

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

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Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday: Noon

Clergy Column

Just as we were adjusting to the news of the death of Msgr. Patnode, we now learn of the death of another priest of our diocese. Msgr. Gerald Noesen fell asleep in Christ on All Souls day at Villa St. Vincent in Crookston. His funeral will be at the Cathedral at 11:00 a.m. tomorrow. There is a Wake Service at 4:00 p.m. this afternoon at the Cathedral.

I will always remember Msgr. Noesen's talent at the keyboard. I am old enough to have been to a few Friday and Saturday evening suppers at the Shanty in Crookston, where he would entertain diners with his music. If you read his obituary, you'll see that his first assignment as a priest was as the assistant priest at Blackduck! It's hard to believe there was ever a time Blackduck needed two priests. Things have certainly changed since he was ordained in 1955. May he rest in peace.

The Founder of the Knights of Columbus, Fr. Michael McGivney, was beatified at a special Mass in Hartford, Connecticut on October 31st. There is now only one more step before Blessed Michael McGivney is canonized a Saint. Bl. Michael McGivney died in the Pandemic of 1890. Take a look at the article inside by George Weigel.

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:	10:15 a.m.	10:00 a.m.

St. Ann Parish in Goodridge

	<u>Mass Times</u>	<u>Confessions</u>
Sun:	12:00 p.m.	11:45 a.m.

Three models of priestly goodness

On Fr. Michael McGivney, Fr. Den Morrow, and Fr. Philip Tighe.

November 4, 2020

[George Weigel](#)

[Catholic World Report](#)

The Pandemic of 2020 has been hard on every Catholic. Eucharistic fasting for this length of time may remind us what 20th century heroes of the faith in underground Churches endured, and what 21st century confessors in China and elsewhere endure today; and that is no bad thing. Still, it is very, very hard to be the Catholic Church without being a vibrantly eucharistic Church. That's true for everyone. The people of the Church should realize that it's especially true for priests.

Priests who live out their priesthood as the Catholic Church understands that unique vocation – as an icon of the eternal priesthood of Jesus Christ, the Church's spouse – miss their eucharistic congregations terribly. They have dedicated their lives to nourishing the flock, and to be unable to do so as they did eight months ago is a constant sorrow. Pastors are also bearing heavier financial burdens these days as donations shrink. Then there are the serious challenges involved in keeping parochial schools afloat under today's public health circumstances. No man entering the seminary after the Long Lent of the 2002 and the sexual abuse crisis could imagine he was embracing an easy life; but no one expected this.

All the more reason, then, to celebrate the October 31 beatification of an exceptional parish priest, Father Michael McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus, who died during the pandemic of 1890.

He was born in 1852 to immigrant parents and his brief life coincided with the greatest period of expansion in U.S. Catholic history. That expansion also helped define his heroic ministry – and his genius. America in the late 19th century had nothing remotely resembling the social safety net created since the New Deal. Immigrant and first-generation families who lost their sole wage-earner could find themselves in desperate straits. In collaboration with Catholic lay leaders in New Haven, Connecticut, Father McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882 and created a new model of Catholic pastoral action: a fraternal organization that would provide for the spiritual and material needs of its members while serving the bereft, the indigent, and those foundering in their new homeland. Catholicism has been one of the great integrators of immigrants in American history, and no small credit for that is due to the Knights.

McGivney's Knights also anticipated the Second Vatican Council in its teaching that the lay vocation in the world is just that: a vocation, a divine calling to live out the Great Commission given every Catholic in baptism: "Go and make disciples...." (Matthew 28:19). Following Father McGivney's lead, the Knights have been a force for evangelization as well as charity, even as they have provided major philanthropic support to many Catholic initiatives, including Vatican communications. In the public arena, the Knights' recent robust defense of religious freedom follows the example of their work for racial justice. Knights of Columbus chapters on nominally Catholic campuses today provide young men serious about their Catholicism with a means of evangelizing their peers while nurturing their own faith.

Father Michael McGivney's beatification is a blessing for the organization he founded and inspired; it is also a compliment paid by the universal Church to the parish priests of the United States. Two of the finest were called home to the Lord in recent months, and while there is no way of knowing whether they will eventually follow Blessed Michael McGivney into the Church's liturgical calendar, their memory is already firmly lodged in the hearts of the people they served, and they stand as further models of priestly goodness.

One of his admirers told me that, were it not for the pandemic, the entire city of Grand Rapids, Michigan, might have turned out in May for the funeral of Father Dennis Morrow, so beloved was this pastor, police, and fire department chaplain. I knew Den Morrow in college and he remained a rock of Catholic faith for the next 50 years. Father Philip Tighe came to the seminary after a business career, and it was clear from the deacon year he served in my Maryland parish that he would be a superb priest, eager to lead others in the adventure of orthodoxy – which I happily observed him doing when he became my daughter's family's pastor in North Carolina. His August 31 death deprived the Diocese of Raleigh of an exceptional spiritual leader.

There being neither rivalry nor jealousy in the heavenly Jerusalem, it is easy to imagine Fathers Morrow and Tighe celebrating Father McGivney's beatification with him. May these three great American priests intercede for us all.

Oklee	Sunday	11/08/20	8:00 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Grygla	Sunday	11/08/20	10:15 a.m.	† Robert & †Lois Zavoral
Goodridge	Sunday	11/08/20	12:00 p.m.	Rober Paulson
Oklee	Tuesday	11/10/20	8:00 a.m.	†Msgr. Noesen
Oklee	Wednesday	10/11/20	8:00 a.m.	†Msgr. Patnode
Oklee	Thursday	11/12/20	8:00 a.m.	†Paul Melby
Oklee	Friday	11/13/20	8:00 a.m.	†Ruby Rystad
Oklee	Sunday	11/15/20	8:00 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Grygla	Sunday	11/15/20	10:15 a.m.	† Irene Kiesow
Goodridge	Sunday	11/15/20	12:00 p.m.	Bob Dahlen

Tithing

St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee

November 1, 2020

Adults Envelopes	\$1583.00
Loose Plate	\$35.00
Flowers for Altar	\$38.00
Total	\$1656.00

St. Ann's in Goodridge

November 1, 2020

Adults Envelopes	\$511.00
Loose Plate	\$58.00
Men's club	\$0.00
Total	\$569.00

St. Clement's in Grygla

November 1, 2020

Adults Envelopes	\$375.00
Loose Plate	\$1550.00
World Mission Sunday	\$10.00
Priest's Training	\$0.00
Total	\$540.00

Job Notice: we are looking for some custodial help in Oklee. Pam Asselin has been doing a fine job, but she needs to step away now. We are looking for someone to come in once a week for half an hour to tidy up the bathrooms, plus coming in one other day each month for 3 or 4 hours to do more thorough cleaning. We are willing to pay a competitive rate, and you are free to come in to work when it suits your schedule. Please pass this information on to anyone who might be interested. This could be a good job for a teenager in need of some spending money.

Weekly Reflections

"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." - Matthew 25:13

Many of us have put off doing something because we think we are too busy. We've all said, "I'll do it later when I have time." Unfortunately, too many of us apply this attitude to our Faith. Jesus' call is urgent, in the here and now, in your current circumstances. Don't delay. How is God calling you to use your gifts today? None of us is guaranteed to-

St Francis Xavier's Oklee, MN

Sunday, November 8, 2020
Lector: Mary Ann Lambert

Sunday, November 15, 2020
Lector: Mary Lynn Bachand

Sunday, November 22, 2020
Lector: Virginia Weber

St Ann's Goodridge, MN

Sunday, November 8, 2020
Lector: Eliza

Sunday, November 15, 2020
Lector: Carol

Sunday, November 22, 2020
Lector: Geri

St Clement's Grygla, MN

Sunday, November 8, 2020
Lector: Gary

Sunday, November 15, 2020
Lector: Jim C.

Sunday, November 22, 2020
Lector: Laurie

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.

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church Prayer Blankets

You Matter. We care. You are not alone.

There are prayer blankets in the back of the church for those whom are sick, suffering or dying. Please sign the book to whom it is given to so we know who the prayers are for.

Thank you!!

**The St Francis Xavier Cemetery Association
would like to thank the following for donations received:**

- John and Eileen Crystal
- Pat Larson
- Carol Bachand
- Gerald Cote Family
- Irene Dessellier Family
- Mike Bourque Family

In the month of November as we remember our deceased loved ones, please keep in mind their final resting place. The Cemetery Association would appreciate donations for upkeep and maintenance of our parish Cemetery. Donations may be placed in the collection plate or mailed to:

St. Francis Xavier Cemetery / PO Box 275 / Oklee, MN 56742

Recently Deceased Loved Ones

†Joey Johnson
 †Allen Paquin
 †Chris Tougas
 †Larry O'Neill
 †Yvonne Boucher
 †Bonnie Buchmeier
 †Janet Pearson
 †David Dessellier
 †Rita Bonagura Vaughn
 †Ann Peterson
 †Irene Dessellier
 †Floyd Neuschwander
 †Annette Magnell
 †Ted Lussier
 †LaVonne Radniecki
 †Brigitta Dobmeier
 †Mary Jean Altendorf
 †Mike Bourque
 †Fr. Don Braukmann
 †Florence Dunham
 †Msgr. Donald Krebs
 †Betty Barsness
 †Floyd Charest
 †Jim Dulka
 †Avis Frazer
 †Lauretta Stucy
 †Tom Toulouse
 †Marlyn Dessellier
 †Gerald Cote
 †Phyllis Martell
 †Theresa "Bergeron" Lucken
 †Jerome Hruby
 †Irene Kiesow
 †Msgr. Michael Patnode
 †Donnie Knutson

Pray For Those Who Are Sick

Delton Sebenaler
 Donnie Tougas
 Kenneth LaCoursiere
 Shirley Dessellier
 Michael Bachand
 Annette LaCoursiere
 Debra Olson
 Jack Miller
 Kimberly Johs
 Ambrose Beaudoin
 Steve Sebenaler
 Don LaCoursiere
 Cindy Deterrman
 David Longtin
 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

