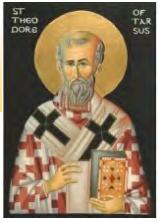


Our Lady of the Pines & St. Theodore of Tarsus Catholic Churches



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Parish Secretary	8:30 AM - 1:30 PM	10:00 AM - 3:00 PM	- -
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December 22, 2019

Christmas 2019



May the Christmas season fill your home with joy,
your heart with love and your life with laughter!

BLESSED CHRISTMAS!

~ The Pastor, the Staff and the Volunteers of
Our Lady of the Pines & St. Theodore's Catholic Churches
Nevis / Laporte, MN

Christmas Programs 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

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 218-652-4022 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, 12/21	4:15 PM - 4:45 PM 5:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis Weekend Mass at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis For + John Masog by Bob and Donna Lindow
Sunday, 12/22 4th Sunday of Advent CLOW	8:00 AM 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Sacrament of Reconciliation: at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte Weekend Mass at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte For the Members of our Parishes Weekend Mass at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis For + Patricia Meister by Sheldon & Mary Schiebe CLOW Leaders: Lisa Kriens & Help Needed
Monday, 12/23 PARISH OFFICE CLOSD		NO Mass Pastor's Day Off
Tuesday, 12/24 Christmas Eve	4:30 PM 5:00 PM	NO Morning Mass at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis Money Counters: Doug Scraper, Margo Bernardy & Help Needed Lessons and Carols at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis Christmas Eve Mass at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis For the Members of our Parishes
Wednesday, 12/25 PARISH OFFICE CLOSD Christmas Day	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Christmas Day Mass at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte For + Jerry Amundson by Colleen Curran Christmas Day Mass at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis For + Jean Nowak by Mary Kempf NO Nevis School Release Time Faith Formation Classes at OLP, Nevis NO Faith Formation Classes for Confirmation & Pre Confirmation Students
Thursday, 12/26	9:00 AM	Weekday Mass at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis For + Scott Freeman by Connie & Bob Gueli
Friday, 12/27 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	9:00 AM 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM	Weekday Mass at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis For + Angelina Morinelli by Pat Pugli and Family Eucharistic Adoration at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis
Saturday, 12/28	4:15 PM - 4:45 PM 5:00 PM	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
Sunday, 12/29 Feast of the Holy Family NO CLOW	8:00 AM 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Sacrament of Reconciliation: at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte Weekend Mass at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte For the Members of our Parishes Weekend Mass at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis For + Mary Jane Norman by Mary Kempf
Upcoming Events	January 01 January 01 January 05 January 05 January 08 January 08 January 09 January 11 January 13 January 15 January 15	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 5:00 PM STC 2nd Collection for Laporte Food Shelf First Holy Communion Parents Meeting at OLP at 11:45 AM Laporte School Release Time Faith Formation Classes at STC, Laporte Faith Formation Classes Resume at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis OLP Finance Council Meeting in the Community Room at 10:00 AM St. Theodore's Church Council Meeting at 10:00 AM in Laporte Haiti Mission Committee Meeting in the Community Room at 12:30 PM Nevis School Release Time Faith Formation Classes at OLP, Nevis Faith Formation Classes for Confirmation & Pre Confirmation Students

Our Lady of the Pines Church Liturgical Ministers Saturday, December 28, 2019	
Sacristan	Help Needed
Musician	Ardis Johnson
Cantor	Rita Schuldts
Lectors	Jeanne Thompson, Cyril Kamrowski & Connie Walz
Altar Servers	Help Needed
Ushers	Ed Dvorak, Tom Walz, Frank Adrian & Don Dierkhising
Greeters	Dee Dvorak & Sue Joerger
Eucharistic Ministers	Theora Goodrich (C), Bob Lindow & Sue Joerger

Sunday: December 29, 2019	
Sacristans	Bob DeCrans & Mary DeCrans
Musician	Don Hudson
Cantor	Don Hudson
Lectors	Bob DeCrans, Mary Schiebe & Chuck Tangeman
Altar Servers	Help Needed
Ushers	Stephen Lindow, Ed DeLaHunt, Greg Kalinoski & Jim Warner
Greeters	Margo Bernardy & Karie Lindow
Eucharistic Ministers	Carol Lindow (C), Doug Scraper, John Lindow, Sally Froelich, & Sheldon Schiebe

St. Theodore's Church Liturgical Ministers Sunday: December 29, 2019	
Sacristan	Charlotte Rauch
Musician	Don Hudson
Cantors	Don Hudson
Lectors	Mary Leyendecker, Irene Fehn & Ruth Grandy
Altar Servers	Anna Katzenmeyer & Abree Katzenmeyer
Ushers	Ken Nelson & Marcel Noyes
Greeters	Ruth Grandy & Bonnie Conrad
Eucharistic Ministers	Charlotte Rauch (C), Joe Eisterhold & Dee Warne

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 12/15/2019	Our Lady of the Pines	St. Theodore's Church
Sunday Collection	\$2941.00	\$498.00
For Retired Religious	\$80.00	\$25.00
Christmas Flowers	\$170.00	\$50.00
Candles	\$18.00	- -
Church Building Maintenance	\$ 75.00	- -
Christmas Envelopes	\$150.00	- -

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 for His many blessings. Please consider your parish and its ministry when you make a yearend giving and get a tax benefit. All gifts made on or before December 31st are tax deductible for this tax year. We are grateful to the following persons who have made a yearend contribution to Our Lady of the Pines Church.

**Paul & Amy Haskins
Greg & Mary Jo Downs
Roselyn Becker**

Sympathy

Our Lady of the Pines Parish Community expresses its sympathy to Mervin Koktavy at the death of his wife + **Margaret "Peggy" Koktavy**. The family plans to have a Prayer Service in the Chapel of Cease Funeral Home, Park Rapids on Saturday, December 21, 2019 at 1:00 PM and the funeral Mass in Northfield on December 23, 2019. May + Margaret rest in peace!

Monthly Assignments: December 2019	
OLP Hospitality Ministers	Sue Joerger (C) and the Families of: Angie Lindow, Donna Lindow, Jody Karl, Judy Karl Duclos, 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

Joan Dart; Larry Belsky; Pat Diertenberger; Richard Daniels, Joan Blumberg; Kathy Roberts; Frank Determan; Pete Proulx; Anne Seifert; Terry Moen; Barbara, Priscilla & Harold Diertenberger; David Rosener; Paul Carrano; 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; and Michael Jay.

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.

Merry Christmas!

Let me wish all of you, a grace-filled Christmas! May the Lord of love, fill your hearts with peace and joy at Christmas and always!!

In the past weeks, we have been preparing ourselves to celebrate the nativity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. The children and youth in our Faith Formation Program had opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Mass of the Anointing of the Sick was well attended by our parishioners. Thank you for joining us in these spiritual preparations.!

Through Advent Giving Tree, you were generous to help the people in need in our neighborhood. The Organizers of "Ginger Bread Man Program, Laporte", the "Walker Pregnancy Center", and OLP Quilters Group are our beneficiaries this year. They thank you for your generosity.

We thank our parishioners, who have contributed for Christmas flowers and decorations, and the Art and Environment groups in both of our parishes who work hard to give a festive look to our Churches. I am grateful to all those who volunteered to clean and decorate our Churches, the members of the Choir, Musicians, the Liturgical Ministers, and the families who took part in Advent Wreath Ceremonies.

On a more personal note, I gratefully acknowledge your Christmas wishes, prayers, cards and gifts sent to me. I am overwhelmed by your generosity and kindness. Thank you and God bless you. ~ Fr. Tony Fernando

Christmas Tree Blessing

Blessed are you, Lord our God,

**before whom all the trees of the forest sing for joy,
for you have come to rule the earth and all its peoples
in your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.**

**We ask you to send your blessings upon this tree
which we have decorated in honor of your Son's birth.**

**Let it help us to celebrate this holy season
as living branches of him,
and bear the fruit of good works for your glory,
this day and every day,
both now and forever. Amen.**

Memory Café

Are you caring for someone with dementia, Alzheimer's or memory loss? You are not alone. Walker's Memory Café is a social get together where you can meet with memory Loss and their caregivers in a supportive and comforting environment to share stories, socialize and build friendship. We meet at Calvary Church on the last Monday of every month at 10:30 AM. For more information contact Simon Whitehead at 218-547-6843. ~ Simon Whitehead

Ministry Available for Senior Parishioners

The Missionary Disciples Promotion Team of our parish has initiated 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 parishoffice@kdkk.com. One of the team members will be happy to reach out to you.

March for Life

St. Philip's Church, Bemidji is hosting its annual March for Life on **Saturday, January 18th, beginning at 12 Noon.** There will be a prayer outside the courthouse in Bemidji (right across the street from St. Philip's), the March, a free soup lunch back at St. Philip's, and a presentation. This year presenters are a group called Grandparents for Life. They are a group of men from various denominations in Kelliher who have come together for the common cause of saving lives through the pro-life movement. Fr. Brian Kujawa

OLP Christmas Eve Mass on KDKK 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.