

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

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Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday: Noon

Clergy Column

- ◆ An August like this one can really be a challenge for those who make their living off the fruit of the earth. It seems like the storms and soaring humidity are coming at the worst possible times for many people. It is time to pray! This week we are having special Masses to pray for fair weather. They will be at 5:30 p.m. in Goodridge on Tuesday, in Oklee on Wednesday, and in Grygla on Thursday. If the weather is nice and you need to be in the field, I am sure you can find someone to come to Mass to pray on your behalf.
- ◆ I could use some Mass intentions for Grygla and Goodridge. I have run out.
- ◆ The Summer Diocesan Annual Appeal is on. Letters have been sent out. If you choose to give, you can mail them back directly or put them in the offertory basket.
- ◆ Please be thinking about the special collection for the Holy Land, which is usually taken up on Good Friday. It has been moved to Sunday, September 13th, the day before the Feast of the Holy Cross. Unlike a diocese, which taxes (assesses) its parishes in addition to having a voluntary annual appeal, the Franciscan Friars who staff the churches in the Holy Land have no other means of revenue since international pilgrimages have come to a grinding halt.

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.



St. Monica

Saint Monica, also known as Monica of Hippo, is St. Augustine of Hippo's mother. She was born in 331 A.D. in Tagaste, which is present-day Algeria.

When she was very young, she was married off to the Roman pagan Patricius, who shared his mother's violent temper. Patricius' mother lived with the couple and the duo's temper flares proved to be a constant challenge to young Monica.

While Monica's prayers and Christian deeds bothered Patricius, he is said to have respected her beliefs. Three children were born to Monica and Patricius: Augustine, Navigius, and Perpetua. Unfortunately, Monica was unable to baptize her children and when Augustine fell ill, Monica pleaded with Patricius to allow their son to be baptized.

Patricius allowed it, but when Augustine was healthy again, he withdrew his permission. For years Monica prayed for her husband and mother-in-law, until finally, one year before Patricius' death, she successfully converted them.

As time passed, Perpetua and Navigius entered the religious life, but unfortunately Augustine became lazy and uncouth. This greatly worried Monica, so when Patricius died, she sent the 17-year-old Augustine to Carthage for schooling.

While in Carthage, Augustine became a Manichaean, which was a major religion that saw the world as light and darkness, and when one died, they were removed from the world of matter and returned to the world of

light, which is where life comes from.

After Augustine got his education and returned home, he shared his views with Monica, who drove him from her table. Though it is not recorded how much time passed, Monica had a vision that convinced her to reconcile with her wayward son.

Monica went to a bishop, who told her, "the child of those tears shall never perish."

Inspired, Monica followed Augustine to Rome, where she learned he had left for Milan. She continued her persual and eventually came upon St. Ambrose, who helped her convert Augustine to Christianity following his seventeen-year resistance.

Augustine later wrote a book called *Confessions*, in which he wrote of Monica's habit of bringing "to certain oratories, erected in the memory of the saints, offerings of porridge, bread, water and wine."

When Monica moved to Milan, a bishop named Ambrose told her wine "might be an occasion of gluttony for those who were already given to drink," so she stopped preparing wine as offerings for the saints.

Augustine wrote: "In place of a basket filled with fruits of the earth, she had learned to bring to the oratories of the martyrs a heart full of purer petitions, and to give all that she could to the poor - so that the communion of the Lord's body might be rightly celebrated in those places where, after the example of his passion, the martyrs had been sacrificed and crowned."

After a period of six months, Augustine was baptized in the church of St. John the Baptist at Milan. The pair were led to believe they should spread the Word of God to Africa, but in the Roman city of Civitavecchia, Monica passed away.

Augustine recorded the words she imparted upon him when she realized death was near. "Son, nothing in this world now affords me delight. I do not know what there is now left for me to do or why I am still here, all my hopes in this world being now fulfilled."

She was buried at Ostia, and her body was removed during the 6th century to a hidden crypt in the church of Santa Aurea in Osta, near the tomb of St. Aurea of Ostia.

In 1430, Pope Martin V ordered her relics to be brought to Rome and many miracles were reported to have occurred along the way. Later, Cardinal d'Estouteville built a church to honor St. Augustine called the Basilica di Sant'Agostino, where her relics were placed in a chapel to the left of the high altar.

Oklee	Sunday	08/23/20	8:00 a.m.	†Dennis Bakke
Grygla	Sunday	08/23/20	10:15 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Goodridge	Sunday	08/23/20	12:00 p.m.	Myron Narlok
Goodridge	Tuesday	08/25/20	5:30 p.m.	For Fair Weather
Oklee	Wednesday	08/26/20	5:30 p.m.	For Fair Weather
Grygla	Thursday	08/27/20	5:30 p.m.	For Fair Weather
Oklee	Friday	08/28/20	8:00 a.m.	In Thanksgiving
Oklee	Sunday	08/30/20	8:00 a.m.	†Robert Peterson
Grygla	Sunday	08/30/20	10:15 a.m.	For the Homebound
Goodridge	Sunday	08/30/20	12:00 p.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>

Tithing

St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee August 16, 2020

Adults Envelopes	\$1547.00
Loose Plate	\$20.00
Priest's Training	\$15.00
Flowers Altar	\$10.00
Total	\$1592.00

St. Ann's in Goodridge August 16, 2020

Adults Envelopes	\$446.00
Ladies' Aid	\$300.00
Men's Club	\$300.00
Priest's Training	\$20.00
Loose Plate	\$45.00
Total	\$1,111.00

St. Clement's in Grygla August 16, 2020

Adults Envelopes	\$655.00
Priest's Training	\$35.00
Loose Plate	\$65.00
Total	\$755.00

St. Francis Xavier Parish has new blinds in the church reception area downstairs! The blinds were purchased with a gift from the Gerald Cote family given in his memory and designated for blinds for all of the windows in the gathering space. The blinds provide a warmth and light filtering effect in that area. Thank you to the Gerald Cote family for this memorial gift.

Weekly Reflections

““Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?” (Romans 11:35)



St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give the Lord anything - God already owns it all. God made everything. All we can do is return a portion of God's many gifts back to Him. Sincere gratitude for our gifts opens our hearts to joyful generosity! Through your generous sharing, you just may be the answer to someone's prayer.

St Francis Xavier's Oklee, MN

Sunday, August 23, 2020
Lector: Mary Ann Lambert

Sunday, August 30, 2020
Lector: Virginia Weber

Sunday, September 6, 2020
Lector: Jan Dulka

St. Ann's Goodridge, MN

Sunday, August 23, 2020
Lector: Karyl

Sunday, August 30, 2020
Lector: Eliza

Sunday, September 6, 2020
Lector: Carol

St. Clement's Grygla, MN

Sunday, August 23, 2020
Lector: Gary

Sunday, August 30, 2020
Lector: Jim C.

Sunday, September 6, 2020
Lector: Coleen

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!!

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" and a smile goes a long way.

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

Pray For Those Who Are Sick

Delton Sebenaler
 Donnie Tougas
 Kenneth LaCoursiere
 Shirley Dessellier
 Irene Kiesow
 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

