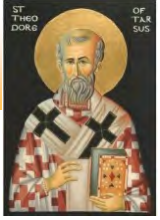


Our Lady of the Pines & St. Theodore of Tarsus Catholic Churches



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Parish Secretary	8:30 AM - 1:30 PM	8:30 AM - 1:30 PM	8:30 AM - 1:30 PM
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April 8, 2018

Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday Reflection: A Journey from Doubt to Faith



The room where the disciples were hiding after the crucifixion was a place of fear and doubt: "The doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews." The Risen Lord comes into their midst and immediately calms their shaken spirits: "Peace be with you."

We can certainly relate to the disciples locking themselves away, for modern life is rife with skepticism and full of real and inflated fears. In our locked rooms, the risen Lord comes among us and bids us to go forth to live: "Do not be afraid; I am with you always."

We have many versions of the locked room where the disciples hid. We lock ourselves away in diversions - entertainment, shopping, sports, possessions - to distract us. We lock ourselves into entrenched ideological positions for fear of change or compromise. We lock ourselves into war or violence as a would be defense against our enemies. Sometimes we literally lock ourselves away behind fences, gates, walls, or security measures.

There is always a place in faith for reasonable precaution, but the Risen Lord offers us the courage to break the unhealthy or excessive locks of fear so that we may live freely and in peace. The upper room is a place of stubborn doubt. Thomas makes it clear that he will not believe until he sees the firsthand proof.

After examining the wounds of the Risen Lord, Thomas relents, "My Lord and my God." Perhaps in our own way, we too seek evidence or proofs to dispel our doubts. There are surely signs and wonders in this world that can ease our skepticism, but the Lord suggests that faith is superior: "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

~ Jerry Welte

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, 04/07	4:15 - 4:45 PM 5:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation: at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis Mass at OLP: Wedding Anniversary Remembrance of +Lillian Juelich by Theora and Lynn Goodrich
Sunday, 04/08 Divine Mercy Sunday	8:00 AM 8:30 AM 10:00 - 10:45 AM 9:15 - 10:15 AM 10:30 AM 11:45 AM	Sacrament of Reconciliation: at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte Mass at STC: For +George Noyes by Theora and Lynn Goodrich Hospitality served at STC following the Mass First Holy Communion Class at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte First Holy Communion Class at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis Mass at OLP: For the members of our parishes CLOW Leaders: Lisa Kriens & Jack Johnson Marriage Preparation Class
Monday, 04/09 PARISH OFFICE CLOSD		No Mass Pastors Day Off
Tuesday, 04/10	12:00 Noon 10:30 AM 4:30 PM	Mass at OLP: For the Good Health of Shawn Karl by Judy Karl Duclos & Family Money Counters: Terry Lenz, Loren Kramer and Carol Dierkhising Parish Staff Meeting at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis
Wednesday, 04/11	9:00 AM 12:00 - 2:00 PM 12 Noon - 3:00 PM 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Mass at OLP: For + Frank Combs by Bob & Donna Lindow FF Class for Laporte School Release Students at St. Theodore's Church Faith Formation Classes for Nevis School Release Time Students at OLP FF Class for Confirmation and Pre-Confirmation Students in Nevis
Thursday, 04/12	9:00 AM	Mass at OLP: For + Irene Lundell by Mary and Sheldon Schiebe
Friday, 04/13 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	9:00 AM 9:30 - 10:30 AM	Mass at OLP: For + Laverna Schulte by Connie & Tom Walz Eucharistic Adoration
Saturday, 04/14	4:15 - 4:45 PM 9:00 AM 5:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation: at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis First Holy Communion Rehearsal at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis Mass at OLP: Birthday Blessings on Beth Haneey by Mary Kempf
Sunday, 04/15 3rd Sunday of Easter First Holy Communion at Our Lady of the Pines Church NO CLOW	8:00 AM 8:30 AM 9:30 - 10:30 AM 10:30 AM 11:45 AM 1:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation: at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte Mass at STC: For the Members of our Parishes First Holy Communion Class at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte First Holy Communion Mass at OLP: Birthday Blessings on Molly Senger by a Well wisher Bingo at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte
Upcoming Events	April 16 - 18 April 17 April 18 April 18 April 18 April 19 April 21 & 22 April 22 April 25 April 25 April 28 April 29 May 02 May 03	NO Weekday Masses: Crookston Priests Annual Meeting in Bemidji KC General Meeting at 7:00 PM FF Class for Laporte School Release Students from STC at 12:00 – 2:00 PM FF Class for Nevis School Release Students from OLP at 12:00 - 3:00 PM FF Class for Confirmation and Pre-Confirmation Students, Nevis at 6:30 PM STC Cemetery Committee Meeting in Laporte at 2:30 PM Birthday and Anniversary Celebration at OLP following Mass Marriage Prep Class at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis at 11:45 AM Last Faith Formation Classes at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis STC Guild Meeting at St. Theodore's Church, Laporte at 7:00 PM OLP Lakeside & Woodlawn Catholic Cemeteries Cleanup at 9:00 AM, Nevis Marriage Prep Class at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis at 11:45 AM OLP Faith Formation Teachers Meeting, Nevis at 6:30 PM OLP Finance Council Meeting, Nevis at 10:00 AM

Our Lady of the Pines Church Liturgical Ministers Saturday, April 14, 2018	
Sacristan	Help Needed
Musician	Ardis Johnson
Cantor	Jeanette Goehring
Lectors	Jesse Clack, Judy Thompson, & Connie Walz
Altar Servers	Mallory Kowalke, Blake Kowalke & Miranda Kowalke
Ushers	Don Dierkhising, Mark Carter, Tom Walz & Ken Thompson
Greeters	Judy Thompson & Donna Lindow
Eucharistic Ministers	Rita Schuldt (C), Loren Kramer & Theora Goodrich

Sunday: April 15, 2018	
Sacristans	Bob DeCrans & Mary DeCrans
Musician	Ardis Johnson
Cantor	Karie Lindow and Angie Lindow
Lectors	Mary Schiebe, Holly Funk & Sheldon Schiebe
Altar Servers	Tyler Lindow, Spencer Lindow & Brenna Lindow
Ushers	Jason Funk, Mike Van Guilder, Ed DeLaHunt & Clarence Marketon
Greeters	Mary DeCrans & Cheryl Van Guilder
Eucharistic Ministers	Carol Lindow (C), John Lindow, Doug Scrapper, Mary DeCrans & Bob DeCrans

St. Theodore's Church Liturgical Ministers Sunday: April 15, 2018	
Sacristan	Charlotte Rauch
Song Leader	Charlotte Rauch
Lectors	Carol Wellen, Ruth Grandy & Kevin Warne
Altar Servers	Anna Katzenmeyer, Calli Watson & Blake Watson
Ushers	Gary Roerick & Marcel Noyes
Greeters	Bonnie Conrod & Irene Fehn
Eucharistic Ministers	Joe Eisterhold (C), Dee Warne & Lisa Katzenmeyer

Stewardship Report For the Week of 04/01/2018	Our Lady of the Pines	St. Theodore's Church
Easter Sunday Offering	\$3981.98	\$765.00
STC Second Collection: For Laporte Food Shelf	--	\$238.00
Good Friday Collection: For Holy Land	515.00	\$168.00
Candle Envelopes	\$22.00	--
Rectory Project Donation	\$100.00	--
Easter Flower	\$10.00	--
2018 DAA Contribution \$ as of March 29, 2018 % of Parish Participation	\$6441.00 (Goal: \$13,852 18.72 %)	\$ 1222.00 (Goal: \$3,526) 17.11 %

2018 Diocesan Annual Appeal Report

On behalf of Bishop Hoepfner and the Diocese of Crookston, we thank you for your generosity in supporting the ministry of the Diocese. Your support through the Diocesan Annual Appeal is vital and very gratefully received! As of **March 29th** :

- ◆ 41 Parishioners of Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis have contributed a total of \$ 6441.00 to the 2018 DAA. OLP is **\$6306.00** from our parish goal of \$13852.00
- ◆ 13 Parishioners of St. Theodore's Church, Laporte have contributed a total of \$1222.00 to the 2018 DAA. STC is **\$2129.00** from the parish goal of \$3526.00.

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

OLP Cemeteries Clean up

Come and help clean up Lakeside and Woodlawn Catholic Cemeteries! We have scheduled **Saturday, April 28**, and if weather permits, the cleanup will start at 9:00 AM. Your help will make quick work of the whole project. Confirmation Students are welcome and can earn your service hours. For more information, please call Jim McAllister at 218-652-2559 and signup today!
~ Jim McAllister

OLP Monthly Assignments: April 2018	
Hospitality Ministers	Mary Schiebe (C), Kelly Kramer, Mitzi Adrian, Kathy Nagel, Jeannene Johnson, Leah Walters, Faye Piersant.
Altar Linen	Marcy DeCrans

Prayer Requests

Carla Wheeler, Nicholas Davis, Julie Mischel, Rita Cole, Trent Cole, Ed Dvorak, Brenda Nulliner, Marie Hassler, Irene Fehn, Jerry Amundson, Jack and Kathy Roberts, Shawn Karl, Sue Joerger, Greg Carter, Jan Lundberg, Dennis Schafer, Larry Yunker, Alan Knott, Shirley Tatro, Peg Koltavy, Dorothy Goeden, Barbara Dietenberger, Priscilla Dietenberger, Harold Dietenberger, Paul Mockenhaupt, Jean Dryness.

First Holy Communion Class of 2018

Three of our children from Our Lady of the Pines Church will be receiving their First Holy Communion on **Sunday, April 15** in Nevis during 10:30 AM Mass. Parents, please note: First Holy Communion rehearsal will be on **Saturday, April 14th at 9:00 AM**. Please be present.

The children from St. Theodore Church will receive their First Holy communion on **Sunday, May 6th** in Laporte. We thank the parents of these children and their teachers, Angie Lindow and Lisa Katzenmeyer for their hard work to prepare them.

Our Sympathy and Prayer

- ◆ Our Lady of the Pines Church offers its sympathy to Jill Geisen Clack at the death of her mother + **Leola Marion Geisen**, who died on March 31st at the age of 95. Her funeral arrangements are pending. Let us hold Jill and the members of her family in our prayers. May May +Leola Rest in Peace!
- ◆ We extend our prayerful support to Sheldon Schiebe and the members of his family at the death of his brother + **Gary Schiebe**, who died on April 3rd. His Memorial Service will be held on April 27 in Wayzata. Eternal Rest grant unto him O, Lord!

Beginning Experience Weekend

"Beginning Experience" is a support program offered by the Catholic Church and open to divorced, widowed, and separated persons of all Faiths, or no Faith. A Beginning Experience Weekend will be held from **June 22 - 24, 2018**, at Hankinson Retreat Center. For more information, or to register, contact Matt Tedrick (701-541-6095) or the website beginningexperience-easternnd.org.

~ Bernie Schneider

Now Hiring!

Diocese of Crookston is hiring a Formator for Discipleship in Adults and Youth. This person will serve pastors, parish staffs, parish leadership, and parishioners in the Diocese of Crookston to respond to the call to be intentional disciples, to evangelize and reach out to fallen away Catholics, and to evangelize the increasing numbers who have no religious identity.

Applicants should have education and experience in such areas as service, catechesis, youth ministry, parish ministry, etc. The qualifying candidate needs to be a practicing Catholic who has an understanding of the teachings of the Catholic Church and the desire to promote them. This position is full time with competitive salary and benefits. Send resume and three references to: Msgr. Michael Foltz, Diocese of Crookston, P.O. Box 610, Crookston, MN 56716 or by email to: mfoltz@crookston.org. Interviews begin **April 25th, 2018**.

Divine Mercy Sunday



This weekend liturgies, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. Our celebration emphasizes a powerful message: that God loves us; He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. This consoling message is addressed to all of us who are afflicted by the weight of sins, have lost all confidence in life and are tempted to give in to despair.

The devotion to Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Mary Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy.

In the year 1931, she had a vision of Jesus as the King of Divine Mercy, wearing a white gown and having white and red rays flowing from His side. She was told to paint this picture and under it put the words, "Jesus, I trust in you." She was to be an apostle of the Mercy of God, letting the world know about the compassion of the Lord.

St. John Paul II said in his canonization homily that St. Faustina was told that the two rays coming from Jesus' heart represented blood and water. Blood referred to the sacrifice of the cross, and the gift of the Eucharist. Water referred to the gifts of baptism and the Holy Spirit. Jesus told her, "My daughter, tell people that I am love and mercy personified."

May Jesus' rays from his heart touch us, shine upon us, warm us, show us the way and fill us with hope. This weekend fixing our gaze on the face of the risen Christ, let us say with firm hope: Christ Jesus, I trust in you!

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.

Bid for Mowing Lakeside Catholic Cemetery

Our Lady of the Pines Parish Cemetery Committee is asking for bids for mowing Lakeside Catholic Cemetery summer 2018. You may send your bids to: The Chairperson, C/O Our Lady of the Pines Parish Office, PO Box: 378; Nevis, MN 56467. Bids should be in by **April 20th**.

~ Jim MacAllister