

5th Sunday of Easter

April 29, 2018

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

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

I mentioned in the Prayers of the Faithful last Sunday that we have some students who will be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation in the next few weeks. I encourage you to support them with your prayers, and I also invite you to support them by attending their Confirmation Mass. Here are the details.

5:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 5th at St. Bernard's Church in Thief River Falls

- Carlye Kiesow from Grygla
- Bryce Bergerson from Oklee
- Billie Jo Grysckiewicz from Oklee
- Seth Paradis from Oklee

5:00 p.m. on Saturday May 12 at St. Joseph's Church in Red Lake Falls

- Ben Groven from Goodridge
- Jordan Skibicki from Goodridge

There are some more great prayer opportunities coming up.

- May 4th First Friday Mass and Devotions in Oklee at 11:00 a.m.
- May 6th Sunday Vespers & Holy Hour in Oklee at 3:00 p.m.

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. |



St. Joseph the Worker May 1st

Everything we know about the husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus comes from Scripture and that has seemed too little for those who made up legends about him.

We know he was a carpenter, a working man, for the skeptical Nazarenes ask about Jesus, "Is this not the carpenter's son?" (Matthew 13:55). He wasn't rich for when he took Jesus to the Temple to be circumcised and Mary to be purified he offered the sacrifice of two turtledoves or a pair of pigeons, allowed only for those who could not afford a lamb (Luke 2:24). Despite his humble work and means, Joseph came from a royal lineage. Luke and Matthew disagree some about the details of Joseph's genealogy but they both mark his descent from David, the greatest king of Israel (Matthew 1:1-16 and Luke 3:23-38). Indeed the angel who first tells Joseph about Jesus greets him as "son of David," a royal title used also for Jesus.

We know Joseph was a compassionate, caring man. When he discovered Mary was pregnant after they had been betrothed, he knew the child was not his but was as yet unaware that she was carrying the Son of God. He knew women accused of adultery could be stoned to death, so he resolved to send her away quietly to not expose her to shame or cruelty. However, when an angel came to Joseph in a dream and told him, 20 "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins," he did as the angel told him and took Mary as his wife. (Matthew 1:19-25).

When the angel came again to tell him that his family was in danger, he immediately left everything he owned, all his family and friends, and fled to a strange country with his young wife and the baby. He waited in Egypt without question until the angel told him it was safe to go back (Matthew 2:13-23).

We know Joseph loved Jesus. His one concern was for the safety of this child entrusted to him. Not only did he leave his home to protect Jesus, but upon his return settled in the obscure town of Nazareth out of fear for his life. When Jesus stayed in the Temple we are told Joseph (along with Mary) searched with great anxiety for three days for him (Luke 2:48). We also know that Joseph treated Jesus as his own son for over and over the people of Nazareth say of Jesus, "Is this not the son of Joseph?" (Luke 4:22)

We know Joseph respected God. He followed God's commands in handling the situation with Mary and going to Jerusalem to have Jesus circumcised and Mary purified after Jesus' birth. We are told that he took his family to Jerusalem every year for Passover, something that could not have been easy for a working man.

Since Joseph does not appear in Jesus' public life, at his death, or resurrection, many historians believe Joseph probably had died before Jesus entered public ministry.

According to the Catholic Encyclopedia, the Apocryphal Date for Joseph's birth is 90 BC in Bethlehem and the Apocryphal Date of his death is July 20, AD 18 in Nazareth.

Joseph is the patron saint of the dying because, assuming he died before Jesus' public life, he died with Jesus and Mary close to him, the way we all would like to leave this earth.

Joseph is also patron saint of the Universal Church, families, fathers, expectant mothers (pregnant women), travelers, immigrants, house sellers and buyers, craftsmen, engineers, and working people in general.

We celebrate two feast days for Joseph: March 19 for Joseph the Husband of Mary and May 1 for Joseph the Worker. March 19 has been the most commonly celebrated feast day for Joseph, and it wasn't until 1955 that Pope Pius XII established the Feast of "St. Joseph the Worker" to be celebrated on May 1. This is also May Day (International Workers' Day) and believed to reflect Joseph's status as the patron of workers.

Many places and churches all over the world are named after St. Joseph, including the Spanish form, San Jose, which is the most commonly named place in the world. Joseph is considered by many to also be the patron saint of the New World; of the countries China, Canada, Korea, Mexico, Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Peru, Vietnam; of the regions Carinthia, Styria, Tyrol, Sicily; and of several main cities and dioceses.

In art, Joseph is typically portrayed as an older man, with grey hair and a beard, often balding, sometimes appearing frail and a marginal figure next to Mary and Jesus, if not entirely in the background. Some statues of Joseph show his staff topped with flowers. St. Joseph is shown with the attributes of a carpenter's square or tools, the infant Jesus, his lily blossomed staff, two turtle doves, or a spikenard.

There is much we still wish we could know about Joseph -- exactly where and when he was born, how he spent his days, exactly when and how he died. But Scripture has left us with the most important knowledge: who he was -- "a righteous man" (Matthew 1:18).

In His Footsteps:

Joseph was foster father to Jesus. There are many children separated from families and parents who need foster parents. Please consider contacting your local Catholic Charities or Division of Family Services about becoming a foster parent.

Prayer:

Saint Joseph, patron of the universal Church, watch over the Church as carefully as you watched over Jesus, help protect it and guide it as you did with your adopted son. Amen

Mass Intentions

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|-----------|-----------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Oklee | Sunday | 04/29/18 | 8:00 a.m. | Private Intention |
| Goodridge | Sunday | 04/29/18 | 10:00 a.m. | <i>Pro Populo</i> |
| Grygla | Sunday | 04/29/18 | 11:45 a.m. | †Lawrence Kiesow |
| Oklee | Tuesday | 05/01/18 | 8:00 a.m. | Paul Buer |
| Oklee | Wednesday | 05/02/18 | 8:00 a.m. | Shelby Ernst |
| Oklee | Thursday | 05/03/18 | 8:00 a.m. | †Larry O'Neill |
| Oklee | Friday | 05/04/18 | 11:00 a.m. | †Darryl Grimm |
| Oklee | Sunday | 05/06/18 | 8:00 a.m. | †Al Paquin |
| Goodridge | Sunday | 05/06/18 | 10:00 a.m. | <i>Pro Populo</i> |
| Grygla | Sunday | 05/06/18 | 11:45 a.m. | †Lawrence Kiesow |



Rogation Days (May 7-9)

(Days of Fasting and Prayer for God's Blessing on the Planting)

- May 7th 7:30 p.m. Mass with Blessing of Seeds Goodridge
- May 8th 7:30 p.m. Mass with Blessing of Seeds Oklee
- May 9th 7:30 p.m. Mass with Blessing of Seeds Grygla

To truly partake of the spirit of these days, please engage in some form of fasting and penance, as well as bringing in your crop and garden seeds for a blessing.

Jesus Christ is God in the form of man. The eternal appears in time. The Eternal Word, by Whom all things in the world were made, is now rejected by the world He made: "There was no room in the inn." The Bird Who built the nest of the universe is hatched therein: He Who made His mother, is born of His Mother. All the nations of the earth are made of one blood, and now the Son of God partakes and assumes that blood as the new Head of Humanity. At Bethlehem, heaven and earth meet: God and Man look each other in the face. A Mother for the first time in the universe, as she holds the babe in her arms, now looks "down" to heaven. Because nothing greater than this will ever happen in the world, the peace of the world is conditioned upon that great act being repeated, in a reduced measure, in each of us. As God took upon Himself a human nature through the free consent of a woman, so too He asks us, through our free consent to give Him our nature, as Mary gave Him one. Then Christ begins to rule our mind: then we put on the mind of Christ, the love of Christ, the Spirit of Christ. Not many are willing to do this. "He came unto His own and His own received Him not." That is why there are Christmas cards with sleighs and fat men. But there will always be some who will see and understand the meaning, and to all who received Him "He gave them the power to become the sons of God." We cannot have the word Christmas without Christ: so neither can we be Merry on the inside without Him. Archbishop Fulton Sheen 1962 "Bishop Sheen Writes"

"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? If not, it's not too late to start!

Tithing

April 15 & 22, 2018

St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee

| | |
|------------------|----------------|
| Adults | \$3623.00 |
| Loose Plate | \$51.10 |
| Candle Revenue | \$52.00 |
| Priest Endowment | <u>\$35.00</u> |
| Total: | \$3761.10 |

St. Ann's in Goodridge

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|-------------------|----------------|
| Adults | \$1117.00 |
| Loose Plate | \$163.00 |
| Men's Club | \$300.00 |
| Ladies Club | \$600.00 |
| Priest Endowment | <u>\$70.00</u> |
| Total | \$2250.00 |

St. Clement's in Grygla

| | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Adults | \$1080.00 |
| Loose Plate | \$76.00 |
| Catholic Home Mission | \$197.00 |
| Priest Endowment | <u>\$207.00</u> |
| Total: | \$1560.00 |

ST. ANN'S MINISTRY

Sunday May 6, 2018

| | |
|----------------|------------------------|
| Commentator: | Gerri |
| Lector: | Eliza |
| EMHC: | Darwin & Eliza Ush- |
| ers: | Rus & Stanley Counter: |
| Marie & Audrey | |

ST. CLEMENT'S MINISTRY

Sunday May 6, 2018

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| Commentator: | Angie |
| Lector: | Gary |
| EMHC: | Bill Z. & Chris |
| Usher: | Ron & Bruce |

Voice Recital

Oklee: Voice Recital featuring Sydney Melby, Sunday, April 29 at 3:00 pm at Zion Lutheran Church. Sydney is a vocal student of Sherry Knott, Red Lake Falls.

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

† Joey Johnson
 † Allen Paquin
 † Kathleen Amiot
 † Chris Tougas
 † Larry O'Neill
 † Yvonne Boucher
 † Bonnie Buchmeier
 † Janet Pearson
 † Imelda Carin
 † Richard Radniecki
 † Geraldine Agnes

Pray For Those Who Are Sick

- Shirley Dessellier
- Annette LaCoursiere
- Bob Carriere
- Debra Olson
- Floyd Neuschwander
- Ann Peterson
- Mark Stromberg
- Frankie Cyr
- Jack Miller

Oklee Ministry List

Sunday, April 29, 2018

Sacristan: Rick Dulka
 Lector: Krista Bernstein
 EMHC: Mike & Audrey Bachand
 Usher: Doug Cote & Jake Martell
 Greeter: Ken & Shirley Boucher
 Counter: Anne Hammer & Dolores Grimm

Sunday, May 06, 2018

Sacristan: Rick Dulka
 Lector: Carol Bachand
 EMHC: Bob & Emily Bernier
 Usher: Mitch Bernstein & John Melby
 Greeter: Ken & Shirley Boucher
 Counter: Pat Asselin & Jo Lambert

Sunday, May 13, 2018

Sacristan: Phyllis Melby
 Lector: Jacob Melby
 EMHC: Bonnie Cote & Anne Hammer
 Usher: Jake Martell & Doug Cote
 Greeter: Don & Annette LaCoursiere
 Counter: Lora Johnson & Margaret Buer

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, and I will be happy to offer one without a stipend.
- 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.