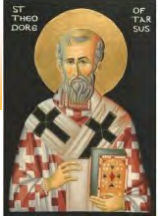


Our Lady of the Pines & St. Theodore of Tarsus Catholic Churches



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Parish Office Hours	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
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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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

April 15, 2018

3rd Sunday of Easter

Congratulations to OLP First Holy Communicants!



Paisleigh Rae Brakke

Mya Lynn Durgin

Wyatt Stephen Wroblewski

*May Jesus, the Bread of Life and the Cup of Eternal Salvation,
always nourish your faith!*

*May He be your friend and guide today and all the days of your life!!
Have a Delightful First Holy Communion Day!!!*

Sunday Reflection

*“Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’
But they were startled and frightened...” – Luke 24:36-37*

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to “see the face of Jesus” in others and to “be the face of Jesus” to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide “peace” to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength to live a “God-centered” life and not a “self-centered” life.

Dear Visitors

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

Saturday, 04/14	4:15 - 4:45 PM 9:00 AM 5:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation: at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis First Holy Communion Rehearsal at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis Mass at OLP: Birthday Blessings on Beth Haneey by Mary Kempf
Sunday, 04/15 3rd Sunday of Easter First Holy Communion at Our Lady of the Pines Church NO CLOW	8:00 AM 8:30 AM 9:30 - 10:30 AM 10:30 AM 1:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation: at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte Mass at STC: For the Members of our Parishes First Holy Communion Class at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte First Holy Communion Mass at OLP: Birthday Blessings on Molly Senger by a Well wisher Bingo at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte
Monday, 04/16 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED		NO Mass Crookston Diocesan Priests Annual Meeting in Bemidji
Tuesday, 04/17	10:30 AM 7:00 PM	NO Mass Crookston Diocesan Priests Annual Meeting in Bemidji Money Counters: Terry Lenz, Catherine Lenz and Arlene Biessener KC General Meeting
Wednesday, 04/18	12 Noon - 3:00 PM 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	NO Mass Crookston Diocesan Priests Annual Meeting in Bemidji Faith Formation Classes for Nevis School Release Time Students at OLP FF Class for Confirmation and Pre-Confirmation Students in Nevis
Thursday, 04/19	9:00 AM 2:30 PM	Mass at OLP: Safe Travel for Sophie Ferderer by Mary Kempf STC Cemetery Committee Meeting in Laporte
Friday, 04/20 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	9:00 AM 9:30 - 10:30 AM	Mass at OLP: Wedding Anniversary Remembrance of + Laverna Schulte by Connie & Tom Walz Eucharistic Adoration
Saturday, 04/21	4:15 - 4:45 PM 8:00 AM 5:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation: at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis Marriage Prep Class at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis Mass at OLP: For + Joe & Kay Knuth by Gene & Joan Blumberg Birthday and Anniversary Celebration at OLP following Mass
Sunday, 04/22 4th Sunday of Easter	8:00 AM 8:30 AM 9:30 - 10:30 AM 10:30 AM 11:45 AM	Sacrament of Reconciliation: at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte Mass at STC: For + Ray Copa by Karen Copa First Holy Communion Class at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte Mass at OLP: For the Members of our Parishes CLOW Leaders: Lisa Kriens Birthday and Anniversary Celebration at OLP following Mass Marriage Prep Class at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis
Upcoming Events	April 25 April 25 April 28 & 29 April 28 April 29 May 02 May 03 May 04 May 05 May 05 May 05 & 06 May 08 May 09	Last Faith Formation Classes at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis STC Guild Meeting at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte at 7:00 PM Second Collection: For Catholic Home Mission Appeal OLP Lakeside & Woodlawn Catholic Cemeteries Cleanup at 9:00 AM, Nevis Marriage Prep Class at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis at 11:45 AM OLP Faith Formation Teachers Meeting, Nevis at 6:30 PM OLP Finance Council Meeting, Nevis at 10:00 AM STC First Holy Communion Rehearsal in Laporte at 3:30 PM First Holy Communion Mass at St. Theodore's Church at 8:30 AM STC Second Collection: For Laporte Food Shelf KC Tootsie Drive at Nevis and Laporte after the Mass Parish Staff Meeting at 6:39 PM STC Faith Formation Teachers Meeting in Laporte at 2:30 PM

Our Lady of the Pines Church Liturgical Ministers Saturday, April 21, 2018	
Sacristan	Help Needed
Musician	Ardis Johnson
Cantors	Margo Bernardy & Judy Thompson
Lectors	Jesse Clack, Jill Clack & Theora Goodrich
Altar Servers	Help Needed
Ushers	Mark Carter, Ed Dvorak Tom Walz & Ken Thompson
Greeters	Florence Kramer & Dee Dvorak
Eucharistic Ministers	Loren Kramer (C), Pat Dietenberger & Bob Lindow

Sunday: April 22, 2018	
Sacristans	Bob DeCrans & Mary DeCrans
Musician	Ardis Johnson
Cantor	Jeanette Goehring
Lectors	John Lindow, Carol Lindow & Michael DeWulf
Altar Servers	Emily Funk, Liddy DeWulf & Grace McNamee
Ushers	Stephen Lindow, Jim Warner, Bob DeCrans & Ed DeLaHunt
Greeters	Carol Lindow & Karie Lindow
Eucharistic Ministers	Pat Hrubes (C), Doug Scaper, Mike Van Guilder, Kevin Lindow & Ronda DeWulf

St. Theodore's Church Liturgical Ministers Sunday: April 22, 2018	
Sacristan	Charlotte Rauch
Musician	Angie Jobe
Cantor	Sharon Lembke
Lectors	Bonnie Conrad, Charlotte Rauch & Sandy Roerick
Altar Servers	Abbey Richardson, Caine Richardson & Gabby Nelson
Ushers	Roger Rudbeck & Joe Eisterhold
Greeters	Donna Minikus & Charlotte Rauch
Eucharistic Ministers	Mary Leyendecker (C), Marcel Noyes & Ruth Grandy

Stewardship Report For the Week of 04/08/2018	Our Lady of the Pines	St. Theodore's Church
Sunday Offering	\$2294.50	\$737.00
CRS Rice Bowl Contribution	\$707.47	\$108.65
OLP Fuel Envelopes	\$75.00	--
STC Laporte Food Shelf Envelopes	--	\$30.00
Easter Sunday Envelopes	\$835.00	--
Good Friday - Holy Land Envelope	\$5.00	--
Rectory Project Fund	\$160.00	--
Candle Envelopes	\$19.00	--
2018 DAA Contribution \$ as of March 29, 2018 % of Parish Participation	\$6441.00 (Goal: \$13,852 18.72 %)	\$ 1222.00 (Goal: \$3,526 17.11 %)

◆ **OLP Cemeteries Clean up**

Come and help clean up Lakeside and Woodlawn Catholic Cemeteries! We have scheduled **Saturday, April 28**, and if weather permits, the cleanup will start at 9:00 AM. Your help will make quick work of the whole project. Confirmation Students are welcome and can earn your service hours. For more information, please call Jim McAllister at 218-652-2559 and sign up today!

◆ **Bid for Mowing Lakeside Catholic Cemetery**

Our Lady of the Pines Parish Cemetery Committee is asking for bids for mowing Lakeside Catholic Cemetery summer 2018. You may send your bids to: The Chairperson, C/o Our Lady of the Pines Parish Office, PO Box: 378; Nevis, MN 56467. Bids should be in by **April 20th**.
~ Jim McAllister

Park Rapids Classic Chorale

Spring Concert 2018 on **Friday, April 20 — 7:30 pm** and **Sunday, April 22 — 3:00 pm** at St. John's Lutheran Church Park Rapids. All are welcome! ~ Amanda

Beginning Experience Weekend

"Beginning Experience" is a support program offered by the Catholic Church and open to divorced, widowed, and separated persons of all Faiths, or no Faith. A Beginning Experience Weekend will be held from **June 22 - 24, 2018**, at Hankinson Retreat Center. For more information, or to register, contact Matt Tedrick (701-541-6095) ~ Bernie Schneider

OLP Monthly Assignments: April 2018

Hospitality Ministers	Mary Schiebe (C), Kelly Kramer, Mitzi Adrian, Kathy Nagel, Jeannene Johnson, Leah Walters and Faye Piersant
Altar Linen	Marcy DeCrans

Prayer Requests

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

Easter Season:

A Time to Abandoning the False Hopes

I would love to wake up tomorrow and find out that I won the lottery. It would be particularly lucky for me since I don't play the lottery and didn't buy a lottery ticket. To say I hope to win the lottery would be a false hope.

Jesus is risen indeed! Easter isn't one day. It is a season. It's the greatest reality of our lives as Christians. While Easter reminds us to have hope, I think we need to abandon our false hopes this Easter.

What are some areas in your life you would like Jesus to transform? Is there a sin you are struggling with? An addiction you want to overcome? A relationship that needs repair? Some past hurt you are working through? Are you struggling with depression? Do you feel distant from God?

While sometimes God can do the miraculous in an instant, normally the miracle of Easter plays out in our lives in a gradual unfolding. Like hoping to win the lottery without buying a ticket, we hope for God to do something new in our life without giving God the space and permission to work in our lives.

If you want God to heal you, tell him. Show up regularly in prayer. Ask for his help. Trust in him. This isn't the same thing as resolving to change or trying harder. In some ways healing begins when we surrender. The Paschal Mystery – the Passion, death and resurrection – reminds us death doesn't have the final word. God is bringing about new life but it takes going through the passion and death.

Like the disciples during the Easter season, we wait upon the Holy Spirit. Where do you need to invite the Holy Spirit into your life? Ask him to teach you to pray. Ask him for the words you need to say to a friend. Ask him for the grace you need to forgive someone. Ask him to help you be more receptive to God's love and grace.

Tomorrow you aren't going to win the lottery but today you can experience Jesus, the risen Lord. Make time to experience him. Be vulnerable and honest. Surrender.

Do that today. Do that tomorrow. In some ways, Lent was a time to recognize our wounds and start to treat them. This season of Easter is a time for us to rip off the bandages and expose those wounds so God might heal them. It might even be a little painful. It's going to take time, but know that healing and true freedom are possible. Jesus comes down to us in order that we might fully experience his divine life. This is exactly what Easter and the hope of Easter is all about.

Surrendering to God is better than any lottery ticket. The resurrection gives us a sure hope that God will act. The question is, will you allow him? If you do your hope is more real than the air that you breathe. Happy Easter Season!

Easter Glory

**Death kneels before Your empty tomb, Lord Jesus,
And the gates of hell lie shattered at Your feet.**

**For You took upon Yourself the weight of human sin
And in our place, You embraced the punishment
Due to our failure to love God and one another.**

**With Mary Magdalene,
our sorrow often blinds us to Your truth.
And in darkness we seek
the final resting place of our hope.**

**Fear and confusion fill our souls with dread
When we cannot find You,
who alone fulfills our hearts' desire.**

**Then in the first rays of the eternal dawn
A Stranger stands before our broken dreams
Calls our name and breathes upon us His peace.**

**With Thomas we too long to touch Your risen body
to feel ourselves the proof of Your victory,
To share in some small way in Your triumph
To kneel, worship and proclaim
“My Lord and my God!”**

Now Hiring!

Diocese of Crookston is hiring a Formator for Discipleship in Adults and Youth. This person will serve pastors, parish staffs, parish leadership, and parishioners in the Diocese of Crookston to respond to the call to be intentional disciples, to evangelize and reach out to fallen away Catholics, and to evangelize the increasing numbers who have no religious identity.

Applicants should have education and experience in such areas as service, catechesis, youth ministry, parish ministry, etc. The qualifying candidate needs to be a practicing Catholic who has an understanding of the teachings of the Catholic Church and the desire to promote them. This position is full time with competitive salary and benefits. Send resume and three references to: Msgr. Michael Foltz, Diocese of Crookston, P.O. Box 610, Crookston, MN 56716 or by email to: mfoltz@crookston.org. Interviews begin **April 25th, 2018**.

Capitol 101

The Minnesota Catholic Conference has started a new initiative called “Capitol 101”. Capitol 101 is a day to meet at the Capitol to learn about important issues, hear from Minnesota legislators, and pray for the state of Minnesota. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet with their state Senator and Representative. Arrangements are being made to attend Capitol 101 on **Tuesday April 17th**. If you are interested, please contact John Lindow at 218-652-0321.