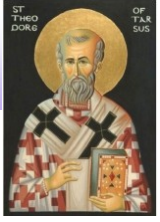


Our Lady of the Pines & St. Theodore of Tarsus Catholic Churches



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December 02, 2018

1st Sunday of Advent



Advent Silence

The weeks before Christmas can seem like the noisiest time of the year and, in some parts of the world, the least contemplative. Perhaps my feelings about this come from living in New York City and working in an office not far from Rockefeller Center, the epicenter of a blizzard of Christmas activity – tree lighting, shopping, tourism, and the like. Perhaps your own locale is quieter.

Even if you're not a city dweller, life during Advent might be busy filled with the stress of shopping, traveling, and planning. Or perhaps you live alone but still feel overwhelmed by so many online ads and TV commercials blaring messages about Christmas.

How can you find some silence? By doing what Jesus often did during his public ministry – “withdrawing” from the noise and crowds. Advent is the perfect time for this. Give yourself extra time in Advent and spend it alone with the beautiful Advent scripture readings. Listen to Isaiah’s poetic language about the coming of the Messiah. Listen to the Gospels, which recount the story of Jesus’ coming into the world. Perhaps you could take a single word or phrase and sit with it quietly, on your own, seeing what God might want to reveal to you.

There are few times of the year in which the Scripture readings are more beautiful, more moving, or more suited to quiet contemplation. This year give yourself the Advent gift of silence and prayer.
~ 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

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

Saturday, 12/01	4:15 - 4:45 PM 5:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation: at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis Mass at OLP: For +Alice and Ambrose Berenz by Walter & Renee Johnson Christmas Centerpiece Sale by Haiti Mission Committee, following the Mass
Sunday, 12/02 1st Sunday of Advent STC 2nd Collection for: Laporte Food Shelf CLOW	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 + Jean Kustelski by Bill & Candy Clausen CLOW Leaders: Lisa Kriens & Liddy DeWulf Christmas Centerpiece Sale by Haiti Mission Committee, following the Mass
Monday, 12/03 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED		NO Mass Pastor's Day Off
Tuesday, 12/04	12 Noon 10:15 AM 6:30 PM	Mass of the Anointing of the Sick at OLP, Nevis: Birthday Blessings on Ron Kulas by Mary Kempf Money Counters: Terry Lenz, Catherine Lenz & Arlene Biessener OLP Pastoral Council Meeting in the Community Room
Wednesday, 12/05	9:00 AM 12 Noon 6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Mass at OLP, Nevis: For + Angela Martini by Connie Gueli and Family Release Time Students Faith Formation Class at OLP, Nevis Advent Reconciliation at OLP for Grade 3, 4 & 6 Confirmation Classes for Year 1 & 2 in the Parish Hall, OLP, Nevis Bible Study Group - 2 Meeting at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis
Thursday, 12/06	9:00 AM 6:30 PM	Mass at OLP, Nevis: For + Jerry Amundson by Colleen Curran OLP Choir Practice in Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis
Friday, 12/07 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	9:00 AM 9:30 - 10:30 AM	Mass at OLP, Nevis: For the Intentions of Matt and Amanda Johnson family by Walter & Renee Johnson Eucharistic Adoration
Saturday, 12/08 2nd Collection for: Retired Religious	7:00 AM 4:15 - 4:45 PM 5:00 PM	Haiti Mission Committee Fundraiser at Nevis: Lefse Sale Sacrament of Reconciliation: at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis Mass at OLP, Nevis: Birthday Remembrance of + Kurt Blumberg by Gene & Joan Blumberg
Sunday, 12/09 2nd Sunday of Advent 2nd Collection for: Retired Religious CLOW	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 + Jerry Amundson by Colleen Curran RCIA Program at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte Mass at OLP: For the Members of our Parishes CLOW Leaders: Karie Lindow & Addison Lindow Christmas Centerpiece Sale by Haiti Mission Committee, following the Mass
Upcoming Events	December 10 December 11 December 12 December 12 December 12 December 12 December 13 December 15 & 16 December 16 December 18 December 19 December 19 December 20 December 20	OLP Art and Environment Group Meets at 10:00 AM NO Mass: Priest Council Meeting in Crookston, MN Release Time Students Faith Formation Class at STC, Laporte at 12 Noon Advent Reconciliation for Grade 3 - 6 at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte at 12 Noon Release Time Students Faith Formation Class at OLP, Nevis at 12 Noon Advent Reconciliation at OLP for Confirmation Students at 6:30 PM Christmas Choir Practice in Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis at 6:30 PM Birthday and Anniversary Celebrations at OLP, following the Mass Pie Sale Fundraiser by OLP Faith Formation Fundraiser Committee, Nevis KC General Meeting at 7:00 PM Release Time Students Faith Formation Class at OLP, Nevis at 12 Noon Faith Formation Classes for Confirmation Students in OLP at 6:30 PM Deanery Priests Meeting in St. Philip's Church, Bemidji at 12 Noon Christmas Choir Practice in Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis at 6:30 PM

Our Lady of the Pines Church Liturgical Ministers Saturday, December 08, 2018	
Sacristan	Help Needed
Musician	Ardis Johnson
Cantors	Connie Walz and 'Sounds of Faith Group'
Lectors	Theora Goodrich, Loren Kramer & Help Needed
Altar Servers	Help Needed
Ushers	Tom Walz & Mark Carter
Greeters	Theora Goodrich & Florence Kramer
Eucharistic Ministers	Sue Joerger (C), Rita Schuldt, & Pat Dietenberger

Sunday: December 09, 2018	
Sacristan	Bob and Mary DeCrans
Musician	Don Hudson
Cantors	Choir
Lectors	Bob DeCrans, John Lindow & Carol Lindow
Altar Servers	Help Needed
Ushers	Jim Warner, Fritz Yamry, Bob DeCrans & Ed DeLaHunt
Greeters	Stephen & Renee Gossen
Eucharistic Ministers	Jeanne Thompson (C), Michael Van Guilder, Pat Hrubes, Kevin Lindow & Mary Jo Masloski

St. Theodore's Church Liturgical Ministers Sunday: December 09, 2018	
Sacristan	Charlotte Rauch
Musician	Angie Jobe
Cantor	Angie Jobe
Lectors	Irene Fehn, Joe Eisterhold & Ruth Grandy
Altar Servers	Anna Katzenmeyer, Abree Katzenmeyer & Gabby Nelson
Ushers	Ken Nelson & Joe Eisterhold
Greeters	Ruth Grandy & Charlotte Rauch
Eucharistic Ministers	Marcel Noyes (C), Dee Warne & Lisa Katzenmeyer

Reminder for Liturgical Ministers

If you are not able to serve when you are scheduled, please email the Parish Office at parishofficenevis@gmail.com.

Stewardship Report For the Week of 11/25/2018	Our Lady of the Pines	St. Theodore's Church
Sunday Offering	\$2222.00	\$836.00
2nd Collection: For St. Mary's Red Lake Mission	\$1893.25	\$156.00
Christmas Flower Envelopes	\$225.00	\$185.00
Rectory Project Envelopes	\$50.00	--
Candle Envelopes	\$13.00	--

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.

OLP Faith Formation Pie Sale Fundraiser

Why you ask? To help raise funds for students to attend the Steubenville Youth Conference in St. Paul this summer.

What can you do to help? Please consider making a pie or two to donate to this sale.

When will it take place? During fellowship after **Sunday, December 16th** mass.

Donations can be dropped off in the kitchen of the church Friday, December 14, before or after 9.00 AM Mass, Saturday, December 15 before or after mass, and Sunday, December 16 before mass. We are grateful for your support of our youth's faith journey!
~ Faith Formation Fundraising Committee

Lefse Sale at OLP

The Haiti Mission Committee is making lefse for you! Stop by from 10:00-12:30 AM in the OLP dining room on **Saturday, December 8th**. We will be selling hot-off-the-grill, soft and tasty homemade lefse. It will also be available after masses that weekend, if supplies last. All proceeds will help fund school lunches for the students in Baudin, Haiti.
~ Julie Pidde

OLP Monthly Assignments: December 2018

Hospitality Ministers	Sue Joerger (C) The Families of: Angie Lindow, Jody Karl, Judy Karl Duclos, Donna Lindow, Karrin Lindow & Marsha Karam
Altar Linen	Anna Hudson

Prayer Requests

Curt Honer, Rick Moen, Terry Moen, Fred Tomas, Michael Jay, Peg Koktavy, Willy Patterson, Jim McAllister, Rudy Walz, Bob Gatz, Joan Blumberg, Robin Lundsten, Dawn McCarty, Ralph Puestow, Carol Anderson, Dennis Kriens, Ann Evers, Nicholas Davis, Rita Cole, Trent Cole, Brenda Nulliner, Marie Hassler, Jack and Kathy Roberts, Shawn Karl, Dennis Schafer, Barbara Dietenberger, Dorothy Goeden, Priscilla Dietenberger & Harold Dietenberger.

Advent Prayer for Families

Heavenly Father, your son, Jesus,
is your greatest gift to us, a great sign of your love.

Guide us as we strive to walk in that love
together as a family this Advent.

As we prepare our hearts for Christmas,
bring us closer to each other and to your son.

Give us the grace and strength we need every day.

Help us to always trust in you.

Come, Lord Jesus, lead all people closer to you.

Come and dispel the darkness of our world
with the light of your love. Amen.

Advent Giving Tree

Kindly visit the Advent Giving Tree and take home a tag or two. Walker Pregnancy Center has submitted the following list of their needs. They are looking for:

- ❖ Coats and snow pants for boys and girls up to size 4T
- ❖ Winter boots for toddler/small children size up to 13
- ❖ Hats and mittens
- ❖ Warm sleepers with feet up to size 2T
- ❖ Long sleeved Onsie boys and girls up to size 3T
- ❖ Small Infant toys (non battery operated)
- ❖ Infant hygiene and bath items
- ❖ Diapers in sizes 4-6
- ❖ Small pampering gifts for new mothers to include in New Baby Welcome Basket
- ❖ \$5 (gas only cards) for Holiday or Orton's.

Please bring your gifts along with the tag before **December 16** so that the gifts can be reached to the organizers. If the item is wrapped please write somewhere on the outside what the item is or tape the tag to the outside of the wrapper. That way we don't have to open it to see if the item is the right size or color etc. Thank you.
~ Priscilla (Sid) Marlette

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.

Christmas and Year End Giving

Christmas and Year end giving is a Catholic tradition that recalls to mind the gifts of three magi to Jesus, the newborn king. During this season we have a spiritual opportunity to make a return to God of His many blessings. Please consider your parish and its ministry when you make a year-end giving and get a tax benefit. All gifts made on or before December 31 are tax deductible for this tax year.

We are grateful to the following persons who have made a year end contribution to our Parishes and Cemetery.

Mary & Thomas Lujan

Rose Becker

Henry Buerkley

Clarence Marketon

John Lindow

Chik'n Coop, Doorset

Nevis Firepersons Relief Association

Mark Grausnick

Paul Doebel

Thomas & Maryn Rogge

Meals on Wheels Fundraiser Dinner

Taste of Christmas will be held on **Saturday, December 15th, 2018**, at the American Legion in Park Rapids. The Bake Sale will start at 4 p.m. Dinner with Swedish Meatballs, Ham, Cabbage, Scalloped Potatoes, etc. will be served from 4:30 until 6:30 PM. Please join us for this fundraiser, that benefits the elderly when meals are brought to them in their homes, or served to them at the dining sights in (Hubbard County) Park Rapids, Nevis, Akeley, and Lake George. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 218-732-5533. ~ Rose Williams

St. Agnes Church Cookie Walk

Our 25th Annual Cookie Walk Event Sale will be on **Saturday, December 8th** at Saint Agnes Church, 210 Division Street, Walker from 10:00 to 12:00 Noon. The Angels of St. Agnes will hold this event with frosted cookies, pies, breads, lefsa, candies and much more. Pick up your tickets as early as 9:00 AM and return at Noon for the Cookie Walk!
~ Mary Cyr

Advent Reflections

Bishop Robert Barron is providing Daily Gospel Reflections for Advent and every day of the year! Visit this site to sign -up: <http://dailycatholicgospel.com/get-reflections>

Mass of the Anointing of the Sick

We will be celebrating the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick during the Mass on **Tuesday, December 4th** at Our Lady of the Pines Church at 12:00 noon. 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 from your family. There will be a lunch served to all the participants.