

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

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Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday: Noon

Clergy Column

This past Wednesday we celebrated the feast day of St. Isidore the Farmer. Isidore, who lived in 12th Century Spain, grew up in a poor family. His parents could not afford to educate him, but they taught him what they knew, but most importantly they shared with him their love for God. Eventually Isidore took a job as a farm hand, a job he kept his whole life. Each morning Isidore attended Mass before work, and all the day long while at work he stayed in constant communion with the Lord all the while he worked. His co-workers grew irritated by Isidore's piety, and they complained to the farm owner that he always came to work late because he was going to Mass each morning and dawdling in the church afterward. The owner checked the following day, and he did notice that Isidore arrived after everyone else, but as he watched him work, he could see a glowing white man and team of oxen plowing right next to Isidore with his own team of oxen. Because of his holiness, and the grace of God, Isidore was able to do the work of two men. Isidore married a pious woman, Maria, who is herself a canonized saint. They had a son early in their marriage, but he died young, and afterward Isidore and Maria vowed to live as brother and sister in their marriage, so they could more fully dedicate themselves to the Lord.

As a saint from Spain, there is not much of a natural connection between Saint Isidore and American Catholics, very few of whom were of Spanish descent before recent times. However, the bishops of America decided to promote him among American Catholics because so many early Americans were farmers, and the bishops wanted it to be well known that a simple, but holy man, doing an honest day's work, was as capable as anyone of living the life of a saint. Do a bit of re-search about Saint Isidore the Farmer online to discover some other amazing details from his life.

Weekly Schedule

<u>St. Francis Xavier Parish in Oklee</u>			<u>St. Clement Parish in Grygla</u>			<u>St. Ann Parish in Goodridge</u>		
	<u>Mass Times</u>	<u>Confessions</u>		<u>Mass Times</u>	<u>Confessions</u>		<u>Mass Times</u>	<u>Confessions</u>
Sun:	8:00 a.m.	7:30 a.m.	Sun:	11:45 a.m.	11:30 a.m.	Sun.	10:00 a.m.	9:45 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. Francis Xavier Ladies Guild will be hosting a reception honoring our graduating RLCC seniors, Julia Bernstein and Daphney Koralewski on Sunday, May 19th. The reception will be held following the 8:00 am mass for the seniors, their families and the parish, and Margaret Circle will serve.



May the Month of Our Lady

May is the greatest Marian month of all, traditionally known as the "Month of Our Lady.". She begins the month as Queen of May, and final day of the month brings a bevy of Queenly titles. It is the month when the spring of new life flourishes.

The Catholic practice of assigning a special devotion to each month goes back to the early 16th century. Since the best known of those devotions is probably the dedication of May as the month of the Blessed Virgin Mary, it might come as a surprise that it wasn't until the late 18th century that this devotion arose among Jesuits in Rome. In the early years of the 19th century, it quickly spread throughout the Western Church, and, by the time of Pope Pius IX's declaration of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception in 1854, it had become universal.

May crownings and other special events in May in honor of Mary, such as public recitation of the rosary, stem from this time. Sadly, such communal events are rare today, but we can take the month of May as an opportunity to renew our own devotion to the Mother of God by dusting off our rosaries and adding a few more Marian prayers to our daily routine.

Parents, in particular, should encourage Marian devotion in their children, since the non-Catholic Christians they encounter today often downplay (if not denigrate) the role that the Blessed Virgin played in our salvation through her *fiat* -- her joyous "Yes" to the will of God.

Mass Intentions

Oklee	Sunday	05/19/19	8:00 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Goodridge	Sunday	05/19/19	10:00 a.m.	LaVerne Hamre
Grygla	Sunday	05/19/19	11:45 a.m.	†Mark Polansky
Oklee	Tuesday	05/21/19	8:00 a.m.	Therese Warmus
Oklee	Wednesday	05/22/19	8:00 a.m.	†Irene Dessellier
Pioneer	Wednesday	05/22/19	10:00 a.m.	†Alice Bluemke
Oklee	Thursday	05/22/19	8:00 a.m.	†Maggie Weber
Oklee	Friday	05/23/19	8:00 a.m.	†Francis Weber
Oklee	Sunday	05/26/19	8:00 a.m.	†Marian Weber
Goodridge	Sunday	05/26/19	10:00 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Grygla	Sunday	05/26/19	11:45 a.m.	Greg & Janet Pearson

Tithing

St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee

May 12, 2019

Adults Envelopes	\$1290.00
Loose Plate	\$60.00
Flowers	<u>\$15.00</u>
Total	\$1365.00

St. Ann's in Goodridge

May 12, 2019

Adult Envelopes	\$736.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$ 78.00</u>
Total	\$814.00

St. Clement's in Grygla

May 12, 2019

Adult Envelopes	
Loose Plate	N/A
Catholic Home Missions	
Total	



Thank you to the family of Irene Dessellier, who made donations in her memory to St. Francis Xavier Parish for kitchen improvements and elevator repairs. May she rest in peace!

St. Ann's Ministry

Sunday, May 19, 2019

Commentator :	Carol
Lector: :	Gerri
EMHC :	Tony & Marie
Usher::	Russ & Daarwin
Counter;	Maggie & Louann

Sunday, May 26, 2019

Commentator :	Gerri
Lector: :	Eliza
EMHC :	Tony & Marie
Usher::	Darwin & Russ
Counter;	Audrey & Marie

St. Clement's Ministry

Sunday, May 19, 2019

Commentary:	Angie
Lector::	Laurie
EMHC:	Chris & Gary
Usher:	Justin & Bill N

Sunday, May 26, 2019

Commentary:	Angie
Lector::	Daniel
EMHC:	Laurie & Colleen
Usher:	Tim & Chris

St. Francis' Ministry

Sunday, May 19, 2019

Sacristan:	Margaret Buer
Lector:	Paul Cyr
EMHC:	Jacob Melby & Phyllis Melby
Usher:	Ken & Shirley Boucher
Greeter:	MaryAnn L. & Anne H.
Counter:	Shirley Cyr & Jan Dulka

Sunday, May 26, 2019

Sacristan:	MaryLynn Bachand
Lector:	MaryAnn Lambert
EMHC:	David B. & Janet H.
Usher:	Don L. & Frank B.
Greeter:	Shirley Cyr & Delores Longtin
Counter:	Anne H. & Delores G.

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, and I will be happy to offer one without a stipend.
- 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.

Grief Journeys for Adults Support Group

This is a seasonal support group for adults 18 years and older who have experienced a loss through death.

Date & Time

Second and fourth Thursdays of the month in April, May and June from 10-11:30 a.m.

Location

Thief River Falls Public Library
102 1st St. E.
Thief River Falls, Minn.

Facilitated by

Jennifer Messelt, MSW, LCSW, LGSW,
bereavement specialist with Hospice of the
Red River Valley

Additional Information

This seasonal support group, offered April, May and June, is free and open to the public.

For more information or questions, call
(800) 237-4629 and ask for the bereavement
department.

When You (or someone you love) Visits the Hospital

None of us looks forward to time spent in a hospital bed. Altru Health System seeks to both help with what is wrong physically and also to support patients in other ways. That includes spiritual support.

Some of you may remember the days when the local hospital would call churches to inform pastors when a parishioner had become a patient. That went away years ago. These days a patient's privacy is protected carefully and hospitals are inspected in terms of protecting patient information and keeping it private.

So if you become a patient at Altru your information is kept private. You will have full control of who comes to see you.

“Will my pastor know I'm in so he/she can come to see me?” you might ask. There's two ways that can happen and you, the patient, control both.

One way is for you to tell your pastor, or to have your family contact the church. Your pastor wants to know. The second is to ask an Altru Chaplain to contact your pastor. Altru's Chaplains want to help and believe in the ministry and support your pastor can provide. If you ask, only if you ask, a chaplain will make that contact.

The chaplains at the hospital want to serve you and to serve the church. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pastoral Services.

Altru's Pastoral Services 701-780-5300

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Recently Deceased Loved Ones

† Alice Bluemke
† Mary Peterson
† Donna Horachek
† Joey Johnson
† Allen Paquin
† Kathleen Amiot
† Chris Tougas
† Larry O'Neill
† Yvonne Boucher
† Bonnie Buchmeier
† Janet Pearson
† David Dessellier
† Rita Bonagura Vaughn
† Ann Peterson
† Irene Dessellier
† Floyd Neuschwander
† Annette Magnell

Pray For Those Who Are Sick

Delton Sebenaler
Donnie Tougas
LaVonne Radniecki
Kenneth LaCoursiere
Shirley Dessellier
Irene Kiesow
Michael Bachand
Annette LaCoursiere
Debra Olson
Jack Miller
Kimberly Johs
Fr Don Brauckmann
Lola Dawn Neubert
Kathy Vathauer
Ambrose Beaudoin
Steve Sebenaler
Ted Lussier
Don LaCoursiere
Cindy Determan