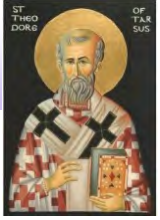


Our Lady of the Pines & St. Theodore of Tarsus Catholic Churches



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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

December 8, 2019

2nd Sunday of Advent

Sunday Reflection: Jesse Tree



Have you ever seen a Jesse Tree? It's an ancient Advent tradition consisting of a carving, painting, or a stained-glass window – even an actual tree – that portrays the people, prophecies, and events leading up to the birth of the Messiah. Jesus is usually at the top. Many medieval Jesse Trees also included a depiction of Jesse himself lying at the base of the tree. That's because the design comes from today's first reading: a shoot sprouting "from the stump of Jesse" (Isaiah 11:1).

Jesse was the father of King David and an ancestor of Jesus, so the branches of the Jesse Tree are meant to display Jesus' rich and varied heritage. The Tree reminds us how faithful God was during the "long Advent" when his people waited for the Messiah. Each person and event represented on the tree depicts part of God's plan to save his people.

Even if you don't decorate a Jesse Tree in your home, the ideas behind it can help you prepare for Christmas. The stories of the ancestors of Jesus illustrate God's commitment to his plan to save us. It's a commitment that stretched from the very beginning, through thousands of years, right up to Christmas Day. His commitment reaches even to the present. Jesus' birth has brought about something new and wonderful, and the Jesse Tree illustrates it: a salvation that is far more wide-reaching than we ever could have imagined.

*"Heavenly Father, thank you for your faithfulness to your promises!
Thank you for making me a part of your family."*

~ "The Word among us"

Dear Visitors

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 218-652-4005 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 218-652-4005 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 218-652-4005.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES

<p>Saturday, 12/07</p> <p>2nd Collection: For Retired Religious</p>	<p>4:15 - 4:45 PM 5:00 PM 6:00 PM</p>	<p>Sacrament of Reconciliation at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis Weekend Mass at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis For + Nancy Kowalke by Bob and Donna Lindow Christmas Centerpiece Sale by Haiti Mission Committee at OLP, Nevis</p>
<p>Sunday, 12/08</p> <p>2nd Sunday of Advent</p> <p>2nd Collection: For Retired Religious</p> <p>CLOW</p>	<p>8:00 AM 8:30 AM 10:30 AM 11:30 AM</p>	<p>Sacrament of Reconciliation: at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte Weekend Mass at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte For the Members of our Parishes Birthdays& Anniversary Celebrations at STC following the Mass Weekend Mass at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis Death Anniversary Remembrance of + Kurt Blumberg by Gene & Joan Blumberg CLOW Leaders: Help Needed Christmas Centerpiece Sale by Haiti Mission Committee at OLP, Nevis Hospitality Served at Our Lady of the Pines Church following the Mass</p>
<p>Monday, 12/09 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED</p>		<p>NO Mass Pastor's Day Off</p>
<p>Tuesday, 12/10</p>	<p>12 Noon 10:30 AM</p>	<p>Mass of the Anointing of the Sick at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis For + Patricia Meister by Sheldon & Mary Schiebe Hospitality Served following the Mass Money Counters: Kathy Nagel, Arlene Biessener & Sandy Armstrong</p>
<p>Wednesday, 12/11</p>	<p>9:00 AM 12 Noon 12:00 - 2:00 PM 6:30 PM</p>	<p>Weekday Mass at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis For + Scott Freeman by Connie & Bob Gueli Nevis School Release Time Faith Formation Classes at OLP, Nevis Advent Reconciliation for Faith Formation Students at St. Theodore's, Laporte Advent Reconciliation for Confirmation & Pre Confirmation Students at OLP</p>
<p>Thursday, 12/12</p>	<p>9:00 AM 6:30 PM</p>	<p>Mass at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis For + Angelina Morinelli by Pat Pugli and Family OLP Choir Practice at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis</p>
<p>Friday, 12/13 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>7:00 AM – 6:00 PM 9:00 AM 9:30 - 10:30 AM 4:00 AM – 6:00 PM</p>	<p>Deanery Advent Reconciliation at St. Philip's Church, Bemidji Weekday Mass at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis For + Ardys Miller by Mary Kempf Eucharistic Adoration at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis Haiti Mission Committee Preps for Lefse Sale at OLP, Nevis</p>
<p>Saturday, 12/14</p>	<p>7:00 AM – 10:00 AM 4:15 - 4:45 PM 5:00 PM</p>	<p>Haiti Mission Committee Lefse Sale at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis Sacrament of Reconciliation at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis Weekend Mass at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis For Birthday Remembrance of + James Geisen by Jill and Jesse Clack Birthdays & Anniversary Celebrations at OLP following the Mass</p>
<p>Sunday, 12/15</p> <p>3rd Sunday of Advent</p> <p>CLOW</p>	<p>8:00 AM 8:30 AM 10:30 AM 11:45AM</p>	<p>Sacrament of Reconciliation: at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte Weekend Mass at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte For + Ray Copa by Karen Copa Weekend Mass at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis For the Members of our Parishes CLOW Leaders: Ronda DeWulf and Liddy DeWulf Birthdays & Anniversary Celebrations at OLP following the Mass OLP Liturgy Committee Meeting at the Community Room, Nevis</p>

Our Lady of the Pines Church Liturgical Ministers Saturday, December 14, 2019	
Sacristan	Help Needed
Musician	Ardis Johnson
Cantors	Connie Walz & Sounds of Faith
Lectors	Jeanne Thompson, Cyril Kamrowski & Clarice Platz
Altar Servers	Help Needed
Ushers	Bob Lindow, Ed Dvorak, Tom Walz & Don Dierkhising
Greeters	Theora Goodrich & Dee Dvorak
Eucharistic Ministers	Dan Carlson (C), Sue Joerger & Theora Goodrich

Sunday: December 15, 2019	
Sacristans	Bob DeCrans & Mary DeCrans
Musician	Don Hudson
Cantors	Don Hudson
Lectors	Bob DeCrans, John Lindow & Chuck Tangeman
Altar Servers	Help Needed
Ushers	Stephen Lindow, Ed DeLaHunt, Greg Kalinoski & Jim Warner
Greeters	Stephen & Renee Gossen
Eucharistic Ministers	Carol Lindow (C), Doug Scrapper, Sally Froelich, Pat Hrubes & Kevin Lindow

St. Theodore's Church Liturgical Ministers Sunday: December 15, 2019	
Sacristan	Charlotte Rauch
Musicians	Don Hudson
Cantor	Don Hudson
Lectors	Sandy Roerick, Charlotte Rauch & Kevin Warne
Altar Servers	Anna Katzenmeyer & Abree Katzenmeyer
Ushers	Darin Katzenmeyer & Gary Roerick
Greeters	Lisa Katzenmeyer & Ruth Grandy
Eucharistic Ministers	Ken Nelson (C), Bonnie Conrad & Mary Leyendecker

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 12/01/2019	Our Lady of the Pines	St. Theodore's Church
Sunday Collection	\$1474.00	N/A
2nd Collection: St. Mary's Red Lake Mission Appeal	\$365.00	N/A
Church Building Maintenance	\$25.00	--
Christmas Flowers	\$40.00	--
Candles	\$2.00	--
Campaign for Human Development	\$75.00	--

2nd Collection This Weekend: For Retired Religious
Did you know that 30,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests benefited from the past collection for the retired Religious? Most ministered in Catholic schools, hospitals, parishes and social service agencies, usually for little or no pay. This weekend we will take up our annual collection for Retired Religious Collection. Please be generous.

Christmas Centerpiece Sale
Christmas centerpieces are available for sale in the Parish Hall. The members of the Haiti Mission Committee will appreciate your support. The proceeds go to support their educational ministry in Haiti.

Lefse Sale
The Haiti Committee will be selling fresh lefse on Saturday, **December 14th** in the OLP Gathering Space. Stop in from 10:00 -1:00 PM for this "hot-off-the-griddle" treat! The cost of 6 pieces for \$5 will help provide school lunches for the students in Baudin, Haiti.
~ Julie Pidde

Monthly Assignments: December 2019	
OLP Hospitality Ministers	Sue Joerger (C) and the Families of: Angie Lindow, Donna Lindow, Jody Karl, Judy Karl Duclous, Karrin Lindow & Marsha Karam
OLP Altar Linen	Anna Hudson
STC Hospitality Ministers	Sandy Mueller (C) and the Families of: Diana Noyes, Ruth Grandy Judy Honor & Sandy Roerick

Prayer Requests
Pat Dietenberger; Richard Daniels, Joan Blumberg, Kathy Roberts; Frank Determan; Pete Proulx; Anne Seifert; Terry Moen; Barbara, Priscilla & Harold Dietenberger; David Rosener; Paul Carrano; Bonnie Anzelc; Jim Behrman; Charles & Muriel Hamm; Jessica Webbs; Marisol Puccini; Dave Copeland; Debbie Clay; John Schmacher; Luke Ewert; Dorothy Pohl; Jodi Suram; Jacquelyn Carter; Nancy & Les Keller; Shirley & George Sizer; Shawn Morris; Tim, Kim, Marilyn & John Murphy; Joe & Tammy Murphy; Britt & Mike Beaudorn; Samantha Rich; Michael Jay & Peg Koktavy.

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.

Celebrate Advent Reconciliation

This weekend, we hear John the Baptist calling us to “Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near”. It invites us to change our minds and hearts. Repentance for us is not a one-time action but must take place as often as possible. Let us welcome Jesus into our lives, by celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Here are some of the opportunities available for Advent Confession.

Advent Reconciliation for Faith Formation Students

Wed. 12/11/19: For STC Release Time Students Grade 3 – 6

Wed. 12/11/19: For OLP Confirmation Students at 6:30 PM

Wed. 12/18/19: For OLP Release Time Students Grade 4 & 6

Advent Reconciliation for All Parishioners

Fri. 12/13/19: Deanery Advent Reconciliation
at St. Philip’s Church, Bemidji from 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Wed. 12/18/19: Reconciliation at St. Peter’s Church,
Park Rapids from 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

And **Every Weekend**, half an hour before the Masses
at OLP, Nevis and STC, Laporte
Or **anytime** by appointment.

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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.

Mass of the Anointing of the Sick

There will be a Mass of the Anointing of the Sick on **Tuesday, December 10th at 12 noon**. The Sacrament of the Anointing for the Sick can be received by any person, who wishes to experience the Lord’s strength, comfort and healing. 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. There will be a lunch provided for all the participants.

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.

- ❖ Terrence Cain
- ❖ Leah Pigatti
- ❖ Jeffrey R. Crowley

Advent Resource

Go to <https://dynamiccatholic.com/matthew-kelly> to sign up for a free e-mail message/guide to have the “best Advent ever”.

Our Lady of the Pines Choir Practices

The OLP choir will be singing at Christmas Eve starting 4:30 PM with Lessons and Carols. Practices will be held at the church on **December 12th and 19th at 6:30 PM**. If you’d like to sing with the choir at this festive time of year, please join us for the practices.

Advent Prayer

*Christ, we await your coming,
and we respond to your invitation
to journey to the holy mountain,
where there is “no harm or ruin,”
where there lion can lie down with the lamb.*

*Help us to be like John the Baptist
so we may recognize and announce
your love to a world in darkness.*

*Spark our creativity so we may
create the way to your peace and justice,
working with our sisters and brothers
to open new vistas to promote new ways
of being in community and in communion.*

*May the wings of the Holy Spirit
open softly within us, gracing us
with inspiration so our waiting itself
becomes the place of anew creation. Amen.*