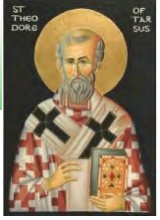


# Our Lady of the Pines & St. Theodore of Tarsus Catholic Churches



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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 - 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

February 24, 2019

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Praying to Understand God's Love

“God loves each of us as if there were only one of us” said St. Augustine. This is akin to what a loving parent or grandparent might say to children or grandchildren: “I love each of you the same.” But it goes even further. God’s love is greater than we can imagine – “surpassing all understanding,” as St. Paul wrote.

Is it possible to comprehend God’s love for us? Believe it or not, St. Ignatius of Loyola, at the conclusion of his “Spiritual Exercises,” includes a prayer called the “Contemplation to Attain God’s Love.” “Attain” is a misnomer; St. Ignatius means something closer to “come to understand” God’s love. His meditation has four steps:

- ❖ First, call to mind the blessings that God has given you, even amid your failings and sinfulness. That one step can help you realize the stupefying depth of God’s love.
- ❖ Second, pray about how God dwells in creatures and on the earth – in the plants, animals, and even rocks and minerals – and about how God dwells in you.
- ❖ Third, look at how God labors on the earth, helping these creatures to be sustained and grow, and also how God works in your life.
- ❖ Fourth, meditate on how all blessings descend from above, “as the rays come down from the sun or the rains from their source.”

St. Ignatius’ *contemplatio* is just one way to begin to understand God’s love for you. In whatever way you ask to know God’s love more deeply, it will lead you to the best of prayers: “Thank you, God.”

~ Fr. James Martin SJ

## 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

<p><b>Saturday, 02/23</b></p>	<p>4:15 - 4:45 PM 5:00 PM</p>	<p>Visiting Priest: Msgr. Mike Patnode <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation:</b> at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis <b>Weekend Mass at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis</b> Wedding Anniversary Remembrance of + Ray Copa by Karen Copa</p>
<p><b>Sunday, 02/24</b></p> <p>7th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p><b>CLOW</b></p>	<p>8:00 AM 8:30 AM  10:30 AM</p>	<p>Visiting Priest: Msgr. Mike Patnode <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation:</b> at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte <b>Weekend Mass at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte</b> For the Members of our Parishes  <b>Weekend Mass at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis</b> For + Angela McCluhan by Leah Pigatti and Family CLOW Leaders: Carol Lindow &amp; Tyler Lindow Hospitality served at OLP following the Mass</p>
<p><b>Monday, 02/25</b> PARISH OFFICE CLOSED</p>		<p><b>NO Weekday Mass at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis</b></p>
<p><b>Tuesday, 02/26</b></p>	<p>10:30 AM</p>	<p><b>NO Weekday Mass at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis</b> Money Counters: Connie Walz, Arlene Biessener &amp; Loren Kramer</p>
<p><b>Wednesday, 02/27</b></p>	<p>12:00 - 3:00 PM 6:30 PM</p>	<p><b>NO Weekday Mass at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis</b>  Faith Formation Classes at OLP for Nevis School Release Time Students Faith Formation Classes at OLP for Confirmation Students</p>
<p><b>Thursday, 02/28</b></p>		<p><b>NO Weekday Mass at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis</b></p>
<p><b>Friday, 03/01</b> PARISH OFFICE CLOSED</p>		<p><b>NO Weekday Mass at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis</b></p>
<p><b>Saturday, 03/02</b></p>	<p>4:15 - 4:45 PM 5:00 PM</p>	<p>Visiting Priest: Msgr. Mike Patnode <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation:</b> at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis <b>Weekend Mass at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis</b> For + Jan Przybylski by Bob and Donna Lindow</p>
<p><b>Sunday, 03/03</b></p> <p>8th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>STC 2nd Collection: For Laporte Food Shelf</p> <p><b>CLOW</b></p>	<p>8:00 AM 8:30 AM  10:30 AM  12:00 - 2:00 PM</p>	<p>Visiting Priest: Msgr. Mike Patnode <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation:</b> at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte <b>Weekend Mass at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte</b> Death Anniversary Remembrance of + George Noyes by Marcel &amp; Dianna Noyes Hospitality served at STC following the Mass  <b>Weekend Mass at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis</b> For the Members of our Parishes NO Hospitality Served at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis  OLP Faith Formation Bingo Fundraiser Mothers Day Flower Orders received by Haiti Mission Committee</p>
<p><b>Upcoming Events</b></p>	<p>March 06 March 06 March 06 March 06 March 08 March 08 March 09 - 10 March 10  March 13 March 13 March 13</p>	<p>Weekday Masses resumes at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis <b>Ash Wednesday Mass in Laporte</b> at 12:30 PM, followed by Lenten Soup Lunch <b>Ash Wednesday Mass in Nevis</b> at 6:00 PM, followed by Lenten Soup Supper STC Guild Meeting in Laporte at 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis at 9:30 AM KC Fish Fry at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis 2nd Collection: For Black and Native American Missions Day Light Saving Time begins  Faith Formation Classes for Nevis School Release Time Students at 12 Noon Faith Formation Classes for Confirmation Students in Nevis at 6:30 PM Stations of the Cross at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte at 12 Noon</p>

Our Lady of the Pines Church Liturgical Ministers Saturday, March 02, 2019	
<b>Sacristan</b>	Help Needed
<b>Musician</b>	Ardis Johnson
<b>Cantor</b>	Rita Schuldt
<b>Lectors</b>	Jeanne Thompson (R1), Jeanne Thompson (R2) & Loren Kramer
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Help Needed
<b>Ushers</b>	Tom Walz & Frank Adrian
<b>Greeters</b>	Sue Joerger & Donna Lindow
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Theora Goodrich (C), Bob Lindow & Pat Dietenberger

Sunday: March 03, 2019	
<b>Sacristan</b>	Mary DeCrans & Bob DeCrans
<b>Musician</b>	Ardis Johnson
<b>Cantor</b>	Jeanette Goehring
<b>Lectors</b>	Bob DeCrans, Mike DeWulf & Help Needed
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Help Needed
<b>Ushers</b>	Jason Funk, Mike Van Guilder, Ed DeLaHunt & Fritz Yamry
<b>Greeters</b>	Sylvia McCarthy & Mary DeCrans
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Ronda DeWulf (C), Pat Hrubes, Michael Van Guilder, Help Needed & Help Needed

St. Theodore's Church Liturgical Ministers Sunday: March 03, 2019	
<b>Sacristan</b>	Charlotte Rauch
<b>Musician</b>	Angie Jobe
<b>Cantor</b>	Sharon Lembke
<b>Lectors</b>	Charlotte Rauch, Joe Eisterhold & Bonnie Conrad
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Gabby Nelson, Annabelle Nelson & Lily Richardson
<b>Ushers</b>	John Duff & Ken Nelson
<b>Greeters</b>	Irene Fehn & Donna Minikus
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	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](mailto:parishofficenevis@gmail.com).

Stewardship Report For the Week of 02/17/2019	Our Lady of the Pines	St. Theodore's Church
Sunday Offering	\$2592.00	\$298.00
Donation for Akeley Food Shelf	\$20.00	--
Candle Envelopes	\$11.00	--
Building Maintenance Fund	\$45.00	--

2019 DAA Contribution	\$1030.00	\$ 50.00
\$ as of February 15, 2019	(Goal: \$14,371.00)	(Goal: \$3,677.00)
% of Parish Participation	3.80 %	3.23 %

**Haiti Mission Committee Thanks You**  
Thank you to all who attended the Valentine's Dinner, donated to the silent auction or bid on items. It was a successful evening organized in support of Our Lady of the Perpetual Help students in Baudin, Haiti. The \$1,700.00 raised will provide many meals for the students. We thank the confirmation students and parishioners who willingly stepped up to help in this fundraiser. You were instrumental in providing a wonderful evening of community and fellowship!  
~ Julie Pidde

**TEC Retreats**  
A TEC Retreat is available for those who are 16 years and older at Sand Hill Bible Camp, Fosston, MN from **March 16th - 18th**. TEC Retreat helps to encounter Christ and it is a great time to get away from the busyness of life and be with other faith filled people from other parishes. There are scholarships available. Kindly register online at [agassizvalleytec.com](http://agassizvalleytec.com) and let the parish office know.

OLP Monthly Assignments: March 2019	
Hospitality Ministers	<b>Karie Lindow (C) and the Families of:</b> Barb Lester, Beth Durgin, Holly Funk, Bonnie Vokes, Missy Lindow & Richelle Kowalke
Altar Linen	Karie Lindow

**Prayer Requests**  
Peggy McAllister; Shawn Morris; Tim, Kim, Marilyn & John Murphy; Ceva Monti; Dawn & Brianna Meyer; Joe & Tammy Murphy; Frank & Sue Determan; Britt & Mike Beaudorn; Steve, Debbie & La Dokata Plafcan; Terry Moen; Samantha Rich; Judy Karl - Duclos; Joan McGuire; Karen Mondry; 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.

Please call the Parish Office at 652-4005 to keep a name on the Prayer List or to add someone new. Names will be removed after 4 weeks, unless a fresh request is made.

## Sunday Reflection: Compassionate Living

It is not easy to avoid hatred, particularly when we have been hurt. It is much easier to sacrifice our wants for the needs of others, than it is to avoid lashing out at someone who has attacked someone in our family. Hatred destroys the world. Jesus came to give life to the world. To follow Him demands that we fight off hatred in the world, beginning with that anger that is within us. If your children or your parents, your boss or the people next door have made your lives difficult, they are the people we are called upon to forgive. Is the Lord asking too much? Is he expecting too much of us?

In today's gospel we are told to be compassionate as our Heavenly Father is Compassionate. That word "compassionate" means to be concerned with human welfare and the alleviation of suffering by being charitable, sympathetic, and merciful. We all live under the mercy of God. We are all dependent on His care, His understanding. We are called to offer that care, that understanding in the most difficult circumstance, to offer compassion to those who have assaulted us in any way whatsoever.

We are told: "'Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven. Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you."

What makes Christianity distinct from any other religion is the quality known as *grace*, i.e., God's own life working in us, so that we are able to treat others, not as they deserve but with love, kindness and mercy. God is good to the unjust as well as to the just. Hence our love for others, even those who are ungrateful and selfish towards us, must be marked by the same kindness and mercy which God has shown to us. When we pray for those who do us wrong, we break the power of hate in ourselves and in others and release the power of love. How can we possibly love those who cause us harm? God gives the necessary power and grace to those who believe and accept the gift of the Holy Spirit. His love helps us to conquer our hurts, fears, prejudices and grief!

## Bingo: OLP Faith Formation Fundraiser

Join us at Our Lady of the Pines Church Hall, Nevis for a great fellowship with free appetizers and refreshments, plus an opportunity to win great gift baskets and/or gift certificates at the Bingo Fundraiser on:

**Sunday, March 3rd from 12 Noon - 2:00 PM.**

50 cents per game card.

All proceeds go to our students attending the St. Paul Stuebenville Conference this summer.

~ Jeanne Thompson

## Our Northland Diocese (OND) 2019 Reader Survey

During the months of February and March, every person who receives our diocesan newspaper, "Our Northland Diocese" in their mailbox or reads OND news online is invited to offer comments – positive and negative – in a reader survey! The feedback will be used to aid the continuing evolution of the publication.

OND Staff and Board of Directors want to know your level of satisfaction with the print design, commentary columns and how the publication is living out its mission to publish Good News for furthering and strengthening the reign of God in the Diocese of Crookston! The survey is 20 questions long and should only take a few minutes of your time. Visit [www.crookston.org/ondsurvey](http://www.crookston.org/ondsurvey) to learn more and participate!

## Diocesan Annual Appeal 2019

We have received many gifts, pledges and sustaining commitments for the 2019 Diocesan Annual Appeal. Thank you! If you haven't done so, it isn't too late. You may use an envelope and prayer card located here at our parish or use the one you have received at home. Please pray about your pledge/gift and return your DAA Envelope via the Sunday Offertory or mail it directly to the Diocese. You may also give online at [www.crookston.org/DAA](http://www.crookston.org/DAA). Your support for diocesan ministries is indeed a sure sign of our thankfulness unto our God. The opportunity to build up the Body of Christ in the Diocese of Crookston is here for all of us! ~ Char Rauch and Doug & Kathy Scaper

## St. John Paul II Middle School Camp Registration

Registration is now open for St. John Paul II Middle School Camp. This camp is designed to empower young people entering grades 7-9 to become disciples of Jesus Christ by engaging them in prayer, worship, leadership skill development, scriptural reflection, and service learning.

The theme for this year's camp is entitled "Relentless Father" and we are going to explore and expand on how God is not just a Father, but a Relentless Father. He is a Father that never gives up on us, never abandons us, will always search for us, protect us, and heal us. This central theme will be expanded on through the various keynote talks and small group discussion that happens at camp.

Spots are limited. Parents, please encourage your children in Confirmation Program to sign up soon at [www.crookston.org/jp2camp](http://www.crookston.org/jp2camp). Where: Northern Pines Camp, 20033 County Rd. 1, Park Rapids, MN 56470. When: **Sunday, July 7th - Thursday, July 11th and Sunday, July 14th - Thursday, July 18th.** Please contact the Faith Formation Office for scholarship details.