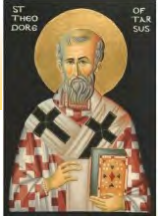


# Our Lady of the Pines & St. Theodore of Tarsus Catholic Churches



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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 - 8:00 PM</b>	--

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**December 23, 2018**

**Christmas 2018**



May the Christmas season fill your home with joy,  
your heart with love  
and your life with laughter!

**BLESSED CHRISTMAS!**

~ The Pastor, the Staff and the Volunteers of  
**Our Lady of the Pines & St. Theodore's Catholic Churches**  
Nevis / Laporte, MN

## New Year's Programs in our Parishes

**January 1, 2019: "Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God"**  
(Holy Day of Obligation)

St. Theodore's Church, Laporte  
8:30 AM New Year Day Mass

Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis  
5:00 PM New Year Day Mass

### 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.

## *THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES*

<b>Saturday, 12/22</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, Nevis:</b> For +Dennis Boll by Walter & Renee Johnson
<b>Sunday, 12/23</b>  4th Sunday of Advent  CLOW	8:00 AM 8:30 AM 9:30 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 Christmas Church Decorations begins soon after the Mass  <b>Mass at OLP:</b> For the Members of our Parishes CLOW Leaders: Lisa Kriens & Mallory Kowalke Christmas Church Decorations begins soon after the Mass
<b>Monday, 12/24</b> Christmas Eve PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	4:30 PM 5:00 PM	Lessons and Carols at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis <b>Christmas Eve Mass at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis</b> For + Ray Welle by Welle Family
<b>Tuesday, 12/25</b>	8:00 AM 8:30 AM  10:30 AM	Lessons and Carols at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte <b>Christmas Day Mass at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte</b> For + Jerry Amundson by Colleen Curran  <b>Christmas Day Mass at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis</b> For the Members of our Parishioners
<b>Wednesday, 12/26</b>	9:00 AM	<b>Mass at OLP, Nevis:</b> For + Ray Copa by Karen Copa NO Faith Formation Classes: Christmas Break
<b>Thursday, 12/27</b>	9:00 AM  10:30 AM	<b>Mass at OLP, Nevis:</b> For Good Health of Dietenberger Family by Pat Dietenberger Money Counters: Donna Lindow, Greg Kalinoski & Doug Scrapper
<b>Friday, 12/28</b> PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	9:00 AM  9:30 - 10:30 AM	<b>Mass at OLP, Nevis:</b> For the Intentions of Ted Johnson by Walter & Renee Johnson  <b>Eucharistic Adoration</b>
<b>Saturday, 12/29</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, Nevis:</b> For +John Mondry by Bob & Donna Lindow
<b>Sunday, 12/30</b>  Feast of Holy Family  CLOW	8:00 AM 8:30 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  <b>Mass at OLP:</b> For the Intentions of Tom Kempf's Family by Mary Kempf CLOW Leaders: Carol Lindow & Jon Rice
<b>Upcoming Events</b>	January 01 January 01 January 02 January 05 January 06 January 09 January 09 January 09 January 09  January 15 January 16 January 16 January 17 January 19 January 19 - 20 January 19 - 20 January 20 January 24	<b>New Year Mass</b> at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte at 8:30 AM <b>New Year Mass</b> at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis at 5:00 PM Faith Formation Classes Resumes at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis OLP & STC Altar Servers Appreciation Day, organized by KC Council 2nd Collection at STC: For Laporte Food Shelf Parish Convocation Leaders Follow up Meeting in Nevis at 9:45 AM Faith Formation Classes for Laporte School Release Time Students at 12 Noon Faith Formation Classes for Nevis School Release Time Students at 12 Noon Faith Formation Classes for Confirmation Students in Nevis at 6:30 PM  KC General Meeting at 7:00 PM Faith Formation Classes for Nevis School Release Time Students at 12 Noon Faith Formation Classes for Confirmation Students in Nevis at 6:30 PM Haiti Mission Committee Meeting at 7:00 PM First Reconciliation at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis at 9:00 AM 2nd Collection: For Churches in Africa Birthday & Anniversary Celebrations at OLP following the Masses Bingo Fundraiser at OLP by Faith Formation Fundraising Committee OLP Finance Council Meeting at 10:00 AM in the Community Meeting Room

Our Lady of the Pines Church Liturgical Ministers Saturday, December 29, 2018	
<b>Sacristan</b>	Help Needed
<b>Musician</b>	Ardis Johnson
<b>Cantor</b>	Rita Schuldt
<b>Lectors</b>	Theora Goodrich, Help Needed & Help Needed
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Help Needed
<b>Ushers</b>	Tom Walz & Mark Carter
<b>Greeters</b>	Theora Goodrich & Dee Dvorak
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Sue Joerger (C), Bob Lindow & Pat Dietenberger

Sunday: December 30, 2018	
<b>Sacristan</b>	Help Needed
<b>Musician</b>	Don Hudson
<b>Cantor</b>	Don Hudson
<b>Lectors</b>	Anna Hudson, Jeanne Thompson & Bob DeCrans
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Help Needed
<b>Ushers</b>	Stephen Lindow, Ed DeLaHunt, Bob DeCrans & Jason Funk
<b>Greeters</b>	Sylvia McCarthy & Cheryl Van Guilder
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	John Lindow (C), Carol Lindow, Michael Van Guilder, Kevin Lindow & Mary DeCrans

St. Theodore's Church Liturgical Ministers Sunday: December 30, 2018	
<b>Sacristan</b>	Charlotte Rauch
<b>Musician</b>	Don Hudson
<b>Cantor</b>	Don Hudson
<b>Lectors</b>	Mary Leyendecker, Irene Fehn & Ruth Grandy
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Anna Katzenmeyer, Gabby Nelson & Abree Katzenmeyer
<b>Ushers</b>	Ken Nelson & Marcel Noyes
<b>Greeters</b>	Ruth Grandy & Charlotte Rauch
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Charlotte Rauch (C), Joe Eisterhold & Dee Warne

**Reminder for Liturgical Ministers**  
If you are not able to serve when you are scheduled, please email the Parish Office at [parishofficenevis@gmail.com](mailto:parishofficenevis@gmail.com).

Stewardship Report For the Week of 12/16/2018	Our Lady of the Pines	St. Theodore's Church
Sunday Offering	\$2556.00	\$712.01
Candle Envelopes	\$20.00	
Building Maintenance Envelopes	\$50.00	

### 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 for His many blessings. Please consider your parish and its ministry when you make a yearend giving and get a tax benefit. All gifts made on or before December 31st are tax deductible for this tax year.

We are grateful to the following persons who have made a yearend contribution to Our Lady of the Pines Church and Cemetery:

**Greg & Mary Jo Downs**  
**Basil & Kay Champers**  
**Terrence Cain**  
**John & Sharon Pollard**

### Still Seeking Volunteers

Our Lady of the Pines Church is seeking volunteers to help with the cleaning and ironing of the Altar linens (purificators.) We use about 40 purificators a month to serve the precious blood at Mass. We are trying to put together a monthly volunteer list. A volunteer may consider doing the linens two times a month. If you could assist with this service, please email the parish office at: [parishofficenevis@gmail.com](mailto:parishofficenevis@gmail.com) and let us know the month you prefer to take care of these linens.

### Finding Ways to Heal the Deepest Wounds

A Day of Healing for Survivors & Victims of Abuse is organized at The Oratory, 434 Charlotte Ave, Rock Hill, SC 29730 on **Saturday, January 5, 2019** from 8:30 AM To 5:00 PM. Begin a journey to healing and wholeness by attending this daylong workshop. Please register by January 2. Lunch and materials provided. For more information call the Office of Family Life at 803-547-5063.

### OLP Monthly Assignments: December 2018

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

### Prayer Requests

Judy Karl Duclos, Connie Walz, 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, Marie Hassler, Jack and Kathy Roberts, Shawn Karl, Dennis Schafer, Barbara Dietenberger, Dorothy Goeden, Priscilla Dietenberger & Harold Dietenberger.

## Merry Christmas!

Let me wish all of you, a grace-filled Christmas! May you have the gift of faith, the blessing of hope and the peace of his love at Christmas and always!!

In the past weeks, we have been preparing ourselves to celebrate the nativity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. The children and youth in our Faith Formation Program had opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Mass of the Anointing of the Sick was well attended by our parishioners. Your participation in the spiritual preparations for Christmas was awesome!

Both of our parish communities were generous to help the people in need in our neighborhood through Advent Giving Tree Program. The Organizers of "Ginger Bread Man Program, Laporte" and the "Walker Pregnancy Center" were our beneficiaries this year. I am grateful to all those who generously supported these programs.

We thank our parishioners, who have contributed for Christmas flowers and decorations, and the Art and Environment groups in both of our parishes who work hard to give a festive look to our Churches. I am grateful to all those who volunteered to clean and decorate our Churches, the members of the Choir, Musicians, the Liturgical Ministers, and the families who took part in Advent Wreath Ceremonies.

On a more personal note, I gratefully acknowledge your Christmas wishes, prayers, cards and gifts sent to me. I am overwhelmed by your generosity and kindness. Thank you and God bless you.

~ Fr. Tony Fernando

## Christmas Day Table Prayer

Lord God of Life, together with the beautiful traditions  
of decorating the Christmas tree,  
of singing carols and giving gifts,  
this Christmas dinner is an important part of  
our celebration of the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Come, Lord our God, and surround our feast day table  
as we delight in this joyous season of Christmas.  
Gift us in this meal with the taste of happiness  
as we savor this coming together of family and friends.

As sparkling stars and singing angels rejoiced  
at the birth of the Christ Child in Bethlehem,  
so may we take great joy in  
our Christmas dinner-celebration.  
May You, our God, bless it  
and all of us in Your holy name. Amen.

~ Edward Hays

## Come Home for Christmas

"I'll be Home for Christmas" is an old song but it has new meaning for those serving in the military. Everyone thinks of home at Christmas and love to come home if they can.

You can't bring troops home for Christmas, but you can bring home people who feel far away from their family, or their Church. I'll bet you can think of someone. Just a word of forgiveness or welcome would do it. Bring them home for Christmas.

## OLP Christmas Eve Mass on KDKK FM 97.5

Be part of our Christmas celebrations by tuning to FM 97.5! Christmas Eve Mass at Our Lady of the Pines will be broadcast live from 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM. We are grateful to our sponsors who make this ministry possible.

## Mother Teresa's Christmas

Christmas held special meaning for St. Mother Teresa. Her work with the poor began on Christmas Day in 1948. On one Christmas day, there was a knock at her convent door. When the sisters opened the door, they found a small basket on the doorstep. Perhaps it is a benefactor donating food for Christmas, the sisters thought. When Mother Teresa opened the basket, she began to smile and said, "Jesus has arrived". In the basket was a sleeping baby boy, left to be cared for by the sisters. Mother Teresa picked up the child from the basket and said, "Look, now we can say that our Christmas is complete. Baby Jesus has come to us. We must thank God for this wonderful gift!"

## Catholics at the Capitol 2019

Join 2,000+ Catholics, all seven of Minnesota's bishops, and some great speakers for Catholics At the Capitol 2019. On Tuesday, **February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019**, the Minnesota Catholic Conference hosts this day of prayer, inspiration, education, and advocacy to help you put your faith into action. Visit [www.CatholicsAtTheCapitol.org/Register](http://www.CatholicsAtTheCapitol.org/Register) to register and find more details on the schedule, speakers, and transportation options.

## Altar Server Appreciation Day

All Altar servers of Our Lady of the Pines and St Theodore Churches are invited for Altar Servers Appreciation Party organized by the Knight of Columbus Council of St. Mother Teresa, Nevis. We ask the parents of our Altar Servers to bring your children to Lori Lea Lanes in Park Rapids for a Bowling and Pizza party on **Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup>** starting at 10:00 AM. The Knights of Columbus will pay for the cost of the Altar Server's bowling and pizza. Parents are invited to join in the pizza party. Please email to parish office or call / text Dan DeCrans at 218-255-1125 so that your child can be listed for this Event.