

# 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

Happy Easter! Christ is Risen from the Dead!

Today and next Sunday we sing the Easter Sequence at Mass: Victimae Paschali Laudes. It is an ancient piece of poetry that was composed to celebrate the resurrection and was originally sung during elaborate processions with the Book of the Gospels around the interior of the church before the Gospel was read at Mass. Here it is for your own meditation and edification.

*Christians, to the Paschal Victim  
Offer your thankful praises!  
A Lamb the sheep redeems;  
Christ, who only is sinless,  
Reconciles sinners to the Father.  
Death and life have contended in that combat stupendous:  
The Prince of life, who died, reigns immortal.  
Speak, Mary, declaring  
What you saw, wayfaring.  
"The tomb of Christ, who is living,  
The glory of Jesus' resurrection;  
bright angels attesting,  
The shroud and napkin resting.  
Yes, Christ my hope is arisen;  
to Galilee he goes before you."  
Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining.  
Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning!  
Amen. Alleluia.*

Write yourself a reminder about next Sunday's special Divine Mercy service in Grygla at 2:00 p.m. We have some amazing guest speakers (A.J. and Janet Garcia) and then a Holy Hour, followed by a wine and cheese reception. Please join us!

**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.

## *Come to the Feast of Divine Mercy!*

*Calling all Catholics to the Feast of Mercy on the Sunday after Easter, April 8th!*

*Did you know that the Lord said that this feast would one day be the "last hope of salvation"?*

*Have you considered what would happen to you if you suddenly died in the state of mortal sin?*

Did you know, that in the 1930's, Our Lord Jesus, Himself, requested through St. Faustina, that a very, special Feast of Divine Mercy be established, in His Church, and solemnly celebrated, on the First Sunday, after Easter, every year?

In the Jubilee Year 2000, after many years of study, Saint Pope John Paul II fulfilled the will of Christ by establishing this special Feast of Divine Mercy, in the Catholic Church, and gave it the name "**Divine Mercy Sunday**"! By God's Providence, Saint John Paul II died, on this feast, in 2005.

**What is so special about this new Feast of Divine Mercy** you might be asking yourself? It is the promise of the total forgiveness of all sins and punishment for any soul that would go to Confession and then receive Jesus in Holy Communion on that very special Feast of Divine Mercy!

Why would Jesus offer us something so great at this time? Jesus told St. Faustina that she was to prepare the world for His Second Coming and that He would be pouring out His Mercy, in very great abundance, before He comes again as the Just Judge and as the **very last hope of salvation**.

If you have been away from the practice of your Catholic faith, and if you would like to come back into the, one, true Catholic Church, then this is the most perfect opportunity, for you, if you are ready to repent and turn away from sin.

Many former fallen-away Catholics have taken advantage

of this great Feast of Mercy to get a brand new start in life and to be totally prepared to stand before the Lord. Don't miss out on this incredible gift of mercy that is available, in every Catholic Church, on Sunday, April 8th of this year!

If you have been away

from the Catholic faith and if you have any questions about coming back home, then please go and talk to a priest at any Catholic Church. The beauty of the Catholic Church is that its teachings and practices are the same at all of its parishes.

You may have concerns, such as: marriage outside of the Church; un-confessed abortions; or other issues that could be preventing you from receiving Holy Communion or you may have questions about the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Don't remain in doubt. Call your local parish office to find out the necessary steps to come back to the Catholic faith.

Don't consider yourself, as without hope. Our Lord Jesus wants to pardon completely even the worst sinners possible. Remember, Jesus has come for sinners, not the righteous.

Jesus said that even if our sins were as numerous as the grains of sand, they would be lost in His Ocean of Mercy.

If you are truly repentant of your sins and are well prepared to confess your sins in the Sacrament of Confession, you'll experience a tremendous peace. You'll experience a great weight lifted from you and get a brand new start in life!

Once you have confessed your sins in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, then you must continue to practice your faith as a good Catholic. This involves attending Mass every Sunday and on Holy Days of Obligation, supporting your local parish, and confessing your serious sins, at least, once a year. In Confession, you must be truly sorry for your sins and you must intend to continue to practice your faith.

Jesus is in the Confessional

One of the most reassuring things Our Lord Jesus revealed to us through Saint Faustina includes the several times when He indicated to her that He is really there in the Confessional when we are making our individual Confessions, to the priests. Jesus said that every time we enter the Confessional, that He Himself is there waiting for us, and that He is only hidden by the priest. Jesus said never to analyze what sort of a priest that He is making use of, but for us to reveal our souls to Him and that He will fill us with His peace and light.

Some have wondered why Jesus would want us to confess our sins to a priest, but the answer is in the very first instruction that Jesus gave to His Apostles directly after His Resurrection from the dead. On the evening of the Resurrection, Jesus walked through the door of the Upper Room where the Apostles were hiding and said to them "Receive the Holy Spirit, what sins you forgive are forgiven them, what sins you retain are retained". This was the start of Confessions. For sure, that command was not only for the Apostles to be able to forgive sins, and then to be forgotten, but for that power to be passed on, to all the ordained priests of today, in the Catholic Church.

Jesus said that the greater the sinner, the greater the right they have to His mercy! Don't continue to carry your sins, Jesus forgives!

To properly celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy and to receive the forgiveness of all sins and punishment, you must go to Confession to a Catholic priest within 20 days before or after Divine Mercy Sunday. Or if you are in the state of very serious or mortal sin, you must always confess them before receiving Jesus in Holy Communion, or you will also commit a sacrilege, which is also a very serious sin. If you haven't been going to Sunday Mass without any good reason, you may be in a state of serious sin and you must confess before receiving Jesus in Holy Communion.

## Mass Intentions

Oklee	Saturday	03/31/18	9:30 p.m.	†Larry O'Neill
Goodridge	Sunday	04/01/18	8:00 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Grygla	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>04/01/18</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	†Lawrence Kiesow
Oklee	Tuesday	04/03/18	8:00 a.m.	NO MASS
Oklee	Wednesday	04/04/18	8:00 a.m.	†Jim Olson
Oklee	Thursday	04/05/18	8:00 a.m.	Anna Sweno
Goodridge	Friday	04/06/18	11:00 a.m.	Gerri Rogalla
Oklee	Saturday	04/08/18	8:00 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Goodridge	Sunday	<b>04/08/18</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	†Henry Rolczynski
Grygla	Sunday	04/08/18	10:45 a.m.	Divine Mercy Chaplet
Grygla	Sunday	<b>04/08/18</b>	<b>11:45 a.m.</b>	†Janet Pearson

### Special Liturgies of Holy Week and the Easter Octave

#### Holy Saturday—March 31, 2018

9:30 p.m. Easter Vigil

*St. Francis Xavier Church--Oklee*

#### Easter Sunday—April 1, 2018

8:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Mass

*St. Ann Church—Goodridge*

10:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Mass

*St. Clement Church—Grygla*

#### First Friday—April 6, 2018

11:00 a.m. Mass, Adoration, and Benediction

*St. Ann Church—Goodridge*

#### Divine Mercy Sunday—April 8, 2018

10:45 a.m. Chaplet of Divine Mercy

2:00 p.m. Special Speakers: A.J. & Janet Garcia, and then a Holy Hour with Eucharistic, Adoration, Vespers and Benediction

*St. Clement Church—Grygla*

### **NOW HIRING! – Diocese of Crookston: Formator for Discipleship in Adults and Youth**

This position will execute the vision of forming disciples rooted in the Gospel and guided by the vision of Pope Francis from *The Joy of the Gospel*. This person will serve pastors, parish staffs, parish leadership, and parishioners in the Diocese of Crookston to respond to the call to be intentional disciples, to evangelize and reach out to fallen away Catholics, and to evangelize the increasing numbers who have no religious identity. Applicants should have education and experience in such areas as service, catechesis, youth ministry, parish ministry, etc. The qualifying candidate needs to be a practicing Catholic who has an understanding of the teachings of the Catholic Church and the desire to promote them. This position is full time with competitive salary and benefits. Send resume and three references to: Msgr. Michael Foltz, Diocese of Crookston, P.O. Box 610, Crookston, MN 56716 or by email to: [mfoltz@crookston.org](mailto:mfoltz@crookston.org). Interviews begin April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

## Tithing

March 25, 2018

### St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee

Adults	\$1223.00
Loose Plate	\$35.00
Catholic Relief	\$105.00
Flowers	<u>\$145.00</u>
Total:	\$1508.00

### St. Ann's in Goodridge

(March 18 & 25)

Adults	\$1092.00
Loose Plate	\$136.00
Endowment for Priest	<u>\$110.00</u>
Total	\$1338.00

### St. Clement's in Grygla

Adults	\$700.00
Loose Plate	\$35.00
Holy Land	\$10.00
Easter Flowers	<u>\$10.00</u>
Total	\$755.00

### **ST. ANN'S MINISTRY**

Sunday April 08, 2018

Commentator:	Gerri
Lector:	Cindi
EMHC:	Tony & Marie
Ushers:	Darwin & Marlin
Counter:	Marie & Audrey

### **ST. CLEMENT'S MINISTRY**

Sunday April 08, 2018

Commentator:	Angie
Lector:	Dawn
EMHC:	Jean & Justin
Usher:	Tim & Curtis.

Pope Francis pray intention for April 2018

### **For Those who have Responsibility in Economic Matters**

That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

*"Think of what is above, not of what is on earth." – COLOSSIANS 3:2*

On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died and rose for us. We celebrate and sing "Alleluia." Let's try to keep the joy of this Easter season in our hearts throughout the year! Pray daily and listen for how He is calling each of us to joyfully use our gifts to fulfill His salvation plan.

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

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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

† 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
- Joey Johnson
- Mark Stromberg
- Frankie Cyr
- Jack Miller

Oklee Ministry List

March 31, 2018 (Holy Saturday)

Sacristan: Rick Dulka  
 Lector: & EMHC SIGN UP SHEET  
 Usher: Jake Martell and Doug Cote  
 Counter: Anne Hammer & Dolores Grimm

Sunday, April 8, 2018

Sacristan: Margaret Buer  
 Lector: Paul Cyr  
 EMHC: Carolyn Rystad & Janet Halvorson  
 Usher: Ken & Shirley Boucher  
 Greeter: Shirley Cyr & Delores Longtin  
 Counter: Pat Asselin & Jo Lambert

Sunday, April 15, 2018

Sacristan: Rick Dulka  
 Lector: Shirley Cyr  
 EMHC: Jacob Melby & Don LaCoursiere  
 Usher: Don LaCoursiere & Jake Martell  
 Greeter: Karen Fossum & Sue Carriere  
 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.