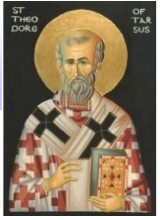


# Our Lady of the Pines & St. Theodore of Tarsus Catholic Churches



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Parish Office Hours	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<b>Parish Secretary</b>	<b>8:30 AM - 1:30 PM</b>	<b>8:30 AM - 1:30 PM</b>	<b>8:30 AM - 1:30 PM</b>
<b>Faith Formation Coordinator</b>	- -	<b>12:00 PM - 8:00 PM</b>	- -

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**December 10, 2017**      **Second Sunday of Advent**

## Being Still in Advent

This may sound almost heretical, but with each passing year I like Christmas less and less. At the same time, with each passing year, I like the feast of the Nativity more and more. Maybe you feel the same. The craziness surrounding the secular season of Christmas – the endless ads on TV and online, the crowded stores, the glut of often crass holiday-themed movies – sometimes seems to drown out the real meaning of the season.

That’s why I treasure silence during Advent. Silence is a gift that we can give to ourselves in the middle of a noisy season. And silent prayer is something we can all afford. It costs nothing. Of course many people – parents of young children, children of aging parents, and people with hectic working lives – may not have much time to spare; but even a few minutes of quiet may help to center oneself.

In busy times it’s important to let quiet be your prayer. This can be as simple as “withdrawing,” as Jesus did, from the busyness of life and just sitting in the presence of God. Or it could be a simple meditation, reflecting on a single word from the stunning readings of Advent: from the Book of Isaiah, the Psalms or the Gospels.

Sometimes people feel guilty for taking a break in the weeks before Christmas – there’s often so much to do. But think of silence as a gift you give not only to yourself but to God, who wants to meet you in the silence as you wait for Jesus to enter your heart in a new way this Advent.

~ Fr. James Martin SJ

### 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.

### 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***

<p><b>Saturday, 12/9</b></p> <p>Second Collection: For Retired Religious</p>	<p>4:15 - 4:45 PM 5:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Sacrament of Reconciliation at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis</b>  <b>Mass at OLP:</b> 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</p>
<p><b>Sunday, 12/10</b></p> <p>CLOW</p> <p>Second Collection: For Retired Religious</p>	<p>8:00 AM 8:30 AM 9:30 AM 10:30 AM</p>	<p><b>Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte</b>  <b>Mass at STC:</b> For + Ray Copa by Karen Copa  First Reconciliation Class at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte  <b>Mass at OLP:</b> For the Members of our Parishes  CLOW Leaders: Jen McNamee &amp; Jack McNamee  Projectionist: Anna Hudson  Birthday and Anniversary Celebrations at OLP following Mass  Christmas Centerpiece Sale by Haiti Mission Committee at OLP</p>
<p><b>Monday, 12/11</b> PARISH OFFICE CLOSED</p>		<p><b>No Mass</b> Pastor's Day Off</p>
<p><b>Tuesday, 12/12</b></p>	<p>12:00 Noon  10:30 AM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Mass of the Anointing of the Sick at OLP:</b> Death Anniversary  Remembrance of + Helen Schmitz by Walter and Cindy Novak  Money Counters: Terry Lenz, Catherine Lenz and Judy Thompson  Staff Meeting in the Class Room  KC Officers Meeting in OLP Community Meeting Room</p>
<p><b>Wednesday, 12/13</b></p>	<p>9:00 AM  Noon - 2:00 PM  Noon - 3:00 PM  6:30 PM 6:30 PM</p>	<p><b>Mass at OLP:</b> Thanksgiving for the Blessings received by  Pat Dietenberger - Puestow by Pat Dietenberger  Faith Formation Classes for Laporte School Release Time Students  St. Nick visits Laporte Faith Formation Class  Faith Formation Classes for Nevis School Release Time Students  St. Nick visits Nevis Faith Formation Class  First Reconciliation Class at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis  Advent Reconciliation for Confirmation and Pre-Confirmation Students</p>
<p><b>Thursday, 12/14</b></p>	<p>9:00 AM 6:30 PM</p>	<p><b>Mass at OLP:</b> For + Clara Kulas by Mary Kempf  OLP Choir Practice</p>
<p><b>Friday, 12/15</b> PARISH OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>9:00 AM 9:30 - 10:30 AM 7:00 - 7:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Mass at OLP:</b> For + Laverna Schulte by Connie and Tom Walz  <b>Eucharistic Adoration</b>  <b>Deanery Advent Reconciliation</b> at St. Philip's Church, Bemidji</p>
<p><b>Saturday, 12/16</b></p>	<p>4:15 - 4:45 PM 5:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Sacrament of Reconciliation at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis</b>  <b>Mass at OLP:</b> For + Sharon Smiens by Carol Anderson  Projectionist: Jesse Clack</p>
<p><b>Sunday, 12/17</b></p> <p>CLOW</p>	<p>8:00 AM 8:30 AM 9:30 AM 10:30 AM</p>	<p><b>Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte</b>  <b>Mass at STC:</b> For the Members of our Parishes  First Reconciliation Class at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte  <b>Mass at OLP:</b> For + Angela Martini by Connie Gueli and Family  CLOW Leaders: Help Needed  Projectionist: Anna Hudson</p>
<p><b>Upcoming Events</b></p>	<p>December 19 December 19 December 20 December 20 December 21 December 21</p>	<p>KC General Meeting at 7:00 PM  Advent Reconciliation at Our Lady of the Pines Church 12:30 - 1:00 PM  NO Faith Formation Classes for Nevis School Release Students  NO Faith Formation Class for Confirmation and Confirmation Students  OLP Choir Practice at 6:30 PM  Haiti Mission Committee Meeting at 7:00 PM</p>

<b>Our Lady of the Pines Church Liturgical Ministers Saturday, December 16, 2017</b>	
Sacristan	Help Needed
Musician	Ardis Johnson
Cantor	Rita Schuldt & Margo Bernardy
Lectors	Jesse Clack & Jill Clack, Help Needed
Altar Servers	Joey Senger, & Jude Senger
Ushers	Tom Walz & Ed Dvorak
Greeters	Florence Kramer & Dee Dvorak
Eucharistic Ministers	Theora Goodrich (C), Bob Lindow & Pat Dietenberger

<b>Sunday, December 17, 2017</b>	
Sacristan	Bob DeCrans & Mary DeCrans
Musician	Don Hudson
Cantors	Don Hudson
Lectors	Mike DeWulf, Carol Lindow & Anna Hudson
Altar Servers	Liddy DeWulf, Grace McNamee & Aiden Thompson
Ushers	Jason Funk, Stephen Lindow, Jim Warner & Chuck Tangeman
Greeters	Mary DeCrans & Cheryl Van Guilder
Eucharistic Ministers	Kevin Lindow (C), Ronda DeWulf, Doug Scrapper, Bob DeCrans & Holly Funk

<b>St. Theodore's Church Liturgical Ministers Sunday, December 17, 2017</b>	
Sacristan	Charlotte Rauch
Musician	Angie Jobe, Carol Wellen & Sharon Lembke
Cantor	Sharon Lembke
Lectors	Kevin Warne, Irene Fehn & Charlotte Rauch
Altar Servers	Calli Watson, Abree Katzenmeyer & Anna Katzenmeyer
Ushers	Darin Katzenmeyer & Joe Eisterhold
Greeters	Charlotte Rauch & Irene Fehn
Eucharistic Ministers	Bonnie Conrad (C), Mary Leyendecker & 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](mailto:parishofficenevis@gmail.com).

<b>Stewardship Report For the Week of 12/03/2017</b>	<b>Our Lady of the Pines</b>	<b>St. Theodore's Church</b>
Sunday Offering	\$4136.06	\$832.00
<b>STC Second Collection: For Laporte Food Shelf</b>	--	\$170.00
Christmas Flower Envelopes	\$285.00	\$132.00
Rectory project	\$20.00	--
Candle Envelopes	\$10.00	--
Building Maintenance Envelopes	\$95.00	--

<b>2017 DAA Contribution</b> (\$ as of December 05, 2017) % parish participation	<b>\$12,174.00</b> (Goal: \$14,215.00) 36.70%	<b>\$4125.00</b> (Goal: \$3,632.00) 38.46%
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**Year End Giving**

This is the time of the year, we think of making a yearend giving. Please consider your parish and its ministry when you make a yearend contribution. If you would like your contribution to be recorded for this year, you may mail your contributions before **December 31, 2017**. We are grateful to the following persons who have made a yearend contribution to our parishes:

**St. Theodore's Church:**  
**Tom and Maryn Rogge**  
**Colleen Curran and Jerry Amundson**

**Our Lady of the Pines Church:**  
**Leah & Tim Pigatti**  
**Ralph & Cynthia Blair**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection This Weekend: 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.

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

**Prayer Requests**

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, 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.

## Advent: A Time of Unexpected Grace

The pre-Christmas season of Advent calls us to pay attention to our lives. It's easy to get so caught up in a "to do" list that we miss the chance to really experience and enjoy preparing for Christmas with our family and friends. Try adding more intention and purpose to your decorating, gift buying, and celebration planning, instead of doing what you've always done or what you think people expect. See beyond the familiar.

You can make your Advent a time of mindful, joyful waiting. Find a collection of Advent reflections to read each day. Keep a journal of your own. Have an Advent wreath in your home. Take time to relish the expectancy of the season, the delicious tension of anticipation.

The Christmas season offers a wondrous feast for the senses, with a multitude of appealing and captivating things to see, smell, taste, hear, and touch. Stay aware and be attentive to these delights. They're part of the goodness of being human, which the birth of Jesus affirms.

Christmastime can have something of the magic about it. For youngsters, it certainly does dazzling decorations, cheery songs, a jolly Santa, gifts that appear under the tree and it can be good to retain a bit of that sensation as we grow older. For me, attending Mass in the late hours of Christmas Eve has long had a mystical quality. After venturing out into a cold, silent night, we find warmth, light, favorite music and comforting prayer inside the church, where we celebrate the Christmas story, the ultimate source of our wonder. The presence of God among us tells us that life is filled with blessings. Be open to the season's and life's surprises and unexpected grace.

~ Karen Katafiasz

## 2018 Church Calendars

The 2018 Church Calendars have arrived. They are available on the tables in the Gathering Space of our Churches.

## 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.

## Mass of the Anointing of the Sick

There will be a Mass of the Anointing of the Sick on **Tuesday, December 12 at 12 noon**. The Sacrament of the Anointing for the Sick can be received by any person, who wishes to experience the Lord's strength, comfort and healing. 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. There will be a lunch provided for all the participants.

## Celebrate Advent Reconciliation

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 Giving Tree

Please visit the Advent Giving Tree in our Gathering place that remind us to share with the families that may need some assistance during this Christmas. This year Walker Pregnancy Center and Laporte Gingerbread men Organizers will be our beneficiaries. Please bring your gifts along with the tag before **December 17** so that the gifts can be reached to the organizers.

## Best Advent Ever!

You are invited to rediscover the joy in preparing for Christmas! You may sign up for your FREE daily e-mail at [DynamicCatholic.com/Signup](http://DynamicCatholic.com/Signup). You will receive: A short inspirational video; A theme to focus on during the day; A practical way to live out the theme in everyday life; A simple prayer to prepare your heart for Jesus. Have the best Advent ever!

## Christmas Centerpieces

Christmas centerpieces are available for sale in the Parish Hall at Our Lady of the Pines Church. The proceeds go to support their educational ministry in Haiti.

## Our Lady of the Pines Choir

The OLP choir will be singing at Christmas Eve starting 4:30 PM with Lessons and Carols. Practices will be held at the church on **December 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> 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