Resisting Happiness*. We ask you to sign up at BestLentEver.com and have a fruitful Lenten experience.

Sympathy

Our Lady of the Pines Parish Community extends our sympathy and condolences to Merrily Crowell, (a visitor to our parish), at the death of her husband, +Rick, who passed away recently. His funeral was **Friday, February 3, 2017**, in Prescott, AZ. May he rest in peace!

~ Contributed by Joan McGuire

Sunday Reflection

"Love your enemies" easier said than done, no doubt. But remember, when we are in close communication with God, it opens our hearts and it turns our attention away from "me" and moves it towards God and others. It allows us to have a little more empathy for "our enemy". When we pray for others, even "our enemies", maybe it softens their hearts as well.

Christian Meditation

There are as many and varied methods of meditation as there are spiritual masters. Christians owe it to themselves to develop the desire to meditate regularly, lest they come to resemble the three first kinds of soil in the parable of the sower. Meditation engages thought, imagination, emotion, and desire. . . . Christian prayer tries, above all, to meditate on the mysteries of Christ, as in *lectio divina*.

What is *Lectio Divina*?

Spiritual reading of Sacred Scripture, especially the Gospels, is an important form of meditation. This spiritual reading is traditionally called *lectio divina* or divine reading. *Lectio divina* is prayer over the Scriptures.

1. The first element of this type of prayer is reading (*lectio*): you take a short passage from the Bible, preferably a Gospel passage and read it carefully, perhaps three or more times. Let it really soak-in.
2. The second element is mediation (*meditatio*). By using your imagination, enter into the Biblical scene in order to "see" the setting, the people, and the unfolding action. It is through this mediation that you encounter the text and discover its meaning for your life.
3. The next element is prayer (*oratio*) or your personal response to the text: asking for graces, offering praise or thanksgiving, seeking healing or forgiveness. In this prayerful engagement with the text, you open yourself up to the possibility of contemplation.
4. Contemplation (*contemplatio*) is a gaze turned toward Christ and the things of God. By God's action of grace, you may be raised above meditation to a state of seeing or experiencing the text as mystery and reality. In contemplation, you come into an experiential contact with the One behind and beyond the text.

Catholics at the Capital

Join Minnesota's bishops, dynamic speakers, and Catholics from across the state for Catholics at the Capitol, a day of inspiration and advocacy in St. Paul on **Thursday, March 9**. Whether you are a seasoned political veteran or a newcomer to advocacy, you'll be informed, inspired, and equipped to make a positive impact. Registration is required. Early Bird pricing (\$20) ends on **Monday, February 20**.

