

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

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**Tuesday & Wednesday** 8:30 a.m. — 3:30 p.m.  
**Thursday** 8:30 a.m. — 11:30p.m.

## Bulletin Deadline

**Wednesday:** Noon

## C l e r g y C o l u m n

### The Story of Squanto

The first Thanksgiving in what would eventually become the United States of America was celebrated near Plymouth, Massachusetts in 1621. It was celebrated by the Puritan Pilgrims, a sect of Christians who left England because they thought the Anglican Church was still too Catholic. They came because they wanted a land where they could exclusively practice their own “pure” version of Christianity, without it being corrupted by Catholicism. [They disliked the traditions of Catholicism so much that they outlawed the celebration of “Christ-Mass” and forced everyone to continue in their usual daily labors on Christmas day. They didn’t even have a religious service to mark the occasion.] The Pilgrims had set sail from England and hoped to make landfall near the Island of Manhattan, but the unpredictable winds took them off course, and they landed several hundred miles north at Plymouth Rock, in Massachusetts. Upon their arrival, in November of 1620, they needed a place to live, and they immediately discovered an abandoned Indian village. (It was abandoned because all of the residents had died a few years prior, due to an epidemic of smallpox.) The Pilgrims made their home in that village, and did their best to survive the winter, although almost half of the original 100 colonists died that first winter.

In the Spring of 1621, they met an Native man named Squanto. He spoke English and was a Catholic! Squanto has an amazing story that should deeply connect us to the first Thanksgiving. Squanto was born and raised in the Indian village where the Pilgrims settled. In 1614, before the smallpox plague, Squanto was captured by an English slave

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## 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 p.m.

#### HOW MUCH DO WE KNOW

"If we knew what a terrible thing sin was and went on sinning; if we knew how much love there was in the Incarnation and still refused to nourish ourselves with the Bread of Life; if we knew how much sacrificial love there was in the Sacrifice of the Cross and still refused to fill the chalice of our heart with that love; if we knew how much mercy there was in the Sacrament of Penance, and still refused to bend a humble knee to a hand that had the power to loose both in heaven and on earth; if we knew how much life there was in the Eucharist and still refused to take of the Bread which makes life everlasting and still refused to drink of that Wine that produces and enriches virgins; if we knew all the truth there is in the Church as the mystical body of Christ and still turned our backs to it like other Pilates; if we knew all these things and still stayed away from Christ and His Church, we should be lost! It is not wisdom that saves; it is ignorance! It is only our ignorance of how good God is that excuses us for not being saints!" Archbishop Fulton Sheen (The Seven Last Words)

#### 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.

#### Bulletin Deadline

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

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trader and was brought to Spain. Once in Spain, some Franciscan Friars, as was their custom, tried to fight slavery by simply purchasing slaves and setting them free. They paid the price for Squanto's freedom, and nursed him back to health from his traumatic voyage across the sea in a slave ship. During his recovery, the friars preached the Good News to Squanto, who was later Baptized as a Catholic. After several years in Spain, Squanto went to England, where he worked in the dockyards and learned English, and he eventually earned enough money to buy passage on a ship head back to America. He arrived back home to find all of his family and friends gone, and a colony of Englishmen living in his home town.

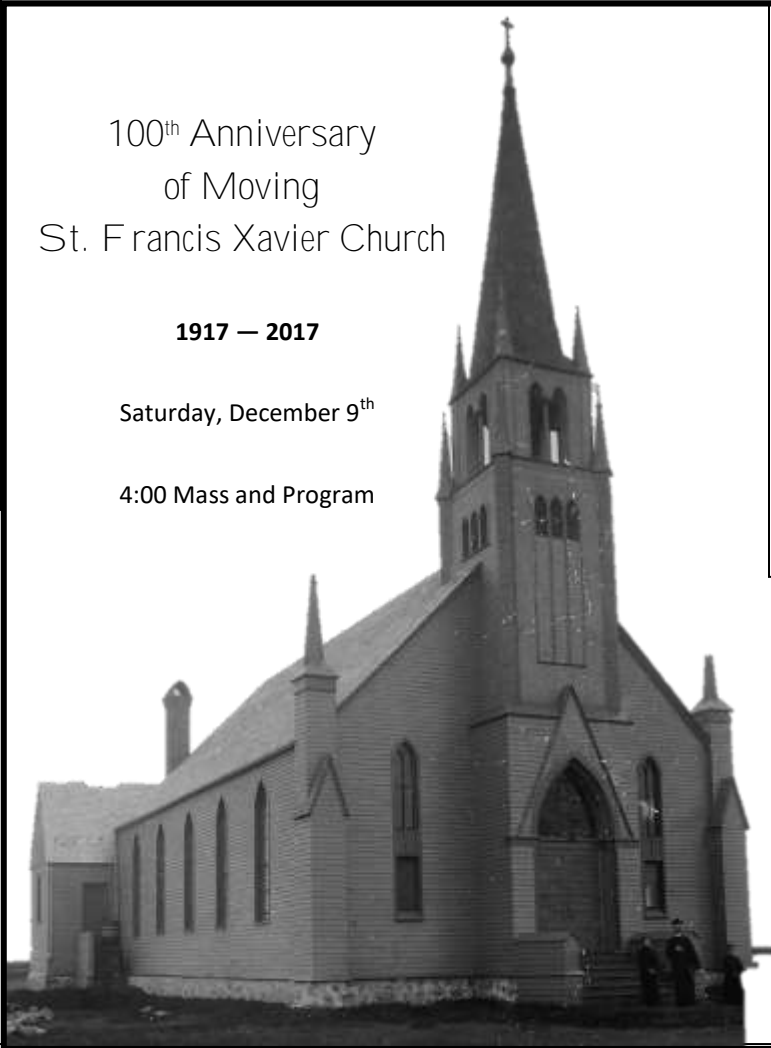
Squanto was gracious to the pilgrims, he showed them how to survive in their new home, and he celebrated the first Thanksgiving with them in November of 1621! Squanto had a million reasons to hate the English, but his faith in Christ had taught him forgiveness, so much so that he could join the Pilgrims in giving thanks to God.

### 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Moving St. Francis Xavier Church

1917 — 2017

Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>

4:00 Mass and Program



#### VICTIM ASSISTANCE STATEMENT OF THE DIOCESE OF CROOK- STON

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, please contact Cindy Hulst, LSW, the diocesan Victim's Assistance Coordinator at 218-281-7895 (24-hour confidential number).

#### Pope's monthly In- tentions Novem- ber 2017

Christians in Asia

That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, May promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.

#### Called to be Catholic

If one is called to be Catholic, one follows what the church teaches, that is the correct understanding of conscience (as upheld also by Vatican II). And if one really cannot follow what the Church teaches, then one's conscience requires that one leave the Church. That is the adult decision. One's conscience does not require that one makes up one's own personal religion and then pretend that it is Catholic. Bishop Robert C. Morlino

*"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities."* - MATTHEW 25:21  
God expects us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us; He expects us to grow our gifts, use them wisely and be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us.

## Mass Intentions

Oklee	Sunday	11-19-17	8:00 a.m.	Irene O'Shea
Goodridge	Sunday	11-19-17	10:00 a.m.	†Bill Vaughan
Grygla	Sunday	11-19-17	11:45 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Oklee	Tuesday	11-21-17	8:00 a.m.	†Marcelline Zola
Oklee	Wednesday	11-22-17	8:00 a.m.	†Lewellyn Troska
Pioneer	Wednesday	11-22-17	10:00 a.m.	†Vic Kalinoski
Oklee	Thursday	11-23-17	8:00 a.m.	NO MASS
Oklee	Friday	11-24-17	8:00 a.m.	NO MASS
Oklee	Sunday	11-26-17	8:00 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Goodridge	Sunday	11-26-17	10:00 a.m.	Jones Family
Grygla	Sunday	11-26-17	11:45 a.m.	†Janet Pearson

"...in everything *give thanks*,  
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus  
for you." 1 THESSALONIANS 5:18

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 19th Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection Sunday

The annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will be at Zion Lutheran Church in Oklee on Sunday, Nov. 19 at 6 pm. Everyone is welcome!

The Community Choir will practice for the Thanksgiving Service Sunday, Nov. 19 at 5 pm before the 6 pm service. Please come and join us!

November 26th St. Mary's Mission Appeal (Sunday after Thanksgiving)

Next weekend we will take a collection for St. Mary's Mission in Red Lake, MN. Because of your generosity and the work of Fr. Jerry Rogers and a dedicated team of teachers and lay ministers at the Mission, we can offer 108 children a quality Catholic education. These kids will one day be the leaders of their Nation. Don't miss the opportunity to learn about their culture by seeing the St. Mary's Mission award-winning video at [www.crookston.org/smna](http://www.crookston.org/smna). You also have the option to donate online.)

Note: I have run out of Masses to say! They have all been scheduled. If you would like a Mass offered for someone who has died, or for a living friend or relative who is in need of prayers, now is the time to request them. Typically, we request \$5.00/Mass as the stipend. You can drop your Mass requests in the offertory basket.

## Mass of Light.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED MISCARRIAGE, STILL BIRTH, INFANT AND CHILD LOSS

Losing a child is one of the most difficult things that a couple can endure. Your loss was recent or long ago, there is hope, healing, support and love. On Monday November 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm St. Mary's in Warroad will hold a special "Mass of Light for those who have experienced Miscarriage, Still Birth, Infant and Child loss." This Mass, is a way to commemorate the lives of our children who died before or after birth. Couples, family members, friends and all parishioners are welcome to attend this Mass as we pray for our children and for those who love and mourn for them.

During this Mass, there will be a time when we remember our children who have passed by name. If you would like to have your child prayed for by name during this Mass, please call the parish office at (218)-386-1178 or email Fr. Todd at [tarends@saintmarywarroad.org](mailto:tarends@saintmarywarroad.org), so that we can include their name.



## Tithing

November 12, 2017

### St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee

Adults	\$1102.00
Loose Plate	\$40.39
Centennial	\$305.00
Flowers	\$10.00
Total:	\$1457.39

### St. Ann's in Goodridge

Adults	\$506.00
Youth	\$1.00
Loose Plate	\$105.00
Men's Club	\$300.00
Total:	\$912.00

### St. Clement's in Grygla

Adults	\$725.00
Loose Plate	\$163.00
Total:	\$888.00

## ST. ANN'S MINISTRY

Saturday November 26, 2017

Commentator:	Gerri
Lector:	Eliza
EMHC:	Eliza & Marie
Ushers:	Joe & Darwin
Counter:	Maggie & Louann

## ST. CLEMENT'S MINISTRY

Saturday November 26, 2017

Commentator:	Angie
Lector:	Jim C.
EMHC:	Bill Z. & Chris
Usher:	Ron & Bruce



## PRAYER BLANKETS

### St. Francis Xavier Catholic church

**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

### St. Francis Xavier, Oklee Lay Contacts

*Body*      *Year of Term—Term Ends (Term #)*

#### Pastoral Council & Finance Council

Virginia Weber	3/3—June 2017 (2nd)	P
David Bachand	3/3—June 2017 (1st)	P
Jacob Melby	3/3—June 2017 (1st)	F
Don LaCoursiere	2/3—June 2018 (2nd)	P
Phyllis Melby	2/3—June 2018 (1st)	P
Mitch Bernstein	1/3—June 2018 (1st)	F
Margaret Buer	1/3—June 2019 (1st)	P
Rick Dulka	1/3—June 2019 (1st)	P
Janet Halvorson	1/3—June 2019 (1st)	F

#### Parish Trustees

Al Paquin	2/2—Sept. 2017(1st)
Shirley Cyr	2/2—Sept. 2017 (1st)

### St. Clement, Grygla Lay Contacts

*Body*      *Year of Term—Term Ends (Term #)*

#### Joint Pastoral & Finance Council

Ron Kiesow	3/3—June 2017 (2nd)
Tom Morrissey	3/3—June 2017 (1st)
Jim Carriere	2/3—June 2018 (1st)
Gary Polansky	2/3—June 2018 (2nd)
Bill Zavoral	1/3—June 2019 (1st)
Angie Kiesow	1/3—June 2019 (1st)

#### Parish Trustees

Jody Miller	1/2—Sept. 2018 (2nd)
Jack Miller	1/2—Sept. 2018 (2nd)

### St. Ann, Goodridge Lay Contacts

*Body*      *Year of Term—Term Ends (Term #)*

#### Joint Pastoral & Finance Council

Darwin Eidelbes	3/3—June 2017 (2nd)
Gerri Rustan	3/3—June 2017 (1st)
Audrey Rogalla	2/3—June 2018 (1st)
Cindi Kotrba	2/3—June 2018 (1st)
Marlin Kotrba	1/3—June 2019 (1st)
Karyl Mayernik	1/3—June 2019 (1st)

#### Parish Trustees

Patty Skibicki	1/2—Sept. 2018 (1st)
Veron Rogalla	1/2—Sept. 2018 (1st)

### Recently Deceased Loved Ones

† Janet Pearson  
 † Imelda Carin  
 † Richard Radniecki  
 † Carol Haugen  
 † Tom Karakash  
 † Steven McPherson  
 † Mary Ann Lessard  
 † Mary Marvin  
 † Norman Adams

### Pray For Those Who Are Sick

- Susan Sunberg
- Bob Carriere
- Carter Torgerson
- Debra Olson
- Floyd Neuschwander
- Dorothy Plante
- Alice Bluemke
- Ann Peterson
- Tom Radniecki
- Del Determan
- Joey Johnson

### Oklee Ministry List

Sunday November 19, 2017

Sacristan: Rick Dulka  
 Lector: Mary Ann Lambert  
 EMHC: Rick & Jan Dulka  
 Usher: Mitch Bernstein & John Melby  
 Greeter: Mary Ann Lambert & Anne Hammer-  
 Counter: Pat Asselin & Jo Lambert

Sunday November 26, 2017

Sacristan: Phyllis Melby  
 Lector: Krista Bernstein  
 EMHC: Bob & Emily Bernier  
 Usher: Jake Martell & Doug Cote  
 Greeter: Shirley Cyr & Delores Longtin  
 Counter: Lora Johnson & Margaret Buer

Sunday December 03, 2017

Sacristan: Margaret Buer  
 Lector: Shirley Cyr  
 EMHC: Don LaCoursiere & Carolyn Rystad  
 Usher: Ken & Shirley Boucher  
 Greeter: Karen Fossum & Sue Carriere  
 Counter: Shirley Cyr & Jan Dulka

### OTHER WAYS TO SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

- Have Masses offered for friends or relatives, deceased or still living. Just drop a note in the collection basket, along with your donation, the usual amount is \$5.00/Mass. If this would be a financial hardship, please let me know.
- Offer Memorials in honor of your deceased loved ones to your parish's building and maintenance fund, or to your parish cemetery.
- Leave a legacy gift to the parish in your will, or name the parish as the beneficiary of your retirement policy or life insurance plan.