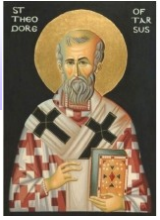


Our Lady of the Pines & St. Theodore of Tarsus Catholic Churches



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Parish Secretary	8:30 AM - 1:30 PM	8:30 AM - 1:30 PM	8:30 AM - 1:30 PM
Faith Formation Coordinator	--	12:00 PM - 8:00 PM	--

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December 17, 2017 Third Sunday of Advent

Come Home for Christmas

During these days before Christmas, travel is heavy on the roads and in the skies. People are going home for the holidays. Sometimes the most important trip we can take is the one inside our heart.... a return to CHURCH – we once called HOME, or to the people we once called FAMILY and FRIENDS.

This Christmas Season, you can take that trip. You don't need a ticket or a reservation – just a willing and sometimes forgiving heart. You just need to open your heart to the open arms and COME HOME for Christmas! Here are our Christmas Program in our Parishes:

4th Sunday of Advent Liturgy – December 23 & 24, 2017

Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis:

Saturday, December 23 at 05:00 PM: Mass of the 4th Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 24 at 10:30 AM: Mass of the 4th Sunday of Advent

St. Theodore's Church, Laporte:

Sunday, December 24 at 08:30 AM: Mass of the 4th Sunday of Advent

Christmas Eve – Sunday, December 24, 2017

Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis:

04:30 PM: Lessons and Carols
05:00 PM: Christmas Eve Mass

Christmas Day – Monday, December 25, 2017

St. Theodore's Church, Laporte:

08:00 AM: Lessons and Carols
08:30 AM: Christmas Day Mass

Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis

10:30 AM: Christmas Day Mass

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.

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 Holy Communion for the sick and homebound or would like 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, 12/16	4:15 - 4:45 PM 5:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis Mass at OLP: For + Sharon Smiens by Carol Anderson Projectionist: Jesse Clack
Sunday, 12/17 3rd Sunday of Advent 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 First Reconciliation Class at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte Mass at OLP: For + Angela Martini by Connie Gueli and Family CLOW Leaders: Kari Lindow Projectionist: Anna Hudson
Monday, 12/18 PARISH OFFICE CLOSD		No Mass Pastor's Day Off
Tuesday, 12/19	12:00 Noon 10:30 AM 12:30 - 1:30PM 7:00 PM	Mass at OLP: For + Kurt Blumberg by Gene & Joan Blumberg Money Counters: Terry Lenz, Catherine Lenz and Connie Walz Christmas Individual Confessions KC General Meeting
Wednesday, 12/20	9:00 AM	Mass at OLP: Death Anniversary Remembrance of + Simon Dietenberger by Dietenberger Family NO Faith Formation Classes for Nevis School Release Time Students NO First Reconciliation Class at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis NO Faith Formation Classes for Confirmation and Pre-Confirmation Students
Thursday, 12/21	9:00 AM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Mass at OLP: For + Laverna Schulte by Connie and Tom Walz OLP Choir Practice Haiti Mission Committee Meeting at 7:00 PM
Friday, 12/22 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	9:00 AM 9:30 - 10:30 AM	Mass at OLP: Safe Travel for Sophie and Emily Kempf by Mary Kempf Eucharistic Adoration
Saturday, 12/23	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 + Alan Dvorak by Ed and Dee Dvorak Projectionist: Help Needed
Sunday, 12/24 4th Sunday of Advent	8:00 AM 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte Mass at STC: For + Ray Copa by Karen Copa NO First Reconciliation Class at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte Mass at OLP: For + Fr. Joe Kieselbach by Parishioners Projectionist: Anna Hudson
Sunday, 12/24 Christmas Eve	4:30 PM 5:00 PM	Lessons and Carols at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis Christmas Eve Mass at OLP: For the Members of our Parishes
Monday, 12/25 Christmas Day PARISH OFFICE CLOSD	8:00 AM 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Lessons and Carols at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte Christmas Day Mass at STC: For the Members of our Parishes Christmas Day Mass at OLP: For + Angela Martini by Connie Gueli and Family
Upcoming Events	January 01 January 01 January 03 January 07 January 13 January 16 January 17	New Year Mass at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte at 8:30 AM New Year Mass at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis at 10:30 AM Faith Formation Classes resume at Our Lady of the Pines Church Second Collection at STC: For Laporte Food Shelf First Reconciliation Retreat and Celebration at OLP at 10:00 AM KC General Meeting Preparing for Lent: A Program for FF students, Teachers & Parishioners by A.J. Garcia from the Diocese of Crookston

Our Lady of the Pines Church Liturgical Ministers Saturday, December 23, 2017	
Sacristan	Help Needed
Musician	Ardis Johnson
Cantor	Connie Walz
Lectors	Jarod Senger, Theora Goodrich & Dustin Wroolie,
Altar Servers	Help Needed
Ushers	Tom Walz & Mark Carter
Greeters	Donna Lindow & Dee Dvorak
Eucharistic Ministers	Loren Kramer (C), Rita Schuldt & Bob Lindow

Sunday, December 24, 2017	
Sacristan	Bob DeCrans & Mary DeCrans
Musician	Don Hudson
Cantors	Don Hudson
Lectors	Carol Lindow, Mary Schiebe & Sheldon Schiebe
Altar Servers	Help Needed
Ushers	Mike Greene, Nancy Greene, Ed DeLaHunt & Tom Wenner
Greeters	Mary DeCrans & Carol Lindow
Eucharistic Ministers	John Lindow (C), Anna Hudson, Kevin Lindow & Help Needed, Help Needed

St. Theodore's Church Liturgical Ministers Sunday, December 24, 2017	
Sacristan	Charlotte Rauch
Musician	Don Hudson
Cantor	Don Hudson
Lectors	Bonnie Conrad, Joe Eisterhold & Mary Leyendecker
Altar Servers	Gabby Nelson, Abree Katzenmeyer & Abbey Richardson
Ushers	John Duff & Ken Nelson
Greeters	Donna Minikus & Irene Fehn
Eucharistic Ministers	Marcel Noyes (C), Jackie Duff & Charlotte Rauch

Reminder for Liturgical Ministers
If you are not able to serve when you are scheduled, please notify the Parish Office by email at parishofficenevis@gmail.com.

Stewardship Report For the Week of 12/10/2017	Our Lady of the Pines	St. Theodore's Church
Sunday Offering	\$4768.40	\$749.00
Holy Day of Obligation Mass: Immaculate Conception of Mary	\$407.00	\$89.34
Second Collection: For Retired Religious	\$798.00	\$274.00
Christmas Flower Envelopes	\$80.00	\$25.00
Laporte Food Shelf Envelopes	--	\$25.00
All Saints Day Envelopes	\$10.00	--
Candle Envelopes	\$20.00	--
Building Maintenance Envelopes	\$40.00	--
Rectory project	\$125.00	--

2017 DAA Contribution (\$ as of December 05, 2017) % parish participation	\$12,174.00 (Goal: \$14,215.00) 36.70%	\$4125.00 (Goal: \$3,632.00) 38.46%
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OLP Christmas Eve Mass on KDKK FM 97.5 You can be part of our Christmas celebrations at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis by tuning to FM 97.5 ! Our Christmas Eve Mass will be broadcast live from 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM. If you are not able to attend the Christmas Eve Mass on Sunday evening, do tune to FM 97.5.

Now Hiring!
Our Diocesan Newspaper published from Crookston (OND) is seeking freelance journalists! Freelancers will attend diocesan and parish events, conduct research, and write articles as assigned. High resolution photos will be expected to accompany written articles. Work will be submitted to Our Northland Diocese via e-mail by pre-established deadlines. Freelancers will work for the newspaper as independent contractors. Possession of a valid driver's license and the ability to travel independently in the diocese is a must. For more details contact Janelle Gergen at jgergen@crookston.org or 218-281-4533.

OLP Monthly Assignments: December 2017	
Hospitality Ministers	Sue Joerger, Marsha Karam, Angie Lindow, Jody Karl, Donna Lindow, Florence Kramer, Shirley Zurn & Karrin Lindow.
Altar Linen	Anna Hudson

Prayer Requests
Jerry Amundson, Kathy Quinn, Jenny Avenson, Jack and Kathy Roberts, Shawn Karl, Ted Thielen, Sue Joerger, George Noyes, Greg Carter, Trent Cole, Jan Lundberg, Dennis Schafer, Jean Dryness, Larry Yunker, Art Meyer, Janet Ramlet, Alan Knott, Shirley Tatro, Peg Koktavy, Dorothy Goeden, Jan Pollack, Carla Wheeler, Barbara Dietenberger, Priscilla Dietenberger, Harold Dietenberger, Paul Mockenhaupt.

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.

If You Want

If you want,
The Virgin will come walking down the road
Pregnant with the Holy one
And say, "I need shelter for the night,
Please, take me inside your heart,
My time is close".

Then under the roof of your soul, you will witness
The sublime intimacy, the divine, the Christ
Taking birth forever, as she grasps your hand for help;
For each of us is the midwife of God!

Yes, there under the dome of your being
Does creation come into existence eternally.
As God grasps our arms for help
Each of us is His beloved servant!

Celebrate Christmas Reconciliation

Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis:

Tuesday, December 19, 2017 at 12:30 PM

Every Saturday, 4.00 PM to 4:45 PM

St. Theodore's Church, Laporte:

Every Sunday, 8:00 AM – 8:20 AM

Or Any time by Appointment.

Christmas and Year End Giving

Christmas and Year end giving is a Catholic tradition that recalls to mind the gifts of three magi to Jesus, the newborn king. During this season we have a spiritual opportunity to make a return to God of His many blessings. Please consider your parish and its ministry when you make a yearend giving and get a tax benefit. We are grateful to the following persons who have made a yearend contribution to Our Lady of the Pines Church and Cemetery:

Stephen Guetter

Joseph B. Lux

Mary & Terrence Cain

Christmas Flower Memorials

If you wish to make a memorial for a deceased loved one or honor a living person during the 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.

Find Comfort and Solace in Christmas

Christmas happens in the midst of life, and sometimes life is disappointing, sad, scary, or hard. You may be struggling with your own or a loved one's illness, financial problems, broken relationship or grief, and you're not feeling in the cheer that's supposed to be part of the season. Know that Christmastime doesn't have to be perfect.

Think about the first Christmas: Mary and Joseph away from their home and finding shelter in a stable, then later hearing Simeon's words, they fled into Egypt from Herod's evil. Consider also the angel's reassuring message: "Do not be afraid".

Each Christmas season, like the first, has a complexity that represents the many dimensions that are part of life's wholeness: good and bad, joy and sorrow, failure and triumph. But we know that God is always found in the very imperfect conditions of living. During difficult times, let the delights of the Christmas season – the gladness and good spirits, the warmth and togetherness console and comfort you!

Faith Formation News

◆ Mass of the Anointing of the Sick

About 36 people participated in the Mass of the Anointing of the Sick last Tuesday at Our Lady of the Pines Church as a spiritual preparation for Christmas. We thank the Liturgical Ministers who served at the Mass, Don Hudson for the music, and Bob and Mary DeCrans who prepared a lunch for all the participants. We also blessed the prayer shawls and a few individuals received a shawl following Mass.

◆ Christmas Celebrations at Laporte and Nevis

On **Wednesday, December 13**, Laporte School Release Time children had a beautiful celebration of Advent and Christmas at St. Theodore's Church. A Christmas treat was provided to the children as St. Nicholas visited them! At Our Lady of the Pines, Nevis School Release Time children also had similar celebrations during their Faith Formation class hours. We are grateful to all the Faith Formation Coordinators, Teachers and Volunteers who spread the joy of Christmas to these children.

- ◆ **Christmas Vacation:** Due to the Christmas vacation, there will be NO School Release time classes and Confirmation classes on **Wednesday, December 20 and December 27, 2017**. However, Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) will be held on Sundays during Christmas vacation. Our Faith Formation Classes for all students will resume on **Wednesday, January 03, 2018**. Have a Blessed Christmas break! ~ Mary Schiebe

Christmas Choir Practice

Join the Christmas Choir practice at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis on **Thursday, December 21 at 6:30 PM**