

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

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Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday: Noon

CLERGY COLUMN

THIS IS A TWO-WEEK BULLETIN

I will be gone from this afternoon until Friday for my annual retreat. I will be staying with the Franciscan Sisters in Hankinson, North Dakota. There will not be any Lenten Devotions or Daily Masses this week.

After Jesus performs a series of miracles and foretells His own death, Jesus leads just three of his disciples, Peter, James and John, to a "high mountain." This is where the Transfiguration takes place in which his appearance was radiantly transformed. The transfiguration of Jesus Christ was a powerful demonstration of His divine nature and manifestation of His glory, which Jesus possessed prior to coming to earth in the human body. It's impossible to appreciate what's going on with the Transfiguration unless you consciously factor in the reality that that remarkable scene takes place just a few days after Jesus had, for the very first time, told his disciples He was going to die. And when he told his disciples He was going to die, they were offended and scandalized. Peter, speaking for the group, grabbed Jesus and said, "far be it from you [to die], it can't happen." This (Transfiguration) is about three years into a three and a half year ministry. This is after for months and years those disciples had followed Jesus, they had seen his miracles, they had done miracles in His name. They knew something palpably and objectively about the power and the reality of who Jesus was, and yet, when He began to talk about dying it was staggering to the disciples and they began to wonder if He was really the Messiah. On the mountaintop, Jesus asked his disciples to pray, but they fall asleep. Then, as they wake up, they see Jesus standing before them with an indescribable manifestation of light and glory. The one who had so carefully veiled his physical glory took it to himself for a brief moment. The whole purpose of that experience was to reinforce the staggering faith of those apostles.

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.

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.

ST. ANN'S FISH FRY

WHEN: March 5, 12, 19, 25 Time: 4:30-7:30 p.m.

WHERE: GOODRIDGE, MN
TAKEOUT ORDERS ONLY!

To place your order. CALL 378-4529—FROM 2:30-6:00 P.M.
Pickup orders from 4:30—7:30 p.m.

MENU: pan fried walleye, baked potato, green beans, coleslaw, bun, & assorted desserts.

Prices: one (1) fillet-\$11.00 two (2) fillets-\$13.00



Weekly Reflections

"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything..." - Exodus 20:4

How many "gods" do you put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health. Pray for God's help to prune our vices and to grow in virtue.

Online Lenten Bible Studies via Zoom

Lead by Deacon Mark Krejci from Moorhead on Monday
Nights from 7:00-8:00 pm. (March 1, 8, 15 & 22)

or

Lead by Deacon Aaron Kaiser from Bagley on Wednesday
Nights from 7:00-8:00 pm. (March 3, 10, 17, & 24)

To register:

go to www.crookston.org

1. near the top of the page, there is a bar going across with different dropdown menus. Hold your cursor over DISCIPLESHIP.
2. from the dropdown menu under DISCIPLESHIP, select BIBLE STUDY
3. On the Bible Study page, click on the yellow box that says "Join Virtual Bible Study Group"

Fill out the form and submit.



Announcement about Meals/Socializing after Mass


Gov. Walz announced an ease to the 10-person/two household maximum for indoor "social" gatherings in the state of Minnesota that include food or beverage. Therefore, this ease in restriction applies to the use of parish social halls or other similar gathering spaces where fellowship with food/beverage is provided. Occupancy capacity of the space is limited to 25 percent, up to a maximum of 50 people with social distance of six feet maintained. These events may not occur between 11:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m. The new order is effective as of Saturday, February 13 at 12:00 p.m. (noon). For social gatherings without food or beverage, occupancy capacity of the space is limited to 25 %, up to a maximum of 250 people with social distance of six feet maintained.



Oklee	Sunday	2/28/21	8:00 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Goodridge	Sunday	2/28/21	10:00 a.m.	Bernie Lesser
Grygla	Sunday	2/28/21	11:45 a.m.	† Irene Kiesow
Oklee	Tuesday	3/02/21		NO MASS
Oklee	Wednesday	3/03/21		NO MASS
Oklee	Thursday	3/04/21		NO MASS
Oklee	Friday	3/05/21		NO MASS
Latin Mass	Saturday	3/06/21	4:00 p.m.	†Linda Turi
Oklee	Sunday	3/07/21	8:00 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Goodridge	Sunday	3/07/21	10:00 a.m.	Alyssa Rogalla
Grygla	Sunday	3/07/21	11:45 a.m.	†Jackie Dobmeier
Oklee	Tuesday	3/09/21	8:00 a.m.	Lori Melby
Oklee	Wednesday	3/10/21	8:00 a.m.	Bonnie Paquin
Oklee	Thursday	3/11/21	8:00 a.m.	†Kevin Beck
Oklee	Friday	3/12/21	8:00 a.m.	†Viola Walton
Oklee	Sunday	3/14/21	8:00 a.m.	†Jennifer Valtierra
Goodridge	Sunday	3/14/21	10:00 a.m.	Grace Jones
Grygla	Sunday	3/14/21	11:45 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>



Schedule of Lenten Activities

5:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament		Tuesdays in Goodridge
5:30 p.m. Confessions		Wednesdays in Oklee
6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross		Thursdays in Grygla

Exceptions: These will not take place during the 2nd Week of Lent nor during Holy Week.

Tithing

St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee February 21, 2021

Adults Envelopes	\$1539.00
Loose Plate	\$70.00
Home Missions	\$80.00
Endowment Priests	\$10.00
Aid to Europe	\$31.00
Flowers for Altar	\$10.00
Total	\$1740.00

St. Ann's in Goodridge February 21, 2021

Adults Envelopes	\$727.00
Aid to Europe	\$5.00
Loose Plate	\$70.00
Total	\$802.00

St. Clement's in Grygla February 21, 2021

Adults Envelopes	\$525.00
Aid to Europe	\$100.00
Home Missions	\$110.00
Endowment Priests	\$65.00
Candle Donation	\$90.30
Loose Plate	\$105.00
Total	\$995.30

"You must remember to love people and use things, rather than to love things and use people." - Fulton Sheen

St Francis Xavier's Oklee, MN

Sunday, February 28, 2021
Lector: Paul Cyr

Sunday, March 7, 2021
Lector: Mike Bachand

Sunday, March 14, 2021
Lector: Jan Dulka

Sunday, March 21, 2021
Lector: Mary Ann Lambert

St Ann's Goodridge, MN

Sunday, February 28, 2021
Lector: Carol

Sunday, March 7, 2021
Lector: Carol

Sunday, March 14, 2021
Lector: Eliza

Sunday, March 21, 2021
Lector: Carol

St Clement's Grygla, MN

Sunday, February 28, 2021
Lector: Dawn

Sunday, March 7, 2021
Lector: Jim C

Sunday, March 14, 2021
Lector: Jody

Sunday, March 21, 2021
Lector: Laurie

Diocesan Annual Appeal

For those of you who have made a gift to the 2021 DDA—Thank you! For those who are still discerning, it is not too late, go to www.crookston.org/daa to learn more about the diocesan ministries. You can always make a gift online on our webpage. Your prayer requests are precious even if you are not able to give to the DAA. Please pick up a prayer request form and DAA envelope at your parish to send them in. Where there is faith, there is hope!

St Francis Xavier—\$7,5533

St. Clement—\$3,427

St. Ann—\$2,319

Lenten Hope

Finding Hope in Lent

We are the season of Lent, a special season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving and a time for us to grow closer to Christ. Lenten hope is a hope that leads to a place of sacrifice, virtue, and most of all of love. As people of faith, turning to the example of Christ, our Savior is the most important thing we can do as Christians on the walk toward Calvary with Christ on the Lenten pilgrimage and in life.

Lesson from 2020

A year ago, at this time, many of us experienced what it was like to be on “lock down” when it was announced to our country and to the world that we were in a global pandemic. The Coronavirus has made a major effect on the world starting with all those who have suffered from the disease and those who have lost their lives. Taking the time to pray for those who have gone before us is so important both now and in the future. This is a lesson from 2020, that we must always remember the suffering.

Another lesson from 2020 is that as hard as last year was for the world, we have God by our sides to help us to continue our journey in faith. Now is the time for us to continue to hold onto our cross for the sake of all those who need our prayers both now and in the future.

Wisdom from the Holy Father

“For us as Christian, where the cross is, there is hope, always...That is why I like to say: do not allow yourselves to be robbed of hope” (Pope Francis 2013 homily). Hope is what helps us to keep going during the most challenging times. The lessons of 2020 include this message of hope. As a people we have not given up our faith completely as a society. This alone is great hope. It is reason for us to continue our prayers for the alleviation of suffering and for increased faith in our world. Have a blessed Lent and remember God is with you, and he will be by your side in 2021 and beyond.

Written by: Anne DeSantis

Anne DeSantis is a wife and "Mom" from the Greater Philadelphia area. She and her husband have two daughters whom she homeschooled for many years. Anne is the Director for the St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation for Freedom, Family, and Faith associated with the Mercedarian Religious Order