

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

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"Oh come, oh come Emmanuel"

Wow, how quickly did this year go by! Quickly too, will Advent fly by. Now, how can we make the best use of this time of waiting!!

Our advent should be one of seeking with all our heart, mind, and soul the presence of Jesus, Emmanuel in our life!

Like Mary, may we say: "Yes!" "Come Holy Spirit and fill me with Your Gifts that will enable me to truly have Jesus alive in my being."

Begin this Advent by beginning every day with a time of quiet to draw away and pray. To be still and know, God is with you--God is here already --right there where you are sitting, kneeling or standing.

To be aware of God's presence, just breathe deeply, and ask the Holy Spirit to come in. Take a walk and look at all the beauty of nature around you. Beauty of nature is God's handiwork, so just say "Wow God Wow," and you are giving God praise! Also, when you are in the presence of anyone; ones you love are just the total stranger. Look in their eyes, see the beauty of who they are, smile and say: "Wow, what an awesome person you are! Yes, you are for you are one of God's perfect designs!"

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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).

Oklee	Sunday	12/10/23	8:00 a.m.	Noah Mercil
Grygla	Sunday	12/10/23	10:15 a.m.	For the People
Goodridge	Sunday	12/10/23	12:00 p.m.	+Monica Perkerwicz
Oklee	Monday	12/11/23	8:00 a.m.	†Joan Carpenter
Grygla	Tuesday	12/12/23	5:30 p.m.	Pope Francis
Oklee	Wednesday	12/13/23	8:00 a.m.	†Ann Peterson
Oklee	Thursday	12/14/23	8:00 a.m.	Hammers Grandchildren
Oklee	Sunday	12/17/23	8:00 a.m.	†Ralph Laniel
Goodridge	Sunday	12/17/23	10:15 a.m.	For the People
Grygla	Sunday	12/17/23	12:00 p.m.	+Marvin Swanson
Oklee	Monday	12/18/23	8:00 a.m.	Nina Hilleren
Oklee	Tuesday	12/19/23	8:00 a.m.	Eric Hilleren
Oklee	Wednesday	12/20/23	8:00 a.m.	†Pearl Laniel
Oklee	Thursday	12/21/23	8:00 a.m.	Tom Hammers

CLERGY COLUMN

Brothers and sisters,

We are right in the thick of it, among the busiest times of the year for some of us. As I type these words, I am also reminded of those who aren't very busy because they don't have much for family. Of course, I think about those who have recently lost loved ones - a parent, a spouse, another relative, a child, a close friend, etc - for those people these days can be very lonely. Sometimes we can get so caught up in our own lives that we might forget to look outward. Maybe part of our holiday preparations and celebrations can include some prayers for those people, but also maybe we can make a point to reach out to those people that we know who fit into this category. A simple phone call and a Christmas card can go a long way. A visit and an invitation to dinner can go even longer. It might be a little inconvenient, but that's kind of the point - to tell someone without using the words, "You're worth the inconvenience, because you matter."

Christmas is on a Monday this year, so the 4th Sunday of Advent is going to look a little different for our parishes. Priests are allowed to offer three Masses on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. You are required to attend two Masses between Saturday evening and Monday evening - it's going to be a great opportunity for us to worship together a lot over the course of a couple of days! Our Sunday schedule will look different because of that.

- In Oklee, at St. Francis Xavier, the Masses will be on Saturday evening (Sunday Mass) at 4:00 and Sunday evening (Christmas Mass) at 4:00.
- In Grygla, at St. Clement, the Masses will be on Sunday morning at 8:30 and Monday morning (Christmas Mass) at 8:30.
- In Goodridge, at St. Anne, the Masses will be on Sunday morning at 10:30 and Monday morning (Christmas Mass) at 10:30.

I will also list other local Mass times, in case you need some additional help getting to both Masses. A person could attend Mass both on Sunday morning and Sunday evening to fulfill the obligations and receive Communion at both Masses (I know sometimes there is a little confusion about that). I'm typing this now and announcing it now so you can make the necessary arrangements - it's just two short weeks away.

I also want to encourage you to take some extra time for prayer during these busy times. I'm sure I'll mention this in a homily at some point, but I know prayer can be the first thing to drop off the schedule when our lives get busier and busier. In the grand picture of things, however, it would be best to increase our prayer time when things are busier. Mother Teresa, one of the great saints of our time, has a helpful quote: *"If you are too busy to pray, you are too busy."* In fact, she and her sisters would pray before the Lord in the tabernacle for at least two hours each morning before they began their very busy schedule during the day. Two hours! I'm not necessarily telling you to pray for that long (although, wouldn't that be great?), but I think we all can make some more time available, even if we have to cut out something else for the sake of our prayers. 1 Peter 4:7 - *"Be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers."* There is such great importance attached to our prayers - let's not allow them to drop out of our schedules!

May the Lord give you his peace!
Fr. Bryan

LOCAL MASS TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS

St Bernard's (TRF) 5:00 pm & 10:00 pm Christmas Eve & 9:00 am Christmas Day

St Joseph's (RLF) 5:30 pm Christmas Eve & 10:00 am Christmas Day

St Joseph's (Brooks) 8:00 am Christmas Day



This is how we can be the gift that gives Jesus where ever we are! Speaking to others, the words you yourself would want or need to hear! Keep on giving and living love wherever you go.

"Oh come oh come Emmanuel and ransom my heart this day from the world who's trying to capture my soul."
Speaking of the world; during Advent choose to limit your screen time your cell phone time to only necessary time. I say that because the screen, the cell phone, the iPad has become more and more a source of idolatry in our life. Also pay attention to the part of Revelations 13, that speaks of the beast! The beast will give himself a 'voice' and an 'image.'" And to buy and sell---you will have to have a chip and a number on your hand. How many of you like myself, use a credit card every day? It has a chip. It has a number and we buy and sell with it. The same is true of the cell phone and even now the television screen. On the screen of the television, just scan this code with your phone!
Look at all of the lies that are coming across the media nowadays! What is the truth, what are lies, being spoken or read?
It is crucial this Advent to draw away, and pray to seek the Lord with all your heart! it is crucial that you choose this day what God you will serve. The screen in any form, or Be in God presence? Choose what god you will serve.

"Hear the Word of God and live!!"
From the reading : Lk 21:29-33
Jesus told his disciples a parable.
"Consider the fig tree and all the other trees.
When their buds burst open,
you see for yourselves and know that summer is now near;
in the same way, when you see these things happening,
know that the Kingdom of God is near.

BY: Elizabeth Thomas Catholic 365

*Hope
Faith
Joy
Peace
CHRIST*



St Francis Xavier's

Sunday, December 10, 2023
Sacristan: Brady
Lector:: Bob
Counters: Margaret & Linda

Sunday, December 17, 2023
Sacristan: Margaret
Lector:: Jacob
Counters: Jo & Deb

Sunday, December 23, 2023
Sacristan: Emily
Lector:: Paul
Counters: MaryAnne & Jan

Sunday, December 24, 2023
Sacristan: Phyllis
Lector:: Bob
Counters: Anne & Dolores

St Ann's

Sunday, December 10, 2023
Lector:: Paula
Counters: Deb & Maggie

Sunday, December 17, 2023
Lector:: Carol
Counters: Audrey & Marie

Sunday, December 24, 2023
Lector:: Paula
Counters: Deb & Maggie

Sunday, December 25, 2023
Lector:: Carol
Counters: Audrey & Marie

St Clement's

Sunday, December 10, 2023
Lector:: Gary

Sunday, December 17, 2023
Lector:: Robbie

Sunday, December 24, 2023
Lector:: Dawn

Sunday, December 25, 2023
Lector:: Jim C.

**"Jingle & Mingle" Christmas Party Benefit
for Brian Peterson
to be held on
Saturday, December 16th at the Oklee Hall
from 7:00-10:00 p.m.**

*All guests in attendance are encouraged to wear an Ugly Sweater, or risk being fined \$20.

This festive event will include a Wine Walk, Gingerbread Jail, & Ugly Sweater Contest,

Lucky Buck Baskets, BIG Prize Drawings, 50/50,

Snacks, Drinks and FUN!!!

All funds collected will help defray medical expenses.

TITHING

St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee

Dec 3, 2023

Adult Envelopes	\$2985.00
Flowers for Altar	\$26.00
St Mary's Mission	\$20.00
Endowment for Priests	\$10.00
Retirement for Religious	\$10.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$27.00</u>
Total	\$ 3078.00

St. Ann's in Goodridge

Dec 3, 2023

Adult Envelopes	\$510.00
SMMA	\$10.00
Ladies Aid SMMA	\$200.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$21.00</u>
Total	\$741.00

St. Clement's in Grygla

Dec 3, 2023

Adult Envelopes	\$795.00
Christmas Flowers	\$255.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$91.00</u>
Total	\$1141.00

Recently Deceased Loved Ones

†Iona Berry
†Kim Johs
†Elias Abboud
†Audrey Martell
†Harold Cyr
†Judie Hendrickson
†Alden Morinville
†Kathleen Erickson
†Joseph Cullen
†Laura Nadeau
†Lucy Christianson
†Vernon Rogalla
†Donovan Stoneouse
†Adelore Plante
†Richard Perreault
†Cecelia Christianson
†Corlan Magnell Klein-
schmidt
†Judy Zavoral
†Dean Lambert
†Richard Bronken
†Jerome Carriere
†Gary Paquin
†Gayle Radniecki Grossman
†Delores Longtin
†Lorraine Cote
†Lorraine LaCoursiere
†Tony Weber
†Matt Genova
†Elaine Radniecki

Pray For Those Who Are Sick

Delton Sebenaler	Jude Syvertson
Donnie Tougas	Mary Radniecki
Kenneth LaCoursiere	Dave Zavoral
Shirley Dessellier	Bernadette Lambert-
Michael Bachand	Daymunde
Annette LaCoursiere	Josie Rodriguez
Debra Olson	Jake Martell
Ambrose Beaudoin	Roy Rystad
Steve Sebenaler	Dave Longtin, Shorty
Don LaCoursiere	Bonnie Cote
Cindy Determan	Joyce Tougas
Marie Adams	Brad Gunderson
Grace Rundell	Brian Peterson
MaryAnn Lambert	Jim Carriere
Bailey Herried Drotts	Antoinette Holtusen
George Pittman	Roger Lambert
Bambi Lambert	Theresa Mutnansky
Doris Dessellier	Carolyn Pittman
Danielle Swanson	Shirley Cyr
Mark Stromberg	Cliff Melby
Sylvia Remick Morey	Jack Miller
Penny Kalar	Mike Dessellier
Jo Lambert	Joel Schmitz
Tony Radniecki	Lacy Knott
Bob Radniecki	Jim Knott
Darren Tougas	Julie Paquin
Rick Dulka	Adam Cwikla
Richard Bourque	Tyler Larson (deployed)
	Richard Rolfson



Christmas Flowers Memorials

Parish

Donated by: _____

(\$5.00 suggested donation)

In Loving Memory of :

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.