

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

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CLERGY COLUMN

I am moved back into the rectory in Oklee once again. It is good to be home! I am slowly going through the mound of mail and other papers that have accumulated on my desk. I am trying to find space in my bathroom to store the extensive collection of pills and tablets I have been prescribed. I have to spend half an hour each week sorting all of my pills into my pillbox. I have some pill or other to take at least three times a day. I shouldn't complain...I know plenty of other folks are in my position. I tried my hand at shoveling off my steps and sidewalk on Tuesday. I can imagine that it was quite a comical sight for anyone that drove by. With one hand I pushed on the shovel, and with the other hand I pulled my oxygen concentrator machine. It went all right, but I hope winter is over soon!

Even though some of these past few days have been bitterly cold, they are also some of the best days of the winter because the air is clear; the sky is free of clouds, and the sunshine is so bright. I had a friend from Michigan in seminary, and he once mentioned that winters there are not like this. Because of the "Lake Effect" most of their winter days are cloudy and gloomy, and it is very rare for them to have bright sunshine in the middle of winter. We are blessed indeed! This is a great analogy for the redemption of the world...just as we get bright and sunny days when it is bitterly cold, too cold to snow, just the same, God can bring blessings out of great evil, misfortune, or sin. I am still waiting to realize the blessings that God will bring out of my sickness and hospitalization, but I know they are coming.

**St. Francis Xavier Parish in Oklee**

Mass Times Confessions

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**

Mass Times Confessions

Sun: 11:45a.m. 11:30 a.m.

**St. Ann Parish in Goodridge**

Mass Times Confessions

Sun: 10:00 a.m. 9:45 a.m.

# Intercessory Prayer

Intercessory Prayer - What is it? Intercessory prayer is prayer for others. An intercessor is one who takes the place of another or pleads another's case. One study Bible defines intercession as "holy, believing, persevering prayer whereby someone pleads with God on behalf of another or others who desperately need God's intervention."

**The Biblical Foundation**  
The Biblical basis for the New Testament believer's ministry of intercessory prayer is our calling as priests unto God. The Word of God declares that we are a holy priesthood (1 Peter 2:4), a royal priesthood (1 Peter 2:9), and a kingdom of priests ( Revelation 1 : 5 ) .

The background for understanding this calling to priestly intercession is found in the Old Testament example of the Levitical priesthood. The priest's responsibility was to stand before and between. He stood before God to minister to Him with sacrifices and offerings. The priests also stood between a righteous God and sinful man bringing them together at the place of the blood sacrifice.

Hebrews 7:11-19 explains the difference between the Old and New Testament ministries of the priest. The Old Testament Levitical priesthood was passed on from generation to generation through the descendants of the tribe of Levi. "The Melchizedek priesthood" spoken of in this passage, is the "new order" of spiritual priests of whom the Lord Jesus is the High Priest. It is passed on to us through His blood and our spiritual birth as new creatures in Christ.

**Our Model Intercessor**  
Jesus Christ is our model for intercessory prayer. Jesus stands before God and between Him and sinful

man, just as the Old Testament priests did: For there is one God, and one mediator (intercessor) between God and men, the man Christ Jesus (1 Timothy 2:5). It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us (Romans 8:34). Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them (Hebrews 7:25).

Jesus brings sinful man and a righteous God together at the place of the blood sacrifice for sin. No longer is the blood of animals necessary as it was in the Old Testament. We can now approach God on the basis of the blood of Jesus that was shed on the cross of Calvary for the remission of sins. Because of the blood of Jesus, we can approach God boldly without timidity (Hebrews 4:14-16).

Jesus was an intercessor while He was here on earth. He prayed for those who were sick and possessed by demons. He prayed for His disciples. He even prayed for you and me when He interceded for all those who would believe on Him. Jesus continued His ministry of intercession after His death and resurrection when He returned to Heaven. He now serves as our intercessor in Heaven.

**Effective Intercession**  
In intercessory prayer, we follow the Old Testament priestly function and the New Testament pattern of Jesus - standing before God and between a righteous God and sinful man. In order to be effective standing "between" we must first stand "before" God to develop the intimacy necessary to fulfill this role. Numbers 14 is one of the greatest accounts of intercessory prayer record-

ed in the Bible. Moses was able to stand between God and sinful man because he had stood "before" Him and had developed intimacy of communication. Numbers 12:8 records that God spoke with Moses as friend to friend and not through visions and dreams as He did with other prophets.

As New Testament believers, we no longer sacrifice animals as in Old Testament times. We stand before the Lord to offer up spiritual sacrifices of praise (Hebrews 13:15) and the sacrifice of our own lives (Romans 12:1). It is on the basis of this intimate relationship with God that we can then stand "between" Him and others, serving as an advocate and intercessor in their behalf.

Peter uses two words to describe this priestly ministry: "Holy" and "royal." Holiness is required to stand before the Lord (Hebrews 12:14). We are able to do this only on the basis of the righteousness of Christ, not our own righteousness. Royalty is descriptive of the kingly authority that is delegated to us as members of the "royal family," so to speak, with legitimate access to the throne room of God.



Oklee	Sunday	02/06/22 8:00 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Goodridge	Sunday	02/06/22 10:00 a.m.	† <b>Virginia Cullen</b>
Grygla	Sunday	02/06/22 11:45 a.m.	† <b>LeRoy Irlbeck</b>
Oklee	Sunday	02/13/22 8:00 a.m.	† <b>Charles Bachand</b>
Goodridge	Sunday	02/13/22 10:00 a.m.	Fr. John Melkies
Grygla	Sunday	02/13/22 11:45 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>

## National Marriage Week FYI

National Marriage Week will be observed from February 7 – 14, 2022. The theme is “Marriage: Called to the Joy of Love.” You can find resources for the week here:

<https://www.usccb.org/topics/marriage-and-family-life-ministries/national-marriage-week>

### Weekly Reflections

*“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?’ ‘Here I am,’ I said, ‘send me!’” (ISAIAH 6:8)*

Every day, in little ways and in big ways, God asks, “*Whom shall I send?*” Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry, to give a friendly smile to a stranger or to say a word of encouragement to a friend, God constantly provides opportunities to help someone in need. God is always talking to us; we just need to pay more attention. When you hear God calling have the courage to walk through the door and say “Here I am, Lord.”

## THE NOW OF GOD HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH RALLY



**“ Keep walking , keep living the faith and sharing it. And do not forget, you are not the tomorrow, you are not the ‘meantime’, you are the Now of God” - Pope Francis**

Join us for the High School Youth Rally, Sunday March 27th at East Grand Forks Sacred Heart Church and School. The Rally begins at 10:00 am and will conclude with a 5:00 PM Mass and supper at 6:00 PM. This year’s theme is “Now of God” based on Pope Francis’ encouragement to our youth in *Christus Vivt— “Keep walking , keep living the faith and sharing it. And do not forget, you are not the tomorrow, you are not the ‘meantime’, you are the Now of God”*. This year’s rally features our Bishop, Most Reverend Andrew Cozzens, Music and Messages by Aly Aleigha and her band and Jon Martin, and messages from Mark Hollcraft of Real Presences Radio, and Tania Vergara-Gongora of Louisville, Ky. Cost per youth participant is \$50.00.

Registration forms & permission slips will be available at the church.in the coming weeks.

## TITHING

### St. Francis Xavier’s in Oklee January 30, 2022

Adult Envelopes	\$1033.00
Endowment Priests	\$100.00
Flowers for Altar	<u>\$25.00</u>
Total	\$ 1452.00

### St. Ann’s in Goodridge January 30, 2022

Adult Envelopes	\$707.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$10.00</u>
Total	\$ 717.00

### St. Clement’s in Grygla January 30, 2022

Adults Envelopes	\$ 387.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$9.00</u>
Total	\$396.00

## tithes & offering

*Worship the Lord in Giving*



**St Francis Xavier's**  
Oklee, MN

Sunday, February 6, 2022  
Sacristan: Mary Lynn  
Lector:: Jacob Melby  
Counters: Anne H. & Dolores G

Sunday, February 13, 2022  
Sacristan: Margie Buer  
Lector:: Paul Cyr  
Counters: Deb & Jo L

Sunday, February 20, 2022  
Sacristan: Mary Lynn  
Lector:: Mary Lynn  
Counters: Lora J & Margie B

**St Ann's**  
Goodridge, MN

Sunday, February 6, 2022  
Lector:: Carol

Sunday, February 13, 2022  
Lector:: Eliza

Sunday, February 20, 2022  
Lector:: Karyl



**St Clement's**  
Grygla, MN

Sunday, February 6, 2022  
Lector:: Jody

Sunday, February 13, 2022  
Lector:: Laurie

Sunday, February 20, 2022  
Lector:: Dawn



*St. Michael, the Archangel,  
defend us in battle.  
Be our safeguard against  
the wickedness and snares  
of the devil.  
May God rebuke him,  
we humbly pray;  
and do you,  
O Prince of the heavenly host,  
by the power of God  
cast into hell Satan  
and all the evil spirits  
who wander through the world  
seeking the ruin of souls.  
Amen.*

**Recently Deceased Loved Ones**

- †Jim Dulka
- †Avis Frazer
- †Lauretta Stucy
- †Tom Toulouse
- †Marlyn Dessellier
- †Gerald Cote
- †Phyllis Martell
- †Theresa "Bergeron" Lucken
- †Jerome Hruby
- †Irene Kiesow
- †Donnie Knutson
- †Ron Rustan
- †Joan Carpenter
- †Leroy Irlbeck
- †Lowell Smeby
- †Dorothy Plante
- †Jim Lussier
- †Tim Whalen
- †Iona Berry
- †Kim Johs
- †Elias Abboud
- †Audrey Martell
- †Harold Cyr
- †Judie Hendrickson
- †Alden Morinville
- †Kathleen Erickson



**Pray For Those Who Are Sick**

- Delton Sebenaler
- Donnie Tougas
- Kenneth LaCoursiere
- Shirley Dessellier
- Michael Bachand
- Annette LaCoursiere
- Debra Olson
- Jack Miller
- Ambrose Beaudoin
- Steve Sebenaler
- Don LaCoursiere
- Cindy Deterrman
- 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
- Rick Dulka
- Greg Whalen
- Richard Bourque
- Tony Weber
- Jason Moe
- Judy Zavoral
- Carolyn Pittman
- Jude Syvertson
- Barbara Beard
- Fr. Adam Hamness
- Fr. John Melkies
- Mary Radniecki
- Dave Zavoral