

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

Any time a faithful Christian in our modern world notices sinful behavior and ever-so-gently tries to encourage the sinner not to sin, it seems as if the Christian is shouted down by popular culture and social media, saying “Don’t be so judgmental. Christians aren’t supposed to condemn anyone.” This is a canard. A canard, other than being the French word for duck, is also a false story or rumor, or to use modern language, it is a false “narrative.” Anti-Christians have developed and beaten us over the head with this cheap canard that Christians should not judge, based upon the teaching of Jesus: so we should, more or less, just keep our mouths shut and say nothing when we see clear and present sin before us. This canard has worked far too well to shut us up. The people using this narrative against us fundamentally misunderstand Jesus in today’s Gospel. Jesus encounters the woman caught in adultery. Some irate villagers drag her before Jesus, hoping that he will condemn her, so that they can begin the punishment designated by Jewish law: stoning to death. In a moment of holy genius, Jesus says that the one without sin should throw the first stone. Everyone walks away, one by one, and the woman and Jesus are left alone. He told her that he did not condemn her, that he would not pass judgment, however, he did tell her that she should sin no more.

The error of the narrative used against us is confusion about the word condemn. Condemn, does not mean pointing out sin and calling someone to stop sinning: conversion. Condemn, in its precise sense, means to pass a definitive judgement and carry out a sentence. That is what the villagers wanted. They wanted an authority figure to pronounce her guilty, so they could carry out her sentence of stoning. Jesus did not do this because he believed this woman could live a life of virtue. He believed that she could repent and change her ways, and he did not want to condemn her, because that condemnation would mean death, and that would mean she would have no chance to repent. If we understand the word condemn precisely, then Christians should not pass a definitive judgement on someone and say that he or she has no hope of changing his or her ways. However, like Jesus who did not condemn the woman, but still called her to conversion, we should also still call sinners to repentance and give them every means of assistance to help them come back to the Lord.

Weekly Schedule

St. Francis Xavier Parish in Oklee

	<u>Mass Times</u>	<u>Confessions</u>
Sun:	8:00 a.m.	7:30 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. Clement Parish in Grygla

	<u>Mass Times</u>	<u>Confessions</u>
Sun:	11:45 a.m.	11:30 a.m.

St. Ann Parish in Goodridge

	<u>Mass Times</u>	<u>Confessions</u>
Sun:	10:00 a.m.	9:45 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.

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

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
- Hunter Vattbauer
- Kimberly Johs
- Fr Don Brauckmann
- Lola Dawn Neubert
- Kathy Vattbauer

We are the Hands of Christ

Are you good at making people feel welcome? When you meet someone new, a new neighbor, a new work colleague, a new parishioner, do you make them feel at home?

Many of us probably do a much better job at this. When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel like they are included instead of being excluded.

A simple "hello" and a smile goes a long way.



Mass Intentions

Oklee	Sunday	04/07/19	8:00 a.m.	†Deceased Family Harold Cyr
Goodridge	Sunday	04/07/19	10:00 a.m.	†Diane Rokke
Grygla	Sunday	04/07/19	11:45 a.m.	†Pro Populo
Oklee	Tuesday	04/09/19	8:00 a.m.	†Fred McLean
Oklee	Wednesday	04/10/19	8:00 a.m.	†Larry O'Neill
Pioneer	Wednesday	04/10/19	10:00 a.m.	†Alice Bluemke
Oklee	Thursday	04/11/19	8:00 a.m.	†Cobb & †Wilma Radniecki
Oklee	Friday	04/12/19	8:00 a.m.	†Richard Lambert
Oklee	Sunday	04/14/19	8:00 a.m.	†Jerome Berry
Goodridge	Sunday	04/14/19	10:00 a.m.	†Pro Populo
Grygla	Sunday	04/14/19	11:45 a.m.	Sherry Hittle

Tithing

St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee March 31, 2019

Adult Envelopes	\$948.00
Loose Plate	\$30.00
Catholic Relief	\$180.00
Total	\$1158.00

St. Ann's in Goodridge March 31, 2019

N/A	
Adult Envelopes	\$0.00
Loose Plate	\$0.00
Total	\$0.00

Sins that Crucified Our Lord



Pray The Holy Rosary Daily

St. Clement's in Grygla March 31, 2019

Adult Envelopes	\$525.00
Catholic Relief	\$105.00
Easter Flowers	\$10.00
Loose Plate	\$41.00
Total	\$681.00

St. Ann's Ministry

Sunday, April 7, 2019

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

Sunday, April 14, 2019

Commentator : Karyl
Lector : Carol
EMHC : Deb & Marie
Usher: Darwin & Stanley
Counter: Maggie & Deb

Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019

Commentator : Gerri
Lector : Eliza
EMHC : Deb & Darwin
Usher: Joe & Darwin
Counter: Louann & Maggie

St. Clement's Ministry

Sunday, April 7, 2019

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

Sunday, April 14, 2019

Commentary: Angie
Lector: Jody
EMHC: Jean & Justin
Usher: Bill Z. & Jim C.

Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019

Commentary: Angie
Lector: Gary
EMHC: Laurie & Kaylani
Usher: Ron & Bruce

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, 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

Sunday, April 14, 2019

Sacristan: Rick Dulka
Lector: Virginia Weber
EMHC: Jacob Melby & Don L.
Usher: Don L & Frank Buer
Greeter: Karen Fossum & Sue Carriere
Counter: Lora Johnson & Margaret B.

Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019

Sacristan: Margaret Buer
Lector: Jan Dulka
EMHC: Bob & Emily Bernier
Usher: Mitch B. & John M.
Greeter: Don & Annette LaCoursiere
Counter: Shirley Cyr & Jan Dulka

Memorials for Easter Flowers

- Which Parish? Oklee
 Grygla
 Goodridge

Offered by? _____

In loving memory of? *(suggested offering \$5.00 per name)*

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Please return with your offering via the collection basket.

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.

