

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

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Wednesday: Noon

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

In today's Gospel Jesus instructs us that we are not defiled by what we put into our bodies, but by what comes out of the mind. This makes perfect sense, because the human mind/heart is where the root of all sinning begins. As soon as we have definitively decided to commit a certain action that we know is gravely wrong, we are guilty of sinning. Whether or not we follow through with the decision to do the action, we are already guilty of the sin itself. It is true, things are far better if we stop ourselves from doing wicked deeds after we've decided to do them, but before we've done them, but it is also true that merely our decision to do a wicked deed is a sin itself. This is why the Lord was not adamant that we strictly adhere to the many, many rules laid out for the Jews in the Old Testament, because this strict observance of rules didn't fully keep the Jewish people from committing sins. These rules were always just a temporary fix while God worked on softening the hearts of mankind so that when his son came with his message they would be prepared to hear it. His son's message was that sin begins in the heart, but so do purity and holiness. If all we think are holy thoughts, then we will only commit holy acts. The moral is, don't even let yourself think wicked thoughts, so that you aren't further tempted to do wicked deeds.

This week we have First Friday; our Mass is in Grygla this month at 11:00 a.m. Our special intention is in Reparation for the sins of the Bishops of our Church who have covered up sexual abuse.

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:	10:15 a.m.	10:00 a.m.

St. Ann Parish in Goodridge

	<u>Mass Times</u>	<u>Confessions</u>
Sun.	12:00 noon	11:45 p.m.

St. John of the Cross Saint John of the Cross was born Juan de Yepes y Alvarez, in Fontiveros, Avila, Spain in 1542. His father was employed by wealthy family members as an accountant, but they disowned him when he married a poor woman from the lower class. As a result of his family's poverty, John's family suffered greatly. His father died when he was three, and his older brother, Luis died two years after that, likely because of malnutrition. John's mother eventually found work weaving which helped her to feed her family. As a child, John was sent to a boarding school for poor and orphaned children. He was given a religious education from a young age and chose to follow a religious path, even as a child. He served as an acolyte at an Augustinian monastery. As he grew older, he went to work in a hospital while attending a Jesuit school. In 1563, he was able to join the Carmelite Order and took the name, "John of St. Matthias." He made vows the following year, and was sent to the university in Salamanca to study theology and philosophy. He became an expert in the Bible and dared to translate the Song of Songs into Spanish, an act which was controversial since the Church forbade the translation of the Bible from Latin - a measure to protect the original meanings in the scripture. John became a priest in 1567 and considered joining the Carthusian Order where monks lived cloistered in individual cells. He was attracted by the simple and quiet life. However, he encountered Theresa of Avila, a charismatic Carmelite nun. Theresa asked John to follow her. John was attracted by the strict routine followed by Theresa, a routine she hoped to reintroduce to her order, as well as her devotion to prayer and simplicity. Her followers went barefoot, and were therefore known as the discalced Carmelites. On Nov. 28, 1568, Theresa founded a new monastery. The same day, John changed his name again to John of the Cross. Within a couple years, John and his fellow friars, relocated to a larger site for their monastery. He remained at this location until 1572. In 1572, John traveled to Avila at the invitation of Theresa to become her confessor and spiritual guide. He remained in Avila until 1577. While there, he had a vision of Christ and made a drawing that remains to this day called, "Christ from Above." The little drawing shows Christ on the cross, looking down on him from above. The image has been preserved for centuries. Around 1575, a rift within the Carmelite order began to grow and create controversy between various monastic houses. There was disagreement between the Discalced Carmelites and the ordinary Carmelites, over reform. The Discalced Carmelites sought to restore the original, strict routine and regimen that the order had when it was founded. In 1432, the strict rules of the order were "mitigated" relieving the Carmelites of some of their most strict rules. Some Carmelites, such as Theresa of Avila, felt this liberalization of their rule had interfered with their order and practice. Theresa, along with John, sought to restore the original rule. The Carmelites had been undergoing reform since 1566, under the direction of two Canonical Visitors from the Dominican Order, sent by the Vatican. The intervention of the Holy See as well as the political machinations of King Phillip II and his court, led to dramatic, even violent disagreement between the Carmelites. In late 1577, John was ordered to leave the monastery in Avila and to return to his original house. However, John's work to reform the order had already been approved by the Papal Nuncio, who was a higher authority. Based on that, John chose to ignore the lower order and stay. On December 2, 1577, a group of Carmelites broke into John's residence and kidnapped him. He was taken by force to the order's main house in Toledo. He was brought before a court and placed on trial for disobedience. He was punished by imprisonment. A cell was made for him in the monastery that was so small he could barely lie on the floor. He was fed only bread and water, and occasional scraps of salt fish. Each week he was taken into public and lashed, then returned to his cell. His only luxuries were a prayer book and an oil lamp to read it by. To pass the time he wrote poems on paper that was smuggled to him by the friar charged with guarding his cell. John became known as a remarkable and influential poet, especially following his death. He has been cited as an influence to many poets, mystics, and artists, even Salvador Dali. After nine months, John managed to pry his cell door from its hinges and escape. He joined Teresa's nuns in Toledo, and spent six weeks in the hospital to recover. In 1579, he was sent to the town of Baeza to be rector of a new college and to support the Discalced Carmelites in Andalusia. In 1580, Pope Gregory formally authorized the split between the Discalced Carmelites and the rest of the order. This ended the rift within the order. At that time, there were about 500 members in the order living in 22 houses. During the last few years of his life, John traveled and established new houses across Spain. In 1591, John became ill with a skin condition that resulted in an infection. He died on December 14, 1591, John of the Cross died. Shortly following his burial, there was a dispute over where he should be buried. The dispute was resolved by removing his legs and arms. Over the years, parts of his body were placed on display or buried across several places. Saint John of the Cross was beatified by Pope Clement X in 1675, and Canonized by Pope Benedict XIII in 1726. He is the patron of Contemplatives, mystics and Spanish poets and his feast day is celebrated on December 14.



Mass Intentions

Oklee	Sunday	09/02/18	8:00 a.m.	Holly O'Shea
Grygla	Sunday	09/02/18	10:15 a.m.,	<i>Pro Populo</i>
<i>Goodridge</i>	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>09/02/18</i>	12:00 p.m.	†Patrick Mayernik
Oklee	Tuesday	09/04/18	8:00 a.m	†Patrick Mayernik
Oklee	Wednesday	09/05/18	8:00 a.m.	†Louie Violette
Oklee	Thursday	09/06/18	8:00 a.m.	†Lois Jahnke
Oklee	Friday	09/07/18		NO MASS
Grygla	Friday	09/07/18	11:00 a.m.	† <i>Pro Defunctis</i>
Oklee	Sunday	09/09/18	8:00 a.m.	†Al Paquin
Grygla	Sunday	09/09/18	10:15 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Goodridge	Sunday	09/09/18	12:00 p.m.	†Mary Peterson

Tithing

August 19 & 26 2018

St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee

Adult Envelopes	\$4015.00
Loose Plate	\$108.00
Priest Endowment	\$43.00
Candle Revenue	\$6.25
Flowers	<u>\$13.00</u>
Total	\$4185.25

St. Ann's in Goodridge

Adults	\$631.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$41.00</u>
Total	\$672.00

St. Clement's in Grygla

Adult Envelopes	\$1025.00
Loose Plate	\$131.00
Priest Endowment	<u>\$150.00</u>
Total	\$1306.00

St. Mary's Annual Fall BAZAAR, Fosstn, MN>

SEPTEMBER 30, 2018(Mark your Calendars)

TURKEY AND ALL THE TRIMMINGS

SERVING FROM 11:00 A.M.—1:00 P.M.



ST. ANN'S MINISTRY

Sunday September 9, 2018

Commentor:	Karyl
EMHC:	Darwin & Deb
Usher:	Joe & Russell
Counter:	Maggie & Deb

ST. CLEMENT'S MINISTRY

Sunday September 9, 2018

Commentator:	Angie
Lector::	Laurie
EMHC:	Bill Z. & Chris
Ushers:	Bill N. & Aaron

"There are not one hundred people in the United States who hate The Catholic Church, but there are millions who hate what they wrongly perceive the Catholic Church to be."

Fulton J. Sheen

TheFamousPeople.com

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Latin America

(2nd Sunday in September)

September 9th, 2018

POPE FRANCIS MONTHLY INTENTIONS

SEPTEMBER 2018

YOUNG PEOPLE IN AFRICA

That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

HAPPY LABOR DAY



Artist

Doctor

Nurse

Mechanic

Farmer

Reporter

DesiComments.com

St. Francis Xavier, Oklee
Lay Contacts

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

Pastoral Council & Finance Council

Don LaCoursiere	3/3—June 2018 (2nd)	P
Phyllis Melby	3/3—June 2018 (1st)	P
Mitch Bernstein	3/3—June 2018 (1st)	F
Margaret Buer	2/3—June 2019 (1st)	P
Rick Dulka	2/3—June 2019 (1st)	P
Janet Halvorson	2/3—June 2019 (1st)	F
Virginia Weber	1/3—June 2020 (3rd)	P
David Bachand	1/3—June 2020 (2nd)	P
Jacob Melby	1/3—June 2020 (2nd)	F

Parish Trustees

Vacant	1/2—Sept. 2019(2nd)
Shirley Cyr	1/2—Sept. 2019(2nd)

St. Clement, Grygla
Lay Contacts

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

Joint Pastoral & Finance Council

Jim Carriere	3/3—June 2018 (1st)
Gary Polansky	3/3—June 2018 (2nd)
Bill Zavoral	2/3—June 2019 (1st)
Angie Kiesow	2/3—June 2019 (1st)
Jean Schulz	1/3—June 2020 (1st)
Bill Neuschwander	1/3—June 2020 (1st)

Parish Trustees

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

St. Ann, Goodridge
Lay Contacts

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

Joint Pastoral & Finance Council

Audrey Rogalla	3/3—June 2018 (1st)
Cindi Kotrba	3/3—June 2018 (1st)
Marlin Kotrba	2/3—June 2019 (1st)
Karyl Mayernik	2/3—June 2019 (1st)
Darwin Eidelbes	1/3—June 2020 (2nd)
Gerri Rustan	1/3—June 2020 (1st)

Parish Trustees

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

Recently
Deceased Loved
Ones

† Mary Peterson
 † Joe Frog
 † Donna Horachek
 † Joey Johnson
 † Allen Paquin
 † Kathleen Amiot
 † Chris Tougas
 † Larry O'Neill
 † Yvonne Boucher
 † Bonnie Buchmeier
 † Janet Pearson

Pray For Those
Who Are Sick

Delton Sebenaler
 Donnie Tougas
 LaVonne Radniecki
 Kenneth LaCoursiere
 Anne Hammer
 Shirley Dessellier
 Karyl Mayernik
 Irene Kiesow
 Michael Bachand
 Audrey Rogalla
 Annette LaCoursiere
 Bob Carriere
 Debra Olson
 Floyd Neuschwander
 Ann Peterson
 Mark Stromberg
 Frankie Cyr
 Jack Miller

Oklee Ministry List

Sunday September 02, 2018

Sacristan: Phyllis Melby
 Lector: Krista Bernstein
 EMHC: Bonnie Cote & Anne Hammer
 Usher: Jake Martell & Doug Cote
 Greeter: Mary Ann Lambert & Ann Hammer
 Counter: Lora Johnsn & Margaret Buer

Sunday, September 9, 2018

Sacristan: Margaret Buer
 Lector: Shirley Cyr
 EMHC: Jacob Melby & Phyllis Melby
 Usher: Ken & Shirley Boucher
 Greeter: Shirley Cyr & Mary Ann Lambert
 Counter: Shirley Cyr & Jan Dulka

Sunday September 16, 2018

Sacristan: Mary Lynn Bachand
 Lector: David Bachand
 EMHC: David Bachand & Janet Halvorson
 Usher: Don LaCoursiere & Frank Buer
 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, 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.