

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



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Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

Epiphany Family Prayer



On the Feast of the Epiphany Christians gather to bless their home. We ask God's blessing on our home and on those who live in or visit the home. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, our comings and goings, our conversations, our work and play, our joys and sorrows.

A traditional way of doing this is to use a chalk to write above the home's entrance, 20 + C + M + B + 18. The letters C, M, B have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house." The "+" signs represent the cross and 2018 is the year.

◆ Use a chalk to mark the lintel of your front door (or front porch step) as follows: 20 + C + M + B + 18 while saying:

The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son who became human two thousand and seventeen years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen.

◆ Then offer the following prayer:

Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. 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

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, 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
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 CLOW Leaders: Jen McNamee & Jack McNamee
Monday, 01/08 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED		No Mass Pastor's Day Off
Tuesday, 01/09	12:00 Noon 10:30 AM	Mass at OLP: For + Jody Mockenhaupt by Paul & Helen Mockenhaupt Money Counters: Terry Lenz, Catherine Lenz & Mary Schiebe
Wednesday, 01/10	9:00 AM 12:00 - 2:00 PM 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 Laporte School Release Times Students at STC 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, 01/11	9:00 AM	Mass at OLP: For the Intentions of Brian and Amber Berenz Family by Walter & Renee Johnson
Friday, 01/12 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	9:00 AM 9:30 - 10:30 AM	Mass at OLP: Birthday Blessings on Tim Kulas by Mary Kempf Eucharistic Adoration
Saturday, 01/13	09:30 AM 4:15 - 4:45 PM 5:00 PM	First Reconciliation: For STC & OLP First Reconciliation Class of 2018 Sacrament of Reconciliation: at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis Mass at OLP: Birthday Remembrance of + Mike Duclos by Judy Karl - Duclos
Sunday, 01/14	8:00 AM 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Sacrament of Reconciliation: at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte Mass at STC: Birthday Blessings on Clare Kulas by Mary Kempf Mass at OLP: For +Chuck Stephens by Monica Stephens CLOW Leader: Carol Lindow
Upcoming Events	January 16 January 17 January 18 January 20 - 21 January 22 January 23 - 26 January 24 January 24 January 24 January 24 January 27 - 28 January 31 January 31 January 31 February 01 February 01 February 04 February 05 - 09 February 07 February 07 February 07	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 Birthday & Anniversary Celebrations following the Masses at OLP, Nevis March for Life to St. Paul's: Organized by the Diocese of Crookston No Mass at Our Lady of the Pines Church, due to Pastor's Retreat 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 OLP Finance Council Meeting at 10:00 AM STC 2nd Collection for Laporte Food Shelf Good Leader & Good Shepherd Program for Priests of Crookston Diocese 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

Our Lady of the Pines Church Liturgical Ministers Saturday, January 13, 2018	
Sacristan	Help Needed
Musician	Ardis Johnson
Cantors	Rita Schuldt and Margo Bernardy
Lectors	Theora Goodrich, Jesse Clack & Connie Walz
Altar Servers	Help Needed
Ushers	Ed Dvork & Tom Walz
Greeters	Florence Kramer & Dee Dvorak
Eucharistic Ministers	Judy Thompson (C), Bob Lindow & Pat Dietenberger

Sunday, January 14, 2018	
Sacristan	Bob DeCrans & Mary DeCrans
Musician	Ardis Johnson
Cantors	Karie Lindow & Angie Lindow
Lectors	Mary Schiebe, Sheldon Schiebe & John Lindow
Altar Servers	Tyler Lindow, Spencer Lindow & Brenna Lindow
Ushers	Jason Funk, Stephen Lindow, Jim Warner & Gino Hebzynski
Greeters	Carol Lindow & Cheryl Van Guilder
Eucharistic Ministers	Jeanne Thompson (C), Mike Van Guilder, Pat Hrubes, Carol Lindow & Kevin Lindow

St. Theodore's Church Liturgical Ministers Sunday, January 14, 2018	
Sacristan	Charlotte Rauch
Song Leader	Charlotte Rauch
Lectors	Mary Leyendecker, Joe Eisterhold & Bonnie Conrad
Altar Servers	Anna Katzenmeyer, Calli Watson & Blake Watson
Ushers	Joe Eisterhold & Marcel Noyes
Greeters	Ruth Grandy & Bonnie Conrad
Eucharistic Ministers	Kevin Warne (C), Dee Warne & Lisa Katzenmeyer

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 12/31/2017	Our Lady of the Pines	St. Theodore's Church
Sunday Offering	\$1984.75	\$621.00
Christmas Envelopes	\$60.00	--
Building Maintenance Envelope	\$5.00	--
Candle Envelopes	\$12.00	--
Rectory Project Contributions	\$50.00	--

Retreat Opportunities for Confirmation Students
Here are the upcoming Rally and Retreat opportunities for Confirmation and Pre-Confirmation students. Parents, kindly encourage your children to participate in these programs to fulfill their requirements for Confirmation.

- ◆ 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

CHI St. Joseph's Auxiliary Annual Chicken Dinner
CHI St. Joseph's Health Auxiliary is hosting their annual chicken dinner on **Friday, January 19th** from 4:30 - 7:00 PM at the Park Rapids American Legion. The menu includes oven-baked chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, coleslaw, cranberries, beverage and cupcakes. Adults: \$10, children ages 4 through 10: \$5, free for children under age 4. All proceeds are used within CHI St. Joseph's Health to enhance patient comfort and healing. Please join us. ~ Betsy Meyer

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
Irene Fehn, 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.

Sunday Reflection

An 8 year old asked, "How come the kings brought perfume to Jesus? What kind of gift is that for a baby?" His 9 year old sister answered, "Haven't you ever smelled a barn? With dirty animals around, Mary needed something to freshen the air."

Historians enjoy playing "What if...?" Let's try it in theology. "What if God didn't send His Son at Christmas because He wanted us to pay for our sins? What if God couldn't take the time for us today because we didn't take time for Him yesterday? What if God decided to stop leading us tomorrow because we didn't follow Him today? What if God took away the Bible tomorrow because we didn't read it today? What if God stopped loving us because we failed to love others? In this new year, we should take our cue from Leo Tolstoy who wrote, "Everyone thinks of changing humanity and nobody thinks of changing himself."

In the Christmas stable, the strange men who rode in from the East transformed themselves. So too must we. Christ does not want costly gifts from us. What He wants is a reformation of ourselves. Their renewal complete, the Wise Men returned home to begin work in their own kingdoms. Their world, however small or large, was a better place for their return. So must ours be as we go back to our respective worlds today.

We must learn to think globally and act locally. Every Christian must strive, as someone has noted, to be the class of world-class. Second class will not satisfy the Infant whom we honor. The old ways we are advised will not do and we must have the strength to risk the new. Bear in mind the query of the monk to the abbot, "How often must I rise if I fall?" The answer was quick, "Until your death."

~ James Gilhooley

First Reconciliation

Next **Saturday, January 13, 2018** five of our children from St. Theodore's and Our Lady of the Pines parishes will come together in Nevis to celebrate their First Reconciliation at 9:30 PM. We ask the parish community to keep them in your prayers that they may experience the merciful love of the Lord.

March for Life: Twin Cities

You are invited to join the diocese for a trip to Minneapolis for the annual March for Life march. We will depart on **Sunday January 21st, 2018 at 2pm**. We will travel to the cities, have a community dinner, check in to the hotel and prepare for the march. On Monday January 22nd, we will head to the capital and join the other members throughout the state for a program and the march. We will return around dinnertime on Monday night. The cost for the trip is low; the diocese will pay for your food and lodging. If you would like to learn more about this opportunity, please contact the Faith Formation Office at 218-652-4005.

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.

Feeling Lost? Need Direction?

The Diocese of Crookston has openings for spiritual direction and mentorship! If you are interested, contact Jessica at the Chancery by calling 218-281-4533. Your confidential request will be received and you will get a call back from coordinator, Deacon Steve Thomas, who will make arrangements for you. Visit www.crookston.org (Choose "Diocese". Then click "Spiritual Direction") to learn more about spiritual direction offerings in the Diocese of Crookston.

Preparing for Lent & Using Formed.org

Since last September, our parish has subscribed to an online program called, Formed.org to assist us in our Faith Formation efforts. FORMED is a revolutionary online platform that provides us with the best Catholic audio talks, movies, e-books and video based studies right in our own homes via the internet. It is offered to every member and family in our parish free of charge to you. Coming Lent, we will be using one of the online programs from Formed.org, called "Forgiven" in order to prepare ourselves for Easter.

AJ Garcia from the Office of the New Evangelization of Crookston Diocese will be at Our Lady of the Pines Church on **Wednesday, January 17 from 6:00 – 7:30 PM** to help us use this program in our parishes. Parents, Parishioners and all are invited to attend along with our Faith Formation students. Come, join us and bring your mobile devices – cell phones, tablets, laptops if you have them. ~ Mary Schiebe