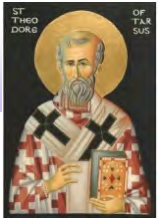


# Our Lady of the Pines & St. Theodore of Tarsus Catholic Churches



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Parish Office Hours	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<b>Parish Secretary</b>	8:30 AM - 1:30 PM	10:00 AM - 3:00 PM	- -
<b>Pastoral Assistant</b>	- -	3:00 - 8:00 PM	8:30 AM - 1:30 PM

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December 15, 2019

3rd Sunday of Advent

## 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. Sometimes the most important trip we can take is the one inside our heart.... A return to CHURCH – we once called HOME, or to the people we once called FAMILY and FRIENDS. This Christmas Season, you can take that trip. You don’t need a ticket or a reservation – just a willing and sometimes forgiving heart. You just need to open your heart to the open arms and COME HOME for Christmas! Here are our Christmas Program in our Parishes:

### Christmas Eve

**Tuesday, December 24, 2019**

**Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis**

4:30 PM: Lessons and Carols

5:00 PM: Christmas Eve Mass

### Christmas Day

**Wednesday, December 25, 2019**

**St. Theodore’s Church, Laporte**

8:00 AM: Lessons and Carols

8:30 AM: Christmas Day Mass

**Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis**

10:30 AM: Christmas Day Mass

### New Year Day

**Wednesday, January 1, 2020**

**Holy Day of Obligation: Feast of Mary, Mother of God**

**St. Theodore’s Church, Laporte**

8:30 AM: Holy Day of Obligation New Year Mass

**Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis**

5:00 PM: Holy Day of Obligation New Year 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 218-652-4005 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*

<b>Saturday, 12/14</b>	7:00 AM – 10:00 AM 4:15 - 4:45 PM 5:00 PM	Haiti Mission Committee Lefse Sale at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis</b> <b>Weekend Mass at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis</b> For Birthday Remembrance of + James Geisen by Jill and Jesse Clack Birthday & Anniversary Celebrations at OLP following the Mass
<b>Sunday, 12/15</b>  3rd Sunday of Advent  CLOW	8:00 AM 8:30 AM  10:30 AM  11:45AM	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation: at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte</b> <b>Weekend Mass at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte</b> For + Ray Copa by Karen Copa  <b>Weekend Mass at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis</b> For the Members of our Parishes CLOW Leaders: Ronda DeWulf and Liddy DeWulf Birthday & Anniversary Celebrations at OLP following the Mass OLP Liturgy Committee Meeting at the Community Room, Nevis
<b>Monday, 12/16</b> PARISH OFFICE CLOSD		<b>NO Mass</b> Pastor's Day Off
<b>Tuesday, 12/17</b>	12 Noon  10:30 AM	<b>NO Weekday Mass at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis</b> Due to Priest Council Meeting in Crookston  Money Counters: Florence Kramer, Loren Kramer & Pat Edwards
<b>Wednesday, 12/18</b>	9:00 AM  12 Noon 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM  6:30 PM 6:30 PM	<b>Weekday Mass at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis</b> For the intentions of Tom Kempf's Family by Mary Kempf  Nevis School Release Time Faith Formation Classes at OLP, Nevis Advent Reconciliation for 4th & 6th Graders in Nevis  Faith Formation Classes for Confirmation & Pre Confirmation Students KC General Meeting
<b>Thursday, 12/19</b>	9:00 AM  6:30 PM	<b>Mass at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis</b> For + Scott Freeman by Connie & Bob Gueli  OLP Choir Practice at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis
<b>Friday, 12/20</b> PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	9:00 AM  9:30 AM - 10:30 AM	<b>Weekday Mass at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis</b> For +Angelina Morinelli by Pat Pugli and Family  <b>Eucharistic Adoration at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis</b>
<b>Saturday, 12/21</b>	4:15 PM - 4:45 PM 5:00 PM	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis</b> <b>Weekend Mass at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis</b> For + John Masog by Bob and Donna Lindow
<b>Sunday, 12/22</b>  4th Sunday of Advent  CLOW	8:00 AM 8:30 AM  10:30 AM	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation: at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte</b> <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 + Patricia Meister by Sheldon & Mary Schiebe CLOW Leaders: Lisa Kriens & Help Needed
<b>Upcoming Events</b>	December 24 December 24 December 24 December 25 December 25 January 01 January 01	NO Morning Mass at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis Lessons and Carols at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis at 4:30 PM Christmas Eve Mass at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis at 5:00 PM Christmas Day Mass at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte at 8:30 AM Christmas Day Mass at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis at 10:30 AM New Year Mass at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte at 8:30 AM New Year Mass at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis at 10:30 AM

Our Lady of the Pines Church Liturgical Ministers Saturday, December 21, 2019	
Sacristan	Help Needed
Musician	Ardis Johnson
Cantor	Rita Schuldt
Lectors	Dan Carlson, Theora Goodrich & Connie Walz
Altar Servers	Help Needed
Ushers	Mark Carter, Ed Dvorak, Don Dierkhising & Tom Walz
Greeters	Donna Lindow & Florence Kramer
Eucharistic Ministers	Jeanne Thompson (C), Sue Joerger & Bob Lindow

Sunday: December 22, 2019	
Sacristans	Bob DeCrans & Mary DeCrans
Musician	Don Hudson
Cantor	Don Hudson
Lectors	Carol Lindow, John Lindow & Bob DeCrans
Altar Servers	Help Needed
Ushers	Ed DeLaHunt, Jim Warner, Fritz Yamry & Chuck Tangeman
Greeters	Sylvia McCarthy & Carol Lindow
Eucharistic Ministers	Kevin Lindow (C), Michael Van Guilder, Pat Hrubes, Doug Scrapper, & Sally Froelich

St. Theodore's Church Liturgical Ministers Sunday: December 22, 2019	
Sacristan	Charlotte Rauch
Musician	Ardis Johnson
Cantors	Sounds of Faith Group
Lectors	Carol Wellen , Bonnie Conrad & Joe Eisterhold
Altar Servers	Gabby Nelson & Annabelle Nelson
Ushers	Marcel Noyes & John Duff
Greeters	Donna Minikus & Irene Fehn
Eucharistic Ministers	Kevin Warne (C), Jackie Duff & 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).

Stewardship Report For the Week of 12/01/2019	Our Lady of the Pines	St. Theodore's Church
Sunday Collection	\$2160.50	\$813.00
<b>2nd Collection:</b> For Retired Religious	\$589.76	\$143.00
Laporte Food Shelf Envelopes	--	\$267.00
St. Mary's Red Lake Mission	\$30.00	\$70.00
Christmas Flowers	\$205.00	--
Candles	\$22.00	--
Church Building Maintenance	\$25.00	--
Rectory Project Envelopes	\$100.00	--

**Thank you and Welcome**  
After many years of services as Custodian of Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis, **Pat Dietenberger** has requested us to relieve her of her duties on the basis of her ill health. We express our "THANKS" for her devotedness and commitment to her work. We wish her good health and extend our prayerful support. We welcome **Cyril Kamrowski** as our new Custodian. Cyril is enthusiastic and energetic to keep our facility clean and secure. We wish him well in his new job.

**Christian Movie Nite at St. John's Akeley**  
St. John's Lutheran Church, Akeley is screening the movie, "Christmas with a Capital C" on **Friday, December 20th**. It will be shown at 2:00 PM and at 7:00 PM. It's a free movie with free popcorn, pop and water. Come and enjoy the movie.  
~ Joanne Mueller

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

**Prayer Requests**  
Larry Belsky, 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.

## New Ministry to Senior Parishioners

The Missionary Disciples Promotion Team of our parish will soon initiate a new ministry to our parishioners. They will be available to assist our parish families on 4 important areas that most of the seniors can benefit. The team will provide information on:

**The Spiritual Care:** When you are Sick or Homebound or Hospitalized, you can receive a number of spiritual help from your parish community. At your request, your name can be added to “Prayer Tree” or “Prayer Request” column in the Bulletin; Eucharistic ministers or the priest can bring you Holy Communion or celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

**Health Care Directives & End of life Care Decisions:** Recently MN Bishops have published booklets on Catholic Health Care Directives and End of Life Care Decision. They are an alternative to “POLST” (Provider Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment) Forms that you get at the hospitals, when you are admitted. The Catholic Health Care Directives have been designed to meet Minnesota law and to give you an opportunity to express your wishes in a form that reflects Church teaching regarding end-of-life decisions. MDP Team will be happy to assist you.

**Financial Planning:** MDP Team will organize programs on Financial Planning with the assistance of Catholic Financials or Church oriented financial planners.

**Funeral Liturgy Planning:** You can receive valuable help from MDP Team in planning your Funeral Liturgy. We realize that not all the family members or those who are going to decide on the details of our funerals do not necessarily share our faith and carry out our desires for religious burial. Our MDP Team is there to assist you.

Watch for further information. Meanwhile if you need assistance in any of these areas, do contact the parish office at 218-652-4005 or parishofficenevis@gmail.com. One of the team members will be happy to reach out to you.

## 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.

## Praying for Light

Around this time of year in the northeastern United States, where I live, people invariably comment on the shortening of the days. The closer we get to the winter solstice, the shorter the days become and the earlier it gets dark. Combined with the bleak weather, it can feel discouraging dark!

But within a few weeks after Christmas, everyone starts to remark on a certain lightening. It's a noticeable but gradual process. People's spirits seem to lift. Then it's spring. But it happens slowly, almost imperceptibly.

Advent is a time to ponder that slowness. It's primarily a season of waiting and preparation. And in that way, it mirrors our won spiritual lives, in which things come slowly. More often than not, the change we ask for does not come all at once. We pray and pray for something to happen, and when we stand up from our prayer, we're disappointed because nothing seems to have changed. But as the Jesuit Pierre Teilhard de Chardin said, we're called to trust in the “slow, patient work of God.” Change usually comes more like the springtime does – slowly.

Not long ago, I served as the spiritual director for someone who went , in just a few months, from being a nonbeliever to a Christian. I said to my own spiritual director, “It was like a miracle.” He said, “No it was a miracle. Is it any less a miracle if it happens slowly?”

This Advent pray for the slow dawning in your hearts of the Light of Christ.  
~ Fr. James Martin

## OLP Christmas Eve Mass on KPRM 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.

## Our Lady of the Pines Choir Practices

The OLP choir will be singing at Christmas Eve starting 4:30 PM with Lessons and Carols. Join the choir practice on **December 19th at 6:30 PM** at OLP, Nevis.

## 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 Lady of the Pines Church.

- ❖ Tom & Mary Lujan
- ❖ Joseph Lux
- ❖ Nevis Firepersons' Relief Association