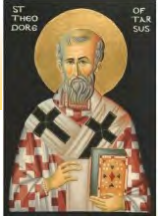


Our Lady of the Pines & St. Theodore of Tarsus Catholic Churches



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January 05, 2020

The Epiphany of the Lord

Catholic Teaching on Immigration

(From the U.S. bishops' pastoral statement "Welcoming the Stranger Among Us")

- 1) People have the right to migrate to sustain their lives and the lives of their families:** Every person has an equal right to receive from the earth what is necessary for life - food, clothing, shelter. Moreover, every person has the right to education, medical care, religion, and the expression of one's culture. The native does not have superior rights over the immigrant. Before God, all are equal; the earth was given by God to all. When a person cannot achieve a meaningful life in his or her own land, that person has the right to move.
- 2) A country has the right to regulate its borders and to control immigration:** Because there seems to be no end to poverty, war, and misery in the world, developed nations will continue to experience pressure from many peoples who desire to resettle in their lands. Catholic social teaching is realistic: although people have the right to move, no country has the duty to receive so many immigrants that its social and economic life are jeopardized. Nations may also make distinctions between refugees for whom the need to migrate is urgent and economic migrants for whom solutions must be sought in their country of origin.
- 3) A country must regulate its borders with justice and mercy:** A country's regulation of borders and control of immigration must be governed by concern for all people and by mercy and justice. Immigration policy ought to take into account other important values such as the right of families to live together. The Catholic Church also teaches that every person has basic human rights and is entitled to have basic human needs met - food, shelter, clothing, education, and health care. Undocumented immigrants present a special concern. Often their presence is considered criminal, since they arrive without legal permission. Undocumented persons are particularly vulnerable to exploitation by employers, as they are not able to complain out of the fear of discovery and deportation.

Finally, a broken immigration policy that allows people to live here and contribute to society for years but refuses to offer them the opportunity to achieve legal status does not serve the common good. The presence of millions of people living without easy access to basic human rights and necessities is a great injustice. It is the position of the Catholic Church that pastoral, educational, medical, and social services provided by the Church are never conditioned on legal status. All persons are invited to participate in our parishes, attend our schools, and receive other services offered by our institutions.

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

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.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES

Saturday, 01/04	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, 01/05 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	Sacrament of Reconciliation: at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte Weekend Mass at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte For the Members of our Parishes Birthday and Anniversary Celebrations at STC during Hospitality Time Weekend Mass at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis For + Patricia Meister by Sheldon & Mary Schiebe CLOW Leaders: Carol Lindow Hospitality served at Our Lady of the Pines Church following the Mass First Holy Communion Parents Meeting at Our Lady of the Pines Church
Monday, 01/06 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED		NO Mass Pastor's Day Off
Tuesday, 01/07	12 Noon 10:30 AM	Weekday Mass at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis For + Dennis Schafer by Kathy Schafer Money Counters: Terry Lenz, Catherine Lenz & Sue Joerger
Wednesday, 01/08	9:00 AM 12 Noon - 2:00 PM 12 Noon - 2:00 PM 6:30 PM 7:30 PM	Weekday Mass at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis For + Scott Freeman by Connie Gueli and Family Laporte School Release Time Faith Formation Classes at St. Theodore's Nevis School Release Time Faith Formation Classes at OLP, Nevis Faith Formation Classes for Confirmation & Pre Confirmation Students OLP Confirmation Team Meeting in Nevis
Thursday, 01/09	9:00 AM 10:00 AM	Weekday Mass at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis For + Ray Copa by Karen Copa OLP Finance Council Meeting in the Community Room
Friday, 01/10 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, 01/11	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 the Members of our Parishes
Sunday, 01/12 The Baptism of the Lord 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 Birthday Blessings on Tim Kulas by Mary Kempf Weekend Mass at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis Death Anniversary Remembrance of + Scott Michael Beimdiek by Bill & Jan Beimdiek CLOW Leaders: Ronda DeWulf & Liddy DeWulf Hospitality served at Our Lady of the Pines Church following the Mass
Upcoming Events	January 13 Jan 14 - Feb 12 January 15 January 15 January 15 January 18 - 19	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 Visiting Priest: Msgr. Mike Patnode

Our Lady of the Pines Church Liturgical Ministers Saturday, January 11, 2020	
Sacristan	Help Needed
Musician	Ardis Johnson
Cantor	Rita Schuldt
Lectors	Theora Goodrich (R1), Theora Goodrich (R2) & Cyril Kamrowski
Altar Servers	Help Needed
Ushers	Bob Lindow, Ed Dvorak, Tom Walz, & Don Dierkhising
Greeters	Florence Kramer & Dee Dvorak
Eucharistic Ministers	Jeanne Thompson (C), Loren Kramer & Sue Joerger

Sunday: January 12, 2020	
Sacristans	Bob DeCrans & Mary DeCrans
Musician	Ardis Johnson
Cantors	Karie Lindow & Angie Lindow
Lectors	Mary Schiebe (R1), Mary Schiebe (R2) & Chuck Tangeman
Altar Servers	Help Needed
Ushers	Stephen Lindow, Ed DeLaHunt, Jim Warner & Fritz Yamry
Greeters	Mary DeCrans & Diane Yamry
Eucharistic Ministers	Mike Van Guilder (C), Sheldon Schiebe, Carol Lindow, John Lindow, & Sally Froelich

St. Theodore's Church Liturgical Ministers Sunday: January 12, 2020	
Sacristan	Charlotte Rauch
Musicians	Angie Jobe & Sharon Lembke
Cantor	Sharon Lembke
Lectors	Joe Eisterhold, Ruth Grandy & Irene Fehn
Altar Servers	Anna Katzenmeyer & Abree Katzenmeyer
Ushers	Ken Nelson & Joe Eisterhold
Greeters	Irene Fehn & Charlotte Rauch
Eucharistic Ministers	Marcel Noyes (C), Dee Warne & Lisa Katzenmeyer

Reminder for Liturgical Ministers
If you are not able to serve when you are scheduled, please email the Parish Office at parishoffice@nevis@gmail.com.

Stewardship Report For the Week of 12/29/2019	Our Lady of the Pines	St. Theodore's Church
Sunday Collection	\$1700.00	\$65.00
Christmas Collection	\$3692.25	\$578.00
Candles	\$12.00	- -
Building Maintenance Envelopes	\$45.00	- -
Rectory Project Envelopes	\$100.00	- -

Year End Giving
We are grateful to the following people who have made a yearend donation to Our Lady of the Pines Church / Cemetery:
**Stephen Guetter
Greg & Pat Latsch**

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

Cursillo Weekends
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.

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

Prayer Requests
Bonnie Conrad; Jen Bliss; Michael Capistrant; Joan Dart, Larry Belsky, Pat Dietenberger; Richard Daniels, Joan Blumberg, Kathy Roberts; Frank Determan; Pete Proulx; Anne Seifert; 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.

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.

Immigration Sunday

As Jesus, Mary, and Joseph were forced to flee their homeland, becoming refugees in search of safety, so, too, are millions of individuals and families today. Whether fleeing genocide, terrorism, war, or gangs, these acts of violence and persecution continue to force people into unfamiliar lands. As Catholics, we are called to help provide refuge for those in need. The Catholic bishops of Minnesota invite us to commemorate this weekend as *Immigration Sunday* in our parishes.

When we consider the matter of migration, we must recognize that it is a worldwide phenomenon. Across the globe, families and individuals are increasingly feeling compelled to leave their home countries. Some are refugees from human trafficking or violence and civil war. Others are escaping political oppression or economic hardship. All seek a better future for themselves and their families. Yet, migration often leads to other problems, especially harm to the family.

Considering the migration crisis with an open heart and mind can be a challenge. Yet, the call to encounter strangers in our midst plays an important role in the lives of faithful Christians. The migrant, who moves from one country to another, is truly a stranger in the midst.

On the Feast of Epiphany let us take some time to explore and reflect on the foundations of Catholic teaching concerning migration and immigrants. An excerpt from USA Bishop's Pastoral Letter, "Welcoming the Stranger Among us" is published on the front page of this Bulletin. May the rising star of Epiphany guide us to recognize the strangers in our midst as our brothers and sisters!

Offertory Envelopes

We thank all our parishioners & Visitors for your generous support to the ministries of our parishes in the past year. When you make an offering, we ask you to use the Offertory Envelopes. It will help us to mail you a statement of your contribution for your tax purposes. It also tells us of your continuing relationship with your parish family and your commitment to support it. If you do not receive your envelopes by mail, kindly call the parish office. We hope to send you a statement of your contribution for 2019 by the middle of January.

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

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.

Prayer for the Immigrants

Loving Father, remembering that the Holy Family fled violence and lived for a time as refugees,
We ask that you protect all refugee families and provide them a place of safety and comfort.

For children who are making perilous journeys,
Often alone and without the protection of loved ones,
We ask that you reunite them with their families and protect them from violence on the journey.

For all migrants, that they not feel compelled to migrate but have opportunities in their homeland where they can thrive and live fully human lives.

Open our hearts so that we may provide hospitality for those who come in search of refuge.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

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.

Give the Gift of Yourself

Consider giving just a little of yourself this Christmas season. Become a mentor to a child through Kinship of the Park Rapids Area. Time spent each month sharing your life with a new sidekick is all that is asked. Call Kinship at 218-732-0058 or go to www.kinshipparkrapids.org for more information.
~ Mari Jo Lohmeie

Sympathy

Our Lady of the Pines Church extends its sympathy and prayerful support to Rich Moen and the members of his family at the death of his wife **+Theresa "Terry" Moen.** Terry's Funeral Mass will be held at St. Peter's Church, Park Rapids on **Saturday, January 11th at 11:00 AM.** May she rest in peace!