

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

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

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Confessions: 15 minutes before Mass
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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).

FISH FRY

EVERY FRIDAY OF LENT
(EXCEPT GOOD FRIDAY)

AT

ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH
GOODRIDGE, MN

WHEN: February 16, 23, March 1, 8, 15, 22

TIME: 4:00 TO 7:00 p.m.

MENU: Pan-Fried Walleye, Baked Potato,
Green Beans, Coleslaw, Roll,
Assorted desserts, Milk and Coffee.

COST: One-fillet meal at \$15.00.
Two-fillet meal at \$20.00.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!

(For TAKE OUT ORDERS, please call 218-378-4529 starting at 4:00 p.m.)



Oklee	Sunday	03/03/24	8:00 a.m.	For the People
Goodridge	Sunday	03/03/24	10:00 a.m.	Max Mercil
Grygla	Sunday	03/03/24	11:45 a.m.	Jack Miller
Oklee	Monday	03/04/24	8:00 a.m.	†Larry O'Neill
Oklee	Tuesday	03/05/24	8:00 a.m.	James Haire
Oklee	Wednesday	03/06/24	8:00 a.m.	Cade Blickenstaff
Goodridge	Thursday	03/07/24	5:30 p.m.	†Joyce Biegler
Oklee	Sunday	03/10/24	8:00 a.m.	For the People
Goodridge	Sunday	03/10/24	10:00 a.m.	Jaden Mercil
Grygla	Sunday	03/10/24	11:45 a.m.	Andrew & Kristine Moritz
Oklee	Monday	03/11/24	8:00 a.m.	Mike Dessellier
Grygla	Tuesday	03/12/24	5:30 p.m.	†Jackie Dobmeier
Oklee	Wednesday	03/13/24	8:00 a.m.	Jeff Blickenstaff
Oklee	Thursday	03/14/24	8:00 a.m.	†Paul Beach

CLERGY COLUMN

Happy Lord's Day!

Another month has flown by, even with the bonus leap-day this year. I was thinking about the month of March just before starting this article and I realized that March is most often entirely enveloped into the season of Lent. It's not always the case - sometimes Lent begins just after the start of March or ends just before the end of March - but it is still most often the case. In some ways it makes sense - the moving date of Easter is determined based on the soonest full moon following the Spring Equinox, which is in late March, so there aren't many options for a late-March Easter date. Anyway, this year has one single day outside of the season of Lent, which is Easter day on March 31st. It's a full month of penance with a sliver of incredible hope for the world - this seems like a good model of the Christian life in today's world. Lovely!

The month of March is dedicated to St. Joseph, whose Solemnity (the highest kind of celebration the Church has) is on March 19th. Many people think St. Patrick's Day is the biggest day in March, but those people are greatly mistaken. Easter aside, since it isn't always in March, there are actually two days that are significantly bigger than St. Patrick's Day - and St. Patrick would agree with me. Those two days are the Solemnity of St. Joseph on the 19th and the Annunciation on the 25th (although this year the celebration of the Solemnity is transferred to post-Easter celebrations in April, since the 25th is during Holy Week).

(I'm going to climb up onto a soapbox for a moment here.) We really need to be better about avoiding the ways of the world. The world wants us to celebrate St. Patrick's Day as though we aren't in the midst of Lent and as though it's meant to be this great day of celebrating. As I mentioned above, there are two other days that are actually worth breaking from Lent. Some of us might have some real devotion to St. Patrick, but real devotion to him would focus much more on his witness to holiness and evangelization than on a particular color associated with his day. He himself would certainly be appalled at the way his day is celebrated in today's world. (Ok, I'll come down from the soapbox now.)

These two monumental Solemnities remind us that Jesus - the Word made flesh - comes into the world in a human way, although still mysterious and miraculous. We don't know much about St. Joseph, but the Bible calls him a just man and points to his royal lineage. There were no kings of Israel at the time, but Joseph was heir to the throne. Yet he lived his life as a carpenter, which would lead to Jesus receiving the title of "a carpenter's son" from the people of Nazareth when he returned home. Mary, on the other hand, reveals her heart of surrender in the Annunciation. As I mentioned above, whenever the 25th falls within Holy Week, as it does this year, the celebration of the Solemnity is moved to the day after the Easter Octave, so we'll celebrate in April. Still, we can admire her Immaculate Heart as we wait for the celebration.

I'm leading a day retreat at St. Bernard's in Thief River Falls on March 16th called *The Eucharistic Heart of Mary*, which gives special focus on these earliest mysteries in the life of Jesus and Mary. The retreat will start with Mass at 9:00 a.m. and finish by 3:00 p.m. that same day - you are most welcome and invited to come.

Lastly, I'm preaching a parish mission at St. Michael's in Grand Forks this week (Sunday through Tuesday), so we're going to switch our Mass schedule a bit. **The usual Tuesday evening Mass will take place on Thursday evening in Goodridge, while the Thursday morning Mass in Oklee will be moved to Tuesday morning.** The other days remain as usual. Please pray for the mission!

May the Lord give you his peace!
Fr. Bryan

DRIVERS NEEDED

Don LaCoursiere is in need of some drivers to take him to appointments. Please contact him for more information if you are willing to help him out. Phone: 218-796-5256

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LENT

PILLARS OF LENT

FASTING



BIBLE VERSES TO MEDITATE

1 COR 7, 1:2

"It is a good thing for a man not to touch a woman but because of cases of immorality every man should have his own wife, and every woman her own husband."

MT 6, 16:18

"When you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites. They neglect their appearance, so that they may appear to others to be fasting."

WHAT IS IT?

FASTING is restriction of consumption, a deprivation of evil, and privation of good, for the glory of God. Strictly speaking it is moderation in eating, having, on the day that is practiced, one regular meal and two small ones. During Lent, we fast on **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday**. **ABSTINENCE** is practiced all Fridays of Lent (no red meat, fish and shellfish only).

HOW CAN WE LIVE IT? •



▶ Moderation in eating and drinking.



▶ Reducing expenses in trips, clothing and material things.



▶ Abstaining from the Internet, TV, and other forms of entertainment.

▶ Avoiding sin, especially those of the flesh: sloth, gluttony and lust.

EXAMPLES

▶ Offer some food that you like during Lent (e.g. chocolate).

▶ Walk or ride your bicycle instead of using your car.

▶ Give up one or more social networks during the time of Lent.

▶ Avoid cursing, gossip and unnecessary speech.

"IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO ENGAGE IN SPIRITUAL CONFLICT WITHOUT THE PREVIOUS SUBJUGATION OF THE APPETITE!"

ST AUGUSTINE



PILLARS OF LENT | Information obtained from Catholic.net

St Francis Xavier's

Sunday, March 3, 2024
Sacristan: Margaret B
Lector:: Paul Cyr
Counters: Anne & Dolores

Sunday, March 10, 2024
Sacristan: Margaret B
Lector:: Jacob
Counters: Lora & Margaret

Sunday, March 17, 2024
Sacristan: Emily
Lector:: Brady
Counters: Deb & Jo

St Ann's

Sunday, March 3, 2024
Lector:: Paula
Counters: Marie & Audrey

Sunday, March 10, 2024
Lector:: Karyl
Counters: Deb & Maggie

Sunday, March 17, 2024
Lector:: Carol
Counters: Marie & Audrey

Sunday, March 24, 2024
Lector:: Paula
Counters: Deb & Maggie

St Clement's

Sunday, March 3, 2024
Lector:: Jim C

Sunday, March 10, 2024
Lector:: Laurie

Sunday, March 17, 2024
Lector:: Gary

Sunday, March 24, 2024
Lector:: Robbie

Sunday, March 31, 2024
Lector:: Dawn

We've got a few plans for Lent in our parishes, some of which are already well underway. Here are some updates:

- House blessings and visits with Fr. Bryan. Even if your house has already been blessed, you can still sign up to have him over. Distance doesn't need to be a concern. You can also invite some friends to join if you'd like to have more people.
- Wednesday, March 6th: Confessions will be offered to the faith formation students and to anyone else in the evening in Oklee. Fr. Bryan will give a brief explanation of Confession/Reconciliation at 6:45 and then will be in the Confessional for about an hour (or for as long as necessary).
- Thursday, March 7th, and Tuesday, March 19th: Evening Mass in Goodridge at 5:30 with Stations of the Cross, Confessions, and Adoration for an hour after Mass.
- Sunday, March 10th: Fr. Bob Schreiner will preside at all of the Sunday Masses. Fr. Bryan will preside in Red Lake Falls and Brooks and lead a reflection after Sunday Mass in Red Lake Falls.
- Tuesday, March 12th: Evening Mass in Grygla at 5:30, followed by Stations of the Cross, followed by Confessions and Adoration for about a half hour.
- Wednesday, March 13th: Stations of the Cross in Oklee at 6:45, led by our children's faith formation group.
- Saturday, March 16th: Fr. Bryan is leading a retreat in Thief River Falls, *The Eucharistic Heart of Mary, 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. All are welcome, no registration required.*
- Monday, March 18th: Evening Mass in Oklee at 6:00 p.m., followed by an hour of Adoration and Confessions offered. (no morning Mass)
- Wednesday, March 20th: Evening event in Thief River Falls, beginning with Mass at 5:15, followed by a meal, followed by a prayer event, *Exalt. Fr. Bryan is preaching. All are welcome. (We still have morning Mass in Oklee.)*
- Monday, March 25th: Chrism Mass in Crookston at 6:30 p.m. at the Cathedral. All are welcome. (no morning Mass)
- Thursday, March 28th: Holy Thursday Mass in Goodridge at 7:00 p.m.
- Friday, March 29th: Good Friday service in Goodridge at 3:00 p.m. All are encouraged to take the day off from work for a religious holiday. This is a day of fasting and penance.
- Saturday, March 30th: Easter Vigil Mass in Goodridge at 8:00 p.m.
- Sunday, March 31st: Easter Sunday Mass in Oklee at 8:30 a.m. and in Grygla at 10:30 a.m.
- Sunday, March 31st: Fr. Bryan takes a nap after Masses. □

Well, that turned into quite a list! May the Lord grant that this Lent will be a time of great conversion for all of us!

TITHING

St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee

Feb 24, 2024

Adult Envelopes	\$1220.00
Endowment for Priests	\$50.00
Flowers for Altar	\$25.00
Home Missions	\$83.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$50.00</u>
Total	\$ 1428.00

St. Ann's in Goodridge

Feb 24, 2024

Adult Envelopes	\$640.00
Flowers	\$50.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$6.00</u>
Total	\$696.00

St. Clement's in Grygla

Feb 24, 2024

Adult Envelopes	\$485.00
Home Missions	\$5.00
Endowment for Priests	\$25.00
Central & E. Europe	\$5.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$20.00</u>
Total	\$540.00

St. Michael, the Archangel,
defend us in battle.
Be our safeguard against
the wickedness and snares
of the devil.
May God rebuke him,
we humbly pray;
and do you,
O Prince of the heavenly host,
by the power of God
cast into hell Satan
and all the evil spirits
who wander through the world
seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.