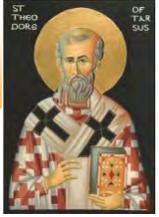


# Our Lady of the Pines & St. Theodore of Tarsus Catholic Churches



NEVIS, MN 56467      www.ccnevislaporte.org      LAPORTE, MN 56461  
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Parish Office Hours	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Parish Secretary	8:30 AM - 1:30 PM	8:30 AM - 1:30 PM	- -
Pastoral Assistant	- -	- -	8:30 AM - 1:30 PM

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May 24, 2020

The Ascension of the Lord



## A Memorial Day Prayer

*We remember Lord,  
those who sacrificed their youth, their health and their lives  
to keep our nation safe, strong and free.*

*We commend to Your mercy, Lord  
the souls of all who died in far too many wars;*

*And pray in a special way for those who live today  
with wounds that are slow to heal.*

*O Lord, we pray for peace based on justice  
and prosperity built on equality,  
and an end to greed, envy and revenge;  
that all wars may end forever.*

*We pray this in the name of Jesus, Your Son,  
who sacrificed His youth, health and life  
that all the world may be safe, strong and free.*

*Amen.*

### 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.

### 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, 05/23</b> Memorial Day Weekend	4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	<b>Postponed: Donut making at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis</b> <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation:</b> Celebrated at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis <b>Suspended: Weekend Mass at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis</b>
<b>Sunday, 05/24</b> Ascension of Our Lord  Memorial Day Weekend	10:30 AM	<b>Suspended: Weekend Mass at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte</b> <b>Suspended: Weekend Mass at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis</b> <b>Sunday Mass from Our Lady of the Pines Church (without the Congregation)</b> <b>Live Radio Broadcast by: KDKK FM 97. 5</b> <b>Online Streaming at: <a href="https://www.lightningstream.com/Player.aspx?call=KDKK">https://www.lightningstream.com/Player.aspx?call=KDKK</a></b>
<b>Monday, 05/25</b> PARISH OFFICE CLOSD		<b>Memorial Day</b> <b>Cancelled: Mass at Woodlawn Cemetery, Nevis</b>
<b>Tuesday, 05/26</b> PARISH OFFICE CLOSD		<b>Suspended: Weekday Mass at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis</b> <b>Cancelled: Money Counting at OLP, Nevis</b>
<b>Wednesday, 05/27</b> PARISH OFFICE CLOSD	10:00 AM	<b>Suspended: Weekday Mass at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis</b> OLP Corporate Body Meeting at Our Lady of the Pines Parish Hall
<b>Thursday, 05/28</b> Parish Office Open	10:00 AM	<b>Suspended: Weekday Mass at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis</b> OLP Facility Fire Inspection, Nevis
<b>Friday, 05/29</b> PARISH OFFICE CLOSED		<b>Suspended: Weekday Mass at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis</b>
<b>Saturday, 05/30</b>	4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	<b>Postponed: Donut making at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis</b> <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation celebrated at OLP, Nevis</b> <b>Suspended: Weekend Mass at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis</b>
<b>Sunday, 05/31</b> Pentecost Sunday	8:00 AM 8:30 AM  10:30 AM	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation celebrated at OLP, Nevis</b> <b>Weekend Mass at STC, Laporte with 30 people by Signup</b> For the Members of our Parishes <b>Weekend Mass at OLP, Nevis with 50 people by Signup</b> Birthday Blessings upon Mary Kay Kempf by Kempf Family <b>Live Radio Broadcast by: KDKK FM 97. 5</b> <b>Online Streaming at: <a href="https://www.lightningstream.com/Player.aspx?call=KDKK">https://www.lightningstream.com/Player.aspx?call=KDKK</a></b>

## Cemetery Decorations Policy

“From May to September, cemetery lot owners of Lakeside Cemetery and Woodlawn Cemetery in Nevis as well as St. Theodore's & St. Lawrence's cemeteries in Laporte / Guthrie are permitted to decorate the grave of their loved ones with temporary fixtures like flowers, statues or other decorative items. We ask you to remove all the decorations by September 30<sup>th</sup>. If for whatever reason a family is unable to remove them, the committee will remove the decorations at the end of October”.

The members of the Committee appreciates your cooperation and help in keeping our cemeteries sacred and beautiful.  
 ~ OLP & STC Cemetery Committees

## Adopt-a-Highway Needs Your Help!



We're looking for volunteers to help with our 'Spring 2020 Highway Cleanup' project. If you can spare a few hours starting at 5:30 pm on **Wednesday May 27th**, we could use your help. We will be practicing our social distancing and limiting the group size to 10 people. Note: If you are part of a family you can bring the family and do the cleanup together. Please email me at [dhudson@outlook.com](mailto:dhudson@outlook.com) or call (218-252-8408) if you're able to help. We look forward to seeing you there. (Rain date: May 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM.)

## ‘Home Coming’ to Church

The Bishops of MN asks us to reopen our Churches after Memorial Day with strict protocol for safety and social distancing. A Task Force, created from the Reps of our parishes, is working on the details how to ensure safety of the participants who will be invited to celebrate the Eucharist in the limited capacity of 1/3 of Church occupancy.

The Task Force suggest to celebrate Public Masses on **Sundays at 10:30 AM, starting May 30th** and **Wednesdays at 5:00 PM, starting June 3rd**. It will give us time to get ready with the needed materials and logistics. Parishioners will receive a detailed communication soon.

**Mass Attendance:** Please remember that for the time being you are under **NO OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS** and those who are at higher risk of infection, or at a higher risk to infect others should **NOT** come to Mass.

**Radio Masses:** We will continue to broadcast live our Sunday Masses on KDKK FM 97.5 at 10:30 AM. If you are far away from Park Rapids area, you can participate in the Mass by live streaming on your device from: <https://www.lightningstream.com/Player.aspx?call=KDKK>

**Parish Office:** Parish office is now open on **Thursdays from 9:30 – 2:30 PM** until the situation changes. For your needs, you may call the parish office during office hours at 218-652-4005 or email: [parishofficenevis@gmail.com](mailto:parishofficenevis@gmail.com) or visit the parish office keeping the guidelines of social distancing.  
~ Fr. Tony Fernando

## Sympathy and Prayerful Support

We extend our sympathy and condolences to Dee Warne and the members of her family at the death of her mother + Sylvia Dramstad. A family visitation and burial is being planned for Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> in the twin cities. We ask you to keep the family in your prayer. May +Sylvia rest in peace!

## Thank you, Volunteers!

Our Lady of the Pines and St. Theodore’s Cemetery Committees wish to thank all the volunteers who came forward to do a Spring Cleaning last Saturday in 3 of our cemeteries in Nevis and Laporte parishes.

- ◆ Under the leadership of Steven Hankey, 26 volunteers varied in age, worked together tirelessly at Woodlawn and Lakeside Catholic Cemeteries in Nevis.
- ◆ Marcel Noyes gathered 9 volunteers at St. Theodore’s Cemetery, Laporte who removed leaves, twigs, pine cones and any other debris that littered.

Thank you again to all the parishioners, visitors and friends who stepped up to mow, rake, leaf blow, pickup sticks and trash, repair the fencing and more! Great Job Volunteers!!  
~ OLP & STC Cemetery Committees

<b>Stewardship Report For the Week of 05/17/2020</b>	<b>Our Lady of the Pines</b>	<b>St. Theodore’s Church</b>
NO Masses were celebrated		in our Parishes
<b>2020 DAA Contribution</b> \$ as of May 19, 2020 % of Parish Participation	<b>\$12,457.00</b> (Goal: \$15,110) 38.41 %	<b>\$2,180.00</b> (Goal: \$3,696) 42.22%

## 2020 Diocesan Annual Appeal Report

On behalf of Bishop Hoepfner and the Stewardship Office of Crookston, we thank you for your generosity in supporting the ministry of our Diocese. Your support through the Diocesan Annual Appeal is vital and very gratefully received! As of **May 19th**:

- ◆ 63 Parishioners of Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis have contributed a total of \$12,457.00 to the 2020 DAA. OLP is **\$2,653.00** from our parish goal of \$15,110.00
- ◆ 19 Parishioners of St. Theodore’s Church, Laporte have contributed a total of \$2,180.00 to the 2020 DAA. STC is **\$1,516.00** 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.

~ Doug Scrapper & Char Rauch

## Join the 2020 Census Team

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or visit [2020census.gov/jobs](http://2020census.gov/jobs) ~ Kathy Sanders

Monthly Assignments: May, 2020	
OLP Hospitality Ministers	<b>Julie Pidge (C) and the Families of:</b> Catherine Krause, Kathy Wold, Jen McNamee, Judy Karl – Duclos, Olga Mosner, & Kathy Roberts
OLP Altar Linen	Carol Lindow
STC Hospitality Ministers	<b>Mary Pitzen (C) &amp; the Families of:</b> Mary Lynn Espenmiller & Katrina Nelson

## 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.



## OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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May 15, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During the past weeks, we bishops of Minnesota have proactively engaged public officials about the importance of some limited opening of our churches for Mass. A plan to resume public Masses May 18 in a limited manner - and only in places where parishes were willing and ready to follow a prescribed set of sanitation protocols - was submitted May 8 to the Governor for feedback. Four Lutheran denominations joined our letter to Governor Walz. A number of other denominations and independent churches submitted plans May 8, as well.

To our disappointment, the Governor and his administration declined to engage in dialogue with us on our proposal. While easing the stay-at-home order on May 13, the Governor's executive order *explicitly prohibited* faith-based gatherings with more than ten unrelated people. Governor Walz has called a meeting of faith leaders for Monday, May 18, to solicit feedback on a new set of public worship guidelines that his administration will be producing for churches and other houses of worship. The date of re-opening for religious gatherings of more than ten people, however, is still uncertain.

It is important for you, the Catholic faithful, to know that the Catholic bishops of Minnesota are united in their conviction that the decision of when to resume public Masses is ultimately ours, and not subject to the directives from the Governor or other public officials. Just as we dispensed with the Sunday obligation and suspended public Masses voluntarily before any executive orders were issued, the decision to gather again belongs to us alone.

Our decision will be guided by three principles: 1) the duty of worship we owe God and the rights of the faithful to the sacraments. 2) love of neighbor and concern for the common good, including the health and well-being of our neighbors; and 3) respect for public authorities and their directives and guidance. You can expect that we will weigh these considerations carefully as part of our common responsibility to the state, and that we will zealously protect our liberties to assemble and worship freely.

Early next week, we bishops of Minnesota will together decide on a path forward which will include identifying a specific date on which to return to limited public Masses of greater than ten people. In the meantime, we must continue to operate as we have been for the past weeks. This means creatively working within the ten-person limit to offer as many people as possible the opportunity to come to Mass and offering the Mass online. It means preparing for the day when our churches will be open for public worship according to established protocols. I am sending with this communication a detailed description of these protocols. When a date is set for reopening our churches for limited public worship, I hope that all our parishes will be ready to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass to the faithful. It is important that parishes return to a limited public celebration of the Mass only when they are ready, are comfortable with, and able to implement carefully these protocols. We know that many of you share our frustration and sadness about the Governor's decision to prohibit religious gatherings of more than 10 people.

We ask that you continue to pray for an end to the pandemic and for our civic leaders, and that you presume the good will of those charged with these important and difficult decisions. Let us ask the Lord to help us cultivate patience, serenity, and peace of soul during our continued Eucharistic fast - believing that God will bring many graces from our sacrifices.

Sincerely, in the name of the Lord Jesus,

Most Rev. Michael J. Hoeppner  
Bishop of Crookston