

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 21, 2018

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

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Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday: Noon

C l e r g y C o l u m n

Today, at 3:00, there will be a Vespers service and Holy Hour in Oklee. The Special Prayer intention for this month is to pray for an end to abortion in our nation.

On Friday, our nation's capital was filled with courageous men, women, and children marching for life. Most of the attendees, as per usual, are under the age of 30 years old. If you have never been to the March for Life, you should plan a trip for next year. This is one of the most high-powered, Holy Spirit-filled, Christian events in our nation, and we all need to become a bigger part of it, so that we can bring this national tragedy to an end.

Last January, only six days prior to the March for Life, there was another protest march, the Women's March. This march, as much as it was dressed up to appear to promote respect for the dignity of women, was really a promotion of an unholy agenda: abortion, sexual deviancy, and promiscuity. The Media Research Center made a comparison of the Women's March and the March for Life. The results are shocking, but confirm what has long been suspected. Both marches had roughly the same number of people in attendance, but major network news programs gave the Women's March 129 times more air time than the March for Life. The Women's March was featured for a total of 75 minutes on network news, whereas the March for Life got 35 seconds of coverage.

The situation is dire, and we need to recommit ourselves to praying for an end to abortion in our nation. Please join me for Vespers today at 3:00 to pray for victims of abortion. This includes the women who have had them, and the babies who have died because of them.

Weekly Schedule

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:	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 p.m.



What a great time of year to take care of your spiritual health!

Many in our parish have attended **Cursillo** weekends over the years and give great testimony to the power of such weekends.

Cursillo is pronounced KER-SEE-O meaning - short course in Christianity.

Weekends are being offered this fall and next spring at Sand Hill Bible Camp, just south of Fosston.

The weekends include quiet time, inspirational talks, and most importantly, time to be with Jesus without the many distractions of daily life.

Grow closer to Jesus by taking the time to join us. HE will bless your sacrifice of time for HIM.

The weekend starts Thursday evening and ends Sunday afternoon.

The Men's will be held February 22-25.

The Women's will be March 15-18.

Contact Carol Olsonawski (218-689-9081) or

Bobbi Mercil (701-866-5706) for more information.

Applications can be printed at crookstoncursillo.weebly.com or picked up at your parish office.

Director of Youth Ministry and Catechesis

The Diocese of Crookston is seeking a full time Director of the Office of Youth Ministry and Catechesis. This office serves the pastors, parish youth ministers and parish directors of religious education and formation. The candidate is a voice in the diocese for young people. The candidate will coordinate diocesan youth activities (camps, rallies, trainings, etc.) with the assistance of parish employees and volunteers. The candidate will also conduct training sessions for catechesis in parishes. Applicants should have education and experience in the areas of youth ministry and religious education. The qualifying candidate needs to be a practicing Catholic who has an understanding of the teachings of the Catholic Church and the desire to promote them. Send resume and references to: Msgr. Mike Foltz, Diocese of Crookston, P. O. Box 610, Crookston, MN. 56716 or email: mfoltz@crookston.org Interviews begin by March 1st



St. Paul

St. Paul was born at Tarsus, Cilicia, of Jewish parents who were descended from the tribe of Benjamin. He was a Roman citizen from birth. As he was "a young man" at the stoning of Stephen and "an old man" when writing to Philemon, about the year 63, he was probably born around the beginning of the Christian era.

To complete his schooling, St. Paul was sent to Jerusalem, where he sat at the feet of the learned Gamaliel and was educated in the strict observance of the ancestral Law. Here he also acquired a good knowledge of exegesis and was trained in the practice of disputation. As a convinced and zealous Pharisee, he returned to Tarsus before the public life of Christ opened in Palestine.

Some time after the death of Our Lord, St. Paul returned to Palestine. His profound conviction made his zeal develop to a religious fanaticism against the infant Church. He took part in the stoning of the first martyr, St. Stephen, and in the fierce persecution of the Christians that followed.

Entrusted with a formal mission from the high priest, he departed for Damascus to arrest the Christians there and bring them bound to Jerusalem. As he was nearing Damascus, about noon, a light from heaven suddenly blazed round him. Jesus with His glorified body appeared to him and addressed him, turning him away from his apparently successful career.

An immediate transformation was wrought in the soul of St. Paul. He was suddenly converted to the Christian Faith. He was baptized, changed his name from Saul to Paul, and began travelling and preaching the Faith. He was martyred as an Apostle in Rome around 65 AD.

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.

Bulletin Deadline

Dead line for announcements to get into the bulletin each week is 12:00 p.m. (noon), on Wednesdays.

WEBSITE

Did you know the weekly Liturgy Schedule and Weekly Bulletin is on our website for your convenience? Check it out today www.oggcatholic.org

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

The Pope's Prayer Intention for January 2018
Evangelization: **Religious Minorities in Asia**
That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.

Mass Intentions

Oklee	Sunday	01/21/18	8:00 a.m.	Chris Churchill
Goodridge	Sunday	01/21/18	10:00 a.m.	DeWein Lappegard
Grygla	Sunday	01/21/18	11:45 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Oklee	Tuesday	01/23/18	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Oklee	Wednesday	01/24/18	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Pioneer Home	Wednesday	01/24/18	10:00 a.m.	No Mass
Oklee	Thursday	01/25/18	8:00 a.m.	†Emmitt Morinville
Oklee	Friday	01/26/18	8:00 a.m.	†Theresa Morinville
Oklee	Sunday	01/28/18	8:00 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Goodridge	Sunday	01/28/18	10:00 a.m.	†Veneda Skibicki
Grygla	Sunday	01/28/18	11:45 a.m.	†Shirley Verbout

Tithing

January 14, 2018

St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee

Adults	\$930.00
Loose Plate	\$57.00
Candle Revenue	\$28.00
Flowers	<u>\$5.00</u>
Total:	\$1020.00

St. Ann's in Goodridge

Adults	\$396.00
Youth	\$20.00
Loose Plate	\$2.00
Men's Club	\$300.00
Ladies Aide	\$600.00
Church of Africa	<u>\$35.00</u>
Total:	\$1353.00

St. Clement's in Grygla

Adults	\$545.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$35.00</u>
Total:	\$580.00

ST. ANN'S MINISTRY

Sunday January 28, 2018

Commentator:	Gerri
Lector:	Eliza
EMHC:	Eliza & Deb
Ushers:	Darwin & Russell
Counter:	Deb & Maggie

ST. CLEMENT'S MINISTRY

Sunday January 21, 2018

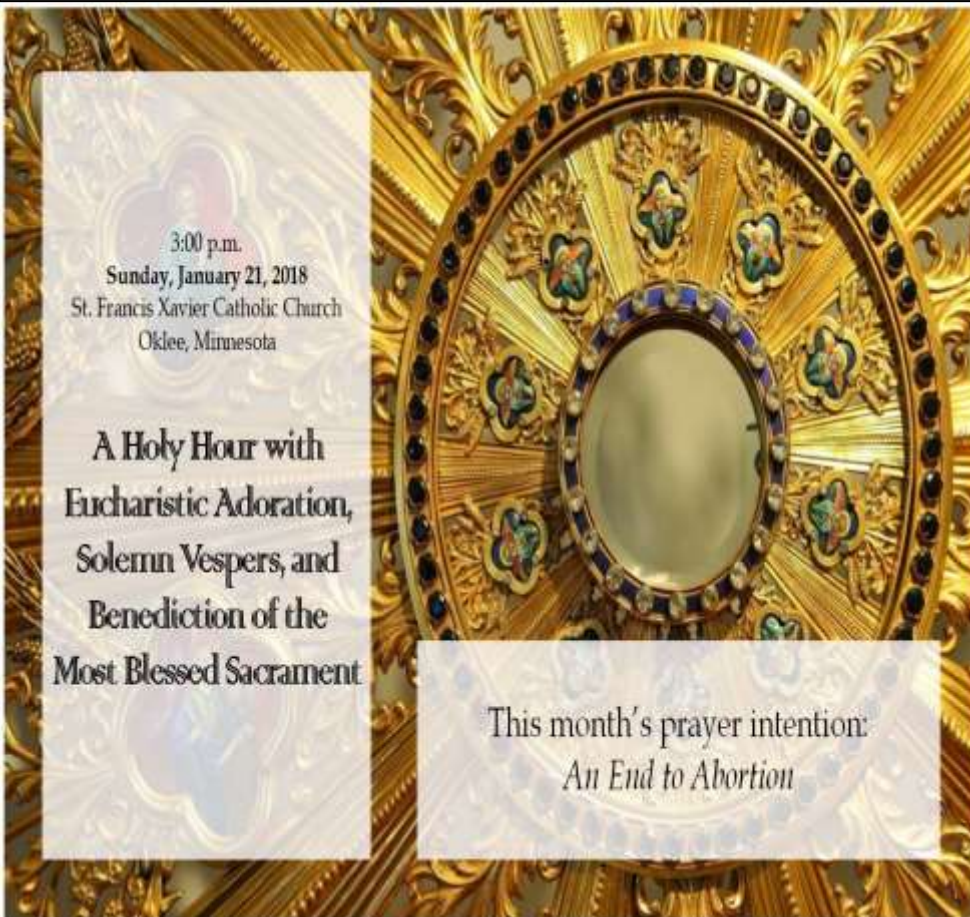
Commentator:	Angie
Lector:	Jody M.
EMHC:	Jean & Justin
Usher:	Tim & Chris

SPECIAL COLLECTION

January 21, 2018

Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa

"Moral principles do not depend on a majority vote. Wrong is wrong, even if everybody is wrong. Right is right, even if nobody is right." Archbishop Fulton Sheen



The Russian peasantry for centuries has propagated a curious tradition. It is about an old woman, the Baboushka, who was at work in her house when the wise men came from the East and passed on their way to Bethlehem to find the Child. Come with us, they said. We have seen his star in the East, and we go to worship Him. I will come but not now, I have much housework to do and when that is finished, I will follow and find him. But her work was never done. And the Three Kings had passed on their way across the desert, and the star shone no more in the darkened heavens. Baboushka never saw the Christ Child, but she is still living and searching for Him. And though she did not find Him, out of love for Him, she takes care of all His children. The tradition has it that she believes that in each poor child whom she warms and feeds, she may find the Christ Child whom she neglected long ago. But she is not doomed to disappointment, for the Divine Child said 'he who receives one of these little ones in my name, receives me.' Archbishop Fulton Sheen (Rejoice)

St. Francis Xavier, Oklee Lay Contacts

Body *Year of Term—Term Ends (Term #)*

Pastoral Council & Finance Council

Virginia Weber	3/3—June 2017 (2nd)	P
David Bachand	3/3—June 2017 (1st)	P
Jacob Melby	3/3—June 2017 (1st)	F
Don LaCoursiere	2/3—June 2018 (2nd)	P
Phyllis Melby	2/3—June 2018 (1st)	P
Mitch Bernstein	1/3—June 2018 (1st)	F
Margaret Buer	1/3—June 2019 (1st)	P
Rick Dulka	1/3—June 2019 (1st)	P
Janet Halvorson	1/3—June 2019 (1st)	F

Parish Trustees

Al Paquin	2/2—Sept. 2017(1st)
Shirley Cyr	2/2—Sept. 2017 (1st)

St. Clement, Grygla Lay Contacts

Body *Year of Term—Term Ends (Term #)*

Joint Pastoral & Finance Council

Ron Kiesow	3/3—June 2017 (2nd)
Tom Morrissey	3/3—June 2017 (1st)
Jim Carriere	2/3—June 2018 (1st)
Gary Polansky	2/3—June 2018 (2nd)
Bill Zavoral	1/3—June 2019 (1st)
Angie Kiesow	1/3—June 2019 (1st)

Parish Trustees

Jody Miller	1/2—Sept. 2018 (2nd)
Jack Miller	1/2—Sept. 2018 (2nd)

St. Ann, Goodridge Lay Contacts

Body *Year of Term—Term Ends (Term #)*

Joint Pastoral & Finance Council

Darwin Eidelbes	3/3—June 2017 (2nd)
Gerri Rustan	3/3—June 2017 (1st)
Audrey Rogalla	2/3—June 2018 (1st)
Cindi Kotrba	2/3—June 2018 (1st)
Marlin Kotrba	1/3—June 2019 (1st)
Karyl Mayernik	1/3—June 2019 (1st)

Parish Trustees

Patty Skibicki	1/2—Sept. 2018 (1st)
Veron Rogalla	1/2—Sept. 2018 (1st)

Recently Deceased Loved Ones

† Janet Pearson
 † Imelda Carin
 † Richard Radniecki
 † Carol Haugen
 † Tom Karakash
 † Steven McPherson
 † Geraldine Weber

Pray For Those Who Are Sick

- Susan Sunberg
- Bob Carriere
- Carter Torgerson
- Debra Olson
- Floyd Neuschwander
- Dorothy Plante
- Alice Bluemke
- Ann Peterson
- Tom Radniecki
- Del Determan
- Joey Johnson
- Cindy Stoneouse
- Kathleen Amiot

Oklee Ministry List

January 21, 2018

Sacristan: Rick Dulka
 Lector: Dorothy Sebenaler
 EMHC: Mitch & Kristin Bernstein
 Usher: Jake Martell & Doug Cote
 Greeter: Ken & Shirley Boucher
 Counter: Lora Johnson & Margaret Buer

January 28, 2018

Sacristan: Margaret Buer
 Lector: Paul Cyr
 EMHC: Don LaCoursiere & Jacob Melby
 Usher: Ken & Shirley Boucher
 Greeter: Mary Ann Lambert & Ann Hammer-
 Counter:: Shirley Cyr & Jan Dulka

February 04, 2018

Sacristan: Rick Dulka
 Lector: Jacob Melby
 EMHC: Bonnie Cote & Ann Hammer
 Usher: Doug Cote & Jake Martell
 Greeter: Karen Fossum & Sue Carriere
 Counter: Anne Hammer & Dolores Grimm

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.
- 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.