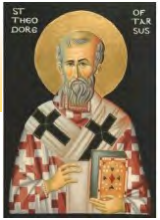


# Our Lady of the Pines & St. Theodore of Tarsus Catholic Churches



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January 6, 2019

The Epiphany of the Lord

## Immigration Sunday

As Jesus, Mary, and Joseph were forced to flee their homeland, becoming refugees in search of safety, so, too, are millions of individuals and families today. Whether fleeing genocide, terrorism, war, or gangs, these acts of violence and persecution continue to force people into unfamiliar lands. As Catholics, we are called to help provide refuge for those in need. Therefore, the Catholic bishops of Minnesota invite us to commemorate this weekend as *Immigration Sunday*.

When we consider the matter of migration, we must recognize that it is a worldwide phenomenon. Across the globe, families and individuals are increasingly feeling compelled to leave their home countries. Some are refugees from human trafficking or violence and civil war. Others are escaping political oppression or economic hardship. All seek a better future for themselves and their families. Yet, migration often leads to other problems, especially harm to the family.

This migration crisis calls us to remember our common humanity. This is the simple recognition that we are all one human family. Considering the migration crisis with an open heart and mind can be a challenge. Yet, the call to encounter strangers in our midst plays an important role in the lives of faithful Christians. The migrant, who moves from one country to another, is truly a stranger in the midst. Often unfamiliar with the local tongue of the new country, not to mention its customs, the migrant needs the support of local communities.

On the Feast of Epiphany let us take some time to explore and reflect on the foundations of Catholic teaching concerning migration and immigrants. An excerpt from USA Bishop's Pastoral Letter, "Welcoming the Stranger Among us" is published on the 4<sup>th</sup> page of this Bulletin. May the rising star of Epiphany guide us to recognize the strangers in our midst as our brothers and sisters!

### 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

<b>Saturday, 01/05</b>	10:00 AM 4:15 - 4:45 PM 5:00 PM	OLP & STC Altar Servers Appreciation Party at Lori Lea Lanes, Park Rapids <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation:</b> at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis <b>Mass at OLP, Nevis:</b> For +John Mondry by Matt & Jody Gerszewski
<b>Sunday, 01/06</b> Feast of the Epiphany of our Lord  STC 2nd Collection: For Laporte Food Shelf  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 Hospitality following the Mass at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte <b>Mass at OLP:</b> For + Msgr. Vetter by Walter & Renee Johnson CLOW Leaders: Carol Lindow & Taylor Lindow Hospitality following the Mass at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis
<b>Monday, 01/07</b> PARISH OFFICE CLOSED		<b>NO Mass</b> Pastor's Day Off
<b>Tuesday, 01/08</b>	9:00 AM 10:30 AM	<b>Mass at OLP, Nevis:</b> For + Kurt Blumberg by Gene and Joan Blumberg Money Counters: Terry Lenz, Catherine Lenz, Sue Joerger
<b>Wednesday, 01/09</b>	9:00 AM  9:45 AM 12:00 - 2:00 PM 12:00 - 3:00 PM 6:30 PM	<b>Mass at OLP, Nevis:</b> Thanksgiving for the prayers answered by Pat Dietenberger Parish Convocation Leaders follow up meeting in Nevis Faith Formation Classes for Laporte School Release Time Students Faith Formation Classes at OLP for Nevis School Release Time Students Faith Formation Classes at OLP for Confirmation Students
<b>Thursday, 01/10</b>	9:00 AM	<b>Mass at OLP, Nevis:</b> For + Angela Martini by Connie Gueli and Family
<b>Friday, 01/11</b> PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	9:00 AM  9:30 - 10:30 AM	<b>Mass at OLP, Nevis:</b> For the Intentions of Gabriel Menz by Walter & Renee Johnson <b>Eucharistic Adoration</b>
<b>Saturday, 01/12</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> Birthday Blessings on Tim Kulas by Mary Kempf
<b>Sunday, 01/13</b>  The Baptism of the Lord  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> Birthday Blessings on Clare Kulas by Mary Kempf <b>Mass at OLP:</b> For the Members of our Parishes CLOW Leaders: Ronda DeWulf & Jon Rice Hospitality following the Mass at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis
<b>Upcoming Events</b>	January 15 January 16 January 16 January 17 January 19 January 19 - 20 January 19 - 20  January 23 January 23 January 24 January 26 January 30 January 30 January 31  February 03 Feb 05 - Mar 05 February 09 - 10 February 10	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  Faith Formation Classes for Nevis School Release Time Students at 12 Noon Faith Formation Classes for Confirmation Students in Nevis at 6:30 PM OLP Finance Council Meeting at 10:00 AM in the Community Meeting Room Workshop on "The Art of Forming the Disciples" in Fosston at 10:00 AM Faith Formation Classes for Nevis School Release Time Students at 12 Noon Faith Formation Classes for Confirmation Students in Nevis at 6:30 PM Diocesan Annual Appeal 2019 Kick off Program in Crookston  STC 2nd Collection for Laporte Food Shelf NO Weekday Masses at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis Mission Appeal: Food For the Poor Valentine's Day Fundraiser Dinner by Haiti Mission Committee

<b>Our Lady of the Pines Church Liturgical Ministers Saturday, January 12, 2019</b>	
<b>Sacristan</b>	Help Needed
<b>Musician</b>	Ardis Johnson
<b>Cantor</b>	Connie Walz
<b>Lectors</b>	Theora Goodrich (R1), Theora Goodrich (R2) & Dustin Wroolie
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Help Needed
<b>Ushers</b>	Mark Carter & Ed Dvorak
<b>Greeters</b>	Florence Kramer & Dee Dvorak
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Sue Joerger (C), Rita Schuldt & Loren Kramer

<b>Sunday: January 13, 2019</b>	
<b>Sacristan</b>	Mary DeCrans & Bob DeCrans
<b>Musician</b>	Ardis Johnson
<b>Cantor</b>	Jeanette Goehring
<b>Lectors</b>	Mary Schiebe, Bob DeCrans & Sheldon Schiebe
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Help Needed
<b>Ushers</b>	Stephen Lindow, Jim Warner, Bob DeCrans & Ed DeLaHunt
<b>Greeters</b>	Carol Lindow & Cheryl Van Guilder
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Kevin Lindow (C), Doug Scaper Jeanne Thompson, Mike Van Guilder & Mary DeCrans

<b>St. Theodore's Church Liturgical Ministers Sunday: January 13, 2019</b>	
<b>Sacristan</b>	Charlotte Rauch
<b>Musician</b>	Angie Jobe
<b>Cantor</b>	Angie Jobe
<b>Lectors</b>	Joe Eisterhold, Ruth Grandy & Irene Fehn
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Anna Katzenmeyer, Abree Katzenmeyer & Gabby Nelson
<b>Ushers</b>	Ken Nelson & Joe Eisterhold
<b>Greeters</b>	Ruth Grandy & Charlotte Rauch
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	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](mailto:parishofficenevis@gmail.com).

<b>Stewardship Report For the Week of 12/30/2018</b>	<b>Our Lady of the Pines</b>	<b>St. Theodore's Church</b>
Sunday Offering	\$2135.56	\$676.00
New Year Mass Offering	\$836.00	\$175.00
Christmas Envelopes	\$115.00	\$10.00
Candle Envelopes	\$18.00	--
Rectory Project Contribution	\$25.00	--
Retired Fund for Religious	\$100.00	

#### **Year End Donations**

We are grateful to the following persons who have made a year end contribution to St. Theodore's and Our Lady of the Pines Catholic Churches:

**Charlotte Rauch  
Richard and Gertrude Cragg  
Tom & Mary Lujan**

#### **Everett Fritz Workshop – Register Now!**

On **Saturday, January 26**, the Office of Formation in Discipleship of Crookston will host a workshop featuring Everett Fritz at St. Mary, Fosston, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The workshop is open to youth ministers, catechists, priests, parents, volunteers and anyone who works with youth. The cost to attend is \$10 and will be collected at the event. Lunch is included. Fritz is author of *The Art of Forming Young Disciples* and founder of St. Andrew Missionaries, an organization dedicated to training and equipping Catholics in discipleship of young people. For more information about Fritz and St. Andrew Missionaries, visit [www.everettfritz.com](http://www.everettfritz.com) and [www.standrewmissionaries.org](http://www.standrewmissionaries.org). Register here: <https://www.crookston.org/everett>

#### **Family Fully Alive Booklet**

This weekend remember to collect the booklet "Family Fully Alive" soon after the Mass from one of the Knights of Columbus members. This booklet can be used as a devotional guide as it provides monthly themes, reflections, meditations and group projects. Through prayer and reflection, let us grow in holiness in this New Year.

#### **OLP Monthly Assignments: January 2019**

Hospitality Ministers	<b>Carol Lindow (C) and the Families of:</b> Candy Clausen, Carol Fridgen, Gina Rypkema, Helen Warner, Mary Hebzynski & Sarah Lindow
Altar Linen	Carol Lindow

#### **Prayer Requests**

Larry Belsky, Judy Karl - Duclos, Joan McGuire, Connie Walz, Curt Honer, Rick Moen, Terry Moen, Fred Tomas, Michael Jay, Peg Kocktavy, Willy Patterson, Rudy Walz, Bob Gatz, Joan Blumberg, Robin Lundsten, Dawn McCarty, Ralph Puestow, Marie Hassler, Jack and Kathy Roberts, Shawn Karl, Dennis Schafer, Barbara Dietenberger, Dorothy Goeden, Priscilla Dietenberger & Harold Dietenberger.

## Catholic Social Teaching on Immigration

*The following is the excerpt from the U.S. bishops' pastoral statement "Welcoming the Stranger Among Us".*

### 1) People have the right to migrate to sustain their lives and the lives of their families.

Every person has an equal right to receive from the earth what is necessary for life - food, clothing, shelter. Moreover, every person has the right to education, medical care, religion, and the expression of one's culture. The native does not have superior rights over the immigrant. Before God, all are equal; the earth was given by God to all. When a person cannot achieve a meaningful life in his or her own land, that person has the right to move.

### 2) A country has the right to regulate its borders and to control immigration.

Because there seems to be no end to poverty, war, and misery in the world, developed nations will continue to experience pressure from many peoples who desire to resettle in their lands. Catholic social teaching is realistic: although people have the right to move, no country has the duty to receive so many immigrants that its social and economic life are jeopardized. Nations may also make distinctions between refugees for whom the need to migrate is urgent and economic migrants for whom solutions must be sought in their country of origin.

### 3) A country must regulate its borders with justice and mercy.

A country's regulation of borders and control of immigration must be governed by concern for all people and by mercy and justice. Immigration policy ought to take into account other important values such as the right of families to live together. The Catholic Church also teaches that every person has basic human rights and is entitled to have basic human needs met - food, shelter, clothing, education, and health care. Undocumented immigrants present a special concern.

Often their presence is considered criminal, since they arrive without legal permission. Undocumented persons are particularly vulnerable to exploitation by employers, as they are not able to complain out of the fear of discovery and deportation.

Finally, a broken immigration policy that allows people to live here and contribute to society for years but refuses to offer them the opportunity to achieve legal status does not serve the common good. The presence of millions of people living without easy access to basic human rights and necessities is a great injustice. It is the position of the Catholic Church that pastoral, educational, medical, and social services provided by the Church are never conditioned on legal status. All persons are invited to participate in our parishes, attend our schools, and receive other services offered by our institutions and programs.

## Prayer for the Immigrants

Merciful and Loving Father,  
We beseech you, open our hearts  
so that we may provide hospitality and refuge  
to migrants who are lonely, afraid,  
and far from their homes.

Give us the courage to welcome every stranger  
as Christ in our midst, to invite them into our communities  
as a demonstration of Christ's love for us.

We pray that when we encounter the other,  
we see in them the face of your Son,  
when we meet a stranger, that we take his hand in welcome.

Help us to live in solidarity with one another,  
to seek justice for those who are persecuted  
and comfort for those who are suffering.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Catholics at the Capital

**On February 19<sup>th</sup>**, the Diocese of Crookston will be participating in Catholics at the Capitol. The diocese has organized 2 busses for this event. The first bus will leave St. Joseph's in Moorhead and the second bus will be departing from St. Philip's in Bemidji.

Participants from our parishes will be picked up from Laporte / Nevis. If you are interested in attending this program, you may register soon at [www.catholicsatthecapitol.org](http://www.catholicsatthecapitol.org) You may e-mail Bob Noel at [bnoel@crookston.org](mailto:bnoel@crookston.org) for more information or to answer your questions.

## Thank You

Thanks to the 21 individuals who provided salads, bars or helped prepare, serve and clean up, that we could serve a good luncheon for the participants of + Karen Gravalin's funeral service at Our Lady of the Pines Church last Monday. Your generous help has enabled us to be a caring community. The Special Events Group thanks you for your help and wishes you a happy and healthy New Year 2019.

~ Sue Joerger and Carol Lindow

## Offertory Envelopes

We request all the parishioners and visitors to use the offertory envelopes when you donate to the Church. In case you have forgotten to bring your envelopes, or if you are a visitor, there are envelopes available in the pew. Please use them, designate your contribution by writing your intention and give us your contact information so that we can send you the statement of your contribution at the end of the year. If you do not receive your envelopes by mail, kindly call the parish office. Thank you for your generous support to the ministries of our parish.