

Fifth & Sixth Sundays of Easter

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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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Oklee	Sunday	04/28/24	8:00 a.m.	†Cal Harmoning
Goodridge	Sunday	04/28/24	10:00 a.m.	George Altstadt
Grygla	Sunday	04/28/24	11:45 a.m.	†Conrad Pietruszewski
Oklee	Monday	04/29/24	NO MASS	NO MASS
Grygla	Tuesday	04/30/24	NO MASS	NO MASS
Oklee	Wednesday	05/01/24	NO MASS	NO MASS
Oklee	Thursday	05/02/24	NO MASS	NO MASS
Oklee	Sunday	05/05/24	8:00 a.m.	†Larry O'Neill
Goodridge	Sunday	05/05/24	10:00 a.m.	For the People
Grygla	Sunday	05/05/24	11:45 a.m.	†Conrad Pietruszewski
Oklee	Monday	05/06/24	8:00 a.m.	†Kim Johs
Goodridge	Tuesday	05/07/24	5:30 p.m.	†Joyce Biegler
Oklee	Wednesday	05/08/24	8:00 a.m.	Sandy Lambert
Oklee	Thursday	05/09/24	8:00 a.m.	Gail & Art Bowlin Family
Oklee	Sunday	05/12/24	8:00 a.m.	Bonnie Paquin
Goodridge	Sunday	05/12/24	10:00 a.m.	Gregory Stevens
Grygla	Sunday	05/12/24	11:45 a.m.	For the People

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).

CLERGY COLUMN

Happy Lord's Day!

We welcome Msgr. Tim McGee this weekend, one of those faithful retired priests in our diocese who help so much with subbing on the weekends. In addition to that, Msgr. McGee has also taken on the role of Administrator for St. Francis de Sales in Moorhead and St. John's in Georgetown. The pastor there, Fr. Maschio Mascarengas, was denied his Religious Worker Visa just before Easter and had to leave our country for at least a year. This kind of thing is happening throughout the country, foreign ministers who are here on Religious Worker Visas are being told that they must leave the country. Our diocese has several foreign priests, so we need to pray for some kind of a resolution to this situation and perhaps make a few phone calls to express our distaste. We also need to pray for more priests from among our families, friends, and parishioners. Anyway, Msgr. McGee has been quite busy since he retired, and we're grateful to have him this weekend. I'll look forward to connecting with you all when I come back next Sunday.

Our readings for this Sunday are so good! There is a clear connection between the 2nd Reading and the Gospel, which is somewhat rare - it's usually the 1st Reading and Gospel that connect with each other. At any rate, the primary thing to pay attention to this week is abiding in Jesus, remaining in him. Jesus relates the importance of remaining in him: what is at stake here is either being with Jesus or being thrown out like a branch to wither. As I often like to point out, these are the words of Jesus, the one in whom we all profess to believe, very strong words. Hopefully this makes you say to yourself, "Well, I want to make sure I remain in Jesus, since I don't want to be just thrown out to wither. How do I remain in him?" The good news here is that the Bible teaches us the answer.

Jesus begins the answer and St. John completes the answer. Jesus says, "*If you remain in me and my words remain in you...*" So, the first thing is that the words of Jesus must remain in us. Now we can ask: *Do the words of Jesus remain in you? Do you regularly read and think about the words of Jesus? If the answer is negative, then you're off to a rough start and need to make a change. I know many of us were not formed in households that placed a priority on reading the Bible, but we can change and make that adjustment. It is especially important for us to regularly read from the Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. But then we also need to reflect on the Gospels in order that the words of Jesus may remain in us. St. John continues: "Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them..." Our reading and reflecting must turn into our action. If we believe in Jesus, then we will trust that he is teaching us the truth about the mysteries of the Kingdom of God. If he is teaching us the truth, then we will act on his word, for his teaching reveals to us the way to Heaven. We must keep his commandments. We can ask: Do you keep the commandments of Jesus, which are found in the Gospels? Again, if you don't regularly read the Gospels, how would you know whether you are keeping his commandments? The Bible doesn't teach us to just trust our instincts or our feelings, so we can't rely on them. In fact, the Bible and the Church teach us that our natural instincts and feelings will lead us astray, so it's best to deny ourselves in order to remain in Jesus.*

May the Lord give you his peace!

Fr. Bryan



"Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." -1 JOHN 3:18

Regarding our Catholic faith, do you "walk the talk?" Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good disciple? Are you an active participant at Sunday Mass? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you give gratefully and generously with your financial support to your parish and other Church needs?

The Ascension is the event, where Jesus arose into heaven, at the end of his time on earth. Jesus' time on earth began with his birth. It was interrupted for three days by His death on the Cross. During that time, He descended into the realm of the dead and preached the Gospel to the good people who died before Him. This allowed those good and holy souls--the righteous dead, as we call them--who accepted Christ as their Savior to proceed to heaven. On the third day after his death and burial, Jesus Christ was raised from the dead, an event we call the Resurrection. He spent the next 40 days preaching and preparing His disciples to perform the work of preaching and baptizing all people.

At the end of this 40 day period, Jesus ascended into heaven. We call this the Ascension.

The Bible tells us what happened on that day:

1. In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning
2. until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven.
3. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God.
4. While at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is', he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about:
5. John baptised with water but, not many days from now, you are going to be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'
6. Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come for you to restore the kingdom to Israel?'
7. He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority,
8. but you will receive the power of the Holy Spirit which will come on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to earth's remotest end.'
9. As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight.
10. They were still staring into the sky as he went, when suddenly two men in white were standing beside them,
11. and they said, 'Why are you Galileans standing here looking into the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will come back in the same way as you have seen him go to heaven.'

(Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11)

St Francis Xavier's

Sunday, April 28, 2024
Sacristan: Margaret
Lector:: Paul
Counters: Anne & Delores

Sunday, May 5, 2024
Sacristan: Emily
Lector:: Mary Lynn
Counters: Jo L & Geri

Sunday, May 12, 2024
Sacristan: Phyllis
Lector:: Bob
Counters: Mary Anne & Jan

St Ann's

Sunday, April 28, 2024
Lector:: Carol
Counters: Deb & Maggie

Sunday, May 5, 2024
Lector:: Paula
Counters: Audrey & Marie

Sunday, May 12, 2024
Lector:: Karyl
Counters: Deb & Maggie

Sunday, May 19, 2024
Lector:: Carol
Counters: Marie & Audrey

St Clement's

Sunday, April 28, 2024
Lector:: Robbie

Sunday, May 5, 2024
Lector: Dawn

Sunday, May 12, 2024
Lector: Jim C

Sunday, May 19, 2024
Lector: Laurie

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" goes a long way.



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.



Recently Deceased Loved Ones

†Harold Cyr
†Judie Hendrickson
†Alden Morinville
†Kathleen Erickson
†Joseph Cullen
†Laura Nadeau
†Lucy Christianson
†Vernon Rogalla
†Donovan Stoneouse
†Adelore Plante
†Richard Perreault
†Cecelia Christianson
†Corlan Magnell Klein-
schmidt
†Judy Zavoral
†Dean Lambert
†Richard Bronken
†Jerome Carriere
†Gary Paquin
†Gayle Radniecki Grossman
†Delores Longtin
†Lorraine Cote
†Lorraine LaCoursiere
†Tony Weber
†Matt Genova
†Elaine Radniecki
†Richard Rolfson
†Gary LaCoursiere
†Theresa Sorenson
†Julie Paquin

Pray For Those Who Are Sick

Delton Sebenaler
Donnie Tougas
Kenneth LaCoursiere
Shirley Dessellier
Michael Bachand
Annette LaCoursiere
Debra Olson
Ambrose Beaudoin
Steve Sebenaler
Don LaCoursiere
Cindy Determan
Marie Adams
Grace Rundell
MaryAnn Lambert
Bailey Herried Drotts
George Pittman
Bambi Lambert
Doris Dessellier
Danielle Swanson
Mark Stromberg
Sylvia Remick Morey
Penny Kalar
Jo Lambert
Tony Radniecki
Bob Radniecki
Darren Tougas
Richard Bourque
Rick Dulka
Mary Radniecki
Dave Zavoral
Bernadette Lambert-
Daymunde
Josie Rodriguez
Roy Rystad
Dave Longtin, Shorty
Bonnie Cote
Joyce Tougas
Brad Gunderson
Brian Peterson
Roger Lambert
Theresa Mutnansky
Carolyn Pittman
Shirley Cyr
Cliff Melby
Jack Miller
Mike Dessellier
Adam Cwikla
Tyler Larson (deployed)
John Lessard
Bonnie Paquin

Anyone wishing to have a MASS offered for a loved one, living or deceased, you may leave name and the customary donation of \$10.00 in the offering basket in an envelope.

TITHING

St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee

April 14, 2024

Adult Envelopes	\$950.00
Flowers for Altar	\$30.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$66.00</u>
Total	\$1046.00

April 21, 2024

Adult Envelopes	\$1367.00
Endowment Priests	\$20.00
Prayer Blankets	\$20.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$22.00</u>
Total	\$1429.00

St. Ann's in Goodridge

April 14, 2024

Adult Envelopes	\$537.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$50.00</u>
Total	\$587.00

April 21, 2024

Adult Envelopes	\$645.00
Endowment Priests	\$40.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$51.00</u>
Total	\$736.00

St. Clement's in Grygla

April 14, 2024

Adult Envelopes	\$460.00
Cemetery Fund	\$100.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$35.25</u>
Total	\$595.25

April 21, 2024

Adult Envelopes	\$615.00
Endowment Priests	\$65.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$55.00</u>
Total	\$735.00