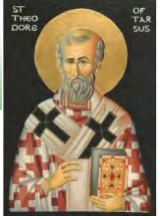


Our Lady of the Pines & St. Theodore of Tarsus Catholic Churches



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Parish Secretary	8:30 AM - 1:30 PM	8:30 AM - 1:30 PM	8:30 AM - 1:30 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

January 27, 2019

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Law of the Lord

The readings for this Sunday lead us to a discussion about laws and codes of behavior. These readings tell us that the Law of the Lord is liberating, not something that is restrictive.

Many people in our times have demanded a freedom from all codes of moral conduct. If a lack of rules brought happiness, then why do so many hedonists commit suicide? If a code of morality is supposed to be somber and oppressive, then why the happiest people in the world are those whose lives revolve around a very strict following of the Lord? Consider some people you have known in your life who have demonstrated contempt for all codes of behavior. In their unending quest for happiness, most probably they are among the saddest people in the world.

On the other hand, the law of the Lord brings joy. Last Tuesday we considered the grim anniversary of Roe VS Wade. The advocates of abortion love to portray the Catholic Church as being oppressive in its determination to protect life. So often we Catholics are portrayed as people struggling to live under oppressive laws. That's not true.

People who choose the way of the Lord are happy. That way demands that we take control of ourselves, and allow His Love to motivate our lives. The big lie of our society is that happiness can be found outside of the Lord. We know that what others pass off as happiness is merely a temporary band aid over a broken life. Happiness, comes from God and leads us back to God.

**The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;
the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;
the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes. (Ps.19)**

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, 01/26	9:30 AM 4:15 - 4:45 PM 5:00 PM	St. Theodore's Church Council Meeting in Laporte Sacrament of Reconciliation: at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis Mass at OLP, Nevis: For +John Mondry by Matt & Jody Gerszewski
Sunday, 01/27 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time CLOW	8:00 AM 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Sacrament of Reconciliation: at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte Mass at STC: For + Jo-Ann O'Connell by John & Jackie Duff Mass at OLP: For the Members of our Parishes CLOW Leaders: Lisa Kriens & Molly Lindow Hospitality served at Our Lady of the Pines following the Mass
Monday, 01/28 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED		NO Mass Pastor's Day Off
Tuesday, 01/29	12 Noon 10:30 AM	Mass at OLP, Nevis: Safe Travel for Tom Kempf Family by Mary Kempf Money Counters: Donna Lindow, Loren Kramer & Doug Scrapper
Wednesday, 01/30	9:00 AM 9:45 AM 12:00 - 3:00 PM 6:30 PM	Mass at OLP, Nevis: For + Simon & Pearl Dietenberger by Pat Dietenberger Meeting of the Convocation Parish Leaders at Nevis Faith Formation Classes at OLP for Nevis School Release Time Students Faith Formation Classes at OLP for Confirmation Students
Thursday, 01/31	9:00 AM	Mass at OLP, Nevis: For + Jerry Amundson by Colleen Curran
Friday, 02/01 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	9:00 AM 9:30 - 10:30 AM	Mass at OLP, Nevis: For the Intention of Walter and Renee Johnson by John and Jen Emmel Eucharistic Adoration
Saturday, 02/02	4:15 - 4:45 PM 5:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation: at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis Mass at OLP, Nevis: Death Anniversary Remembrance of +Mike Duclos by Judy Karl - Duclos DAA 2019 Presentation Talk after Communion Rite
Sunday, 02/02 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time CLOW STC 2nd Collection For: Laporte Food Shelf	8:00 AM 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Sacrament of Reconciliation: at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte Mass at STC: For+ Jerry Amundson by Colleen Curran DAA 2019 Presentation Talk after Communion Rite Hospitality served at St. Theodore's Church following the Mass Mass at OLP: For the Members of our Parishes DAA 2019 Presentation Talk after Communion Rite CLOW Leaders: Lisa Kriens & Tyler Lindow Hospitality served at Our Lady of the Pines following the Mass
Upcoming Events	Feb 05 - Mar 05 February 06 February 06 February 09 - 10 February 10 February 13 February 13 February 13 February 16 - 17 February 16 - 17 February 18 February 19 February 20 February 20 February 23 - 24	NO Weekday Masses at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis Faith Formation Classes for Nevis School Release Time Students at 12 Noon Faith Formation Classes for Confirmation Students in Nevis at 6:30 PM Mission Appeal for "Food for the Poor" by Fr. Richard Polek Valentine's Day Fundraiser Dinner by Haiti Mission Committee Faith Formation Release Time Classes at Laporte 12:00 - 2:00 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 Visiting Priest: Msgr. Mike Patnode Birthday & Anniversary Celebrations at OLP following the Masses KC General Meeting at 7:00 PM Catholic at the Capital Program, St. Paul, MN Faith Formation Classes for Nevis School Release Time Students at 12 Noon Faith Formation Classes for Confirmation Students in Nevis at 6:30 PM Visiting Priest: Msgr. Mike Patnode

Our Lady of the Pines Church Liturgical Ministers Saturday, February 02, 2019	
Sacristan	Help Needed
Musician	Ardis Johnson
Cantor	Connie Walz
Lectors	Jeanne Thompson (R1), Jeanne Thompson (R2) & Loren Kramer
Altar Servers	Help Needed
Ushers	Ed Dvorak & Don Dierkhising
Greeters	Sue Joerger & Donna Lindow
Eucharistic Ministers	Theora Goodrich (C), Bob Lindow & Pat Dietenberger

Sunday: February 03, 2019	
Sacristan	Mary DeCrans & Bob DeCrans
Musician	Ardis Johnson
Cantors	Jeannette Goehring
Lectors	John Lindow, Mike DeWulf & Carol Lindow
Altar Servers	Help Needed
Ushers	Jason Funk, Mike Van Guilder, Ed DeLaHunt & Fritz Yamry
Greeters	Sylvia McCarthy & Mary DeCrans
Eucharistic Ministers	Ronda DeWulf (C), Bob DeCrans, Pat Hrubes, Michael Van Guilder & Help Needed

St. Theodore's Church Liturgical Ministers Sunday: February 03, 2019	
Sacristan	Charlotte Rauch
Musician	Angie Jobe
Cantor	Sharon Lembke
Lectors	Bonnie Conrad, Charlotte Rauch & Joe Eisterhold
Altar Servers	Gabby Nelson, Annabelle Nelson & Lily Richardson
Ushers	John Duff & Ken Nelson
Greeters	Irene Fehn & Donna Minikus
Eucharistic Ministers	Dee Warne (C), Carol Wellen & Jackie Duff

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 01/20/2019	Our Lady of the Pines	St. Theodore's Church
Sunday Offering	\$2048.00	\$759.00
Second Collection: For Church in Africa	\$574.00	\$32.37
Fuel Envelopes	--	\$60.00
Candle Envelopes	\$5.00	--

Haiti Mission Donations

The Haiti Mission Committee is looking for donations for the upcoming Silent Auction. If you would like to donate an item you think another person may wish to bid on, please let us know. We would be happy to have new or nearly-new items to add to the auction! Please contact Julie Pidde at 652-3233 or jmpidde@hotmail.com. The Annual Valentine's Dinner and Silent Auction will be held on **Sunday, February 10th - 4:30-7:00 PM**. Save the date for a great meal and a chance at a great auction item!
~ Julie Pidde

Cursillo Weekends

Are you looking for a deeper relationship with Jesus? Is the busyness of life suffocating you? Consider stepping away from life for a weekend and spending it in the peaceful presence of Jesus and other like minded Catholics. A Cursillo weekend has the power to redefine your life. Pray about attending a weekend, It is an investment of time that is well spent. There are two Cursillo weekends coming up this spring. Both of them will be held at Sand Hill Bible Camp in Fosston, MN. The Men's weekend is **February 21-24, 2019**; And the Women's weekend is **March 21-24, 2019**.

Cursillo Ultreya

You are invited to come and experience an Ultreya. St. Philips in Bemidji will be hosting an Ultreya on **February 9th at 2:30 PM**. An Ultreya is a gathering of Cursillistas, or those considering making a Cursillo weekend, who come together to share friendship and faith. It is a great opportunity to be spiritually fed. A time to get away from busyness and schedules and just enjoy the company of Jesus and friends. Please bring a potluck item to share.

OLP Monthly Assignments: February 2019

Hospitality Ministers	Lisa Kriens (C) and the Families of: Eva Pohl, Wendy Bjorklund Theresa Leyh, Theora Goodrich Arlene Biessener
Altar Linen	Connie Walz

Prayer Requests

Terry Moen, Samantha Rich, Larry Belsky, Judy Karl - Duclos, Joan McGuire, Karen Mondry, Connie Walz, Curt Honer, Fred Tomas, Michael Jay, Peg Koktavy, 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.

Diocesan Annual Appeal 2019

We are pleased to announce the beginning of the Diocesan Annual Appeal. The Diocesan goal for the Appeal 2019 is \$900,000.00. This goal is divided among the 66 parishes in our Diocese. Our Lady of the Pines parish goal is \$14,371.00 and St. Theodore's Parish goal is \$3677.00. This number is based on our own attendance, population and annual offertory.

You will each receive an Annual Appeal letter from Bishop at home in your mailbox. Envelopes and prayer cards will be available here at our own parish. Please pray about a gift to the Appeal. Take some time to check it out on the website at www.crookston.org/daa to see what a wonderful impact your gift will make and consider making a sustaining gift.

Bishop Hoepfner asks for your prayers and asks to be able to pray for your needs by using the prayer cards included in the mailing. Please send them whether or not you are able to make a gift.

Catholics at the Capital

We are happy to announce four of our parishioners have already registered to participate in "Catholics at the Capital" program at St. Paul on **Tuesday, February 19th**. Participants from our parishes will be able to get a ride in the diocesan bus at Nevis & Akeley. If you are interested in joining in this program, it is never too late. The last date for registration is **February 3rd**. Please register at www.catholicsatthecapitol.org as soon as possible.

Visit Our Parish Website

Have you visited our parish website recently? You will find copies of the bulletins and bulletin inserts, liturgical minister's schedule, minutes of Church Councils and Committees, parish calendar of events and many more! visit www.ccnevislaporte.org and check it out !!

Blessing of the Throat: Feast day of St. Blasé

Many Catholics might remember Saint Blase's feast day, **February 3**, because of the Blessing of the Throats that take place on this day. Two candles are blessed, held slightly open, and pressed against the throat as the blessing is said. In our parishes, blessing of the Throats will take place next Sunday soon after the Masses. If you are not able to participate in it, here is the Prayer in honor of St. Blasé you can use:

"O God, deliver us through the intercession of Thy holy bishop and martyr Blasé, from all evil of soul and body, especially from all ills of the throat; and grant us the grace to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the confident hope of obtaining Thy pardon, and ever to praise with worthy lips Thy most holy name. Through Christ our Lord". Amen.

Church is the Body of Christ

The human body is composed of many members. Those members are very different from one another and have very different functions. Some undoubtedly are more important than others. Yet to be complete, the body needs all of them; and the members need each other.

So it is with the Church. We, though many, form one body in Christ. By means of our baptism we have become members of the Body of Christ, the Church. We need each other, just as the parts of the body need each other. And the Church needs all of us.

The emphasis on community comes from Jesus himself. He used different images to describe it. He used the image of a vine and its branches: "I am the vine, you are the branches." It is a simple but profound illustration of unity and interdependence. It is obvious that the branches need the vine. But the vine also needs the branches, because it is the branches that produce the fruit.

This is how Jesus wanted it to be between him and his disciples. This is the way he wants it to be between him and us. He is the vine, we are the branches. Or to use Paul's language: "Jesus is the head of the body; We are the parts of the body." Jesus desires unity among ourselves. Without a sense of belonging together, of caring for one another and being responsible for one another, one cannot claim to be a Christian.

~ Flor McCarthy

World Youth Day 2019

The 15th international World Youth Day is being held in Panama City, Panama from January 22 to 27th. The massive gathering of Catholic youth, which takes place every two or three years, this year will be held for the first time in Central America. Pope St. John Paul II established World Youth Day in 1985.

The purpose of World Youth Day is threefold: a celebration of and putting trust in the young; giving young people a chance to make pilgrimage; and to give young people a chance to encounter the worldwide Catholic community. The theme for this year's gathering is taken from Mary's affirmation of God's will in Luke 1:38: "I am the servant of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word."

Prayer

Merciful Father, you call us to live our lives as a way of salvation. Help us to recall the past with gratitude, to embrace the present with courage, and to build the future with hope. Lord Jesus, our friend and brother, thank you for looking upon us with love. Let us listen to your voice as it resonates in the hearts of each one with the light and strength of the Holy Spirit. Grant us the grace to be a Church that goes forth with vibrant faith and a youthful face to announce the joy of the Gospel. Amen.