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

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**Tuesday & Wednesday** 8:30 a.m.

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8:30 a.m. — 3:30 p.m. 8:30 a.m. — 11:30a.m.

### **Bulletin Deadline**

Wednesday: Noon

# **CLERGY COLUMN**

You'll find an insert about Summer camps for Jr. High and Sr. High kids in this week's bulletin. If you would like your children or grandchildren to attend, it is important that they register immediately! These camps fill up quickly. These are fantastic tools for spreading the Gospel, and I strongly encourage you to get the teenagers you know involved in them. At these summer camps, the kids make friends, have fun, and pray, but most importantly learn that whatever small town or school they may come from, they are not alone in practicing their faith!

From now until the weekend before Ash Wednesday, I will have the plastic totes available in the our churches to collect old palms from last Palm Sunday. You may also place broken religious items into the totes, or other religious items that need proper disposal.

In honor of the Year of St. Joseph, I am encouraging everyone to participate in the 30-day Consecration to Saint Joseph that will begin on February 15th. If you would like me to order you the official book to prepare for the consecration, please sign up. The cost is \$20 for the book.

	St. Francis Xavier Parish in Oklee			St. Clement Parish in Grygla			St. Ann Parish in Goodridge		
		<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.						
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Saint Paul a continued example of radical conversion!

Most Catholics never have quite the conversion experience that was experienced by Saint Paul. However the call to conversion is heard clearly and loudly through our faith in Christ Jesus every single day. Recently, I had a conversation with someone who asked me if I had accepted Jesus as my personal Savior! Well, anytime someone poses that question to me it rubs against my personal and communal faith that was gifted to me by my sacramental Baptism, and the gift of Eucharistic nourishment. Furthermore, such as question often implies that faith in Jesus Christ is solely a personal acceptance and function of one's individual faith. As a Catholic believer, I wholeheartedly accept and believe in Jesus Christ and accept Him as my personal Savior. As an intrinsic part of that belief, I also believe in the divine institution of the Catholic Church as revealed to all of us through the Word of God, the Sacraments and the teachings of the Apostles. Most emphatically my religious faith is deeply intertwined with the mystery of Jesus Incarnation, His crucifixion and most especially the glory of His resurrection...

Perhaps the real message of Saint Paul's radical conversion is simply that: radical. He completely turned away from a life that was besieged by secularism and human consumption and embraced the message of faith and

love offered by Jesus on the road to Damascus. Well, every day all Catholics are reaffirming their radical profession of faith in Christ Jesus and His Church through countless examples of "transforming" activities that are realized in the actions of each Catholic believer and through the ministry of reconciliation and renewal that is offered everyday in both our individual and sacramental oblations to and for the future of the Universal Church.

As a faithful Catholic, it especially pains me to hear, watch and observe Catholic actions and activities that take careful aim at the universal harmony which the ministry of the Church offers to the entire compilation of all of mankind. That is why the Pauline example of conversion is so resonant in our modern world and Church...the call to unconditional faith and ministry to Jesus Christ is continuously proclaimed in the temporal and sacramental life of our Catholic Church. Most especially, and in some respects this author advocates, to the point of theological nausea the specific call Jesus makes to the whole world for conversion through the apostolic ministry of our Holy Father, Benedict XVI. Benedict like Saint Paul proclaims clearly and loudly the need for aversion from things and movements that are contrary to Catholic moral and social teachings, not just because secularization offers a diminished realization of human spiritual potential, but because secularization lacks a fundamental appreciation and expectation of what it means to be converting to a deeper understanding of God and indeed all of humanity.

The Catholic Church through Benedict challenges all humanity to undergo a spiritual and temporal conversion just like Saint Paul and to reaffirm faith in Jesus Christ not just as a personal Savior, but as the key and integral factor that leads towards the salvation of the entire world. Today as we celebrate the proclamation of unconditional faith by Saint Paul in Jesus Christ…lets all profess as Catholics our same unconditional desire towards constant conversion to Christ Jesus!

By Hugh McNichol Op/Ed Catholic Online

Oklee	Sunday	1/24/21	8:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
Goodridge	Sunday	1/24/21	10:00 a.m.	†Norman Adams
Grygla	Sunday	1/24/21	11:45 a.m.	†Shirley Verbout
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Oklee	Tuesday	1/26/21	8:00 a.m.	†Jim Lussier
Oklee	Wednesday	1/27/21	8:00 a.m.	Heidi Harmoning
Oklee	Thursday	1/28/21	8:00 a.m.	Roxanne Sorenson
Oklee	Friday	1/29/21	NO MASS	NO MASS
Oklee	Sunday	1/31/21	8:00 a.m.	†Vi Bergh
Goodridge	Sunday	1/31/21	10:00 a.m.	†Norman Adams
Grygla	Sunday	1/31/21	11:45 a.m.	Pro Populo

# SS. Timothy and Titus

January 26

O God, who adorned Saints Timothy and Titus, With apostolic virtues, Grant, through the intercession of them both, That living justly and devoutly in this present age, We may merit to reach our heavenly homeland.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, Who lives and reigns with you in the Unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever.

Amen

# Weekly Reflections

"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." - Mark 1:17

Jesus' call to "Follow me" is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are "ready" or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren't always going to go according to our schedule and that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.

# Tithing

# St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee

January 17, 2021

Adults Envelopes \$934.00 **Endowmt Priests** \$26.00 Church in Africa \$95.00 Flowers for Altar \$10.00 Total \$1065.00

# St. Ann's in Goodridge

January 17, 2021

Adults Envelopes \$461.00 Ladies Aid \$300.00 Loose Plate \$60.00 Total \$821.00

# St. Clement's in Grygla

January 17, 2021

Adults Envelopes \$595.00 Loose Plate \$39.00 Church in Africa \$146.00 **Endowmt Priest** \$65.00 Total \$826.00

# St Francis Xavier's Oklee, MN

Sunday, January 24, 2021 Jacob Melby Lector:

Sunday, January 31, 2021 Paul Cyr

Sunday, February 7, 2021

Lector: Jacob

# St Ann's Goodridge, MN

Sunday, January 24, 2021 Carol Lector:

Sunday, January 31, 2021 Lector: Carol

Sunday, February 7, 2021

Lector: Eliza

# St Clement's Grygla, MN

Sunday, January 24, 2021 Dawn Lector:

Sunday, January 31, 2021 Lector: Jim C

Sunday, February 7, 2021 Lector: Jody

# RETROUVAILLE MARRIAGE HELP:

Thinking about Separation or Divorce? Hurting? Angry? Feel helpless?

Retrouvaille is a lifeline for troubled marriages.

Since 1977, over 40,000 marriages saved worldwide.

Couples learn the tools to rediscover each other and heal their marriage. 100% confiden-

tial.

When: February 5-7, 2021, April 9-11, 2021

Where: Dakota Ridge Best Western Hotel, Eagan, MN

Contact: TCRRegistration@tcr-mn.org

More Information: http://www.helpourmarriage.org



# St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church Prayer Blankets

### You Matter. We care. You are not alone.

There are prayer blankets in the back of the church for those whom are sick, suffering or dying. Please sign the book to whom it is given to so we know who the prayers are for.

Thank you!!

# Recently Deceased Loved Ones

†Joey Johnson †Allen Paquin †Chris Tougas †Larry O'Neill †Yvonne Boucher †Bonnie Buchmeier †Janet Pearson †David Dessellier †Rita Bonagura Vaughn †Ann Peterson †Irene Dessellier †Floyd Neuschwander †Ted Lussier

†Mary Jean Altendorf †Mike Bourque †Fr. Don Braukmann †Florence Dunham †Msgr. Donald Krebs †Betty Barsness

†LaVonne Radniecki

†Brigitta Dobmeier

†Betty Barsness †Floyd Charest †Jim Dulka †Avis Frazer †Lauretta Stucy †Tom Toulouse †Marlyn Dessellier

†Gerald Cote †Phyllis Martell

†Theresa "Bergeron" Lucken

†Jerome Hruby †Irene Kiesow

†Msgr. Michael Patnode †Donnie Knutson

†Jerry Johnson †Ron Rustan

†Joan Carpenter †Leroy Irlbeck

†Lowell Smeby †Dorothy Plante

†Jim Lussier

### Pray For Those Who Are Sick

Retrouvaille

... a lifeline for Marriages

Delton Sebenaler Donnie Tougas Kenneth LaCoursiere Shirley Dessellier Michael Bachand Annette LaCoursiere Debra Olson Jack Miller Kimberly Johs Ambrose Beaudoin Steve Sebenaler Don LaCoursiere Cindy Deterrman David Longtin Marie Adams Grace Rundell MaryAnn Lambert Bailey Herried Drotts George Pittman Bambi Lambert Lucille Christianson Doris Dessellier Danielle Swanson Mark Stromberg Sylvia Remick Morey Penny Kalar Jo Lambert Richard Perreault Tony Radniecki Darren Tougas Elaine Radniecki Gary Polansky



Bob Radniecki