

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

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In the Acts of the Apostles we see that the Apostolic Church realizes in the experience of the Pentecost that the words of the prophets and the long awaited hope of salvation has indeed been fulfilled in their experience of the death, resurrection, appearances, and Ascension of Christ; and now with the Holy Spirit poured out upon them they must proclaim this truth to the world. They realize that the Spirit is the Truth and Life of Christ **living in them through the power of God's Spirit, the same Spirit** that Scripture says, by whose power Jesus rose from the dead.

To those who did not understand, Peter explained to them that the prophetic witness of Joel was being fulfilled, that the Spirit would be poured out upon all flesh (see Acts 2:17). The Spirit ushers in the Seventh Day, the Last Day, Eternal Life, in which all that has been won by Christ is given back to the Father.

What is the power of the Spirit that bestows Truth and Life, it is the power of Love, Divine Love. "...while the Holy Spirit is the presence, manifestation, and operation of the Father's love, wisdom, and creative work, He is not the Father. ...If the Father is the Lover, if the Son is the Beloved, the Spirit is the Love which unites them, He is their unity, their unified illumination, power and truth."

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St. Francis Xavier Parish in Oklee

| <u>Mass Times</u> | <u>Confessions</u> |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| Sun: 8:00 a.m. | 7:30 a.m. |
| Mon: 8:00 a.m. | 7:45 a.m. |
| Wed: 8:00 p.m. | 7:45 a.m. |
| Thurs: 8:00 a.m. | 7:45 a.m. |

St. Clement Parish in Grygla

| <u>Mass Times</u> | <u>Confessions</u> |
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| Sun: 11:45a.m. | 11:30 a.m. |
| Rotating w/ Goodridge see MASS schedules | |
| Tues: 5:30 p.m. | 6:00 p.m. |

St. Ann Parish in Goodridge

| <u>Mass Times</u> | <u>Confessions</u> |
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| Sun: 10:00 a.m. | 9:45 a.m. |
| Rotating w/ Grygla see MASS schedules | |
| Tues: 5:30 p.m. | 6:00 p.m. |

CLERGY COLUMN

Solemnity of Pentecost

oggcatholic.org/homilies-audio.html

Focus: Wrap-up the Proclamation → Live your RESPONSE in the power of the Holy Spirit

1. Review: The Proclamation/Kerygma

- a. Created, Captured, Rescued, Response
 - i. Response: Surrender, Repentance, Discipleship

2. The Holy Spirit Makes an Appropriate Response Possible

- a. Who/What is the Holy Spirit? (*Acts 2 - page 41 in the missalette*)
 - i. At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit appears as *"tongues as of fire"*.
 - ii. Exodus 19:18 → *"Mount Sinai was all wrapped in smoke, for the LORD came down upon it in fire."*
 - iii. Luke 12:49 → Jesus: *"I came to cast fire upon the earth; and would that it were already kindled!"*
 - 1. The Holy Spirit is God, a divine Person.
 - 2. Hebrews 12:29 → *"...our God is a consuming fire."*
 - a. That fire comes to dwell among and in the Church and her members.
- b. How does the Holy Spirit empower the Church and her members? (John 20; 1 Cor 12)
 - i. First, the Holy Spirit is present in the Sacraments. Without the power of the Holy Spirit - the power of God - nothing would happen. With the power of the Holy Spirit, the Sacraments do what they signify.
 - 1. *John 20:22-23 (page 43)* → It is only the Holy Spirit who makes the Apostles capable of forgiving sins, something only God can do.
 - 2. Ordinary humans cannot apply God's grace to natural actions in order to make them supernatural. The Holy Spirit gives us access to the grace of God. Power!
 - ii. Second, the Holy Spirit is present in each and every Christian disciple.
 - 1. *1 Cor 12:3 (p. 42)* → *"No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord,' except by the Holy Spirit."*
 - a. It is only by the power of the Holy Spirit that I can truly surrender.
 - 2. *1 Cor 12:7* → *"To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit."* (RSV: "the common good")
 - a. You have been given spiritual gifts (*charisms*) by the Holy Spirit, which are meant to be used for the common good.
 - b. What is the common good?
 - i. The glory of God, which is the salvation of souls.
 - c. The Lord God has empowered you to make his presence and salvation known in the world. In Oklee, Goodridge, and Grygla.
 - d. You have a part to play! When you were baptized, you were made a member of the Body of Christ. Jesus now lives and acts in the world through you.

3. What if this was the main focus of each and every member of our parishes?

- a. Once a person has surrendered him/herself to the Lord Jesus and his Church, what if the first thing each of us did is look for the power of the Holy Spirit in our life?
- b. Do you know your gifts? Are you using them for the glory of God? Are you using them to help save people from eternal damnation?
- c. Are you willing to be creative about using those gifts? Do you consider going outside the box of, "We've always done it this way"?
- d. What if our first question was, "What do I have to give away?"
 - i. Time, energy, abilities, finances, etc.
 - ii. Anything for the mission of winning souls over to Jesus.
 - iii. *"Holy Spirit, how do you want to live and work through me? How do you want to wake up the people around me?"*

Read: 1 Corinthians 12; Romans 12; Ephesians 4 (esp. v 11-16); 1 Peter 4:7-11; Joel 2:28-30

Weekly Bible Study: youtube.com/@fatherbryankujawa

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| Oklee | Sunday | 05/28/23 | 8:00 a.m. | †Gayle Grossman |
| Goodridge | Sunday | 05/28/23 | 10:00 a.m. | For the People |
| Grygla | Sunday | 05/28/23 | 11:45 a.m. | Fallen Away Parishioners |
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| Oklee | Monday | 05/29/23 | 8:00 a.m. | †Howard McGowan |
| Grygla | Tuesday | 05/30/23 | 5:30 p.m. | †Mildred Scambler |
| Goodridge | Wednesday | 05/31/23 | 7:00 p.m. | Confirmation Students |
| Oklee | Thursday | 06/01/23 | 8:00 a.m. | Bishop Michael Hoeppner |
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| Oklee | Sunday | 06/04/23 | 8:00 a.m. | For the People |
| Goodridge | Sunday | 06/04/23 | 10:00 a.m. | †Julie Grabowski |
| Grygla | Sunday | 06/04/23 | 11:45 a.m. | †Leroy Irlbeck |

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

Pray for our parishioners who have been away from the sacraments.

Pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon all of us.



May 31 ~ St Ann's 7:00 p.m

Congratulations to our Confirmation Candidates

St. Ann's

St. Francis Xavier

Jordan Johnson

Natalie Lindemoen

Matthew Busse

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The Spirit confirms in us the truth of the Father that has been revealed to us in his Word, Jesus. Looking at the origins and development of the New Testament Greek word for person (prosōpon), we discover its root in Greek Theater, with the name for mask (prosōpeon). Since the theater used few actors, they needed to play many roles by changing their mask; by the time we reach the New Testament period of (Koine) Common Hellenistic Greek, the word for person had come to mean "face" sometimes translated into English as "presence". The turning of one's "face" (personhood) towards another constitutes relational-personhood (hypostasis) and therefore "love". This can be illustrated in the traditional Greek icons of The Mother of God and The Christ-Child. They either have their faces towards one another, known as the Compassionate (Eleousa) Style, revealing the love and tenderness between Christ and humanity represented in Mary the Mother of God (Theotokos), or they together look out, "show their faces" directly to those who venerate the icon.

The Spirit lifts the mask that was seen by those who sought God before the Word became Flesh in Christ, and that same Spirit who reveals the Holy Trinity, turns our face towards God, and lifts our mask, so that we can truly love him - the Spirit becomes the Truth and Life of God dwelling within us.

TITHING

St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee

May 14, 2023

| | |
|-----------------------|------------|
| Adult Envelopes | \$2819.00 |
| Endowment for Priests | \$110.00 |
| Flowers Altar | \$25.00 |
| Loose Plate | \$77.00 |
| Total | \$ 3031.00 |

May 21, 2023

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|-----------------------|------------|
| Adult Envelopes | \$1346.00 |
| Endowment for Priests | \$10.00 |
| Catholic Comm. | \$70.00 |
| Loose Plate | \$90.00 |
| Total | \$ 1516.00 |

St. Ann's in Goodridge

May 14, 2023

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| Adult Envelopes | \$421.00 |
| Loose Plate | \$200.00 |
| Total | \$621.00 |

St. Clement's in Grygla

May 14, 2023

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| Adult Envelopes | \$205.00 |
| Loose Plate | \$78.00 |
| Total | \$283.00 |

May 21, 2023

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|-----------------------|------------|
| Adult Envelopes | \$380.00 |
| Endowment for Priests | \$73.00 |
| Catholic Comm. | \$10.00 |
| Cemetery | \$1000.00 |
| Loose Plate | \$92.00 |
| Total | \$ 1555.00 |

Save the date!!

ANNUAL BLOCK PARTY

July 11

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

at The Pickel Ball Court

More information to follow

This event is in collaboration with the Lutheran Parishes.

St Francis Xavier's

Oklee, MN

Sunday, May 28, 2023

Sacristan: Emily

Lector:: Jacob

Counters: Lora & Margaret

Sunday, June 4, 2023

Sacristan: Mary Lynn

Lector:: Mary Lynn

Counters: Jo & Deb

Sunday, June 11, 2023

Sacristan: Phyllis

Lector:: Bob

Counters: MaryAnn & Jan

Sunday, June 18, 2023

Sacristan: Margaret

Lector:: Paul

Counters: Anne & Dolores



St Ann's

Goodridge, MN

Sunday, May 28, 2023

Lector:: Paula

Counters: Marie & Audrey

Sunday, June 4, 2023

Lector:: Eliza

Counters: Deb & Maggie

Sunday, June 11, 2023

Lector:: Carol

Counters: Audrey & Marie

Sunday, June 18, 2023

Lector:: Paula

Counters: Deb & Maggie



St Clement's

Grygla, MN

Sunday, May 28, 2023

Lector:: Laurie

Sunday, June 4, 2023

Lector:: Gary

Sunday, June 11, 2023

Lector:: Dawn

Sunday, June 18, 2023

Lector:: Jim C

Sunday, June 25, 2023

Lector:: Laurie



Retirement PARTY

You are invited to attend a retirement party for Fr John Kleinwachter on Sunday, June 18th (Father's Day) at 5 pm, at Sacred Heart Church in Roseau MN. We will be grilling burgers and brats. There will be a time to share stories so bring them with you.

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.

Say Hello!



St Francis Xavier Cemetery

Spring Clean Up

June 6th 6:30 p.m.

The Cemetery Association is having their spring clean up of the Cemetery grounds June 6th at 6:30 p.m. If you are available please come and help. Bring shovels, rakes, wheel barrow, and other lawn care items. We are in need of help and the more people who can be there the sooner the task can be done.

Thank you!!

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).