

# 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**

In our reading from Exodus, Moses hears the voice of God speaking from a burning bush. Moses approaches, but God tells him that he must first take off his sandals because he was standing on holy ground. In essence, God was demanding that Moses show respect by removing his dirty shoes that had been stepping in dirt, and mud, and other unpleasant things, in order to approach God in his holy place. This was not because God didn't like dirt or grime, he invented them of course. Rather, it is because making this extra effort at cleanliness is a sign of respect, which is what God is really after. We don't require people to remove their shoes before entering the church, as the Muslims do in their mosques, for example, but we do have many signs of respect that people observe in our churches. Men remove their hats when in the church as a sign of respect; women may leave theirs on (apparently because a woman having "hat hair" is far more untidy looking than a man, but more importantly because of the ancient Biblical instruction to women to cover their heads when they are in church.) Women's head coverings are no longer seen as mandatory, but the Biblical encouragement about it is still strong enough that many women, especially in other parts of the world, still choose to follow this request as a sign of reverence for our Lord. So if you see a woman around here in a veil, that is what she is trying to do: give honor to God, not show off and make other women feel bad. Men should still feel themselves required to remove their hats in a church as a sign of reverence. (I have always wondered why this never applied to a toupee. Ha ha!) Many men forget to do this if they haven't been taught or if they are not regular church goers. This really becomes a problem at funerals. Please take it upon yourself to ask them to remove their hats, so that the priest doesn't always have to do it and look like the "bad guy." It would be better if that man didn't have to have a negative impression of a clergyman, just because no one had ever taught him how to behave in a church or because he just forgot.

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**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 noon	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.						

# 2019 Lenten Devotions and Activities

## Grygla—Tuesdays (March 12, 19, & 26 and April 2 & 9)

- 5:30 Adoration
- 5:45 Confessions
- 6:15 Benediction
- 6:30 Stations of the Cross

## Oklee—Thursdays (March 7, 14, 21, & 28 and April 4 & 11)

- 5:30 Adoration
- 5:45 Confessions
- 6:15 Benediction
- 6:30 Stations of the Cross
- 7:00 Bible Study on St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians

## Goodridge—Fridays (March 8, 15, 22, & 29 and April 5 and 12)

- 4:30-7:00 Fish Fry
- 5:45-6:15 Confessions



## Bible Study on Saint Paul's Letter to the Philippians

Thursdays of Lent  
Oklee at 7:00 p.m.

## Clergy Column

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Another sign of reverence that we follow is genuflecting upon the right knee upon entering the church or pew, and prior to departure, or a deep bow from the waste if you cannot genuflect. I must say I often see people forget to do this, and I have to take this moment to remind everyone that we should want to give this sign of respect to the Lord. The last sign of respect I want to consider today is keeping Silence in the church, or if you absolutely must speak while you are in the church to do so in hushed tones. Of course it is better to just take your casual conversations outside the areas where services are held. I have been deeply upset at how often this simple sign of reverence is ignored, and we all need to do a much better job of observing it. It seems like every Sunday after Mass there are people having loud, boisterous conversations in the church, leaning against a pew, with their backs to the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle. This is not just a failure to give the Lord a sign of respect; it is a genuine act of disrespect to carry on with your conversations in the worship space of a church as if it is just any old meeting hall, town café, or street corner. It is one thing to greet someone sitting near you in a hushed tone as you exit your pew after Mass, but it is another to have a full conversation in a loud voice, when you could easily walk outside of worship area and have your conversation in the entry or social hall. PLEASE! Let's all be aware of this and do our best to give the Lord the respect he deserves in his own Holy Temple.

## Mass Intentions

Oklee	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>03/24/19</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	†Al Paquin
Goodridge	Sunday	<b>03/24/19</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	†Ryan Naffziger
Grygla	Sunday	<b>03/24/19</b>	<b>11:45 a.m.</b>	†Pro Populo
Oklee	Tuesday	03/26/19	8:00 a.m.	† Al Paquin
Oklee	Wednesday	03/27/19	8:00 a.m.	†Deceased family of Shirley Cyr
Pioneer	Wednesday	03/27/19	10:00 a.m.	†Fr. Pryor
Oklee	Thursday	03/28/19	8:00 a.m.	†Darryl Grimm
Oklee	Friday	03/29/19	8:00 a.m.	†Alice Bluemke
Oklee	Sunday	03/31/19	8:00 a.m.	Mike LaCoursiere family
Goodridge	Sunday	<b>03/31/19</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	†Pro Populo
Grygla	Sunday	<b>03/31/19</b>	<b>11:45 a.m.</b>	†Thomas Norberg

Do you look around during Mass and wonder where all the people are? Would you like to learn how to guide your loved ones back to church? The Diocese is encouraging you to attend a **“Shepherding Them Home”** Prayer Shop being hosted by Sacred Heart church in Roseau, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am to 4:30 pm. This Prayer Shop is for the entire northern region - the costs are covered by the Diocese of Crookston and the OSV Grant. Lunch will be provided. For material and meal purposes RSVP to Sacred Heart 218-463-2441 by March 30<sup>th</sup>. ~ Fr John.

## Tithing

### St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee March 17, 2019

Adult Envelopes	\$1490.00
Loose Plate	\$33.00
Flowers for Alter	\$10.00
Endowment for Priests	\$25.00
Home Missions	<u>\$85.00</u>
Total	\$1643.00

### St. Ann's in Goodridge March 17, 2019

Adult Envelopes	\$778.00
Endowment for Priests	\$60.00
Loose Plate	\$42.00
Easter Flowers	\$25.00
Home Missions	<u>\$25.00</u>
Total	\$930.00

### St. Clement's in Grygla March 17, 2019

Adult Envelopes	\$640.00
Easter Flowers	\$10.00
Loose Plate	\$55.00
Endowment for Priests	\$70.00
Catholic Relief Overseas Appeal	\$105.00
Home Missions	<u>\$120.00</u>
Total	\$1000.00

### St. Ann's Ministry

Sunday, March 24, 2019

Commentator : Carol  
Lector : Karyl  
EMHC : Darwin & Marie  
Usher : Joe & Russell  
Counter : Audrey & Marie

Sunday, March 31, 2019

Commentator : Karyl  
Lector : Gerri  
EMHC : Deb & Darwin  
Usher : Russell & Joe  
Counter : Audrey & Marie

Sunday, April 7, 2019

Commentator : Gerri  
Lector : Cindi  
EMHC : Marie & Tony  
Usher : Darwin & Marlin  
Counter : Audrey & Marie

### St. Clement's Ministry

Sunday, March 24, 2019

Commentary: Angie  
Lector: Jim C.  
EMHC: Ron & Bruce  
Usher: Bill N. & Bob N.

Sunday, March 31, 2019

Commentary: Angie  
Lector: Coleen  
EMHC: Jean & Chris  
Usher: Jason D. & Bryan D.

Sunday, April 7, 2019

Commentary: Angie  
Lector: Kaylani  
EMHC: Ron & Coleen  
Usher: Justin & Tim

#### Bulletin Deadline:

Dead line for announcements to get into the bulletin each week is 12:00 p.m. (noon), on Wednesdays.

### St. Francis' Ministry

Sunday, March 24, 2019

Sacristan: Margaret Buer  
Lector: Jacob Melby  
EMHC: Rick & Jan Dulka  
Usher: Mitch Bernstein & John Melby  
Greeter: Don & Annette La Coursiere  
Counter: Shirley Cyr & Jan Dulka

Sunday, March 31, 2019

Sacristan: Rick Dulka  
Lector: Dorothy Sebenaler  
EMHC: Bob & Emily Bernier  
Usher: Jake Martell & Doug Cote  
Greeter: MaryAnne L & Anne H.  
Counter: Anne Hammer & DelorisGrimm

Sunday, April 7, 2019

Sacristan: Margaret Buer  
Lector: Paul Cyr  
EMHC: Carolyn R. & Janet H.  
Usher: Ken & Shirley Boucher  
Greeter: Shirley Cyr & MaryAnn Lambert  
Counter: Pat Asselin & Jo Lambert



Support groups are powerful ways of finding validation for your feelings and deriving a sense of shared experience and commonality. Each of our uniquely designed groups provides support and practical suggestions for your grief journey. The support groups are open to the public. There is no charge to participate unless otherwise noted, although donations are appreciated to help offset costs.

Our support groups are funded, in part, through generous contributions from individuals, churches, businesses and organizations, including the United Ways of Barnes, Becker and Crookston. For an up-to-date listing of support groups, visit [www.hrrv.org](http://www.hrrv.org).



# 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.