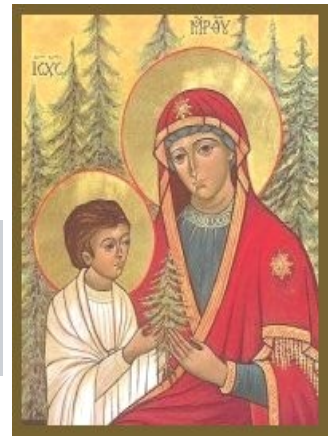


Our Lady of the Pines Akeley/Nevis

St. Theodore of Tarsus Laporte

P.O. Box 378, Nevis, MN 56467



## The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Sunday, December 25, 2011

Catholic Community of East Hubbard County



### Solemnity of Christmas

“The true light, which enlightens everyone,  
was coming into the world.”

Merry Christmas! Tonight (today) we join Christians throughout the world who are celebrating the birth of the Savior. Communities large and small gather in cathedrals and chapels, in homes and convents, and, in some cases, on the battlefield — all gather to remember and give thanks for Jesus, our Emmanuel who promises to be with us always. Let us join this great multitude and add our praise to theirs.

### Liturgical Ministers

And New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.  
Sign up sheets are in the back of the church.  
Thank You!

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

Monday	Dec	26	No Mass @ OLP
Tuesday	Dec	27	No Mass @ OLP
Wednesday	Dec	28	8:30 a.m. Mass @ OLP - Paul Erickson+
Thursday	Dec	29	8:30 a.m. Mass @ OLP - Candy Clausen 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	Dec	30	8:30 a.m. Mass @ OLP - Donna Fitzhenry+

[www.olpparish.org](http://www.olpparish.org)

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>5:00 p.m. New Year's Eve Mass - Nevis</b> - Al Melius
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8:30 a.m. New Year's Day Mass - Laporte</b> - People of the Parishes (Remember our beloved and faithful departed.) <b>10:30 a.m. New Year's Day Mass - Nevis</b> - For Fr. Duane Priesthood

Mission Statement: We, the worshipping Catholic community of Our Lady of the Pines, commit to live out Christ's love and mercy through prayerful service, conduct and teaching both locally and globally.

## EVENTS AT OLP

Thursday, December 29, 2012

- ◆ Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament @ 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
- ◆ Bethany ELCA Lutheran Church Free Supper @ 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 31, 2011



- ◆ 5:00 p.m. New Year's Eve Mass - Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God and World Day for Peace.

Sunday, January 1, 2012

- ◆ 10:30 a.m. New Year's Day Mass - Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God and World Day for Peace.

Thursday, January 12, 2012

- ◆ UCAN Meeting @ Bethany ELCA Lutheran Church @ 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, January 14, 2012

- ◆ Combined OLP Pastoral Council & Finance Council Meeting @ 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
- ◆ Confirmation Meeting with parents and candidates @ 1:00—2:30 p.m.
- ◆ AV TEC 222 January 14-16, 2012 @ St. Joseph's, Moorhead

Saturday, January 21, 2012

- ◆ First Communion Meeting with parents and candidates @ 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
- ◆ Couples' Retreat @ Northern Pines Assembly Grounds, Park Rapids @ 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

*Merry Christmas*

For donations to the church to be recorded as 2011 contributions they must be received by Saturday, December 31, 2011.



**Couples' Retreat**  
**Saturday, January 21, 2011**  
**Northern Pines Assembly Grounds**  
**20833 Highway 1, Park Rapids**  
**8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Fr. Jerry Rogers will be facilitating a Couples' Retreat on Saturday, January 21, 2011 at Northern Pines Camp Grounds (2 miles north of the Holiday Station). The retreat will run from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and will conclude with Mass. There is a \$7 per person charge for lunch. For more information and to make reservations contact John Lindow 652-0321. A free will offering will be accepted.

## Thank you!



Thank you to all the people who donated their time, talent and treasurer to make our church look beautiful for the Christmas/Epiphany Season. Special thanks to Jan Lundberg, Joan Dartt and Terry Lenz. Thank you.  
-Pat Hrubes

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

For the Month of December 2011

**Christmas Eve Mass—Saturday, December 24th**  
**@ NEVIS @ 5:00 P.M.**

**MUSICIAN:** Ardis Johnson (12/24/11)  
**SONG LEADER:** Choir (12/24/11)  
**PROCLAIMERS:** Mike DeWulf, Mary Schiebe  
**INTERCESSIONS:** Kate Schrader  
**HOLY COMMUNION:** Joan Blumberg, Jeannine Frank, Tom Frank, Nancy Greene, Jan Lundberg  
**SERVERS:** DeWulf Boys  
**GREETERS:** Dee Dvorak, Kate Schrader, Dorothy Welle  
**GIFT BEARERS:** volunteers  
**USHERS:** Ed Juelich, Mike Green, Tom Walz, Ed Dvorak, Joseph Oupoh, Arnie Lundberg, Dee Dvorak  
**SACRISTAN:** Leah Pigatti

**Christmas Day Mass—Sunday, December 25th**  
**@ NEVIS @ 10:30 A.M.**

**MUSICAN:** Bonnie Vokes (12/25/11)  
**SONG LEADER:** Connie Walz (12/25/11)  
**PROCLAIMERS:** John Masog, JoAnn Zerwekh-Masog  
**INTERCESSIONS:** Theora Goodrich  
**HOLY COMMUNION -** Bob DeCrans, Mary DeCrans & 3 volunteers  
**SERVERS:** 2 volunteers  
**GREETERS:** 4 volunteers  
**USHERS:** 4 volunteers  
**SACRISTAN:** Mary & Bob DeCrans  
\*\*\*Haiti Collection - 3rd Sunday of the Month



**Fr. Duane Pribula** *Call for appointments regarding pastoral assistance, counseling, a visit, or prayer.*

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Cell Phone 218-790-0091  
Parish House 218-652-2785

**Parish Secretary, Jan Lundberg**  
Email: maryolp@unitelc.com  
Office Hours: Tues., Wed., Thurs., 9 am to 3 pm  
Fax: 218-652-4022

**OLP Faith Formation Secretary, Pat Hrubes**  
Email: olpnevis@live.com  
Office Hours: Mon., Wed., Fri., 9 am to 3 pm  
**Bulletin deadline: Tuesday, 10 am**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** 4:15 Saturday and after Mass at Nevis or call for a time.

**Certified Lay Ecclesial Minister,**  
**John Lindow**

# ST. THEODORE'S NEWS

A Mission Statement:

To KNOW Jesus Christ...To LOVE Jesus Christ...To SERVE Jesus Christ

**Sunday Mass** - 8:30 a.m.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** - Sunday, 8:00 a.m. or after Mass

**Food Shelf Collection** - 1st Sunday of the Month

**Haiti Collection** - 2nd collection, 3rd Sunday

**Eucharistic Adoration** - Tuesdays 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

**Sunday, December 25, 2011**  
**8:30 a.m.**

**HOLY COMMUNION:** Ray Copa, Charlotte Rauch, Jo-Ann O'Connell

**PROCLAIMER:** Bonnie Conrad

**INTERCESSIONS:** Linda Adelman

**USHERS:** Roger Rudbeck, Gary Roerick

**SERVERS:** Volunteers

**GREETER:** Jo-Ann O'Connell

## St. Theodore's Stewardship Report

**December 18, 2011**

Adult Envelopes	\$	205.00 ( 9 envelopes)
Plate	\$	27.00
TOTAL	\$	232.00
Collection for Retired Religious	\$	8.00
Christmas Flowers	\$	20.00
Haiti	\$	70.00

If you have any questions call Fr. Duane. Consider your parish and other charities as you make your will and plan your estate.

## St. Theodore's Prayer List

Ray Copa, Joe Conrad, Nolan Rock. Pray for peace, all military personnel and missionaries.

Call the office at 652-4005 to keep a name on the list or add someone new.

For donations to the church to be recorded as 2011 contributions they must be received by Saturday, December 31, 2011.

**Wednesday, December 28 , 2011**

◆ **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament @ 11:30 - 12:30 a.m.**

**Sunday, January 1, 2012**

◆ **8:30 a.m. New Year's Day Mass.**  
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God and World Day of Prayer for Peace.



## **Pastor's Table-talk:**

Every time a hand reaches out to help another....  
**that is Christmas.**

Every time someone puts anger aside and strives for understanding....  
**that is Christmas.**

Every time people put aside their differences and realize their godly concern and love for each other....  
**that is Christmas.**

May you come to see Christ Jesus, God's Word  
...in your family members, friends, strangers  
and neighbors.

May you come to see Christ Jesus, God's Word  
...in our weekly Sunday assembly and in His  
Holy Word, the Sacred Scriptures.

May you come to see Christ Jesus, God's Word  
...in all Seven Sacraments, and especially the  
Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.

May you come to see Christ Jesus, God's Word  
...in both difficult times & places, and in the  
joy-filled times & places.

May you come to see Christ Jesus, God's Word  
...in all children, teenagers and adults and  
especially "the needy hungry" among us.

**The three comings of Jesus Christ:**

1. **Christ Jesus has come** Yesterday  
... in the shepherds' cave at Bethlehem.
2. **Christ Jesus is coming** Today

## **Note from your pastor:**

Thank you for your kind Christmas prayer-cards and your special gifts. I am grateful for your prayers and the many kind expressions of your friendship & love. May God generously bless you, your family and friends. And let us pray for the divine gift of God's peace in all relationships and among all nations.

Peace. Mir. Pax. Shalom.

Paxtecum (God's peace be with you!)

- Fr. Duane Pribula

## **An Irish Christmas Blessing**

The light of the Christmas star to you,  
The warmth of home and hearth to you,  
The cheer and good will of friends to you,  
The hope of a childlike heart to you,  
The joy of a thousand angels to you,  
The love of the Son and God's peace to you.

Merry Christmas &  
Happy New Year  
Jan & Pat

**New Parishioners:**

We welcome you to Our Lady of the Pines and St. Theodore Parishes. Please stop by the office or call to register.

**Baptisms and Weddings (Congratulatory):**

Please contact Fr. Duane 6-8 months before a wedding.

**Pastoral Visitation:**

If you desire a home visit for communion for the homebound, a pastoral visit, or the Sacrament of the Sick, please call Fr. Duane.

**Akeley/Nevis Food Shelf:**

Tuesdays 9-11 am, 652-2388

**Laporte Food Shelf:**

Tuesdays 5-7 pm—218-224-2312

**Hubbard County Food Shelf:**

218-732-1282

**OLP Prayer Tree Coordinator:**

Jean Beland—652-3705

**Magnificat**

Jeanette Goehring—652-2325

**Interfaith Living at Home/Block****Nurse/Caregiving Program:**

732-3137,

Joan Blumberg—732-7747

**UCAN: First Lutheran (Akeley)**

Tues., 9-11:00 am, 652-3335

**Diocese of Crookston web**

site: [www.crookston.org](http://www.crookston.org)

**Crisis Line (AA/etc.):**

800-462-5525

**Mahube Community Council:**

732-7204

**Mahube Family Crisis Care:**

732-7204

**MN Problem Gambling Hotline:**

800-437-3641

**Pregnancy Resource Center:**

732-5212

**Headwaters Intervention Center:**

800-939-2199 or 732-7413

**Sexual Assault Program:**

800-708-2727

**Senior LinkAge Line:**

800-333-2433

**Youth Crisis Hotline:**

800-448-3000

**Legal Services for Low-Income**

Elderly: 800-450-8585

**Marriage/Family:**

[www.ForYourMarriage.org](http://www.ForYourMarriage.org)

**The Hunger Site:**

[www.hungersite.com](http://www.hungersite.com)

**Hubbard County Social**

Services: 732-1451

**Kinship Mentoring for Children**

732-0058

**Diocesan Victim Assistance**

**Coordinator:** To report child abuse by church personnel call LouAnn McGlynn 218-281-7895

**Christ Is Born in Us**

Denise Simeone

If it weren't for his life, we wouldn't be celebrating his birth. If it weren't for the way he lived his life, the story heard at the Christmas Vigil, the one that then proclaims his genealogy and the story of Joseph's dream and act of faith about the Emmanuel to be born, would fall on deaf ears. Were it not for the witness he gave and the actions he did during his ministry in Galilee, there would be no midnight hymns and songs of praise, and the stories of the gathering shepherds would make no difference. It would have been just another night and just another baby born in an overcrowded town.

And then there would be no need for this convincing Gospel proclamation from John on Christmas morning, cementing his identity as the Word made flesh and our place as children of God born of God's decision to become one with us. Word made flesh, Emmanuel, only Son of God, true light—Jesus Christ was born among us, lived among us, preached, healed, taught and loved among us human beings. His way, his path of life gave witness to how children of God are called to love one another as they love God. His life is what gives us reason to celebrate his birth. And his birth in us compels us to live the same witness so that we might sing with Psalm 98: "All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God."

God's saving power is seen over all the earth as God comes again and again in our lives, our actions, our witness, our proclamation. Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem thousands of years ago. Yet Jesus Christ is born here, now, in what we do and how we live and in the way that we give expression to the incarnated love of God. Born once in human history, God is born again and again in our very lives, our homes neighborhoods, our workplaces and shopping centers, our parks and our playgrounds.

Like John the Baptist, whom John the Evangelist highlights in this Gospel passage, we too are called to testify to the light, to proclaim that this is indeed the true light that gives everyone a chance at light in the darkness, offers all the possibility of salvation from the power of sin, bestows God's loving grace and kindness on all the world, and reveals God's inclusive love to all the oppressed and ostracized.

The arrival of this new world is indeed glad tidings and good news, as Isaiah proclaims in the first reading. Shouts of joy, songs of praise, announcements of peace and salvation are the new song to be sung by all believers. This is indeed a new world filled with God's wondrous deeds of justice, kindness and faithfulness, a new world where all creation breaks into song and praise, where trumpets blast from the rooftops!

**We remember his birth because of how he lived among us. We celebrate again and again his birth and his coming again by our very lives. Every day could be Christmas if we allowed the Christ child to be born where we walk, where we eat and drink, where we mix with people—family and associates, neighbors and strangers, friends and enemies. Everywhere we walk we carry Christ. Everywhere we go Christ goes with us and is born again and again in those loving and messy relationships between the beloved children of God, the brothers and sisters of Jesus, the heirs of God's loving promises. We make the Word flesh right here, right now.**

**Christmas/Epiphany Flower Memorials**

If you would like to make a donation towards flowers for the church for the Christmas/Epiphany Season, please use this form and return to the church office or place in the collection basket.

In Honor or Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Donated by \_\_\_\_\_

Amount \_\_\_\_\_ **Thank You!**

**Prayer Requests****Our Lady of the Pines**

Candy Clausen, Tim Eischens, Kaden Goehring, Staff Sgt Cote Brouillette, Air Force, Afghanistan (grandson of Joe & Kay Knuth), Airman Patrick Kriens Iraq, (son of Dennis & Lisa Kriens), Betty Rand, Patricia Malm, Barbara Schmidt Garcia (niece of Jean Beland), Bill Kramer, Donna Voigt, Ben Bates, grandson of Ed & Sally Froelich, Betty Hanson, Ron Kimbell, (father of Ronda DeWulf), Jim Krause, Edna Mechelke, Stacy Karl, Lloyd & Pat Nedved, Mike & Kathy Duclos, Diana Altrichter (niece of Dick & Ceil Daniels), First Sgt. Brendan J. Jay, Kuwait (son of Marvin & Margaret Koktavy), Angela McCluhan, Ray Voigt, Joe & Kay Knuth, Rose Lendt, Ron McGuire, Mike Snyder, Ken Koller, Terry Jay, son of Margaret & Marvin Koktavy, Laura Jordahl, Mary Capistrant, Diny Golder, Rob Micheau & family, Bernie & Kim Jones & family, Russel Dupuis, John C., Judy Winters, Christopher Dynan, Joe Koktavy, Jeff G., Sue Miller (daughter of Ron & Joan McGuire), Dr. P., Sam Wilkinson, Ethel Thomas, Gordon C. Gaddel, Barb Harrington, Ricky Swanson, Fr. Ronel Vildor and parishioners of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and the youth of our parishes. Pray for peace, all military personnel, and missionaries.

Names will remain on the prayer list for one month. Call the office at 652-4005 to keep a name on the list or add some-one new.

**OUR LADY OF THE PINES  
STEWARDSHIP  
December 18, 2011**

Adult Envelopes	\$ 1,008.00 ( 42 envelopes )
Mailed in Offerings	\$ 660.00
Plate	\$ 113.00
Youth	19.08
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,800.08</b>
1% Haiti School	\$ 18.00
2% Local Needy	\$ 36.00
Building Fund	\$ 30.00
Haiti	\$ 121.00
Candles	\$ 22.00
Collection for Retired Religious	\$ 38.00