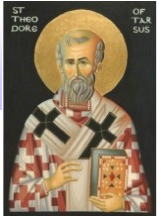


Our Lady of the Pines & St. Theodore of Tarsus

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
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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

December 03, 2017

First Sunday of Advent

"Come, Lord Jesus"!

This little petition "Come, Lord Jesus" is usually used only during Advent. In this uneasy season, sandwiched between a long-ago past and a far-distant future, we cry out to the Lord. This short petition can be prayed today amid the chaos of the secular preholiday season.

- ◆ When we find ourselves smothered by anxieties, the gift list is too long and money too short, let us stop and pray: "Come, Lord Jesus!"
- ◆ When we find our inner prayer silenced by the noisy demands of outward world, let us stop and pray: "Come, Lord Jesus!"
- ◆ When we have lost loved ones or a home or a job in this season of hope, let us stop and pray: "Come, Lord Jesus!"
- ◆ When we have found an oasis of peace or a moment of joy in the midst of it all, let us stop and pray: "Come, Lord Jesus!"
- ◆ Whatever the circumstances, alone or together, in the supermarket or in church, at home or at work, on the road or in an airport or wherever, let us stop and pray: "Come, Lord Jesus!"

When we call the Lord, he doesn't have far to come because he is already right here. In this season, in every season, in Word and Sacrament, in the reality of mystery, He is here among us – because we are, after all his body. Therefore, right this minute let us cry out, "Come, Lord Jesus!" And the answer is always, "I'm coming"!
~ Sr. Genevieve Glen

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.

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.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES

Saturday, 12/2	2:00 PM 4:15 - 4:45 PM 5:00 PM	Wedding Mass for Katrina Fehn and Kenneth Nelson at STC, Laporte Sacrament of Reconciliation at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis Mass at OLP: For + Joe Tomas by Helen Tomas and Family Projectionist: Judy Thompson Christmas Centerpiece Sale by Haiti Mission Committee at OLP
Sunday, 12/3 CLOW STC 2nd Collection for: Laporte Food Shelf	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 + Jo-Ann O'Connell John & Jackie Duff First Reconciliation Class at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte Mass at OLP: For the Members of our Parishes CLOW Leaders: Ronda DeWulf and Liddy DeWulf Projectionist: Anna Hudson Christmas Centerpiece Sale by Haiti Mission Committee at OLP
Monday, 12/4 PARISH OFFICE CLOSD		No Mass Pastor's Day Off
Tuesday, 12/5	12:00 Noon 10:30 AM 6:30 PM	Mass at OLP: Blessings on Ron Kulas by Mary Kempf Money Counters: Loren Kramer, Donna Lindow and Terry Moen OLP Pastoral Council Meeting in the Community Meeting Room
Wednesday, 12/6	9:00 AM Noon - 3:00 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Mass at OLP: For the Good Health of the members of Dietenberger Family by Pat Dietenberger Faith Formation Classes for Nevis School Release Time Students First Reconciliation Class at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis Evening Classes for Confirmation and Pre-Confirmation Students
Thursday, 12/7	6:00 PM	NO Morning Mass at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis Holy Day of Obligation Mass at OLP: For the good health of Shawn Karl by Jerome and Arlene Biessener
Friday, 12/8 Feast of Immaculate Conception of Mary PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	8:30 AM	NO Morning Mass at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis NO Eucharistic Adoration Holy Day of Obligation Mass at STC: For the Members of our Parishes
Saturday, 12/9 Second Collection: For Retired Religious	4:15 - 4:45 PM 5:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis Mass at OLP: For + Lillian Juelich by Ed Juelich and Family Projectionist: Darin Kowalke Birthday and Anniversary Celebrations at OLP following Mass Christmas Centerpiece Sale by Haiti Mission Committee at OLP
Sunday, 12/10 CLOW Second Collection: For Retired Religious	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 + Ray Copa by Karen Copa First Reconciliation Class at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte Mass at OLP: For the Members of our Parishes CLOW Leaders: Jen McNamee & Jack McNamee Projectionist: Anna Hudson Birthday and Anniversary Celebrations at OLP following Mass Christmas Centerpiece Sale by Haiti Mission Committee at OLP
Upcoming Events	December 12 December 13 December 13 December 13 December 13 December 13 December 15 December 19	Mass of the Anointing of the Sick at Our Lady of the Pines Church at 12 Noon Faith Formation Classes for Laporte School Release Students 12:00 - 2:00 PM St. Nike visits Laporte Faith Formation Class at 1:30 PM Faith Formation Classes for Nevis School Release Students 12:00 -3:00 PM Advent Confessions for Confirmation and Pre-Confirmation Students at OLP First Reconciliation Class at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis at 6:30 PM Deanery Advent Reconciliation at St. Philip's Church, Bemidji 7:00 - 7:00 PM KC General Meeting at 7:00 PM

Our Lady of the Pines Church Liturgical Ministers Saturday, December 9, 2017	
Sacristan	Help Needed
Musician	Ardis Johnson
Cantor	Jeanette Goehring
Lectors	Theora Goodrich, Loren Kramer & Jesse Clack
Altar Servers	Mallory Kowalke, Blake Kowalke & Miranda Kowalke
Ushers	Ken Thompson & Don Dierkhising
Greeters	Judy Thompson & Donna Lindow
Eucharistic Ministers	Judy Thompson (C), Rita Schuldt & Jarod Senger

Sunday, December 10, 2017	
Sacristan	Bob DeCrans & Mary DeCrans
Musician	Ardis Johnson & Don Hudson
Cantors	Choir
Lectors	Bob DeCrans, Holly Funk & Chuck Tangeman
Altar Servers	Addison Lindow, Daniel Lindow & Emily Funk
Ushers	Mike Greene, Nancy Greene, Ed DeLaHunt & Tom Wenner
Greeters	Sylvia McCarthy & Carol Lindow
Eucharistic Ministers	Jeanne Thompson (C), Pat Hrubes, Mary DeCrans, Sheldon Schiebe & Mary Schiebe

St. Theodore's Church Liturgical Ministers Sunday, December 10, 2017	
Sacristan	Charlotte Rauch
Musician	Don Hudson
Cantor	Don Hudson
Lectors	Joe Eisterhold, Ruth Grandy & Bonnie Conrad
Altar Servers	Abbey Richardson, Caine Richardson & Gabby Nelson
Ushers	Roger Rudbeck & Ken Nelson
Greeters	Ruth Grandy & Charlotte Rauch
Eucharistic Ministers	Kevin Warne (C), Dee Warne & Marcel Noyes

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 11/26/2017	Our Lady of the Pines	St. Theodore's Church
Sunday Offering	\$2244.00	\$567.00
Second Collection: St. Mary's Red Lake Mission	\$422.84	\$68.05
Candle Envelopes	\$14.00	--
Catholic Campaign Envelopes	\$125.00	--
Christmas Flower Envelopes	\$245.00	\$115.00

2017 DAA Contribution (\$ as of November 21, 2017) % parish participation	\$12,141.00 (Goal: \$14,215.00) 36.70%	\$4116.50 (Goal: \$3,632.00) 38.46%
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2nd Collection Next Week: Retirement Fund for Religious
Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests need your help. Many served for years in Catholic schools, hospitals and parishes – often for little to no pay. Now there is a shortage in retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides funding for medications, nursing care and more. In the next weekend second collection, please give generously to those who have given a lifetime.

Evergreen Christmas Centerpieces
Jesus reminded us, in last Sunday's gospel: "When I was hungry, you gave me to eat . . . for whatever you did for these, the least of my brothers you did for me." The following is an opportunity to respond to His direction: The evergreen Christmas centerpieces will be for sale this weekend through December 10. Proceeds of this fundraiser helps finance the bowl of rice/beans that the students of Our Lady of the Perpetual School in Haiti receive as a meal 4 days a week. ~ Carol Lindow

St. Joseph's Health Auxiliary's
Annual Sweets, Treats & Treasures Fundraiser
On Saturday, December 2nd from 9 AM to 1 PM
at Riverside United Methodist Church, Park Rapids.
There will Thousands of cookies, bars and candies and specialty treats available. ~Betsy Meyer

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
Jenny Avenson, Jack and Kathy Roberts, Shawn Karl, Ted Thielen, Sue Joerger, George Noyes, Greg Carter, Trent Cole, Jan Lundberg, Dennis Schafer, Kathy Quinn, Jean Dryness, Larry Yunker, Art Meyer, Janet Ramlet, Alan Knott, Shirley Tatro, Peg Koktavy, Dorothy Goeden, Barbara Lockwood, 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.

Prayer to Mary Immaculate

You are all-beautiful, O Mary!

In you there is no sin.

In you the Word of God became flesh.

Help us always to heed the Lord's voice:

May we never be indifferent to the cry of the poor,
or untouched by the sufferings of the sick.

May we be sensitive to the loneliness of the elderly
and the vulnerability of children
and always love and cherish the life of every human being.

You are all-beautiful, O Mary!

Hear our prayers, graciously hear our plea. Amen.

~ Pope Francis

Holy Day of Obligation Mass

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary

Thursday, December 7 at 6:00 PM

at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis

Friday, December 8 at 8:30 AM

at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte

Our Lady of the Pines Choir

The OLP choir will be singing at the 10:30 AM Mass on the 2nd Sunday of Advent (**December 10th**) and Christmas Eve starting at 4:30 PM with Lessons and Carols. Practices will be held at the church on the following dates: **December 7th - 7:00 PM** (following the Holy Day Mass) and **December 14th and 21st at 6:30 PM**. If you'd like to sing with the choir at this festive time of year, please join us for the practices. ~ Don Hudson

Year-end Giving

Consider your parish and its ministry when you make a yearend contribution. If you would like your donations to be recorded for this year, you may mail your contributions before **December 31, 2017**.

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.

Advent Programs in our Parishes

Lighting of Advent Wreath

Following one of the ancient Christian customs, we will light the candles in the Advent Wreath during each weekend Masses. Different families will be invited to light the candle. This good tradition will help us to remain vigilant and not to lose sight of the true meaning of Christmas.

Advent Giving Tree

Advent Giving Tree in our Gathering Space reminds us to think of sharing with the families that may need some assistance during this Christmas. This year Walker Pregnancy Center and Laporte Ginger-man Organizers will be our beneficiaries. Kindly visit the Advent Giving Tree and take home a tag or two. Please bring your gifts along with the tag before **December 15** so that the gifts can be reached to the organizers.

Mass of the Anointing of the Sick

We intend to celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick within a Mass on **Tuesday, December 12** at Our Lady of the Pines Church at 12:00 noon. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is the sacrament of healing. It may be celebrated at any time when one feels ill either physically, emotionally or spiritually. We don't need to wait for the moment of death to receive this Sacrament. Therefore, we invite all our parishioners who have grown weak with age, sickness or impending surgery to attend this mass. Please plan to bring the sick and the homebound of your family for this mass. There will be a lunch served to all the participants.

Advent Penance Service

Advent is also a time to internally prepare ourselves for the coming of the Lord. Release Time School Children will have opportunities for celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation during their Faith Formation class hours. Our youth who are in Confirmation and Pre-confirmation class will have their Advent Reconciliation on Wednesday, **December 13 at 6:30 PM**. You are welcome to join the Deanery Reconciliation celebrated at St. Philip's Church on **Friday, December 15 from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM**. You can also make use of private confessions before the weekend Masses. If you miss any of these opportunities, you are welcome to make an appointment with the Pastor to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at your convenience.

Advent Online Retreat

An online program called, "Advent: An Invitation to Intimacy with God" is being offered by the School Sisters of Notre Dame, Elm Grove, Wisconsin. This Online, Interactive Retreat for Women goes from **December 3-24, 2017**. Deepen your personal reflection and prayer by interaction with a spiritual companion, a sister with whom you will be paired to meet with weekly by phone, skype or in person. For more information, contact Sister Stephanie Spandl, SSND, at sspandl@ssnd.org or 651-278-4498.