

# 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

**Wednesday:** Noon

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

It's Epiphany already. We celebrate three important things on Epiphany: 1) The arrival of the Three Wise Men to Bethlehem to see the Christ Child in the Manger. 2) The Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River. 3) The First Miracle of Jesus, turning water into wine at the Wedding Banquet in Cana. We believe all three of these things happened on this date, in different years of course. The Main emphasis of today is on the arrival of the wise men, and focus on the Baptism of the Lord tomorrow.

Once again, we will have a blessing of chalk at Mass, which you may take home and use to bless your home by inscribing the sacred formula on the lintels of your doorways.

## **20 + C + M + B + 18**

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## 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.



## Epiphany: A Fourfold Feast

Epiphany originally celebrated four different events, in the following order of importance: the [Baptism of the Lord](#); Christ's first miracle, the changing of water into wine at the wedding in Cana; the [Nativity of Christ](#); and the visitation of the [Wise Men](#) or Magi.

Each of these is a revelation of God to man: At Christ's Baptism, the Holy Spirit descends and the voice of [God the Father](#) is heard, declaring that Jesus is His Son; at the wedding in Cana, the miracle reveals Christ's divinity; at the Nativity, the angels bear witness to Christ, and the shepherds, representing the people of Israel, bow down before Him; and at the visitation of the Magi, Christ's divinity is revealed to the Gentiles—the other nations of the earth.

### The End of Christmastide

Eventually, the celebration of the Nativity was separated out, in the West, into [Christmas](#); and shortly thereafter, Western Christians adopted the Eastern feast of the Epiphany, still celebrating the Baptism, the first miracle, and the visit from the Wise Men. Thus, Epiphany came to mark the end of Christmastide—the [Twelve Days of Christmas](#) (celebrated in the song), which began with the revelation of Christ to Israel in His Birth and ended with the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles at Epiphany.

Over the centuries, the various celebrations were further separated in the West, and now the [Baptism of the Lord](#) is celebrated on the Sunday after January 6, and the wedding at Cana is commemorated on the Sunday after the Baptism of the Lord.

<p><b><u>We are the Hands of Christ</u></b></p> <p><b>Are</b> 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?</p> <p>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.</p> <p>A simple “hello” and a smile goes a long way.</p>	<p><b>Bulletin Deadline</b></p> <p>Dead line for announcements to get into the bulletin each week is 12:00 p.m. (noon), on Wednesdays.</p> <p><b><u>WEBSITE</u></b></p> <p><b>Did you know the weekly Liturgy Schedule and Weekly Bulletin</b> is on our website for your convenience? Check it out today <a href="http://www.oggcatholic.org">www.oggcatholic.org</a></p>	<p><b>St. Francis Xavier Catholic church</b></p> <p><b>Prayer Blankets</b></p> <p><b>You Matter. We care. You are not alone.</b> There are prayer blankets in the back of the church for those whom are sick, suffering or dying.</p> <p>Please sign the book to whom it is given to so we know who the prayers are for. Thank you</p> <p>The Pope’s Prayer Intention for January 2018</p> <p>Evangelization: <b>Religious Minorities in Asia</b></p> <p>That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.</p>
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## Mass Intentions

Oklee	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>01/07/18</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>†Pearl Laniel</b>
Goodridge	Sunday	01/07/18	10:00 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Grygla	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>01/07/18</b>	<b>11:45 a.m.</b>	<b>†Lawrence Kiesow</b>
Oklee	Tuesday	01/09/18	8:00 a.m.	Cindy Stoneouse
Oklee	Wednesday	01/10/18	8:00 a.m.	†Lorna Wicks
Pioneer Home	Wednesday	01/10/18	10:00 a.m.	Cindy Stoneouse
Oklee	Thursday	01/11/18	8:00 a.m.	†Ryan Melby
Oklee	Friday	01/12/18	8:00 a.m.	†Paul Melby
Oklee	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>01/14/18</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>†Eileen O'Connor</b>
Goodridge	Sunday	01/14/18	10:00 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Grygla	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>01/14/18</b>	<b>11:45 a.m.</b>	<b>†Jackie Dobmeirer</b>

"He used His Body not only to teach but also to govern and to found a Kingdom. Gathering the elements of His first Kingdom, consisting mostly of ignorant men, ...He chose from the twelve of them one as their chief and guide – Peter the Rock, on whom He said He would build His Church, and to whom He committed the supreme power of feeding His lambs and feeding His sheep...This new body, sometimes called a mystical body, is to be understood after the analogy of the human body which is made up of many members performing different functions and yet all cooperating toward the harmony of the whole. The hand is not the foot, the eye is not the ear, the heart is not the lung. So, too, the priest is not the layman, the apostle is not the disciple, the Vicar of Christ is not the deacon, and yet all are one in the same Spirit." Archbishop Fulton Sheen.

## How to Bless Your Home on Epiphany

After Mass, you should have received a piece of blessed chalk. You can take this chalk home and use it to make the following inscription over your door: 20 + C + M + B + 18. This inscription incorporates the current year of salvation (Two Thousand and Eighteen years since the birth of Christ) in addition to the first letters of the names of the three wise men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. The inscription is also understood to stand for the Latin phrase: *Christus mansionem benedicat*. Translated, this means, "May Christ bless this house." This ancient tradition is a way of claiming your home for Christ, and sanctifying your front door, so that no evil people or demons will enter your home. It is a great prayer to make with your whole family, accompanied by the reading of the First Chapter of St. John's Gospel, the Our Father and the singing of *We Three Kings!*

20 + C + M + B + 18

"The beginning of a new year is an opportunity for improvement. It makes little difference what the past has been, for we are not to look back to see if the furrow be crooked. What matters most is the sanctification of the now moment. Time is so precious that God doles it out second by second. If life in the past has been evil, the new year is an opportunity for penance. In such a way is time redeemed. If life, however, has been virtuous, the new year is an opportunity for greater self-perfection." Archbishop Fulton Sheen (On Being Human)

## Tithing

December 31, 2018

### St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee

NO REPOORT

### St. Ann's in Goodridge

Adults	\$411.00
Loose Plate	\$1.00
Christmas Collection	\$310.00
Total:	\$722.00

### St. Clement's in Grygla

Adults	\$405.00
Loose Plate	\$80.00
Total:	\$485.00

## ST. ANN'S MINISTRY

Sunday January 14, 2018

Commentator:	Carol
Lector:	Gerri
EMHC:	Marie & Darwin
Ushers:	Russell & Charlie
Counter:	Deb & Maggie

## ST. CLEMENT'S MINISTRY

Sunday January 14, 2018

Commentator:	Angie
Lector:	Jim C.
EMHC:	Bruce & Gary
Usher:	Jason D & Bryan D.

## On Being Human

"Freedom is not just something with which we are born; it is something we achieve. America did not receive a perpetual endowment of freedom; it has had to struggle and fight to preserve it. Freedom is not an heirloom or an antique; it is a life that must fight against the corrosive powers of death and nourish itself on the daily bread of goodness and virtue." Archbishop Fulton Sheen .

### 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  
 † Mary Ann Lessard

### 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

Sunday January 7, 2018

Sacristan: Rick Dulka  
 Lector: Dorothy Sebenaler  
 EMHC: Bonnie Cote & Ann Hammer  
 Usher: Don LaCoursiere & Al Paquin  
 Greeter: Karen Fossum & Sue Carriere  
 Counter: Anne Hammer & Dolores Grimm

January 14, 2018

Sacristan: Margaret Buer  
 Lector: Jan Dulka  
 EMHC: Bob & Emily Bernier  
 Usher: Mitch Bernstein & John Melby  
 Greeter: Don & Annette LaCoursiere  
 Counter: Pat Asselin & Jo Lambert

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

### 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.