

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

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Lenten Opportunities

Tuesdays: Mass, Adoration, and Confessions
 Mass: 6:00 p.m.; Adoration & Confessions 6:30-7:30 p.m.

February 28: St. Clement's March 21: St. Clement's

March 7: St. Ann's March 28: St. Ann's

March 14: St. Francis Xavier April 4: St. Francis Xavier

"LIFE MATTERS"

Free Movies at Fosston Theatre: President's Day, Feb. 20,

1:00 and 4:00 P.M. "Horton Hears a Who"
and at 7:00 P.M. "Unplanned."

"Horton Hears a Who" is a story about the value of life which Horton defends with his conviction there is life in the speck on the flower he is vigilantly guarding. "Unplanned" is based on the life story of former Planned Parenthood director Abby Johnson. MCCL Chapter #45 is the sponsor of this event and invites and encourages attendance of all who are interested. Feel free to invite your kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews, etc.



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.
Tues: 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>
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 a.m.

CLERGY COLUMN

Brothers and sisters,

Lent is upon us! I am eager to begin the season and the big preaching series that I've been talking about for a couple of months now. My prayer is that this can be a time of continued conversion for all of us. Since I won't be speaking much about Lent during the series itself, here are a few thoughts beforehand:

- What is required of a Catholic during Lent? People typically look for ways to add prayer, fasting, and almsgiving during the season, but surprisingly, this is not required. Officially, the requirements for Catholics during Lent are as follows: attending Mass each and every Sunday, abstaining from meat on all Fridays (14+ years of age), and fasting (one normal-sized meatless meal and, if necessary, two snack-sized meatless meals) on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday (18-59 years of age).
- What is the purpose of Lent? Ultimately, the purpose of Lent is spiritual renewal and purification. The goal here is not merely to choose something difficult or challenging just because "that's what you're supposed to do during Lent". It can be good to choose something difficult to do, but only if that difficult thing helps you grow in relationship with God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Fasting from something ("giving something up") can be good for you, if you can recognize that your desire for that thing needs to be converted into a stronger desire for God. Giving away some extra money can be good, if you recognize that money is becoming something of a false god for you or if you want to imitate the generosity of Jesus. Increasing your prayer time can be good, if you recognize that you need more time with God and not merely more time in silence. Maybe some of these nuances are subtle, but our motivation with our Lenten practices is very important.
- So, what should I do for Lent? For starters, if you aren't in the habit of coming to Mass each and every Sunday, then that's the only thing you should do for Lent. For each of us, if we aren't fulfilling the basic requirements of our Faith, then nothing else is really going to be spiritually helpful. Going to Confession/Reconciliation is quite often something people do during Lent. We'll have opportunities in all three parishes on Tuesday evenings for Adoration and Confessions. I hope to see many people there to repent of sin and spend some extra time before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Beyond those two basic things, spend some time considering what could be helpful for your spiritual life. I honestly think the preaching series on Sundays is going to be very helpful for anyone who is open to hearing it. Also helpful could be to spend some extra time with Scripture or a good spiritual book (ask if you need some help choosing something). Fasting in some way can definitely be helpful, if done in a spirit of prayer. The same could be said for making a donation to some Catholic-Christian organization. You could also invite your pastor over for a meal or a coffee (not that that would only be limited to Lent). □

Be assured of my prayers for you. I am eager to share this season and the season of Easter with you!
May the Lord give you his peace!
Fr. Bryan



"Lent is a season of intense prayer, fasting and concern for those in need. It offers all Christians an opportunity to prepare for Easter by serious discernment about their lives, with particular attention to the Word of God which enlightens the daily journey of all who believe."

Pope John Paul II , 2003

Oklee	Sunday	02/19/23	8:00 a.m.	For the People
Goodridge	Sunday	02/19/23	10:00 a.m.	Bishop Cozzens
Grygla	Sunday	02/19/23	11:45 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory
Oklee	Monday	02/20/23	8:00 a.m.	President Biden
Oklee	Tuesday	02/21/23	8:00 a.m.	Faith Formation Students
Grygla	Wednesday	02/22/23	5:15 p.m.	Ash Wednesday service
Goodridge	Wednesday	02/22/23	6:15 p.m.	Ash Wednesday service
Oklee	Wednesday	02/22/23	7:30 p.m.	Conversion of Sinners
Oklee	Thursday	02/23/23	8:00 a.m.	Enemies of the Church
Oklee	Sunday	02/26/23	8:00 a.m.	For the People
Goodridge	Sunday	02/26/23	10:00 a.m.	Bishop Cozzens
Grygla	Sunday	02/26/23	11:45 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory



ROLLS & COFFEE—FELLOWSHIP
AFTER MASS at ST. FRANCIS - February 19
Free will offering to support
REACH OUT FOR WARMTH

If you would like to help serve there will be a signup sheet in the entry on the table.

TITHING

St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee

February 12, 2023

Adult Envelopes	\$1455.00
Loose Plate	\$54.00
Total	\$ 1509.00

St. Ann's in Goodridge

February 12, 2023

Adult Envelopes	\$0.00
Loose Plate	\$0.00
Total	\$ NA

St. Clement's in Grygla

February 12, 2023

Adult Envelopes	\$609.00
Loose Plate	\$45.00
Total	\$ 654.00

Life Care Center

The Life Care Center is in need of items for new moms. There is a Pack-n-Play in the entry of the Church for donations of Diapers, wipes, nursing pads, baby bath wash, lotion, and anything a new mom can use. Gas cards and cash are always welcome too. Thank you for your generosity.



Today is the beginning of the 2023 Diocesan Annual Appeal (DAA). Our theme is BUILD MY CHURCH! The overall DAA goal has been set at \$925,000. This goal is shared and pro-rated among our 66 parishes based on the prior year's offertory and the number of donors who offer more than \$50 per year to their parish. Our parish goals are St. Ann's - \$2,103., St. Clement's—\$3,233., and St. Francis' - \$7,930. These gifts help fund the Offices of Formation in Discipleship, Worship, Vocations and Seminarians, the Tribunal, Safe Environment and Ministerial Standards, Catholic Schools, Communications, the Office of the Bishop, and General Administration of the Pastoral and Retreat Center; ministries that affect our parish family in so many ways! Please, prayerfully review the mailing you have received at home, visit www.crookston.org/DAA or scan the QR code below for additional information about all the good you do when you support the DAA!



St Francis Xavier's

Oklee, MN

Sunday, February 19, 2023

Sacristan: Rick

Lector:: Jan

Counters: Jan & Deb

Sunday, February 26, 2023

Sacristan: Margaret

Lector:: Paul Cyr

Counters: Anne & Dolores

Sunday, March 5, 2023

Sacristan: Margaret

Lector:: Jacob

Counters: Lora & Margaret

Sunday, March 12, 2023

Sacristan: Emily

Lector:: Paul

Counters: Jo L & Deb



St Ann's

Goodridge, MN

Sunday, February 19, 2023

Lector:: Paul

Counters: Maggie & Deb

Sunday, February 26, 2023

Lector:: Carol

Counters: Deb & Maggie

Sunday, March 5, 2023

Lector:: Paula

Counters: Marie & Audrey

Sunday, March 12, 2023

Lector:: Eliza

Counters: Deb & Maggie



St Clement's

Grygla, MN

Sunday, February 19, 2023

Lector:: Dawn

Sunday, February 26, 2023

Lector:: Jim C.

Sunday, March 5, 2023

Lector:: Laurie

Sunday, March 12, 2023

Lector:: Gary



Recently Deceased Loved Ones

†Irene Kiesow
†Joan Carpenter
†Leroy Irlbeck
†Lowell Smeby
†Dorothy Plante
†Jim Lussier
†Tim Whalen
†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 Kleinschmidt
†Judy Zavoral
†Dean Lambert
†Richard Bronken
†Jerome Carriere

Pray For Those Who Are Sick

Delton Sebenaler
Donnie Tougas
Kenneth LaCoursiere
Shirley Dessellier
Michael Bachand
Annette LaCoursiere
Debra Olson
Jack Miller
Ambrose Beaudoin
Steve Sebenaler
Don LaCoursiere
Cindy Determan
Marie Adams
Grace Rundell
MaryAnn Lambert
Bailey Herried Drotts
George Pittman
Bambi Lambert
Doris Dessellier
Danielle Swanson
Mark Stromberg
Sylvia Remick Morey
Penny Kalar
Jo Lambert
Tony Radniecki
Bob Radniecki
Darren Tougas
Elaine Radniecki



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

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

Men's Cursillo

Have you heard about Cursillo? It is a wonderful way to develop a closer relationship with God. It will change how you look at your family, work and friendships. The Diocese of Crookston is offering a **Men's weekend February 23-26, 2023** at Mount St. Benedict Monastery in Crookston. Applications are also available at your parish office or at crookstoncursillo.weebly.com

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).