

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

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PETITION TO ST ALPHONSUS

Glorious St Alphonsus,
 loving Father of the poor and sick,
 all your life you devoted yourself,
 with a heroic charity,
 to lighten their spiritual and bodily miseries.
 Full of confidence in your tender pity for the sick,
 since you yourself patiently borne the cross of illness,
I come to you for help in my present need...

(Share your request...)

Loving father of the suffering, St Alphonsus,
 look with compassion upon me in my suffering.
 Ask God to give me good health.

If it is not God's will,
 then give me the strength to bear my cross patiently
 and to offer my sufferings with my crucified Saviour
 and his Mother of Sorrows,
 for the glory of God and the salvation of souls,
 in reparation for my sins and those of others,
 for the needs of this troubled world,
 and the Holy Souls in purgatory. Amen.

Say: One Our Father, one Hail Mary and one Glory Be.

... St Alphonsus, Pray for Us ...

St. Francis Xavier Parish in Oklee

<u>Mass Times</u>	<u>Confessions</u>
Sun: 8:00 a.m.	7:30 a.m.
Mon: 8:00 a.m.	7:45 a.m.
Tues: 8:00 a.m.	7:45 a.m.
Wed: 5:15 p.m.	5:00 p.m.
Thurs: 8:00 a.m.	7:45 a.m.

St. Clement Parish in Grygla

<u>Mass Times</u>	<u>Confessions</u>
Sun: 10:15a.m.	10:00 a.m.

St. Ann Parish in Goodridge

<u>Mass Times</u>	<u>Confessions</u>
Sun: 12:00 p.m.	11:45 a.m.

CLERGY COLUMN

Happy Lord's Day, everyone!

The day of the Resurrection, Sunday, is a beautiful day. We come together to worship and then spend the rest of the day in recreation, in rest. Lovely.

Ok, let's get to the Kerygma, the Proclamation of the Gospel message. St. Paul says to the Romans, *"I am not ashamed of the gospel: it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith..."* Three key terms here: gospel, power, salvation. First, gospel means "good news", perhaps you have heard this before. Not just any kind of good news, but explosively good news. The word Paul uses for power has the same root word as dynamite. The gospel is meant to be explosive in my life and in yours. It's meant to change everything about the way we approach life and see the world around us. Finally, the word for salvation has the same root as health or wholeness. You and I are meant to notice that something is missing in our lives, some kind of order or health is lacking. When we hear the gospel and surrender to it, we notice that we become whole. So, to summarize this paragraph, the gospel is explosively good news that changes everything about our lives in the best possible way, making each of us and all of us whole and undivided. Think about this question: *Is this your experience of Christianity?* Unfortunately, I think for many Christians - most Christians - the honest answer is "no". We're going to go back and look at the foundational story, the Kerygma, and see if perhaps the Lord wants to do something new in our minds and in our hearts.

The Kerygma, the proclamation of the gospel, can be proclaimed in a variety of ways. At its foundation, there are four parts: The beginning, the Fall, Jesus, and life after Jesus. I prefer one priest's approach, who keeps it to four simple words: CREAT-ED, CAPTURED, RESCUED, RESPONSE.

We see in the stories of creation in the Book of Genesis that there is one God, who is incredibly good; who creates everything that exists, freely, without effort, and it's all good. He creates because he loves. The highlight of everything he makes is you, the human person, made in his image and likeness. Males and females together share in the unique and equal identity of being the only creatures who are able to represent God on earth. Stop and think about this for a moment. Look up and all around, see how incredible creation is. See how incredibly big the universe is. Go to your computer and look up images of the Hubble Space Telescope. The universe is so big! There are so many stars! God made it all. And his favorite creature, out of everything he made, is you. We're limited by our bodies and by our minds, so we can't have too many "favorites". God is not limited in the same way, so he can honestly look at you and say to you, *"You are my favorite. I love you and care about you so much. I know everything about you, all of your best qualities and all of those things that you're not especially proud of, and I love you in the midst of it all."* And as if that wasn't enough, the Bible reveals that God has a plan for your life and for mine, which is to become like him. St. Peter says, *"His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, that through these you may escape from the corruption that is in the world because of passion, and become partakers of the divine nature."* God, who is so incredibly good, wants you to become like him. That's who you are to him, that's what we're talking about when we talk about creation. There are no unimportant persons. Rather, each and every human person is so amazing and is intended by God to become godly. Powerful!

That, brothers and sisters, is the first part of the Kerygma. Stay tuned for the second part next week. In the meantime, spend some time looking up, reflecting on the grandeur of God and on your own identity as one who is deeply loved by him.

May the Lord give you his peace!

Fr. Bryan

Oklee	Sunday	07/31/22 8:00 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Grygla	Sunday	07/31/22 10:15 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Goodridge	Sunday	07/31/22 12:00 p.m.	†Joseph Cullen
Oklee	Monday	08/01/22 8:00 a.m.	†Harold Cyr
Oklee	Tuesday	08/02/22 8:00 a.m.	†Harold Cyr
Oklee	Wednesday	08/03/22 5:15 p.m.	Carol Sauer
Oklee	Thursday	08/04/22 8:00 a.m.	Priests of Diocese of Crookston
Oklee	Sunday	08/07/22 8:00 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Grygla	Sunday	08/07/22 10:15 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Goodridge	Sunday	08/07/22 12:00 p.m.	Rita Nelson

Anyone wishing to have a MASS offered for a loved one you may leave name and the customary donation of \$10.00 in the offering basket in an envelope.

Weekly Reflections

"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." Luke 12:15

The Gospel message is contrary to modern culture that continually tries to convince us that our joy comes from the material things we possess. That the more we acquire, the happier we will be. Jesus shows us that our true joy comes from our "invisible" gifts like love, mercy and forgiveness. True joy comes from "emptying" ourselves, giving of ourselves rather than always taking. We are called not to hoard but to share. True joy comes from living a grateful and generous lifestyle; become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered."

TITHING

St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee



July 24, 2022

Adult Envelopes	\$1790.00
Loose Plate	\$80.00
Total	\$1870.00

St. Ann's in Goodridge



July 24, 2022

Adult Envelopes	\$368.00
Loose Plate	\$34.00
Total	\$402.00

St. Clement's in Grygla



July 24, 2022

Adult Envelopes	\$270.00
Loose Plate	\$25.00
Total	\$295.00

2022 DAA Summer Appeal

AND THERE WAS LIGHT! Our generous and sacrificial gifts to the 2022 Summer Appeal bring the light of Christ to so many throughout our diocese and provide essential support for vital ministries. For those of you who have contributed to the 2022 DAA thank you and God bless you. If you have not yet had the opportunity to make your commitment this year or would like to make a second gift to the appeal to help us reach our goal, please visit www.crookston.org/DAA.



St Francis Xavier's

Oklee, MN

Sunday, July 31, 2022
 Sacristan: Rick Dulka
 Lector:: Paul Cyr
 Counters: Jo L & Deb

Sunday, August 7, 2022
 Sacristan: Phyllis Melby
 Lector:: Bob Melby
 Counters: MaryAnne & Jan

Sunday, August 14, 2022
 Sacristan: Rick Dulka
 Lector:: Jan Dulka
 Counters: Anne & Dolores

Sunday, August 21, 2022
 Sacristan: MaryLynn Bachand
 Lector:: MaryLynn Bachand
 Counters: Lora & Margaret

**St Ann's**

Goodridge, MN

Sunday, July 31, 2022
 Lector:: Eliza

Sunday, August 7, 2022
 Lector:: Paula

Sunday, August 14, 2022
 Lector:: Eliza

Sunday, August 21, 2022
 Lector:: Paula

Sunday, August 28, 2022
 Lector:: Eliza

Sunday, September 4, 2022
 Lector:: Paula

**St Clement's**

Grygla, MN

Sunday, July 31, 2022
 Lector:: Laurie

Sunday, August 7, 2022
 Lector:: Dawn

Sunday, August 14, 2022
 Lector:: Gary

Sunday, August 21, 2022
 Lector:: Jim C

Sunday, August 28, 2022
 Lector:: Laurie

Sunday, September 4, 2022
 Lector:: Dawn



Recently Deceased Loved Ones

†Jim Dulka
 †Avis Frazer
 †Lauretta Stucy
 †Tom Toulouse
 †Marlyn Dessellier
 †Gerald Cote
 †Phyllis Martell
 †Theresa "Bergeron" Lucken
 †Jerome Hruby
 †Irene Kiesow
 †Joan Carpenter
 †Leroy Irlbeck
 †Lowell Smeby
 †Dorothy Plante
 †Jim Lussier
 †Tim Whalen
 †Iona Berry
 †Kim Johs
 †Elias Abboud
 †Audrey Martell
 †Harold Cyr
 †Judie Hendrickson
 †Alden Morinville
 †Kathleen Erickson
 †Joseph Cullen
 †Laura Nadeau

Pray For Those Who Are Sick

Delton Sebenaler
 Donnie Tougas
 Kenneth LaCoursiere
 Shirley Dessellier
 Michael Bachand
 Annette LaCoursiere
 Debra Olson
 Jack Miller
 Ambrose Beaudoin
 Steve Sebenaler
 Don LaCoursiere
 Cindy Deterrman
 Marie Adams
 Grace Rundell
 MaryAnn Lambert
 Bailey Herried Drotts
 George Pittman
 Bambi Lambert
 Lucille Christianson
 Doris Dessellier
 Danielle Swanson
 Mark Stromberg
 Sylvia Remick Morey
 Penny Kalar
 Jo Lambert
 Richard Perreault
 Tony Radniecki
 Bob Radniecki



Pray for our parishioners who have been away from the sacraments.

Pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon all of us.

Market Day~Oklee Saturday, August 13th.

Each parish family is asked to contribute \$15.00 in baked goods or donate \$20.00. Checks may be written to St. Francis Xavier Ladies Guild. The monetary donations may be given to Phyllis Melby, mailed to her at P.O. Box 275, Oklee, or dropped in the offertory labeled "Bake Sale". A list with prices will be at the back of the church. Thank you for your contributions to this fundraiser.

