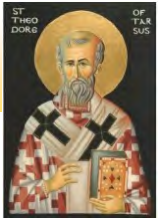


# Our Lady of the Pines & St. Theodore of Tarsus Catholic Churches



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

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December 29, 2019

Feast of the Holy Family



May God make your year a happy one!  
Not by shielding us from all sorrows and pain,  
but by strengthening us to bear it, as it comes;

Not by making our path easy,  
but by making us sturdy to travel any path;  
Not by taking hardships from us,  
but by taking fear from our heart;

Not by granting us unbroken sunshine,  
but by keeping our face bright, even in the shadows;  
Not by making our life always pleasant,  
but by showing us when people and their causes  
need us most and by making us anxious to help them.

May you enjoy God's love, peace, hope and joy  
all the days of the New Year!

## New Year Programs in our Parishes

### 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 218-652-4022 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*

<b>Saturday, 12/28</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 + Nancy Kowalke by Bob and Donna Lindow
<b>Sunday, 12/29</b>  Feast of the Holy Family  NO 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 + Mary Jane Norman by Mary Kempf
<b>Monday, 12/30</b> PARISH OFFICE CLOSD		<b>NO Mass</b> Pastor's Day Off
<b>Tuesday, 12/31</b>	12 Noon  10:30 AM	<b>Weekday Mass at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis</b> For + Patricia Meister by Sheldon & Mary Schiebe  Money Counters: Donna Lindow, Doug Scraper & Greg Kalinoski
<b>Wednesday, 01/01</b> PARISH OFFICE CLOSD  New Year Day	8:30 AM  5:00 PM	<b>New Year Mass at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte</b> For + Jo-Ann O'Connell by John & Jackie Duff  <b>New Year Mass at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis</b> For the Members of our Parishes  NO Nevis School Release Time Faith Formation Classes at OLP, Nevis NO Faith Formation Classes for Confirmation & Pre Confirmation Students
<b>Thursday, 01/02</b>	9:00 AM	<b>Weekday Mass at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis</b> For the Good Health of Dorothy Kulas by Mary Kempf
<b>Friday, 01/03</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, 01/04</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 + Nancy Kowalke by Bob and Donna Lindow
<b>Sunday, 01/05</b>  Epiphany of Our Lord, Jesus Christ  STC 2nd Collection: For Laporte Food Shelf  CLOW	8:00 AM 8:30 AM  10:30 AM  11:45 PM	<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  Birthday and Anniversary Celebrations at STC during Hospitality Time  <b>Weekend Mass at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis</b> For + Patricia Meister by Sheldon & Mary Schiebe  CLOW Leaders: Help Needed Hospitality served at Our Lady of the Pines Church following the Mass First Holy Communion Parents Meeting at Our Lady of the Pines Church
<b>Upcoming Events</b>	January 08 January 08 January 08 January 09 January 11  January 13 Jan 14 - Feb 12 January 15 January 15 January 15	Laporte School Release Time Faith Formation Classes at STC, Laporte Faith Formation Classes Resume at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis OLP Confirmation Team Meeting at Nevis at 7:30 PM 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 NO Weekday Masses at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis School Release Time Faith Formation Classes at OLP, Nevis Faith Formation Classes for Confirmation & Pre Confirmation Students KC General Meeting at 6:30 PM

Our Lady of the Pines Church Liturgical Ministers Saturday, January 4, 2020	
Sacristan	Help Needed
Musician	Ardis Johnson
Cantor	Jeanette Goehring
Lectors	Jeanne Thompson (R1), Jeanne Thompson (R2) & Connie Walz
Altar Servers	Help Needed
Ushers	Tom Walz, Don Dierkhising, Mark Carter, & Ed Dvorak
Greeters	Sue Joerger & Deb Tangeman
Eucharistic Ministers	Theora Goodrich (C), Bob Lindow & Rita Schuldt

Sunday: January 5, 2020	
Sacristans	Bob DeCrans & Mary DeCrans
Musician	Ardis Johnson
Cantor	Margo Bernardy
Lectors	Bob DeCrans (R1), Bob DeCrans (R2) & Carol Lindow
Altar Servers	Help Needed
Ushers	Mike Van Guilder, Ed DeLaHunt, Greg Kalinoski & Jim Warner
Greeters	Carol Lindow & Karie Lindow
Eucharistic Ministers	Kevin Lindow (C), Mary Schiebe, Sheldon Schiebe, Sally Froelich & John Lindow

St. Theodore's Church Liturgical Ministers Sunday: January 5, 2020	
Sacristan	Charlotte Rauch
Musicians	Angie Jobe & Sharon Lembke
Cantor	Sharon Lembke
Lectors	Kevin Warne, Mary Leyendecker & Charlotte Rauch
Altar Servers	Gabby Nelson & Annabelle Nelson
Ushers	John Duff & Ken Nelson
Greeters	Irene Fehn & Charlotte Rauch
Eucharistic Ministers	Jackie Duff (C), Carol Wellen & Ruth Grandy

**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 12/22/2019	Our Lady of the Pines	St. Theodore's Church
Sunday Collection	\$1843.00	\$620.00
Christmas Flowers	\$20.00	\$5.00
Candles	\$14.00	- -
Church Building Maintenance	\$25.00	- -
Christmas Offering	\$170.00	- -

**Christmas and Year End Giving**

During this season of Christmas we have a spiritual opportunity to make a return to God of His many blessings. You are welcome to 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 donation:

**St. Theodore's Church, Laporte**  
Tom & Maryn Rogge  
Charlotte Rauch  
William & MaryBeth Mueller

**Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis**  
Pasty & William Lorimer  
Everette & Ardeth Duthoy

**Retrouvaille Marriage Help**

Thinking about Separation or Divorce? Hurting? Angry? Feel helpless? Retrouvaille is a lifeline for troubled marriages. Couples learn the tools to rediscover each other and heal their marriage. 100% confidential. When: **Jan 31 - Feb 2, 2020** Where: Dakota Ridge Best Western Hotel, Eagan, MN. For more information call: 800-470-2230. ~ Mike and Ann Cerney

Monthly Assignments: January 2020	
OLP Hospitality Ministers	<b>Carol Lindow (C) and the Families of:</b> Candy Clausen, Carol Fridgen, Gina Rypkema, Helen Warner & Sarah Lindow
OLP Altar Linen	Carol Lindow
STC Hospitality Ministers	<b>Dianna Noyes (C) and the Families of:</b> Katrina Nelson, Ruth Grandy & Sandy Mueller

**Prayer Requests**

Michael Capistrant; Joan Dart, 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; Jim Behrman; Charles & Muriel Hamm; Jessica Webbels; 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.

## National Migration Week: Jan 5 – 11th

The feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, is an important moment for Minnesota Catholics to show their commitment to welcoming migrants and refugees in our communities through our prayers, education, and actions. By accompanying them in person and in prayer, we show that we welcome Christ in them. You are invited to participate in National Migration Week from **January 5-11**. For nearly a half-century, the Catholic Church in the United States has celebrated National Migration Week, which is an opportunity for us to reflect on the circumstances confronting migrants, including immigrants, refugees, children, and victims and survivors of human trafficking.

## Cursillo Programs

Would you like to deepen your faith and let Jesus become more involved in your life? Let the Spirit lead you on a Cursillo. Time spent in the quiet of nature, inspirational talks, and most importantly...time to be with Jesus without the many distractions of daily life. The Diocese of Crookston is offering a Men's Weekend **February 20-23, 2020** and a Women's Weekend in **March 26-29, 2020**. Both Cursillos will be taking place at Sand Hill Lake Bible Camp south of Fosston. For more information contact: Bobbi Mercil at 701-866-5706.

## Thank You

We, at the Walker Area Pregnancy Support Center have been blessed beyond measure by your generous hearts. Thank you for your giving spirits during this season of Christmas. Your gifts allow us to be the hands and feet of each of you, to the women, children and men that we serve throughout the year. We ask you to continue to pray for all of our Clients. Here at the Center we continue to pray for you for a joy filled New Year! ~ Priscilla Marlette

## Visit Our Parish Website

Have you visited our parish website recently? You will find copies of the bulletins and bulletin inserts, liturgical ministers schedule, minutes of Church Councils and Committees, parish calendar of events and many more! Visit [www.ccnevislaporte.org](http://www.ccnevislaporte.org) and check it out !!

## 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 First Holy Communion Parents Meeting

Children who have registered to receive the First Holy Communion this year are requested to come for their 1st Class along with their parents on **Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:45 AM**. Parents, please bring a copy of their baptism certificate, if they were not baptized in Nevis or Laporte Parishes.

## TEC Retreats for Confirmation Students

Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) retreats are available for Confirmation Students. They are conducted at St. Joseph's, Moorhead on the weekend of **February 15-17, 2020** and at Sandhill Lake Bible Camp by Fosston on the weekend of **March 21-23, 2020**. If you want to participate in this retreat, please contact Dee Warne at Faith Formation Office.

## Christmas Trivia

### 1. Where did the name Christmas originate?

In medieval times, the celebration of Christmas took the form of a special Mass celebrated at midnight on the eve of Christ's birth. Since this was the only time in the Catholic Church year when a Midnight Mass was allowed, it soon became known in Middle English as *Christes Masse* (Christ's Mass), from which is derived Christmas.

### 2. Was Jesus born on December 25<sup>th</sup>?

The answer is no. Many Fathers of the Church thought that Jesus was born on January 4<sup>th</sup>, in 4 B.C. before the death of King Herod the Great. Some Bible scholars fix Jesus' birth in the month of September during the Feast of the Tabernacles when people travelled and when the sheep were in the field at night. December 25<sup>th</sup> was fixed by Pope Julius in A.D. 353 as a part of baptizing or Christianizing pagan feasts so that the converted pagans might celebrate the birthday of Jesus on Dec 25<sup>th</sup> instead of celebrating the birthday the Sun-god during winter solstice, while converted Roman soldiers might celebrate Christmas instead the birthday of Mitra, the Roman god-of-virility. The Romans called their winter holiday Saturnalia, honoring the god of agriculture, Saturn. Later the Kalends of January were observed to celebrate the triumph of life over death. The entire season was called Dies Natalis Invicti Solis, the Birthday of the Unconquered Sun., or *Saturnalia*). It was Emperor Julianus who declared Christmas as a national holiday in the 6<sup>th</sup> century. Most of the present day Christmas decorations like the Christmas carols and gifts, Christmas tree and Christmas lights are also remnants of the pagan celebrations. It was St. Francis of Assisi who first introduced the manger or Christmas crib in the 13<sup>th</sup> century.

### 3. Is Christmas the greatest feast celebrated in the Church?

The answer is no. Easter is feast #1, Pentecost is #2 and Christmas is #3. The Roman Church started celebrating Christmas only after Christianity was recognized as the state religion.