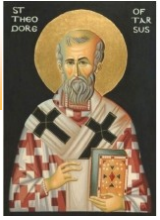


Our Lady of the Pines & St. Theodore of Tarsus Catholic Churches



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December 31, 2017

Feast of the Holy Family

A New Year Prayer

God our Father, as we stand at the beginning of this new year we pray for Your presence and Your guidance throughout the year.

We each have our hopes and expectations for the year that is ahead of us but You alone know what it holds for us, only You can give us the strength and the wisdom we will need .

So help us to humbly put our hands into Your hand, and to trust You and to seek Your will for our lives during this coming year.

In the midst of life's uncertainties in the days ahead, assure us of the certainty of Your unchanging love.

In the midst of life's inevitable disappointments and heartaches, help us to turn to You for the stability and comfort we will need.

In the midst of life's temptations and the pull of our stubborn self-will, help us not to lose our way but to have the courage to do what is right.

And in the midst of our daily preoccupations and pursuits, open our eyes to the sorrows and injustices of our hurting world, and help us to respond with compassion.

We thank you for the promise and hope of this new year, and we look forward to it with expectancy and faith. Amen.



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 Year's Programs in our Parishes

New Year's Day Mass – Monday, January 1, 2018

St. Theodore's Church, Laporte

8:30 AM New Year's Day Mass

Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis

10:30 AM New Year's Day Mass

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES

Saturday, 12/30	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 + Raymond Novak by Walter and Cindy Novak Projectionist: Darin Kowalke
Sunday, 12/31 Feast of the Holy Family	8:00 AM 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte Mass at STC: For + Rosemary Moss by Elizabeth Baurquin NO First Reconciliation Class at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte Mass at OLP: For the Members of our Parishes Projectionist: Anna Hudson
Monday, 01/01 New Year Day Feast of Mary, Mother of God	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	New Year's Day Mass at STC: For +Ray Copa by Karen Copa New Year's Day Mass at OLP: For the Members of our Parishes
Tuesday, 01/02	12:00 Noon 10:30 AM	Mass at OLP: For the intentions of Tom Kempf's Family by Mary Kempf Money Counters: Florence Kramer, Donna Lindow & Arlene Biessener
Wednesday, 01/03	9:00 AM 12:00 - 3:00 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Mass at OLP: For +Angela Martini by Connie Gueli & Family Faith Formation Classes for Nevis School Release Time Students First Reconciliation Class at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis Faith Formation Classes for Confirmation and Pre-Confirmation Students
Thursday, 01/04	9:00 AM	Mass at OLP: For the Intentions of Silas and Missy Pera Family by Walter & Renee Johnson
Friday, 01/05 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	9:00 AM 9:30 - 10:30 AM	Mass at OLP: For + Laverna Schulte by Connie and Tom Walz Eucharistic Adoration
Saturday, 01/06	4:15 - 4:45 PM 5:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis Mass at OLP: For Good Health of Shawn Karl by Jerome & Arlene Biessener Projectionist: Help Needed
Sunday, 01/07 The Epiphany of Our Lord STC 2nd Collection: For Laporte Food Shelf	8:00 AM 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte Mass at STC: For the Members of our Parishes Mass at OLP: For Jan Lundberg's successful surgery by Lundberg Family Projectionist: Help Needed
Upcoming Events	January 10 January 10 January 10 January 10 January 13 January 16 January 17 January 18 January 22 January 24 January 24 January 24 January 24 January 27 - 28 January 31 January 31 January 31 February 01	Faith Formation Classes for Laporte School Release Students 12.00 - 2:00 PM Faith Formation Classes for Nevis School Release Students 12.00 - 3:00 PM FF Classes for Confirmation and Pre Confirmation Students 6:30 - 7:30 PM First Reconciliation Class at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis, 6:30 PM First Reconciliation Retreat and Celebration at OLP at 10:00 AM KC General Meeting at 7:00 PM Preparing for Lent: A Program for FF students, Teachers & Parishioners by A.J. Garcia from the Diocese of Crookston Haiti Mission Committee Meeting in OLP Community Room at 7:00 PM March for Life to St. Paul's: Organized by the Diocese of Crookston Faith Formation Classes for Laporte School Release Students 12.00 - 2:00 PM Faith Formation Classes for Nevis School Release Students 12.00 - 3:00 PM FF Classes for Confirmation and Pre Confirmation Students 6:30 - 7:30 PM STC Guild Meeting in Laporte at 7:00 PM Cross Catholic Mission Appeal by a Visiting Priest Faith Formation Classes for Laporte School Release Students 12.00 - 2:00 PM Faith Formation Classes for Nevis School Release Students 12.00 - 3:00 PM FF Classes for Confirmation and Pre Confirmation Students 6:30 - 7:30 PM Diocesan Annual Appeal Kick-off Program in Crookston

Our Lady of the Pines Church Liturgical Ministers Saturday, January 06, 2018	
Sacristan	Help Needed
Musician	Ardis Johnson
Cantor	Connie Walz
Lectors	Jesse Clack, Jill Clack & Loren Kramer
Altar Servers	Mallory Kowalke, Blake Kowalke & Mirand Kowalke
Ushers	Mark Carter & Don Dierkhising
Greeters	Dee Dvorak & Donna Lindow
Eucharistic Ministers	Theora Goodrich (C), Rita Schuldt & Jarod Senger

Sunday, January 07, 2018	
Sacristan	Bob DeCrans & Mary DeCrans
Musician	Ardis Johnson
Cantors	Jeanette Goehring
Lectors	Jeanne Thompson, Mike DeWulf, & Bob DeCrans
Altar Servers	Addison Lindow, Daniel Lindow & Grace McNamee
Ushers	Ed DeLaHunt, Chuck Tangeman, Bob DeCrans & Mike Van Guilder
Greeters	Mary DeCrans & Karie Lindow
Eucharistic Ministers	John Lindow (C), Doug Scraper, Ronda DeWulf, Mary Schiebe & Sheldon Schiebe

St. Theodore's Church Liturgical Ministers Sunday, January 07, 2018	
Sacristan	Charlotte Rauch
Musician	Angie Jobe
Cantor	Sharon Lembke
Lectors	Sandy Roerick, Joe Eisterhold & Kevin Warne
Altar Servers	Abbey Richardson, Gabby Nelson & Caine Richardson
Ushers	Gary Roerick & Ken Nelson
Greeters	Irene Fehn & Donna Minikus
Eucharistic Ministers	Marcel Noyes (C), Jackie Duff & Carol Wellen

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 12/24/2017	Our Lady of the Pines	St. Theodore's Church
Sunday Offering	\$1767.26	\$574.00
Christmas Mass Offering	\$4017.00	\$1415.79
Retired Religious Fund Envelopes	\$20.00	--
Candle Envelopes	\$18.00	--

Christmas and Year End Giving

During this season of Christmas we have a spiritual opportunity to make a return to God of His many blessings. You are welcome to make a yearend giving and get a tax benefit. All gifts made on or before December 31st are tax deductible for this tax year.

We are grateful to the following persons who have made a yearend contribution:

St. Theodore's Church, Laporte

Robert Forrer
Charlotte Rauch

Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis

Jill & Jesse Clack

Thank you

Once again the generosity of our parishes are astonishing! Both of our parishes was able to bring Christmas cheer to Walker Pregnancy Center with your support to "Advent Giving Tree Program". St. Theodore's, Laporte also contributed to Gingerbread Man Program which collected gifts for families in need the community. While distributing the gifts, the organizers were met with many thanks and some tears. This goes to prove, once again, that we can all make a difference. Thank you.

~ Jackie Duff and Sandy Roerick

Sympathy

Our Lady of the Pines Community expresses its sympathy and prayerful support to Dennis and Kay Marcussen at the death of their daughter **+Kathy Quinn** on December 26th. May she rest in peace!

OLP Monthly Assignments: January 2018

Hospitality Ministers	Carol Lindow (C), Carol Fridgen, Gina Rypkema, Mary Hebzynski, Helen Warner, Sarah Lindow & Candy Clausen
Altar Linen	Judy Thompson

Prayer Requests

Terry Moen, Jerry Amundson, 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.

Christmas Gift

Henri Nouwen once wrote: "When someone accepts a gift, he admits another into his world and is ready to give him a place in his own being... Ultimately a gift becomes a gift only when it is accepted." Have you accepted God's gift at this Christmas?

Christmas Season Reminders

- ◆ May the Christmas GIFTS remind us of God's greatest gift, His only Son.
- ◆ May the Christmas CANDLES remind us of Him who is the "Light of the world."
- ◆ May the Christmas TREES remind us of another tree upon which he died.
- ◆ May the Christmas CHEER remind us of Him who said, "Be of good cheer".
- ◆ May the Christmas FEAST remind us of Him who is "the Bread of Life."
- ◆ May the Christmas BELLS remind us of the glorious proclamation of His birth.
- ◆ May the Christmas CAROLS remind us of the son the angels sang, "Glory to God in the Highest!"
- ◆ May the Christmas SEASON remind us in every way of Jesus Christ our King!

New Year Resolutions

"Are you willing to forget what you have done for other people and to remember what they have done for you... to ignore what the world owes you, and to think of what you owe the world...to see that your sisters and brothers are just as real as you are...to close the book of complaints against the world and sow a few seeds of happiness....are you willing to do these things even for a day?

Are you willing to believe that love is the strongest thing in the world...stronger than hate...stronger than evil... stronger than death...and that the blessed life which began at Bethlehem more than two thousand years ago is the image and brightness of Eternal Love?

Then you can enjoy the New Year. And, if you keep it for a day, why not always?"
~ Caroline Kennedy

Using Parish Offertory Envelopes

We thank all our parishioners & visitors for your generous support to our parish ministries. When you make an offering, using the Offertory Envelopes it will help us mail you a statement of your contribution for your tax purpose. It also tells us of your continuing relationship with your parish family and your commitment to support it. If you do not receive your envelopes by mail, kindly call the parish office. We hope to send you the statement of your contribution for 2017 by the middle of January.

Faith Formation News

Here are the upcoming events for the students in Confirmation and Pre-Confirmation Program. Parents, kindly encourage your children to participate any of these programs to fulfill their requirements for Youth Rally and Retreat.

- ◆ Middle School Youth Rally (Grades 6-8) will be at St. Philip's Church, Bemidji on **Sunday, March 18.**
- ◆ St. John Paul II School Camp will be organized at Northern Pines Camp, Park Rapids. Students entering grade 7 - 9, can register now. The dates of the camp are: **July 08 - 12 and July 15 - 19.**
- ◆ Steubenville Youth Conference will be from **July 27 - 29** at St. Paul, MN. Students going to 9th Grade next year through this year's 12 grader can register now. We will join the youth from Park Rapids and Detroit Lakes. Spots fill quickly. Please contact our Faith Formation office.
~ Mary Schiebe

Pre Marriage Retreat Weekend

Holy Rosary Church in Detroit Lakes will be on **April 28th & 29th.** Registration is now open.

Press Release from the Diocese of Crookston

In April of 2016, Fr. Pat Sullivan was placed on administrative leave from his assignment as Pastor of St. Elizabeth's Parish (Dilworth, Minn.) and St. Andrew's Parish (Hawley, MN) as a result of an allegation set forth in a civil Complaint served through the law office of Mr. Jeffrey Anderson. The Plaintiff alleged that, in 2008, while serving as Pastor of St. Mary's Mission Church (Red Lake, MN.), Fr. Sullivan engaged in "unpermitted sexual conduct" with the Plaintiff when he was 15 years old. Local and federal authorities investigated the matter and no criminal charges were filed. Fr. Sullivan has consistently denied the allegation. No other allegations have been made against him.

The Plaintiff was deposed by diocesan attorneys. The Diocese of Crookston Board of Review for the Protection of Children and Young People (Board) reviewed the deposition of the Plaintiff and deemed the allegation not credible. The Board is comprised of two social workers, a county sheriff, a police detective, an attorney and a diocesan priest. Following the policy and recommendation of the Board, and adhering to Canon Law, Bishop Hoepfner has reinstated Fr. Sullivan for public ministry.

The Diocese of Crookston takes any and all accusations of sexual misconduct by clergy very seriously. If you or someone you know has been the victim of sexual misconduct on the part of a priest, deacon, or individual representing the Diocese of Crookston, its parishes, or its schools, please contact Cindy Hulst, LSW, the diocesan Victim's Assistance Coordinator at 218-281-7895.