

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

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**Bulletin Deadline**

**Wednesday:** Noon

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

The fourth Sunday of Lent is rather unique; like the third Sunday of Advent ("Gaudete Sunday"), the fourth Sunday of Lent is a break in an otherwise penitential season. The vestments for this day will be rose, as they are on Gaudete Sunday in Advent, and flowers may adorn the Altar. This day is called "Laetare Sunday" (also "Rose Sunday" ), and takes its name from the opening words of the Mass, the Introit's "Laetare, Jerusalem": *Rejoice, O Jerusalem: and come together all you that love her: rejoice with joy, you that have been in sorrow: that you may exult, and be filled from the breasts of your consolation. (Psalm) I rejoiced at the things that were said to me: we shall go into the house of the Lord. Glory be to the Father.*

The rose vestments on Laetare Sunday is a custom originating in the fact that, as a symbol of joy and hope in the middle of this somber Season, popes used to carry a golden rose in their right hand when returning from the celebration of Mass on this day. Originally it was natural rose, then a single golden rose of natural size, but since the fifteenth century it has consisted of a cluster or branch of roses wrought of pure gold in brilliant workmanship by famous artists. The popes bless at least one every year, and often confer it upon churches, shrines, cities, or distinguished persons as a token of esteem and paternal affection. The golden rose represents Christ in the shining splendor of His majesty, the "flower sprung from the root of Jesse." After the rose is blessed, the Pope incenses musk and balsam and then places them inside the cup of the largest rose. Then the entire rose is incensed and sprinkled with holy water.

**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.

# Memorials for Easter Flowers

- Which Parish?  Oklee  
 Grygla  
 Goodridge

Offered by? \_\_\_\_\_

In loving memory of? (suggested offering \$5.00 per name)

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Please return with your offering via the collection basket.



*Come Grow with us*

*This is what love looks like.*

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**LIFE CARE PREGNANCY CENTER**  
Invites you to our 14th Annual Fundraising Banquet  
with featured speaker Renee Rongen

*Thursday, April 26, 2018*  
Hack Olson Memorial Civic Center  
501 Brooks Ave • Thief River Falls, MN

Social & Seating begins at 6:00 p.m.  
Dinner & Program 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

An opportunity to make a financial gift will be extended.  
Please contact the LCPC at 218-681-1279 for purchasing tickets.

Adults only please, as seating is limited.  
(Sevi-formal attire)

**What Love Looks Like**

Love looks different to many people. For Renee Rongen, international speaker, author, business consultant and most importantly wife to Tom and mom to Alexander, Elizabeth and Grace, love came in the choice of choosing life. Renee and her husband Tom are pioneers in open adoption and were some of the first adoptive parents paving the way when they were chosen to be Alexander's parents 26 years ago. They went on to become parents to Elizabeth and Grace in the same way.

What does love look like? For the Rongen's, love is big! It encompasses six biological families melded to become one big family that together loves three children. "Each of the biological parents made a choice to choose life and entrust those lives to us to nurture and care for" says Rongen. "They gave us the greatest gift that we could not give ourselves. That is what love looks like!"

Join Renee and her husband Tom, their three children and their birth families as they share their journey of choosing love.



## ST. PATRICK

St. Patrick of Ireland is one of the world's most popular saints. He was born in Roman Britain and when he was fourteen or so, he was captured by Irish pirates during a raiding party and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. At the time, Ireland was a land of Druids and pagans but Patrick turned to God and wrote his memoir, *The Confession*. In *The Confession*, he wrote:

"The love of God and his fear grew in me more and more, as did the faith, and my soul was rosed, so that, in a single day, I have said as many as a hundred prayers and in the night, nearly the same. I prayed in the woods and on the mountain, even before dawn. I felt no hurt from the snow or ice or rain."

He was ordained by St. Germanus, the Bishop of Auxerre, whom he had studied under for years, and was later ordained a bishop and sent to take the Gospel to Ireland.

He often used shamrocks to explain the Holy Trinity and entire kingdoms were eventually converted to Christianity after hearing Patrick's message.

Patrick preached and converted all of Ireland for 40 years. He worked many miracles and wrote of his love for God in Confessions. After years of living in poverty, traveling and enduring much suffering he died March 17, 461.

Patrick was a humble, pious, gentle man, whose love and total devotion to and trust in God should be a shining example to each of us. So complete was his trust in God, and of the importance of his mission, he feared nothing -not even death.

"The Breastplate," Patrick's poem of faith and trust in God:

"Christ be within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ inquired, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger."

## Mass Intentions

Oklee	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>03/11/18</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	† <b>Harriet Ross</b>
Goodridge	Sunday	03/11/18	10:00 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Grygla	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>03/11/18</b>	<b>11:45 a.m.</b>	† <b>Janet Pearson</b>
Oklee	Tuesday	03/13/18	8:00 a.m.	†Melvin & †Marie Boucher
Oklee	Wednesday	03/14/18	8:00 a.m.	DeWayne Sebenaler
Pioneer Home	Wednesday	03/14/18	10:00 a.m.	Lapsed Catholics
Oklee	Thursday	03/15/18	8:00 a.m.	†Onezime & †Mae Bachand
Oklee	Friday	03/16/18	8:00 a.m.	†Cobb & †Wylma Radniecki
Oklee	Sunday	03/18/18	8:00 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Goodridge	Sunday	03/18/18	10:00 a.m.	Alyssa Rogalla
Grygla	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>03/18/18</b>	<b>11:45 a.m.</b>	† <b>Janet Pearson</b>

## Tithing

March 4, 2018

### St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee

Adults	\$1604.00
Loose Plate	\$32.00
Flowers	<u>\$10.00</u>
Total:	\$1646.00

### St. Ann's in Goodridge

Adults	\$ 310.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$35.00</u>
Total	\$345.00

### St. Clement's in Grygla

Adults	\$576.00
Loose Plate	\$52.00
Easter Flowers	<u>180.00</u>
Total	\$808.00

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LENT 2018

#### St. Francis Xavier's Church—Oklee

##### Tuesday Evenings

5:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
6:00 p.m.	Soup and Sandwich Supper
6:00 p.m.	Confessions
6:30 p.m.	Video and Discussion

Mar. 13th      The Lost Gospels or the False Gospels?

Mar. 20th      Biography of Fr. Michael McGivney

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#### St. Clement's Church—Grygla

##### Thursday Evenings

6:00 p.m.	Confessions
6:30 P.M.	Stations of the Cross
7:00 p.m.	Bible Study: Gospel of Mark
March 15	March 22

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#### St. Ann's Church —Goodridge

##### Friday Evenings

4:30 p.m.— 7:30 p.m.	Fish Fry
6:00 p.m. —6:30 p.m.	Confessions
March 16	March 23

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### ST. ANN'S MINISTRY

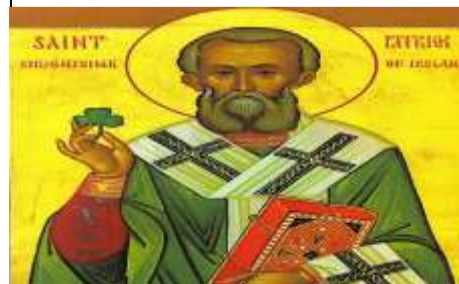
Sunday March 18, 2018

Commentator:	Gerri
Lector:	Carol
EMHC:	Deb & Marie
Ushers:	Joe & Stanley
Counter:	Deb & Maggie

### ST. CLEMENT'S MINISTRY

Sunday March 18, 2018

Commentator:	Angie
Lector:	Gary
EMHC:	Laurie & Kaylani
Usher:	Ron & Bruce



### 2018DAA Status Report 3-2-18

Parish	Goal	Received	% of goal	over (UNDER)	Donors	% Participation
Goodridge - St. Ann	\$2,225	\$780.00	35.06%	(\$1,445.00)	9	24.32%
Grygla - St. Clement	\$3,297	\$1,425.00	43.22%	(\$1,872.00)	6	12.50%
Oklee - St. Francis Xavier	\$7,702	\$4,020.00	52.19%	(\$3,682.00)	16	13.11%

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

- † Larry O'Neill
- † Yvonne Boucher
- † Bonnie Buchmeier
- † Janet Pearson
- † Imelda Carin
- † Richard Radniecki
- † Geraldine Agnes

Pray For Those Who Are Sick

- Bob Carriere
- Debra Olson
- Floyd Neuschwander
- Ann Peterson
- Joey Johnson
- Kathleen Amiot
- Mark Stromberg
- Frankie Cyr
- Jack Miller

Oklee Ministry List

Sunday, March 11, 2018

- Sacristan: Margaret Buer  
 Lector: Krista Bernstein  
 EMHC: Mitch & Krista Bernstein  
 Usher: Ken & Shirley Boucher  
 Greeter: Karen Fossum & Sue Carrier  
 Counter: Pat Asselin & Jo Lambert

Sunday, March 18, 2018

- Sacristan: Rick Dulka  
 Lector: Mary Ann Lambert  
 EMHC: Bonnie Cote & Anne Hammer  
 Usher: Donald LaCoursiere & Al Paquin  
 Greeter: Ken & Shirley Boucher  
 Counter: Lora Johnson & Margaret Buer

Sunday, March 25

- Sacristan: Margaret Buer  
 Lector: Jacob Melby  
 EMHC: Rick & Jan Dulka  
 Usher: Mitch Bernstein & John Melby  
 Greeter: Don & Annette LaCoursiere  
 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.