

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

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“To whom should we pray? Father, Son, Holy Ghost! Is praying to any of the three persons of the Trinity make a difference or will one over the others have more credence? “Phillip, you have been with me all this time and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me.” (see Jn. 14: 9, 10b). The Trinity is one God comprising three distinct persons.

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.
Wed:	8:00 p.m.	7:45 a.m.
Thurs:	8:00 a.m.	7:45 a.m.

St. Clement Parish in Grygla

	<u>Mass Times</u>	<u>Confessions</u>
Sun:	11:45a.m.	11:30 a.m.
	Rotating w/ Goodridge see MASS schedules	
Tues:	5:30 p.m.	6:00 p.m.

St. Ann Parish in Goodridge

	<u>Mass Times</u>	<u>Confessions</u>
Sun:	10:00 a.m.	9:45 a.m.
	Rotating w/ Grygla see MASS schedules	
Tues:	5:30 p.m.	6:00 p.m.

CLERGY COLUMN

Happy Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity!

Wow, what a name for today! For us as Catholic-Christians, we have so many “extra” days of celebration than the typical holidays in the American calendar. As an example, how many of your friends took time to celebrate Pentecost last Sunday? Surely many of them celebrated Easter, as we also did, but Pentecost? Or today’s celebration - the Most Holy Trinity - many Christian denominations celebrate Trinity Sunday, but I don’t hear about many people, Catholic or Protestant, making a big deal out of the entire day. We have so many great days to celebrate, including today, and I want to encourage you to make it a whole-day kind of celebration.

The mystery of the Holy Trinity is the central mystery of the Christian faith. The central message is the Kerygma - that very long series that we just finished last week - the proclamation of what God has done in the person of Jesus, and that Good News flows from its source in the Holy Trinity, God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. It may be the case that we are a bit hesitant to fully celebrate this mystery simply because it’s such a difficult mystery to comprehend and explain. People have tried to explain the Trinity in various ways over the course of history - think of St. Patrick and the three-leafed clover, for example - and yet many of those ways don’t fully capture the Trinity. *It is a mystery, after all. We can do our best to understand and accept it in faith, even though we can’t fully comprehend and explain it.*

Sometimes we may be tempted to think that the reality of the Holy Trinity is just a New Testament doctrine. It’s true that the doctrine of the Holy Trinity comes across most clearly in the New Testament, compared to the Old, but there is more to explain.

First, even the New Testament needs some additional interpretive development to capture the mystery of the Trinity. It’s true that there are some passages where the entire Trinity is present - a very good example would be in the Great Commission in Matthew 28: Jesus tells them to baptize in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Yet even then there isn’t a clear explanation that each of these three persons that Jesus mentions is God. It takes the interpretation and explanation of the early Church to assist us to interpret those passages with a Trinitarian understanding.

Second, there are some passages in the Old Testament that point ahead to our Trinitarian doctrine, even if they don’t make it explicitly clear. In Genesis chapter 1, for example, there is mention of God creating everything and the Spirit (or wind) of God moving across the face of the earth (1:1-2). Later in chapter 1, God says, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness...” (1:26). The use of the plural there points to multiple persons in the one God. We know also from the beginning of the Gospel of John that John tells us, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God” (John 1:1). So, there is God, the Spirit of God, and the Word of God. Three persons, one God. What a great mystery to contemplate and study - the study of a lifetime! And that God comes to live within you and me when we are baptized - amazing!

May the Lord give you his peace!
Fr. Bryan

P.S. I’ll be away on retreat until Thursday, then leading a retreat until Saturday, back by Sunday. Pray for me! I’ll pray for you.



Oklee	Sunday	06/04/23	8:00 a.m.	For the People
Goodridge	Sunday	06/04/23	10:00 a.m.	†Julie Grabowski
Grylls	Sunday	06/04/23	11:45 a.m.	†Leroy Irlbeck
Oklee	Monday	06/05/23		No Mass
Grygla	Tuesday	06/06/23		No Mass
Goodridge	Wednesday	06/07/23		No Mass
Oklee	Thursday	06/08/23		No Mass
Oklee	Sunday	06/11/23	8:00 a.m.	For the People
Goodridge	Sunday	06/11/23	10:00 a.m.	†Julie Grabowski
Grygla	Sunday	06/11/23	11:45 a.m.	†Jackie Dobmeier
Oklee	Monday	06/12/23	8:00 a.m.	†Gayle Grossman
Goodridge	Tuesday	06/13/23	5:30 p.m.	†Julie Grabowski
Oklee	Wednesday	06/14/23	8:00 a.m.	Leonard Lambert
Oklee	Thursday	06/15/23	8:00 a.m.	Mary Lambert
Oklee	Sunday	06/18/23	8:00 a.m.	For the People
Goodridge	Sunday	06/18/23	10:00 a.m.	†Julie Grabowski
Grygla	Sunday	06/18/23	11:45 a.m.	Fallen Away Parishioners

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.

Pray for our parishioners who have been away from the sacraments.
Pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon all of us.

TITHING

St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee

May 28, 2023

Adult Envelopes	\$1230.00
Endowment for Priests	\$10.00
Catholic Comm.	\$7.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$70.00</u>
Total	\$ 1317.00

St. Ann's in Goodridge

May 28, 2023

Adult Envelopes	\$966.00
Endowment for Priests	\$20.00
Catholic Comm.	\$20.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$90.00</u>
Total	\$ 1096.00

St. Clement's in Grygla

May 28, 2023

Adult Envelopes	\$295.00
Cemetery	\$265.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$3.00</u>
Total	\$ 563.00

The Feast of Corpus Christi

The feast of Corpus Christi, or in more modern terms the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, was introduced into the Church calendar in the mid 1200's to give the Eucharist special recognition outside of the solemn remembrance of Holy Thursday.

Originally it was celebrated on the first Thursday after Pentecost for two reasons. The first is that this Thursday did not already have a feast or solemnity associated with it. The second reason is that this first Thursday after Pentecost is also the 60th day after Easter, tying this celebration back into the Easter season.

Why would there be a second Feast celebrating the Eucharist when we celebrated its institution on Holy Thursday? What should we be thinking about and learning as we celebrate this second feast?

On Holy Thursday we memorialized the institution of the Eucharist while looking forward to the passion and death of our Lord, as well as His Resurrection. We recalled again the story of the first Passover in Egypt, with the paschal lamb and the deliverance of Israel from slavery. Jesus is the true Paschal Lamb. His death and resurrection, His own Body and Blood, brought about our deliverance, our salvation, from slavery to sin and evil.

This deliverance happens to the Church as a whole, but it also happens for the individual. Each person experiences the deliverance from sin and evil in a unique way.

Today is a wonderful day to sit quietly with the Lord and thank Him for all the times He has delivered you. Perhaps you have been healed from an illness, gotten a better job, found a solution to a family crisis. Perhaps you have received the strength to persevere in your struggle against a physical illness or a personal weakness. Meditate on the graces you have received from the Lord and give thanks.

On this feast of Corpus Christi, we take the graces and lessons learned on Holy Thursday and begin to apply them to our daily lives in ordinary time.

There are many ways to celebrate God's great gift to us in our daily lives. The first is to receive the Eucharist often. Attend Mass at least weekly, and through the week if and when you can.

The second is to spend time with our Lord in adoration. Many parishes have dedicated chapels where people can pray before the Jesus present in the Eucharist during the day and early evening. If your parish does not yet have a chapel, or a time set aside for Eucharistic Adoration, ask if you can start such a program or find a neighboring parish that already has one. Once you begin to visit Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament you will not be able to stop!

The third way is to begin a private devotion at home, as part of your personal prayer. There are many devotions like the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and the prayers to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, that will deepen your knowledge of and faith in Christ's actual presence in the Eucharist.

However you do it, give the Lord, present to us all in the Eucharist, first place in your life and heart.

Carol Ann Chybowski

St Francis Xavier's

Oklee, MN

Sunday, June 4, 2023
Sacristan: Mary Lynn
Lector:: Mary Lynn
Counters: Jo & Deb

Sunday, June 11, 2023
Sacristan: Phyllis
Lector:: Bob
Counters: MaryAnn & Jan

Sunday, June 18, 2023
Sacristan: Margaret
Lector:: Paul
Counters: Anne & Dolores

Sunday, June 25, 2023
Sacristan: Emily
Lector:: Jacob
Counters: Lora & Margaret



St Ann's

Goodridge, MN

Sunday, June 4, 2023
Lector:: Eliza
Counters: Deb & Maggie

Sunday, June 11, 2023
Lector:: Carol
Counters: Audrey & Marie

Sunday, June 18, 2023
Lector:: Paula
Counters: Deb & Maggie

Sunday, June 25, 2023
Lector:: Eliza
Counters: Marie & Audrey



St Clement's

Grygla, MN

Sunday, June 4, 2023
Lector:: Gary

Sunday, June 11, 2023
Lector:: Dawn

Sunday, June 18, 2023
Lector:: Jim C

Sunday, June 25, 2023
Lector:: Laurie

Sunday, July 1, 2023
Lector:: Gary



Save the date!!

ANNUAL BLOCK PARTY

July 11

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
at The Pickel Ball Court

BBQ and Baked Beans

There will be sign up sheets for volunteers asking people to please sign up to bring either one. Questions call Jo Lambert @ 218-796-4527.

Retirement PARTY

You are invited to attend a retirement party for Fr John Kleinwachter on Sunday, June 18th (Father's Day) at 5 pm, at Sacred Heart Church in Roseau MN. We will be grilling burgers and brats. There will be a time to share stories so bring them with you.

St Francis Xavier Cemetery

Spring Clean Up

June 6th 6:30 p.m.

The Cemetery Association is having their spring clean up of the Cemetery grounds June 6th at 6:30 p.m. If you are available please come and help. Bring shovels, rakes, wheel barrow, and other lawn care items. We are in need of help and the more people who can be there the sooner the task can be done.

Thank you!!

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

NOTE: 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, your first call should be to law enforcement. Red Lake County Sheriff at 218-253-2996, Pennington County Sheriff at 218-681-6161, Marshall County Sheriff at 218-745-5411. In addition, the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator is available at 218-281-7895 (24-hour confidential number).