

# Bulletin for the Catholic Parishes of Oklee, Grygla, and Goodridge

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**Bulletin Deadline**

**Wednesday:** Noon

C l e r g y C o l u m n

Today we honor the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph! A nice custom that many Catholics once practiced was to write the initials of the Holy Family (J.M.J.) at the top of every letter or card or letter they wrote. This is a practice that I heartily recommend. Everything we write should come with the blessing of the Holy Family, otherwise it is probably not worth being written. In fact, I was recently watching an episode of Archbishop Fulton Sheen’s tv program, and I noticed that every time he used the chalk board to explain a point he was making, he began with this salutation to the Holy Family.

“The Family that prays together stays together.” This was the slogan of Fr. Peyton’s Rosary Crusade across the United States. He even made his way up to our own diocese. In the 1950s, in the city of Crookston, there was a Rosary Rally that had thousands of people in attendance. His slogan is true. If you want your family to be holy, you must pray together, and the preeminent way for Catholics to do this is to recite the Holy Rosary. If this is a practice that has lapsed in your family, return to it once again, and if you never did it, now is a great time to begin.

**Weekly Schedule**

**St. Francis Xavier Parish in Oklee**

	<u>Mass Times</u>	<u>Confessions</u>
Sun:	8:00 a.m.	7:30 a.m.
Tues:	8:00 a.m.	7:45 a.m.
Wed:	8:00 a.m.	7:45 a.m.
Thurs:	8:00 a.m.	7:45 a.m.
Fri:	8:00 a.m.	7:45 a.m.

**St. Clement Parish in Grygla**

	<u>Mass Times</u>	<u>Confessions</u>
Sun:	11:45 a.m.	11:30 a.m.

**St. Ann Parish in Goodridge**

	<u>Mass Times</u>	<u>Confessions</u>
Sun:	10:00 a.m.	9:45 p.m.



**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**

Scripture tells us practically nothing about the first years and the boyhood of the Child Jesus. All we know are the facts of the sojourn in Egypt, the return to Nazareth, and the incidents that occurred when the twelve-year-old boy accompanied his parents to Jerusalem. In her liturgy the Church hurries over this period of Christ's life with equal brevity. The general breakdown of the family, however, at the end of the past century and at the beginning of our own, prompted the popes, especially the far-sighted Leo XIII, to promote the observance of this feast with the hope that it might instill into Christian families something of the faithful love and the devoted attachment that characterize the family of Nazareth. The primary purpose of the Church in instituting and promoting this feast is to present the Holy Family as the model and exemplar of all Christian families. Almighty God, who was pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues

of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You, and with the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**Prayer of Dedication to the Holy Family**

Lord Jesus Christ, being subject to Mary and Joseph, You sanctified family life by Your virtues. Grant that we, with the help of Mary and Joseph, may be taught by the example of Your Holy Family, and may enjoy its everlasting companionship.

Most loving Savior, look upon my family in Your loving kindness, preserve us from danger, give us help in time of need, and grant us the grace to persevere to the end in imitation of Your Holy Family, so that having revered You and loved You faithfully in this life, we may praise You eternally with Joseph & Mary in the next. Lord Jesus, help us ever to follow the example of Your Holy Family, that in the hour of our death Your glorious Virgin Mother together with Saint Joseph may come to meet us, and we may be worthy to be received by You into the everlasting joys of heaven. Christ our King, You live and reign forever. Amen

The Solemnity of **Mary Mother of God** falls exactly one week after [Christmas](#), the end of the [octave](#) of Christmas. It is fitting to honor Mary as Mother of Jesus, following the birth of Christ. When Catholics celebrate the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God we are not only honoring Mary, who was chosen among all women throughout history to bear God incarnate, but we are also honoring our Lord, who is fully God and fully human. Calling Mary "mother of God" is the highest honor we can give Mary. Just as Christmas honors Jesus as the "Prince of Peace," the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God honors Mary as the "Queen of Peace" This solemnity, falling on New Year's Day, is also designated the World Day of Peace.



<p><b><u>We are the Hands of Christ</u></b></p> <p><b>Are</b> you good at making people feel welcome? When you meet someone new, a new neighbor, a new work colleague, a new parishioner, do you make them feel at home?</p> <p>Many of us probably do a much better job at this. When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel like they are included instead of being excluded.</p> <p>A simple "hello" and a smile goes a long way.</p>	<p><b>Bulletin Deadline</b></p> <p>Deadline for announcements to get into the bulletin each week is 12:00 p.m. (noon), on Wed days.</p>	<p><b>VICTIM ASSISTANCE STATEMENT OF THE DIOCESE OF CROOKSTON</b></p> <p>If you or someone you know has been the victim of sexual misconduct on the part of a priest, deacon, or individual representing the Diocese of Crookston, its parishes, or its schools, please contact Cindy Hulst, LSW, the diocesan Victim's Assistance Coordinator at 218-281-7895 (24-hour confidential number).</p>
	<p><b><u>WEBSITE</u></b></p> <p><b>Did you know the weekly Liturgy Schedule and Weekly Bulletin</b> is on our website for your convenience? Check it out today <a href="http://www.oggcatholic.org">www.oggcatholic.org</a></p>	<p>The Pope's Prayer Intention for January 2018          Evangelization: <b>Religious Minorities in Asia</b>          That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.</p>

## Mass Intentions

Oklee	Sunday	12-31-17	8:00 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Goodridge	Sunday	12-31-17	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	†DeWein Lappegard
Grygla	Sunday	12-31-17	<b>11:45 a.m.</b>	†Roland Verbout
Oklee	Monday	01/01/18	5:00 p.m.	Cindy Stoneouse
Oklee	Tuesday	01/02/18	8:00 a.m.	Steve Gervaise
Oklee	Wednesday	01/03/18	8:00 a.m.	†Therese Maxson
Oklee	Thursday	01/04/18	8:00 a.m.	†Marvin & Joan Bronken
Goodridge	Friday	01/05/18	7:00 p.m.	Special Intention
Oklee	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>01/07/18</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	†Pearl Laniel
Goodridge	Sunday	01/07/18	10:00 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Grygla	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>01/07/18</b>	<b>11:45 a.m.</b>	†Lawrence Kiesow

## Tithing

December 25, 2017

### St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee

Adults	\$1366.00
Loose Plate	\$91.00
Christmas Offering	\$1831.00
Christmas Loose Plate	\$236.39
Fuel/Electric Donation	<u>\$2000.00</u>
Total:	\$5524.39

### St. Ann's in Goodridge

Adults	\$391.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$56.00</u>
Total:	\$447.00

### St. Clement's in Grygla

Adults	\$465.00
Loose Plate	\$51.00
Christmas Offering	\$725.00
Christmas Loose Plate	<u>\$1629.00</u>
Total:	\$2870.00

## Announcements



Monday January 01, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Francis Xavier in Oklee to celebrate "The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God."

The 2018 Calendars and Sunday Stewardship Envelopes for 2018 are in the back of the Church. If you haven't done so, please pick yours up. Thanks

# 12 Christmas PRAYERS dwellart

**1 Faith** Father God, it is by Your grace we have been saved, and through our faith - this is not from ourselves, but a gift from you - not by our works. Ephesians 2:8-9

**2 Hope** May the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in Hope. Romans 15:4

**3 Love** Help us to love because You first loved us. 1 John 4:19

**4 Forgiveness** Thank you for being faithful and just in forgiving us our sins and thus purifying us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9

**5 Mercy** Let us be merciful, just as our Father is merciful. Luke 6:36

**6 Kindness** Let us be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as through Jesus, You forgave us. Ephesians 4:32

**7 Generosity** Let us be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, and to give the glory and thanks to you Lord! 2 Corinthians 9:11

**8 Compassion** Let us live in harmony with one another, be sympathetic and compassionate, love as brothers, and be humble. 1 Peter 3:8

**9 Joy** Let us be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Romans 12:12

**10 Salvation** Thank you for providing Jesus who is the way, the truth, the life and the only way to You. John 14:6

**11 Obedience** Help us to not merely listen to Your Word, and so deceive ourselves. Help us do what it says. James 1:22-25

**12 Life** Thank you for coming that we may have life, and have it to the full. John 10:10

### ST. ANN'S MINISTRY

Sunday January 7, 2017

Commentator:	Carol
Lector:	Carol
EMHC:	Tony & Marie
Ushers:	Russell & Stanley
Counter:	Audrey & Marie

### ST. CLEMENT'S MINISTRY

Sunday January 7, 2017

Commentator:	Angie
Lector:	Daniel
EMHC:	Bill Z. & Chris
Usher:	Bill N. & Aaron

"...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive." - COLOSSIANS 3:13  
 Forgiveness – one of the hardest things for people to do. It's amazing how long we can hold a grudge or be angry with someone. As we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family, take this opportunity to give the gift of forgiveness to someone - maybe someone in your family, maybe a friend, maybe a co-worker or neighbor or, maybe yourself. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.

St. Francis Xavier, Oklee  
Lay Contacts

*Body*                      *Year of Term—Term Ends (Term #)*

Pastoral Council & Finance Council

Virginia Weber	3/3—June 2017 (2nd)	P
David Bachand	3/3—June 2017 (1st)	P
Jacob Melby	3/3—June 2017 (1st)	F
Don LaCoursiere	2/3—June 2018 (2nd)	P
Phyllis Melby	2/3—June 2018 (1st)	P
Mitch Bernstein	1/3—June 2018 (1st)	F
Margaret Buer	1/3—June 2019 (1st)	P
Rick Dulka	1/3—June 2019 (1st)	P
Janet Halvorson	1/3—June 2019 (1st)	F

Parish Trustees

Al Paquin	2/2—Sept. 2017(1st)
Shirley Cyr	2/2—Sept. 2017 (1st)

St. Clement, Grygla  
Lay Contacts

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Joint Pastoral & Finance Council

Ron Kiesow	3/3—June 2017 (2nd)
Tom Morrissey	3/3—June 2017 (1st)
Jim Carriere	2/3—June 2018 (1st)
Gary Polansky	2/3—June 2018 (2nd)
Bill Zavoral	1/3—June 2019 (1st)
Angie Kiesow	1/3—June 2019 (1st)

Parish Trustees

Jody Miller	1/2—Sept. 2018 (2nd)
Jack Miller	1/2—Sept. 2018 (2nd)

St. Ann, Goodridge  
Lay Contacts

*Body*                      *Year of Term—Term Ends (Term #)*

Joint Pastoral & Finance Council

Darwin Eidelbes	3/3—June 2017 (2nd)
Gerri Rustan	3/3—June 2017 (1st)
Audrey Rogalla	2/3—June 2018 (1st)
Cindi Kotrba	2/3—June 2018 (1st)
Marlin Kotrba	1/3—June 2019 (1st)
Karyl Mayernik	1/3—June 2019 (1st)

Parish Trustees

Patty Skibicki	1/2—Sept. 2018 (1st)
Veron Rogalla	1/2—Sept. 2018 (1st)

Recently Deceased Loved Ones

† Janet Pearson  
 † Imelda Carin  
 † Richard Radniecki  
 † Carol Haugen  
 † Tom Karakash  
 † Steven McPherson  
 † Mary Ann Lessard

Pray For Those Who Are Sick

- Susan Sunberg
- Bob Carriere
- Carter Torgerson
- Debra Olson
- Floyd Neuschwander
- Dorothy Plante
- Alice Bluemke
- Ann Peterson
- Tom Radniecki
- Del Determan
- Joey Johnson
- Cindy Stoneouse
- Kathleen Amiot

Oklee Ministry List

Sunday December 31, 2017

Sacristan: Margaret Buer  
 Lector: Mike Bachand  
 EMHC: Carolyn Rystad & Janet Halvorson  
 Usher: Ken & Shirley Boucher  
 Greeter: Shirley Cyr & Delores Longtin  
 Counter: Shirley Cyr & Jan Dulka

Sunday January 7, 2018

Sacristan: Rick Dulka  
 Lector: Dorothy Sebenaler  
 EMHC: Bonnie Cote & Ann Hammer  
 Usher: Don LaCoursiere & Al Paquin  
 Greeter: Karen Fossum & Sue Carriere  
 Counter: Anne Hammer & Dolores Grimm

January 14, 2018

Sacristan: Margaret Buer  
 Lector: Jan Dulka  
 EMHC: Bob & Emily Bernier  
 Usher: Mitch Bernstein & John Melby  
 Greeter: Don & Annette LaCoursiere  
 Counter: Pat Asselin & Jo Lambert

OTHER WAYS TO SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

- Have Masses offered for friends or relatives, deceased or still living. Just drop a note in the collection basket, along with your donation, the usual amount is \$5.00/Mass. If this would be a financial hardship, please let me know.
- Offer Memorials in honor of your deceased loved ones to your parish's building and maintenance fund, or to your parish cemetery.
- Leave a legacy gift to the parish in your will, or name the parish as the beneficiary of your retirement policy or life insurance plan.