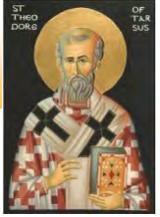


Our Lady of the Pines & St. Theodore of Tarsus

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

April 19, 2020

Divine Mercy Sunday

Origin of Divine Mercy Sunday



Mankind's need for the message of Divine Mercy took on dire urgency in the 20th Century, when civilization began to experience an "eclipse of the sense of God" and, therefore to lose the understanding of the sanctity and inherent dignity of human life. In the 1930s, Jesus chose a humble Polish nun, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, to receive private revelations concerning Divine Mercy that were recorded in her Diary.

St. John Paul II explains: *"This was precisely the time when those ideologies of evil, Nazism and Communism, were taking shape. Sister Faustina became the herald of the one message capable of off-setting the evil of those ideologies, that fact that God is mercy. And for this reason, when I was called to the See of Peter, I felt impelled to pass on those experiences of a fellow Pole that deserve a place in the treasury of the universal Church"*.

St. Faustina's Diary records 14 occasions when Jesus requested that a Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday be observed. For example: *"My daughter, tell the whole world about my inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of my tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of my mercy. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me. ... It is my desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter."* (Diary, no. 699)

On May 5, 2000, five days after the canonization of St. Faustina, the Vatican decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday.

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 218-652-4022 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, 04/18	4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation: Celebrated at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis Suspended: Weekend Mass at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis
Sunday, 04/19 Divine Mercy Sunday	10:30 AM	Suspended: Weekend Mass at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte Suspended: Weekend Mass at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis Sunday Mass from Our Lady of the Pines Church (without the Congregation) Live Radio Broadcast on: KDKK FM 97. 5 Online Streaming at: https://www.kkradionetwork.com/page/show/348858-kdkk-97-5-fm-starstation-
Monday, 04/20 PARISH OFFICE CLOSD		Cancelled: Quilt Group's Activity
Tuesday, 04/21 PARISH OFFICE CLOSD		Suspended: Weekday Mass at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis Cancelled: Money Counting Postponed: OLP Cemetery Committee Meeting, Nevis
Wednesday, 04/22 PARISH OFFICE CLOSD		Suspended: Weekday Mass at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis NO Faith Formation Classes for Nevis School Release Time Students NO Confirmation and Pre-Confirmation Classes Postponed: Confirmation Teachers Team Meeting, Nevis
Thursday, 04/23 PARISH OFFICE CLOSD		Suspended: Weekday Mass at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis
Friday, 04/24 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED		Suspended: Weekday Mass at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis
Saturday, 04/25	4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Postponed: STC Church Council Meeting, Laporte Sacrament of Reconciliation: Celebrated at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis Suspended: Weekend Mass at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis
Sunday, 04/26 3rd Sunday of Easter		Suspended: Weekend Mass at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte Suspended: Weekend Mass at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis

The Image of Divine Mercy

Jesus appeared to St. Faustina in a vision, with his right hand raised in a blessing and his left touching his garment above his heart. Red and white rays emanate from his heart, symbolizing the blood and water that was poured out for our salvation and our sanctification. The Lord requested that "Jesus, I trust in You" be inscribed under his image. Jesus asked that his image be painted and venerated throughout the world: "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish" (Diary, no. 48) and "By means of this image I will grant many graces to souls" (Diary, no. 742).

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy

The Chaplet was also given to St. Faustina with this promise: "Encourage souls to say the chaplet which I have given you" (Diary, no. 1541). "Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. ... Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy. I desire that the whole world know My infinite mercy" (Diary, no. 687).

Prayer for Divine Mercy

*Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion is inexhaustible,
look kindly upon us and increase your mercy in us
that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent,
but with great confidence submit ourselves to your holy will,
which is Love and Mercy itself. Amen*

Act of Spiritual Communion

(when you cannot receive Communion)

Lord Jesus,

I believe you are really present in the Blessed Sacrament.

I love you more than anything in the world.
and I hunger to receive you.

But since I cannot receive Communion at this moment,
feed my soul at least spiritually.

I unite myself to you now,
as I do when I actually receive you. Amen.

Some Excellent K-8 Resources for Families

With so many people homebound, we would like to provide you some resources for parents of Pre-K, & K-8 Grade children.

Talking to your children about the coronavirus

<https://childmind.org/article/talking-to-kids-about-the-coronavirus/>

Catholic Teacher Resources

<https://www.catholicteacherresources.com/category/free-resources/>

Catholic Family Resources

<https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/family>

CRS Rice Bowl Lenten Family Resources

Daily reflections for families about the meaning of lent.

<https://www.crsricebowl.org/families>

CatholicMom.com

So many excellent resources and ideas here!

<http://catholicmom.com/>

Our Sunday Visitor

www.teachingcatholickids.com

Stuck at Home Resources from OSV

<https://teachingcatholickids.com/stuck-at-home-here-are-some-resources-to-help/>

OLP Cemetery Spring Clean up

The Cemetery Committee of Our Lady of the Pines Church is Seeking Volunteers!

SPRING CLEAN UP

Lakeside & Woodland Cemeteries

MAY 16 AT 9:00 A.M.

Give us an hour or stay until we are finished!

Expect to be finished by noon.

Lunch will be served.

Bring rakes, blowers, tarps, etc.

RSVP: schankey5255@gmail.com or text (612) 760-9238

Proverb of the day - "Many hands make light work"

~ Steve Hankey

Stewardship Report For the Week of 04/12/2020	Our Lady of the Pines	St. Theodore's Church
NO Masses were celebrated		in our Parishes
2020 DAA Contribution \$ as of April 03, 2020 % of Parish Participation	\$8,602.00 (Goal: \$15,110) 62.17 %	\$1,755.00 (Goal: \$3,696) 56.95%

St. Theodore's Cemetery Clean Up Scheduled

Spring is here and soon many of us will be visiting our loved ones in our cemetery. To prepare for these visits and to beautify our cemetery the Cemetery Committee has chosen **Saturday, May 16th** for our annual grounds clean-up and we would appreciate your help. We will meet at the church at 8:30 AM for a light breakfast and begin work at 9:00 AM. Bring a rake or any other tools you have to aid with the cleanup. Please plan to help us to keep our Cemetery clean. If the weather doesn't cooperate we will move the cleanup day to **following week**.

Please note: Due Covid-19 virus Stay at Home order, if we have to change the date of Cemetery clean-up, we will let you know through bulletin announcement. Thank you in advance for volunteering your time. ~ Kevin Warne

Bids for Lawn Mowing at OLP & STC

Our Lady of the Pines Church and St. Theodore's Church, are accepting bids for lawn mowing of the Church yards, Rectory and Cemeteries. You may send in your bids to: Parish Office, Po Box 378, Nevis, MN 56467, before **April 30, 2020**

Monthly Assignments: April, 2020

OLP Hospitality Ministers	Mary Schiebe (C) and the Families of: Jeannine Johnson, Kathy Nagel Kelly Kramer, Mary Carrier Mary Jo Masloski & Peggy McAllister
OLP Altar Linen	Mary DeCrans
STC Hospitality Ministers	Carol Wellen (C) & the Families of: Dee Warne, Char Rauch Rodger Rudbeck & Ruth Grandy

Prayer Requests

Michael Capistrant; Ruth Day; Jerome Biessener; Nancy Osvold; Bonnie Conrad; Larry Belsky, Pat Dietenberger; Richard Daniels, Joan Blumberg, Kathy Roberts; Jen Bliss; Frank Determan; Pete Proulx; Anne Seifert; Barbara, Priscilla & Harold Dietenberger; Paul Carrano; Jim Behrman; Charles & Muriel Hamm; Dave Copeland; Debbie Clay; John Schumacher; Dorothy Pohl; Jodi Suram; Jacquelyn Carter & Marilyn 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.

2020 Diocesan Annual Appeal Report

On behalf of Bishop Hoepfner and the Stewardship Office of Crookston, we thank you for your generosity without supporting the ministry of our Diocese. Your support through the Diocesan Annual Appeal is vital and very gratefully received! As of **April 3rd** :

- ◆ 50 Parishioners of Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis have contributed a total of \$8,602.00 to the 2020 DAA. OLP is **\$6,508.00** from our parish goal of \$15,110.00
- ◆ 13 Parishioners of St. Theodore's Church, Laporte have contributed a total of \$1,755.00 to the 2020 DAA. STC is **\$1,941.00** from the parish goal of \$3,696.00.

If you haven't yet participated, please consider joining your friends and family in supporting the DAA. You'll find DAA envelopes for your use at the gathering place of our Churches.

~ Doug Scrapper & Char Rauch
Chairpersons of DAA 2020

Sunday Offering

Due to suspended public Masses, parishes are facing budget shortfalls without the collection plate. Sunday offerings are critical to the ongoing vitality and sustainability of our parishes to carry out the Mission of Jesus Christ. We are always thankful to our parishioners who are mailing their Sunday Envelopes or signed up for giving electronically during this difficult time.

To support our parish we encourage you to remain in prayer in the comfort of your home, and you may mail your Sunday offering to parish office at: **PO Box 378, Nevis, MN 56467**. The Diocese of Crookston has developed an "online giving" for every parish via the diocesan website, <https://www.crookston.org/parishgiving>. Using this link, you can give safely and securely by selecting our parish from the dropdown list. Funds are accepted by the Diocese of Crookston Catholic Community Foundation and then distributed weekly to the respective parish.

You may also consider signing up for ACH Automatic giving to our parishes through Citizen Bank, Park Rapids by filling out this form at: <https://d2y1pz2y630308.cloudfront.net/9562/documents/2020/2/Electronic%20Giving%20Form%20OLP%20%20STC%202020.pdf>

Whether you are able to set up an online donation or mail in your weekly envelope, your parish still needs your assistance. Stewardship is a spiritual practice and a way of living. It is also a precept of the Church. The faithful are obliged to "assist with the material needs of the Church, each according to his own ability" (CCC 2041-3). We ask that you please continue to support our parish to the extent that you are able.

OLP Divine Mercy Sunday Mass on Radio FM 97.5

Coming **Sunday, April 19th**, a private Divine Mercy Sunday Mass Congregation will be broadcast live from Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis. Kindly tune to **KKK FM 97.5** at 10:30 AM and join in our celebration of the mercy of God.

Those of you who are not able to tune to the Radio station due to distance, can hear our Mass through online streaming at: <https://www.kkradionetwork.com/page/show/348858-kdkk-97-5-fm-starstation>

"Peace in a Pandemic"

'Dynamic Catholic' will be extending their Lenten email videos to offer "Peace in a Pandemic" prayer challenge that helps us to pray 10 minutes a day for our families, communities, states, nation & world. If you were already getting a Daily Message from Dynamic Catholic, it's possible that you were invited to share in the prayer challenge. Or you may sign up at: <https://dynamiccatholic.com/daily-reflections>

First Holy Communion Celebration Postponed

We are sorry to postpone the First Holy Communion celebration of 3 of OLP parish children that was scheduled for May 3rd. After consulting the parents, their special occasion is rescheduled for **Sunday, September 27th**. Let us hold our First Communicants in our prayer. Like them, we too are waiting and longing for the day when we can receive the Eucharistic Lord in the Church. May these days help us grow in our desire to be united to the Lord in the sacrament of Eucharist.

Online "Shepherding Them Home" Program

Do you have a family member or friend who has left the Church? Those of us who remain in the Church often ask ourselves, "What can I do?" and often we have tried to reach out, but nothing seems to work. If you want to explore a new approach, you are invited to join Deacon Mark Krejci, Office of Formation in Discipleship for the Diocese of Crookston, for a two-session workshop on how to approach people who have fallen away from the faith. The sessions will help you develop a plan to guide you as you approach your loved one about coming home to the Church.

The workshop will be held online given the pandemic distancing we are in. We will meet on **April 27 & 28** from **7:00-8:30 PM**. You can be in the comfort of your home, but you will need an internet connection that allows for streaming video and audio. If you wish to register, please visit <https://bit.ly/STHApril2020> Just as Jesus sent out his disciples for the conversion of the world, He calls you to be His disciple for the conversion of those in your life who have left the faith.