

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

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Confessions: 15 minutes before Mass
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Oklee	Sunday	01/14/24	8:00 a.m.	† Buzz Marvin
Goodridge	Sunday	01/14/24	10:00 a.m.	Cubby & Jane Storlie
Grygla	Sunday	01/14/24	11:45 a.m.	For the People
Oklee	Monday	01/15/24	8:00 a.m.	David Bachand
Grygla	Tuesday	01/16/24	5:30 p.m.	Cory Mercil
Oklee	Wednesday	01/17/24	8:00 a.m.	† Ann Peterson
Oklee	Thursday	01/18/24	8:00 a.m.	† Buzz Marvin
Oklee	Sunday	01/21/24	8:00 a.m.	For the People
Goodridge	Sunday	01/21/24	10:00 a.m.	Mary Herried Family
Grygla	Sunday	01/21/24	11:45 a.m.	Jaden Mercil
Oklee	Monday	01/22/24	8:00 a.m.	End to Abortion
Goodridge	Tuesday	01/23/24	5:00 p.m.	Rodger & Bonnie Njaa Family
Oklee	Wednesday	01/24/24	8:00 a.m.	Cyndi Podnar
Oklee	Thursday	01/24/24	8:00 a.m.	† James Haire
Oklee	Sunday	01/28/24	8:00 a.m.	For the People
Goodridge	Sunday	01/28/24	10:00 a.m.	Diane Kalsnes Family
Grygla	Sunday	01/28/24	11:45 a.m.	May Mercil

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).

CLERGY COLUMN

As I mentioned last weekend, there is a custom of announcing the dates for the movable feasts throughout the Church year on the Solemnity of the Epiphany. Here is what I announced:

Know, dear brothers and sisters, that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Savior.

On the 14th day of February will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.

On the 31st day of March you will celebrate with joy Easter Day, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the 12th day of May will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the 19th day of May, the feast of Pentecost.

On the 2nd day of June, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

On the 1st day of December, the First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

I think it's also worthwhile to include the regular Holy Days of Obligation, including the day of the week on which they fall. I'll announce them as they approach, but you can mark your calendars now so it's not a surprise when I announce them:

August 15th - the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, on a Thursday this year.

November 1st - the Solemnity of All Saints, on a Friday this year.

December 8th - the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, on a Sunday this year, which means the celebration will be moved to Monday and *the obligation is removed*.

December 25th - the Solemnity of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ (Christmas), on a Wednesday this year.

January 1st - the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, on a Wednesday this year.

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.



This year there are five weeks between the end of the Christmas season and the beginning of Lent, which is on February 14th (a happy Valentine's Day for all!). During that time we're going to take an opportunity to look at the State of the Church, which will include looking at Jesus' vision for his Church, whether or not the Church is living up to his vision, our current situation around the world and in our parishes, and make something of a prediction for the future. Because of that preaching series, the Scripture readings proclaimed during Mass will not be mentioned in the homily. **I'll provide** some commentary in the bulletin. Because this week is a double bulletin, I'll provide brief commentary for this week's readings and next.

This week (1/14) there is a strong emphasis on discipleship in both the First Reading and the Gospel. I've spoken about this before, **to be a disciple is to learn from someone for the sake of adopting that person's way of life.** (I'll actually be speaking about this a little bit in today's homily.) Samuel is a disciple of Eli, the priest in the "temple" (which would not have been the permanent Temple because it hadn't been built yet). He needs to learn from Eli how to recognize and respond to the voice of God calling him. Eli teaches him what to notice and how to respond: *Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.* Jesus likewise calls his first two disciples in the Gospel of John. These two - Andrew and an unnamed disciple - begin as disciples of John the Baptist, who teaches them that Jesus is more worthy of their discipleship, and then end as disciples of Jesus. They express their desire to "follow" him: *Rabbi, where are you staying?* Jesus gives a response that can only make the heart rejoice: *Come, and you will see.* From there, Andrew calls his brother Simon Peter to join in the discipleship of Jesus, which obviously has monumental significance for the future Church. We, too, are invited to follow Jesus as his disciples - to learn from him for the sake of adopting his way of life - and even invite others to come along with us. As Christian disciples, our lives - body and soul - no longer belong to us, but to the Lord Jesus. Because of this, St. Paul tells us that we must avoid sinful behavior and glorify God in our bodies.

Next week (1/21) we shift to the Gospel of Mark, which is the primary Gospel for Year B. Mark is very immediate when it comes to Jesus' preaching and teaching. He skips any Infancy narratives, found in both Matthew and Luke, and gets right into the ministry of Jesus. What are Jesus' first words in his public preaching? *This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel.* There is a clear call from Jesus that those who believe in the Gospel are to turn away from sin and toward the kingdom of God. This is big. There is no time for sinful behavior and thought because the Kingdom of God deserves all of our attention. Sometimes Jesus even calls disciples to radically change their lives for the sake of expanding the Kingdom, such as we see in the call of Simon (aka Peter), Andrew, James, and John. This call to repentance is nothing new, as we hear in our First Reading. We know from the Book of Jonah that Jonah even tried to run away from the Lord's mission for him to proclaim a message of repentance, but this call to repentance was so important to God that he sent a big fish to stop him from running. Why is repentance so important? Because sin destroys our relationship with God and, therefore, it destroys our lives: *Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed.* The people heard the call and were quick to repent, which triggered the mercy of God for them. How eagerly the Lord is to forgive our sins, if only we would repent!

St Francis Xavier's	St Ann's	St Clement's
Sunday, January 14, 2024 Sacristan: Mary Lynn Lector:: Jacob Counters: Margaret & Lora	Sunday, January 14, 2024 Lector:: Karyl Counters: Audrey & Marie	Sunday, January 14, 2024 Lector:: Robbie
Sunday, January 21, 2024 Sacristan: Emily Lector:: Mary Lynn Counters: Jo & Deb	Sunday, January 21, 2024 Lector:: Carol Counters: Deb & Maggie	Sunday, January 21, 2024 Lector:: Dawn
Sunday, January 28, 2024 Sacristan: Brady Lector:: Gerri Counters: Mary Anne & Gerri	Sunday, January 28, 2024 Lector:: Paula Counters: Audrey & Marie	Sunday, January 28, 2024 Lector:: Jim C.
	Sunday, February 4, 2024 Lector:: Karyl Counters: Deb & Maggie	Sunday, February 4, 2024 Lector:: Laurie
		Sunday, February 11, 2024 Lector:: Gary



Saint Joseph's Catholic Church in Red Lake Falls is inviting you to a Mercy Hour with Bishop Cozzens, Sunday, January 14, 2024, at 3:00 PM. Mercy Hours are services of healing for marriages and families. - married, single, divorced, widowed – every person belongs to a family and has a place in this experience. Mercy Hours include exposition/adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, a talk by Bishop Cozzens, prayers and intercessions, music and prayer stations all culminating in an intimate moment of a Eucharistic encounter offered for you as an individual, a couple or as a family. Saint Joseph's is located at 112 Edward St NE, Red Lake Falls, MN.

“Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’” - John 1:38

When we recognize who we are, it's easier to find what we are looking for. Once we see ourselves, and others, as children of God, we spend less time looking for the material comforts of the world. Instead, our hearts long for something deeper that can only be filled by God. Ask God daily how He wants you to live the life He intended for you.

Recently Deceased Loved Ones

†Hona 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
 †Gary Paquin
 †Gayle Radniecki Grossman
 †Delores Longtin
 †Lorraine Cote
 †Lorraine LaCoursiere
 †Tony Weber
 †Matt Genova
 †Elaine Radniecki
 †Richard Rolfson
 †Gary LaCoursiere

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 Deterrman	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)
	Theresa Sorenson
	Bonnie Paquin

TITHING

St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee

Jan 7, 2024

Adult Envelopes	\$2155.00
Church in Africa	\$10.00
Endowment for Priests	\$10.00
Flowers for the Altar	\$44.00
Coffee after Mass	\$100.00
(RLC Salvation Army)	
Loose Plate	<u>\$22.00</u>
Total	\$ 2341.00

St. Ann's in Goodridge

Jan 7, 2024

Adult Envelopes	\$730.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$7.00</u>
Total	\$737.00

St. Clement's in Grygla

Jan 7, 2024

Adult Envelopes	\$700.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$11.00</u>
Total	\$711.00