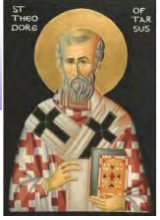


# Our Lady of the Pines & St. Theodore of Tarsus Catholic Churches



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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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25 February, 2018

Second Sunday of Lent



## Sunday Reflection: “Lord, Give me the Grace for Transformation”

The scripture readings of this weekend speak about change and transformation. Abraham placed his trust in God and that changed his life completely. Jesus transfigured on mount Tabor in the presence of Peter, James and John and that impacted the life of these disciples. During this Lenten season all of us are asked to be open to the power of God that can transform us totally.

The word transfiguration means a change in form or appearance. Biologists call it metamorphosis (derived from the Greek word *metamorphoomai*) in order to describe the change that occurs when a caterpillar becomes a butterfly. As children we might have curiously watched the process of the caterpillar turning into a chrysalis and then bursting into a beautiful Monarch butterfly.

Fr. Anthony De Mello tells a story of such metamorphosis in the prayer life of an old man. Towards the end of his life the man said, “I was a revolutionary when I was young, and all my prayer to God was: ‘Lord, give me the grace to change the world.’ As I approached middle age, I realized that half of my life was gone without changing a single soul. So I changed my prayer to: ‘Lord, give me the grace to change my family and friends and I shall be satisfied.’ Now that I am old and my days are numbered, I have begun to see how foolish I have been. My prayer now is: ‘Lord, give me the grace to change myself.’” He added, “If I had prayed for this right from the start, I should not have wasted my life.”

Lent is a time to seek the grace of transformation. May we have the courage to work with the Holy Spirit to transform our lives during this season of Lent. Therefore, let our prayer this weekend be, “Lord, give me the grace that I may be transformed!”

### 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 send you 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*

<b>Saturday, 02/24</b>	4:15 - 4:45 PM 5:00 PM	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation:</b> at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis <b>Mass at OLP:</b> Wedding Blessings on Karyn Barnes & Kevin Allen by Theora Goodrich
<b>Sunday, 02/25</b> 2nd Sunday of Lent	8:00 AM 8:30 AM 9:15 - 10:15 AM 10:30 AM	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation:</b> at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte <b>Mass at STC:</b> For the members of our parishes First Holy Communion Class at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis <b>Mass at OLP:</b> Birthday Remembrance of + Jack Karnowski by Karla & Michael Harrison CLOW Leader: Lisa Kriens
<b>Monday, 02/26</b> PARISH OFFICE CLOSED		<b>No Mass</b> Pastor's Day Off
<b>Tuesday, 02/27</b>	12:00 Noon 10:30 AM	<b>Mass at OLP:</b> For Blessings upon Loretta Kempf by Mary Kempf Money Counters: Connie Walz, Terry Moen & Carol Dierkhising
<b>Wednesday, 02/28</b>	9:00 AM 12 Noon - 3:00 PM 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	<b>Mass at OLP:</b> Death Anniversary Remembrance of + Mary Fernando by Ed and Cecilia Pettit Faith Formation Classes for Nevis School Release Time Students at OLP Evening Class for Confirmation and Pre-Confirmation Students, Nevis Lenten Bible Study: "A Lent to Remember" at Our Lady of the Pines, Nevis
<b>Thursday, 03/01</b>	9:00 AM	<b>Mass at OLP:</b> Safe Travel for Emily Kempf & Tanner and Sophie Ferderer by Mary Kempf
<b>Friday, 03/02</b> PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	9:00 AM 9:30 AM 12 Noon	<b>Mass at OLP:</b> For + Laverna Schulte by Connie & Tom Walz <b>Stations of the Cross at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis</b> <b>Stations of the Cross at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte</b> Followed by Lenten Soup Lunch
<b>Saturday, 03/03</b>	4:15 - 4:45 PM 5:00 PM	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation:</b> at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis <b>Mass at OLP:</b> For + Jan Pollock by Bob and Donna Lindow
<b>Sunday, 03/04</b> 3rd Sunday of Lent  <b>STC 2nd Collection:</b> For Laporte Food Shelf	8:00 AM 8:30 AM 9:45 - 10:30 AM 9:15 - 10:15 AM 10:30 AM	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation:</b> at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte <b>Mass at STC:</b> For + Jo-Ann O'Connell by John & Jackie Duff Hospitality Following Mass at STC, Laporte First Holy Communion Class at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte First Holy Communion Class at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis <b>Mass at OLP:</b> For the members of our parishes CLOW Leader: Help Needed
<b>Upcoming Events</b>	March 06 March 07 March 07 March 07 March 07 March 09 March 09 March 09 March 11 March 14 March 14 March 14 March 14 March 14 March 14 March 14 March 15	OLP Parish Pastoral Council Meeting at 6:30 PM Faith Formation Class for Nevis School Release Students 12:00 - 3:00 PM FF Class for Confirmation and Pre-Confirmation Students 6:30 - 7:30 PM Lenten Reconciliation for Pre Confirmation Class at 6:30 PM Lenten Bible Study at OLP at 6:30 PM Stations of the Cross at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis at 9:30 AM Stations of the Cross at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte 12:30 PM KC Fish Fry at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte Daylight saving time starts Faith Formation Class for Laporte School Release Students 12:00 - 2:00 PM Stations of the Cross at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte 12:30 PM Laporte School Release Time students join the Stations of the Cross Faith Formation Class for Nevis School Release Students 12:00 - 3:00 PM FF Class for Confirmation and Pre-Confirmation Students 6:30 - 7:30 PM Lenten Bible Study at OLP at 6:30 PM Haiti Mission Committee Meeting at 7:00 PM

Our Lady of the Pines Church Liturgical Ministers Saturday, March 03, 2018	
Sacristan	Help Needed
Musician	Don Hudson
Cantor	Don Hudson
Lectors	Jesse Clack, Jarod Senger & Judy Thompson
Altar Servers	Mallory Kowalke, Blake Kowalke & Miranda Kowalke
Ushers	Loren Kramer & Don Dierkhising
Greeters	Florence Kramer & Dee Dvorak
Eucharistic Ministers	Anna Hudson (C), Bob Lindow & Pat Dietenberger

Sunday, March 04, 2018	
Sacristan	Bob DeCrans & Mary DeCrans
Musician	Don Hudson
Cantors	Don Hudson
Lectors	Michael DeWulf, Jeanette Goehring & Anna Hudson
Altar Servers	Addison Lindow, Daniel Lindow & Aiden Thompson
Ushers	Stephen Lindow, Jim Warner, Bob DeCrans & Ed DeLaHunt
Greeters	Sylvia McCarthy & Mary DeCrans
Eucharistic Ministers	Mary Schiebe (C), Sheldon Schiebe, Ronda DeWulf, Pat Hrubes, & Jeanette Goehring

St. Theodore's Church Liturgical Ministers Sunday, March 04, 2018	
Sacristan	Charlotte Rauch
Musician	Don Hudson
Cantor	Don Hudson
Lectors	Bonnie Conrad, Joe Eisterhold & Anna Hudson
Altar Servers	Abree Katzenmeyer, Gabby Nelson & Anna Katzenmeyer
Ushers	Darin Katzenmeyer & John Duff
Greeters	Lisa Katzenmeyer & Bonnie Conrad
Eucharistic Ministers	Jackie Duff (C), Marcel Noyes & 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](mailto:parishofficenevis@gmail.com).

Stewardship Report For the Week of 02/11/2018	Our Lady of the Pines	St. Theodore's Church
Sunday Offering	\$2006.00	\$617.00
Ash Wednesday Collection	\$426.00	\$84.00
<b>2nd Collection:</b> For Black & Native American Missions	\$293.20	\$90.00
Candle Envelopes	\$16.00	--
Building Maintenance Envelopes	\$25.00	--

<b>2018 DAA Contribution</b> \$ as of February 15, 2018 % of Parish Participation	<b>\$550.00</b> (Goal: \$13,852 1.01 %)	<b>\$ 0.00</b> (Goal: \$3,526 0.00 %)
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**DAA 2018**

By now you might have received Bishop Hoepfner's Letter, a DAA Envelope and a Brochure detailing the Ministries the DAA supports this year. Please pray about your pledge/gift and return your DAA Envelope via the Sunday Offertory or mail it directly to the Diocese. You may also give online at [www.crookston.org/DAA](http://www.crookston.org/DAA). Your support for diocesan ministries is indeed a sure sign of our thankfulness unto our God.

~ Char Rauch and Doug & Kathy Scrapper

**A Prayer of Thanks**

We know we often come to you with our needs. They are many. Today we offer our thanks for being able to give to others.

Thank you, Lord, for the gift of our faith,  
for our priests and deacons.

Thank you for the lay faithful volunteers who serve  
so humbly and so well.

Thank you for the many times we have been touched by grace  
and blessed in our faith.

Thank you for giving us strength when we have faltered  
and have needed our spirits to be renewed.

With a grateful heart for all our blessings  
and the confidence to continue to do your will,  
We ask you Father, to accept our thanks, through Christ our Lord.

OLP Monthly Assignments: March 2018	
Hospitality Ministers	Karie Lindow (C), Missy Lindow, Jill Clack, Barb Lester, Beth Durgin, Holly Funk, Richelle Kowalke
Altar Linen	Karie Lindow

**Prayer Requests**

Carla Wheeler, Nicholas Davis, Julie Mischel, Rita Cole, Trent Cole, Ed Dvorak, Brenda Nulliner, Catherine Lenz, Earl Erion, Marie Hassler, Irene Fehn, Jerry Amundson, Jack and Kathy Roberts, Shawn Karl, Sue Joerger, George Noyes, Greg Carter, Jan Lundberg, Dennis Schafer, Larry Yunker, Alan Knott, Shirley Tatro, Peg Koktavy, Dorothy Goeden, Barbara Dietenberger, Priscilla Dietenberger, Harold Dietenberger, Paul Mockenhaupt, Jean Dryness.

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.



## Pope Francis' Lenten Message

"I urge the members of the Church to take up the Lenten journey with enthusiasm, sustained by almsgiving, fasting and prayer. If, at times, the flame of charity seems to die in our own hearts, know that this is never the case in the heart of God! He constantly gives us a chance to begin loving anew.

One such moment of grace will be, again this year, the "24 Hours for the Lord" initiative, which invites the entire Church community to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation in the context of Eucharistic adoration. In 2018, inspired by the words of Psalm 130:4, "With you is forgiveness", this will take place from **Friday, 9 March to Saturday, 10 March**. In each diocese, at least one church will remain open for twenty-four consecutive hours, offering an opportunity for both Eucharistic adoration and sacramental confession.

During the Easter Vigil, we will celebrate once more the moving rite of the lighting of the Easter candle. Drawn from the "new fire", this light will slowly overcome the darkness and illuminate the liturgical assembly. "May the light of Christ rising in glory dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds", and enable all of us to relive the experience of the disciples on the way to Emmaus. By listening to God's word and drawing nourishment from the table of the Eucharist, may our hearts be ever more ardent in faith, hope and love.

With affection and the promise of my prayers for all of you, I send you my blessing. Please do not forget to pray for me."  
~ Pope Francis

## Visit Our Parish Website

Have you visited our parish website recently? You will find copies of the bulletins and bulletin inserts, liturgical ministers schedule, minutes of Church Councils and Committees, parish calendar of events and many more! Visit [www.ccnevislaporte.org](http://www.ccnevislaporte.org) and check it out !!

## The Church of Transfiguration

The traditional site for the Transfiguration is Mount Tabor, a high mountain in the north country of Israel. Over the years, the Church has gone where Peter could not go, and we have built what he could not build. Helena, mother of Constantine, built a sanctuary in the top of Mount Tabor in 326 A.D. By the end of the sixth century, three churches stood on the mountaintop, one each for Jesus, Moses, and Elijah. More shrines were built there over the next 400 years, and Saladin destroyed them all in 1187. A fortress built in 1212 was destroyed by the end of the thirteenth century. The summit was abandoned for another six hundred years, until a Greek Orthodox community built a monastery there. Sometime later, the Franciscans built a Latin basilica on the highest point of the summit, where they now maintain worship services.

## Middle School Youth Rally

Join the Middle School Youth Rally on **Sunday, March 18, 2018** at St. Philip's Church, Bemidji. We will have Praise & Worship/ Keynote Talks/ Adoration/ Mass/ Breakout Time/ Dinner. This year's Diocesan Middle School Youth Rally entitled, "Fully Alive," will dive into the question about what/who makes us fully alive. We know that through the busyness of school, friends, and media, kids are being exposed to a variety of competing voices that are trying to convince them that "these" are the sure way to happiness. Ultimately, pursuing those things, will leave us empty and searching for more. To become "Fully Alive," our identity must be in Jesus Christ and what He offers us.

Keynote speaker, Maggie Craig, and worship leader Connor Flanagan will highlight what it means to have an identity in Christ and to become fully alive through a lived out relationship with Him." Registration Opens at 12:30pm – Rally begins at 1:00pm and ends at 7:30pm. For Registration, please contact the Faith Formation office at [olpfaithform@gmail.com](mailto:olpfaithform@gmail.com)

## From Cross Catholic Outreach

Dear Parishioners:  
Cross Catholic Outreach wishes to thank you for the welcome you extended to Father Cao on our recent visit to your parish. On behalf of the poorest of the poor, we thank you for having shared in their lives. May our Lord continue to bless all of you for your love and support!

~ Jim Cavnar, President of Cross Catholic Outreach

## Job opportunity

Sacred Heart School in East Grand Forks, MN is seeking Elementary Education Kindergarten teacher for the 2018-2019 school year. Please send letter of interest, resume, three letters of reference, college transcripts and a copy of teaching license to Jodi Vanderheiden, Principal, Sacred Heart Catholic School, 200 Third Street NW, East Grand Forks, or email at [jvanderheiden@sacredheartegf.net](mailto:jvanderheiden@sacredheartegf.net).

## World Day of Prayer: March 02, 2018

This year, St. Peter's and St. Mary's have the honor to host the annual World Day of Prayer celebration. It will be held at St. Peter's Church, 305 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Park Rapids on **March 2, 2018 at 1:00 PM**. This event is a worldwide ecumenical movement of Christians of many traditions who come together every year to observe a common day of prayer. People in 170 countries will participate in the service which has been written by the Christian women of Suriname. We will learn more about Suriname through a power point program, readings and song. Following the service, refreshments and fellowship will be held in the Parish Center. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend the service.