

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

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St. Lawrence the Martyr

“My soul clings to you my God, because I endured death by fire for your sake.”

—Lauds Antiphon for St. Lawrence

St. Lawrence was one of the seven deacons of Rome; he was born in 225 in Huesca, Spain and suffered martyrdom in Rome during Emperor Valerian's persecution of the Christians.

According to several early Christian writers, among them St. Ambrose and Prudentius, Lawrence was appointed deacon of Rome by Pope Sixtus II in 257, a position of great trust that included the care of the treasury and riches of the Church and the distribution of alms to the indigent. Lawrence was overwhelmed with grief when Pope Sixtus was condemned to death in 258. However, when Sixtus predicted he would follow him in three days, he was overjoyed and sold many of the Church's possessions and donated the money to the poor.

When the Prefect of Rome heard of his action, he had Lawrence brought before him and demanded all the Church's treasures be turned over to the Emperor. Lawrence said he would need three days to collect them and then he presented the blind, the crippled, the poor, the orphans and other unfortunates to the Prefect and told him they were the Church's treasures.

Furious, the Prefect prepared a red hot griddle and bound Lawrence to it; Lawrence bore the agony with unbelievable equanimity and in the midst of his torment instructed the executioner to turn him over, as he was broiled enough on one side. From this derives his patronage of cooks, chefs, and comedians.

According to Prudentius, his death and example led to the conversion of Rome and signaled the end of paganism in the city. There is no doubt that his death inspired a great devotion in Rome, which quickly spread throughout the Church.

Prayer to St. Lawrence:

O glorious Saint Lawrence, Martyr and Deacon, who, being subjected to the most bitter torments, did not lose thy faith nor thy constancy in confessing Jesus Christ, obtain in like manner for us such an active and solid faith, that we shall never be ashamed to be true followers of Jesus Christ, and fervent Christians in word and in deed. Amen.

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: 5:15 p.m.	5:00 p.m.
Thurs: 8:00 a.m.	7:45 a.m.

St. Clement Parish in Grygla

<u>Mass Times</u>	<u>Confessions</u>
Sun: 10:15a.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.

CLERGY COLUMN

Happy Lord's Day, brothers and sisters.

Let's jump right in.

Do you remember the four parts of the Kerygma? Or how about the four words that can be used as something to help us remember? **CREATED, CAPTURED, RESCUED, RESPONSE.** Last week's column dealt with the first part, **CREATED.** This week we'll look at the second part, **CAPTURED.** (Just a reminder to you that you can find all of these columns on the parish website either by looking at the bulletins or by clicking on the Literature tab on the left side of the page a little further down.)

The second part of the Kerygma is the most unpleasant of the four - hopefully the only unpleasant of the four. Even while it's unpleasant, we need to understand how important it is. Perhaps you remember, the word gospel means "good news". If you think about it, hearing good news implies that something was less than good prior to the news being shared. An example that I really like is D-Day, June 6th, 1944. What kind of news would the American landing at Normandy have been if there wasn't a terrible tyrant ruling over France at the time? It would have been so strange to see all those troops arrive on the beaches, ready to fight a war, if France hadn't been demolished by the Nazi regime. Yet, because it had been demolished, the arrival of the American forces was such incredible news for the French citizens at the time. It's the same for us as Catholic-Christians. Jesus' arrival to earth was only good news because the human race found itself in a tragic situation.

The Book of Genesis reveals to us that we, humans, have an enemy. One of God's angels hates that God has it in his mind to make us godly. He becomes envious of us and sets out to destroy us by deceiving us into thinking that we can find happiness without God. When Satan (the accuser) or the devil (the divider) - two names he goes by - came to Adam and Eve, he set out to trick them into rebelling against the good God. His strategy is simple and effective: he accused the good God of not being good and so led the man and woman into thinking that God was trying to hinder their freedom and happiness rather than provide those things for them. His strategy worked. The man and the woman disobeyed God's one command, choosing to rebel against the One who provided everything for them and who had such abundance prepared for them. In disobeying, the man and the woman unleashed a series of tragic consequences into the world that would affect all people of all time, including you and me.

Relationships are broken: between God and humans, between man and woman, between humans and the rest of creation, and even between ourselves individually. Death enters into a story that God did not intend it to enter into. There's nothing we can do to prevent our ultimate end, no one escapes death. Before we die, we see in the Bible that the human race is sold into the hands of the enemy, no longer in the freedom of being God's children but instead slaves to the one who despises us. God's one plan for your life was to make you like himself. The enemy's one plan for your life is to use you and abuse you over and over and over again. This is the tragic situation of the human race, what we might call the Bad News. Yet we need not despair for too long, because this all paves the way for the next part of the Kerygma. We've seen how we were **CREATED** and now we see how we were **CAPTURED.** Next week we'll see how we've been **RESCUED.**

May the Lord give you his peace!

Fr. Bryan



Oklee	Sunday	08/07/22 8:00 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Grygla	Sunday	08/07/22 10:15 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Goodridge	Sunday	08/07/22 12:00 p.m.	Rita Nelson
Oklee	Monday	08/08/22 8:00 a.m.	Cindi Podnar
Oklee	Tuesday	08/09/22 8:00 a.m.	Jake Martell
Oklee	Wednesday	08/10/22 5:15 p.m.	Cindi Podnar
Oklee	Thursday	08/11/22 8:00 a.m.	Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life
Oklee	Sunday	08/14/22 8:00 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Grygla	Sunday	08/14/22 10:15 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Goodridge	Sunday	08/14/22 12:00 p.m.	Vernon Rogalla

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.

ST FRANCIS XAVIER ~ OKLEE

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES



Sunday School Classes to begin the end of September for grades Pre-school - 6th grade. There are registration forms at the entrance of the church. Please take as many as needed to enroll your child or children and return the registration form(s) to the collection basket. If you know someone that needs a form pick one up for them.

More details will be posted later. Stay tuned!!

TITHING

St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee



July 31, 2022

Adult Envelopes	\$1398.00
Endowment Priests	\$10.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$20.00</u>
Total	\$1428.00

St. Ann's in Goodridge



July 31, 2022

Adult Envelopes	\$300.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$20.00</u>
Total	\$320.00

St. Clement's in Grygla



July 31, 2022

Adult Envelopes	\$845.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$56.00</u>
Total	\$901.00

2022 DAA Summer Appeal

AND THERE WAS LIGHT! If you wish to be part of the 2022 Summer Appeal or make a second gift to help us reach our goal and support the Church's mission, please visit our website at www.crookston.org/DAA. Every gift is important and appreciated. Thank you for radiating the light of Christ throughout our Diocese of Crookston!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That we may respond generously to our Diocesan Annual Appeal as faithful stewards of the gifts entrusted to us...

We pray to the Lord

As we participate in the 2022 Summer Appeal to help others and radiate the light of Christ throughout our Diocese of Crookston, may we remember God's generosity to us and give thanks for the gifts and blessings we have received...

We pray to the Lord

For all the faithful who support the Diocesan Annual Appeal. May God's blessings be upon them and their families...

We pray to the Lord

Let us pray for all priests, deacons, religious, and lay persons who serve in our diocese, that the Holy Spirit may guide them to offer their best gifts daily and radiate the light of Christ through the ministries, programs, and services supported by the Diocesan Annual Appeal... We pray to the Lord

St Francis Xavier's

Oklee, MN

Sunday, August 7, 2022
Sacristan: Phyllis Melby
Lector:: Bob Melby
Counters: MaryAnne & Jan

Sunday, August 14, 2022
Sacristan: Rick Dulka
Lector:: Jan Dulka
Counters: Anne & Dolores

Sunday, August 21, 2022
Sacristan: MaryLynn Bachand
Lector:: MaryLynn Bachand
Counters: Lora & Margaret

Sunday, August 28, 2022
Sacristan: Margaret Buer
Lector:: Jacob Melby
Counters: Jo L. & Deb



St Ann's

Goodridge, MN

Sunday, August 7, 2022
Lector:: Paula

Sunday, August 14, 2022
Lector:: Eliza

Sunday, August 21, 2022
Lector:: Paula

Sunday, August 28, 2022
Lector:: Eliza

Sunday, September 4, 2022
Lector:: Paula



St Clement's

Grygla, MN

Sunday, August 7, 2022
Lector:: Dawn

Sunday, August 14, 2022
Lector:: Gary

Sunday, August 21, 2022
Lector:: Jim C

Sunday, August 28, 2022
Lector:: Laurie

Sunday, September 4, 2022
Lector:: Dawn



Recently Deceased Loved Ones

†Jim Dulka
†Avis Frazer
†Lauretta Stucy
†Tom Toulouse
†Marlyn Dessellier
†Gerald Cote
†Phyllis Martell
†Theresa "Bergeron" Lucken
†Jerome Hruby
†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

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
Lucille Christianson
Doris Dessellier
Danielle Swanson
Mark Stromberg
Sylvia Remick Morey
Penny Kalar
Jo Lambert
Richard Perreault
Tony Radniecki
Bob Radniecki

Darren Tougas
Elaine Radniecki
Rick Dulka
Greg Whalen
Richard Bourque
Jason Moe
Judy Zavoral
Carolyn Pittman
Jude Syvertson
Mary Radniecki
Dave Zavoral
Bernadette Lambert-
Daymunde
Donovan Stoneouse
Josie Rodriguez
Vernon Rogalla
Jake Martell



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

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

Market Day~Oklee Saturday, August 13th.

Each parish family is asked to contribute \$15.00 in baked goods or donate \$20.00. Checks may be written to St. Francis Xavier Ladies Guild. The monetary donations may be given to Phyllis Melby, mailed to her at P.O. Box 275, Oklee, or dropped in the offertory labeled "Bake Sale". A list with prices will be at the back of the church. Thank you for your contributions to this fundraiser.

