

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

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**Tuesday & Wednesday** 8:30 a.m. — 3:30 p.m.  
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**Bulletin Deadline**

**Tuesday:** Noon

Clergy Column

Merry Christmas! Please check the bulletin carefully for Mass times on Christmas and New Year's. Just a clarification...Midnight Mass in Oklee is on what we would casually refer to as Christmas Eve, though once we hit midnight the calendar date changes to the 25<sup>th</sup>, so don't spend all day at home on Christmas Day waiting for me to have Mass at midnight. 😊 Last week Fr. Bob Schreiner and I exchanged some text messages, and one of his messages included a stunningly hilarious typo that I am not at liberty to share. Much to my delight, I found that he was inspired to publish the following in his bulletin last weekend. I don't think it is a coincidence. I thought it was too funny not to share. See if you can spot the errors.

**"Someone just told me last week that she once typed up the St. Michael Prayer for her catechism class to recite. And quickly the students pointed out her type-o. It read: —...and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host cast into hell Santa and all the evils spirits...Oops. Oh those type-o's! Here are some more famous ones found in parish bulletins:**

- The Church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.
- Potluck supper next Sunday at 5pm: Prayer and medication to follow.
- The Pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the parish would bring their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next weekend.
- The ushers will eat those coming late to the service.
- Next Sunday is the annual Parish Family Hayride. Bring your own hot dogs and guns.
- If you have to heave during the final hymn, please do so quietly.
- The final hymn: Crown Him With Many Crows
- When using the back parking lot, please remember to park on an angel.

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**Weekly Schedule**

<u>St. Francis Xavier Parish in Oklee</u>			<u>St. Clement Parish in Grygla</u>			<u>St. Ann Parish in Goodridge</u>		
	<u>Mass Times</u>	<u>Confessions</u>		<u>Mass Times</u>	<u>Confessions</u>		<u>Mass Times</u>	<u>Confessions</u>
Sun:	8:00 a.m.	7:30 a.m.	Sun:	10:15 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	Sun.	12:00 noon	11:45 p.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.						

**Clergy's Column continued.**

**Some bulletin announcements that fall into the category: 'Wait. What?'**

- Ladies, don't forget next Sunday's rummage sale. It's a good chance to get rid of those things you don't want around the house anymore. Don't forget to bring your husbands.
- Don't let worry kill you – let the Church help.
- Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person(s) you want remembered.
- The Church office will be closed until opening. It will remain closed after opening. It will re-open on Monday.

**And then there is the category of: 'Be careful. Language is fragile.'**

- Remember in prayer all those who are sick of our parish and community.
- For those of you who have children and don't know it – there is a nursery downstairs.
- The topic of tonight's talk is: What is Hell? Come early and listen to the choir practice.
- The pastor spoke briefly, much to the delight of the audience."



## **C h r i s t m a s   T r e e   B l e s s i n g**

Holy Creator of Trees, Bless with your abundant grace this our Christmas tree as a symbol of joy. May its evergreen branches be a sign of your never-fading promises. May its colorful lights and ornaments call us to decorate with love our home and our world. May the gifts that surround this tree be symbols of the gifts that we have received from the Tree of Christ's Cross. Holy Christmas tree within our home, may Joy and Peace come and nest in your branches and in our hearts. Amen.

## **P o p e   J o h n   X X I I I ' s   C h r i s t m a s   P r a y e r**

O sweet Child of Bethlehem, grant that we may share with all our hearts in this profound mystery of Christmas. Put into the hearts of men and women this peace for which they sometimes seek so desperately and which you alone can give to them. Help them to know one another better, and to live as brothers and sisters, children of the same Father. Reveal to them also your beauty, holiness and purity. Awaken in their hearts love and gratitude for your infinite goodness. Join them all together in your love. And give us your heavenly peace. Amen.



## **J e s u s ,   t h e   L i g h t   o f   t h e   W o r l d**

Jesus, the Light of the World, as we celebrate your birth may we begin to see the world in the light of the understanding you give us. As you chose the lowly, the outcasts, and the poor to receive the greatest news the world had ever known, so may we worship you in meekness of heart. May we also remember our brothers and sisters less fortunate than ourselves in this season of giving. Amen.

## Mass Intentions

Oklee	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12/23/18</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	† Ralph Laniel
Grygla	Sunday	12/23/18	10:15 a.m.	† Eugene Polansky
Goodridge	Sunday	12/23/18	12:00 p.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>

### *CHRISTMAS EVE and CHRISTMASS DAY MASSES*

Goodridge	Monday	12/24/18	5:00 p.m.	Alyssa Partlow
Oklee	Monday	12/24/18	9:00 p.m.	† <b>Joey Johnson</b>
<b>Oklee</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>12/25/18</b>	<b>Midnight</b>	† <b>Jim Walski</b>
Grygla	Tuesday	12/25/18	9:00 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>

NO MASS ON WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 26

Oklee	Thursday	12/27/18	8:00 a.m.	† Larry O'Neill
Oklee	Friday	12/28/18	8:00 a.m.	† Alice Bluemke

Oklee	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12/30/18</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	† Bill Townsend
Grygla	Sunday	12/30/18	10:15 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Goodridge	Sunday	<b>12/30/18</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	† <b>Rodger &amp; Elsie Anderson</b>

## Tithing

### St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee December 16, 2018

Adult Envelopes	\$1392.00
Loose Plate	\$25.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$195.00
Training New Priests	\$30.00
Flowers	<u>\$10.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1652.00</b>

### St. Ann's in Goodridge December 16, 2018

Adults	\$931.00
Loose Plate	\$37.00
<b>Men's Club</b>	<u>\$300.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1268.00</b>

### St. Clement's in Grygla December 16, 2018

Adult Envelopes	\$505.00
Endowment for Priests	\$58.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$40.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$603.00</b>

### St. Ann's Ministry

Sunday December 23, 2018

Commentator :	Carol
Lector :	Eliza
EMHC :	Eliza & Marie
Usher:	Joe & Darwin
Counter:	Louann & Maggie

#### CHRISTMAS EVE

Commentator :	Karyl
Lector :	Carol
EMHC :	Deb & Marie
Usher:	Darwin & Stanley
Counter:	Deb & Maggie

Sunday, December 30, 2018

Commentator :	Gerri
Lector :	Carol
EMHC :	Darwin & Tony
Usher:	Russell & Marlin
Counter:	Audrey & Marie

### St. Clement's Ministry

Sunday December 23, 2018

Commentator::	Angie
Lector::	Laurie
EMHC:	Chris & Kaylani
Usher:	Justin & Bill N.

#### CHRISTMAS DAY

Commentary:	Melissa & family
Lector::	Daniel
EMHC:	Gary & Laurie
Usher:	Tim & Chris

Sunday, December 30, 2018

Commentary:	Angie
Lector::	Dawn
EMHC:	Coleen & Ron
Usher:	Bill Z. & Aaron

*Merry Christmas*

### Oklee Ministry List

Sunday, December 23, 2018

Sacristan:	Phyllis Melby
Lector:	Carol Bachand
EMHC:	Audrey Bachand & Bonnie Cote
Usher:	Jake Martell & Dog Cote
Greeter:	MaryAnn L & Anne Hammer-
Counter:	Lora Johnson & Margaret Buer

#### CHRISTMAS EVE

Sacristan:	
Lector:	
EMHC:	
Usher:	
Greeter:	
Counter:	

**See signup sheet**

Sunday, December 30, 2018

Sacristan:	Margaret Buer
Lector:	Mary Lynn Bachand
EMHC:	Carolyn R. & Janet H.
Usher:	Ken & Shirley Boucher
Greeter:	Shirley Cyr & Mary Ann Lambert
Counter:	Shirley Cyr & Jan Dulka

St. Francis Xavier, Oklee Lay Contacts	St. Clement, Grygla Lay Contacts	St. Ann, Goodridge Lay Contacts
<i>Body</i>	<i>Body</i>	<i>Body</i>
<i>Year of Term—Term Ends (Term #)</i>	<i>Year of Term—Term Ends (Term #)</i>	<i>Year of Term—Term Ends (Term #)</i>
<u>Pastoral Council &amp; Finance Council</u>	<u>Joint Pastoral &amp; Finance Council</u>	<u>Joint Pastoral &amp; Finance Council</u>
Don LaCoursiere 3/3—June 2018 (2nd) P	Jim Carriere 3/3—June 2018 (1st)	Audrey Rogalla 3/3—June 2018 (1st)
Phyllis Melby 3/3—June 2018 (1st) P	Gary Polansky 3/3—June 2018 (2nd)	Cindi Kotrba 3/3—June 2018 (1st)
Mitch Bernstein 3/3—June 2018 (1st) F	Bill Zavoral 2/3—June 2019 (1st)	Marlin Kotrba 2/3—June 2019 (1st)
Margaret Buer 2/3—June 2019 (1st) P	Angie Kiesow 2/3—June 2019 (1st)	Karyl Mayernik 2/3—June 2019 (1st)
Rick Dulka 2/3—June 2019 (1st) P	Jean Schulz 1/3—June 2020 (1st)	Darwin Eidelbes 1/3—June 2020 (2nd)
Janet Halvorson 2/3—June 2019 (1st) F	Bill Neuschwander 1/3—June 2020 (1st)	Gerri Rustan 1/3—June 2020 (1st)
Virginia Weber 1/3—June 2020 (3rd) P		
David Bachand 1/3—June 2020 (2nd) P	<u>Parish Trustees</u>	<u>Parish Trustees</u>
Jacob Melby 1/3—June 2020 (2nd) F	Jody Miller 1/2—Sept. 2020 (3rd)	Patty Skibicki 1/2—Sept. 2020 (2nd)
<u>Parish Trustees</u>	Jack Miller 1/2—Sept. 2020 (3rd)	Anthony Carin 1/2—Sept. 2020 (1st)
Joyce Paquin 2/2—Sept. 2019(2nd)		
Shirley Cyr 2/2—Sept. 2019(2nd)		

Recently Deceased Loved Ones	Pray For Those Who Are Sick
† Alice Bluemke	Delton Sebenaler
† Mary Peterson	Donnie Tougas
† Donna Horachek	LaVonne Radniecki
† Joey Johnson	Kenneth LaCoursiere
† Allen Paquin	Anne Hammer
† Kathleen Amiot	Shirley Dessellier
† Chris Tougas	Karyl Mayernik
† Larry O'Neill	Irene Kiesow
† Yvonne Boucher	Michael Bachand
† Bonnie Buchmeier	Audrey Rogalla
† Janet Pearson	Annette LaCoursiere
† David Dessellier	Debra Olson
† Rita Bonagura Vaughn	Floyd Neuschwander
† Ann Peterson	Mark Stromberg
	Frankie Cyr
	Jack Miller
	Hunter Vatthauer
	Kim Johs

<b>Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God</b>				
<b><u>New Year's Eve and Day</u></b>				
Goodridge	Mon.	12/31	5:00 p.m.	Jones Family
Grygla	Mon.	12/31	7:00 p.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Oklee	Tues.	1/01	9:00 a.m.	†Marv & †Joan Bronken

**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!!

- 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.