

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

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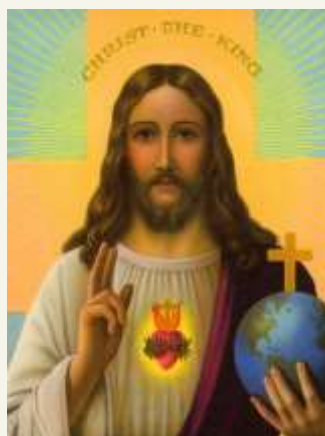
## Office Hours

**Tuesday & Wednesday** 8:30 a.m. — 3:30 p.m.  
**Thursday** 8:30 a.m. — 11:30 p.m.

## Bulletin Deadline

**Wednesday:** Noon

## Clergy Column



Christ is King! This feast day is rather new to our liturgical calendar. It was invented in 1925 by Pius XI because of the waves of Communism spreading across Europe, particularly in Italy. Originally it was celebrated on the last Sunday of October, but has since been moved to the last Sunday of the liturgical year. The point of this special feast day is to remind us that all of the world answers to God, no matter what the government looks like in the country where you live. All presidents and prime ministers, all

kings and rulers, all dictators, all legislators, all people must answer to Almighty God for the way they've lived their lives. This is the capstone of the liturgical year because it reminds us yet again, that the end of time is approaching, and we know neither the day nor the hour.

You will find in the bulletin an insert that shows the Mass times for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent, Christmas, and New Years' Day. The schedule is a bit hectic because two Holy Days of obligation (the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent and Christmas) fall back to back. Still, it will be kind of fun to see you all at Mass on two days in a row, or twice in one day.

## 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.

**Pope's monthly Intentions      November 2017**

Christians in Asia

That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, May promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.

**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](http://www.oggcatholic.org)

**Bulletin Deadline**

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

**Pleasure or Joy**

"Pleasure is of the body; joy is of the mind and heart. Lobster Newberg gives pleasure to certain people, but not even the most avid lobster fans would ever say that it made them joyful. You can quickly become tired of pleasures, but you can never tire of joys." Archbishop Fulton Sheen (You)

**VICTIM ASSISTANCE STATEMENT OF THE DIOCESE OF CROOKSTON**

If you or someone you know has been the victim of sexual misconduct on the part of a priest, deacon, or individual representing the Diocese of Crookston, its parishes, or its schools, please contact Cindy Hulst, LSW, the diocesan Victim's Assistance Coordinator at 218-281-7895 (24-hour confidential number).

**Feeling lost? Need Direction?** The Diocese of Crookston has openings for spiritual direction and mentorship! If you are interested, contact Jessica at the Chancery by calling 218-281-4533. Your confidential request will be received and you will get a call back from coordinator, Deacon Steve Thomas, who will make arrangements for you. Visit [www.crookston.org](http://www.crookston.org) (Choose "Diocese" -> Then click "Spiritual Direction") to learn more about spiritual direction offerings in the Diocese of Crookston.

Know that we are here to serve you so please don't hesitate to give us a call!

**NOW HIRING! Our Northland Diocese newspaper is seeking freelance journalists!** Freelancers will attend diocesan and parish events, conduct research, and write articles as assigned. High resolution photos will be expected to accompany written articles. Work will be submitted to *Our Northland Diocese* via e-mail by pre-established deadlines. Freelancers will work for the newspaper as independent contractors. Possession of a valid driver's license and the ability to travel independently in the diocese is a must. Visit [www.crookston.org/employment](http://www.crookston.org/employment) for full details or contact Janelle Gergen with inquiries at [jgergen@crookston.org](mailto:jgergen@crookston.org) or 218-281-4533.

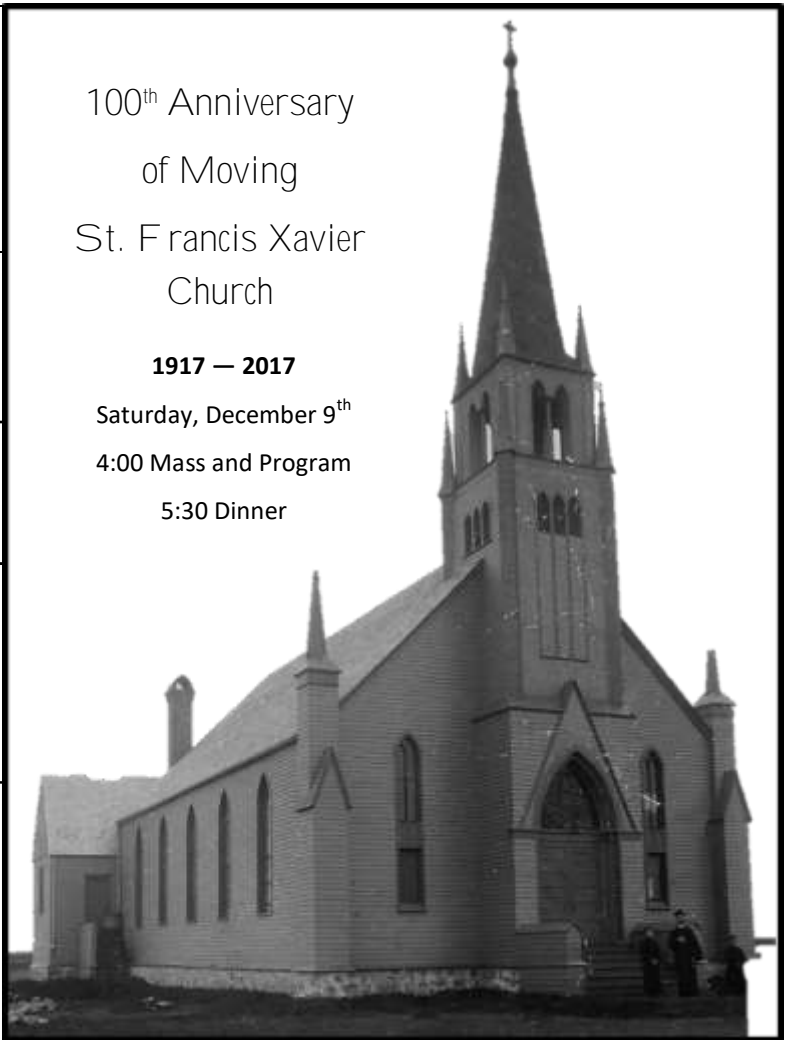
100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
of Moving  
St. Francis Xavier  
Church

**1917 — 2017**

Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>

4:00 Mass and Program

5:30 Dinner



*Thy Kingdom Come!*

*The kingdom of God, in the words of our Lord and Savior, does not come for all to see; nor shall they say: Behold, here it is, or behold, there it is, but the kingdom of God is within us (cf Luke 17:20-21), for the word of God is very near, in our mouth and in our heart (cf Deuteronomy 30:14). Thus it is clear that he who prays for the coming of God's kingdom prays rightly to have it within himself, that there it may grow and bear fruit and become perfect. For God reigns in each of his holy ones. Anyone who is holy obeys the spiritual laws of God, who dwells in him as in a well-ordered city. The Father is present in the perfect soul, and with him, Christ reigns, according to the words: We shall come to him and make our home with him (cf John 14:23). Thus the kingdom of God within us, as we continue to make progress, will reach its highest point when the Apostle's words are fulfilled, and Christ, having subjected all his enemies to himself, will hand over his kingdom to God the Father (cf 1 Corinthians 15:24), that God may be all in all (1 Corinthians 15:28). Therefore, let us pray unceasingly with that disposition of soul which the Word may make divine, saying to our Father who is in heaven: Hallowed by thy name; thy kingdom come (Matthew 6:10).*

Note this too about the kingdom of God. It is not *a sharing of justice with iniquity, nor a society of light with darkness, nor a meeting of Christ with Belial* (cf 2 Corinthians 6:14-15). The kingdom of God cannot exist alongside the reign of sin.

*"...whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers, you did for me" - MATTHEW 25:40*

Most of us are generous when it's convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But, generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one's time, money, compassion, forgiveness or mercy when it's not convenient; when it's not on our schedule, but on the other person's schedule.

## Mass Intentions

Oklee	Sunday	11-26-17	8:00 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Goodridge	Sunday	11-26-17	10:00 a.m.	Jones Family
Grygla	Sunday	11-26-17	<b>11:45 a.m.</b>	<b>†Janet Pearson</b>
Oklee	Tuesday	11-28-17	8:00 a.m.	Robertson Family
Oklee	Wednesday	11-29-17	8:00 a.m.	† Jerome Dufault
Oklee	Thursday	11-30-17	8:00 a.m.	† Clint Besh
Oklee	Friday	12-01-17	8:00 a.m.	NO MASS
Oklee	Sunday	12-03-17	8:00 a.m.	Tom Bracken
Goodridge	Sunday	12-03-17	10:00 a.m.	Malerba Family
Grygla	Sunday	12-03-17	<b>11:45 a.m.</b>	<b>†Janet Pearson</b>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 26th St. Mary's Mission Appeal (Sunday after Thanksgiving)

Today our collection is for the benefit of St. Mary's Mission at Red Lake. You can watch the awards winning video showing St. Mary's Mission at [www.crookston.org/smma](http://www.crookston.org/smma) or donate online directly to the Mission. Please be generous as your gifts make all the difference in building a successful future for these children.

December 10th Collection "Fund for Retired Religious" (2nd Sunday in December)

**Please take note of the Christmas Mass Calendar insert in the bulletin this week.**

Note: I have run out of Masses to say! They have all been scheduled. If you would like a Mass offered for someone who has died, or for a living friend or relative who is in need of prayers, now is the time to request them. Typically, we request \$5.00/Mass as the stipend. You can drop your Mass requests in the offertory basket.



### St. Francis Xavier Ladies Guild

will meet on **Wednesday, December 6th at 5:30 pm** at the church to discuss our annual giving and other business. Please pass the word, and plan to attend. This will be a one hour meeting!

## What Is the Advent Wreath?

The Advent wreath is a circular garland of evergreen branches representing eternity. On that wreath, four or five candles are typically arranged. During the season of Advent, one candle on the wreath is lit each Sunday as a part of the Advent services. Each candle represents an aspect of the spiritual preparation for the coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ.

The lighting of an Advent wreath is a custom that began in 16th-century Germany among Lutherans and Catholics. In Western Christianity, Advent begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day, or the Sunday which falls closest to November 30, and lasts through Christmas Eve, or December 24.

Symbolism of the Advent Wreath Candles

Set on the branches of the Advent wreath are four candles: three purple candles and one pink candle. A more modern tradition is to place a white candle in the center of the wreath. As a whole, these candles represent the coming of the light of Christ into the world.

Each week of Advent on Sunday, a particular Advent candle is lit. Catholic tradition states that the four candles, representing the four weeks of Advent, each stand for one thousand years, to total the 4,000 years from the time of Adam and Eve until the birth of the Savior.

## Tithing

November 19, 2017

### St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee

Adults	\$1849.00
Loose Plate	\$48.00
Candle Revenue	\$2.00
Centennial	\$165.00
CCHD	<u>\$120.00</u>
Total:	\$2184.00

### St. Ann's in Goodridge

Adults	\$586.00
Loose Plate	\$46.00
CCHD	<u>\$60.00</u>
Total:	\$692.00

### St. Clement's in Grygla

Adults	\$530.00
Loose Plate	\$102.00
CCHD	<u>\$205.00</u>
Total:	\$837.00

## ST. ANN'S MINISTRY

Saturday December 3, 2017

Commentator:	Carol
Lector:	Cindi
EMHC:	Tony & Deb
Ushers:	Russell & Marlin
Counter:	Marie & Audrey

## ST. CLEMENT'S MINISTRY

Saturday December 3, 2017

Commentator:	Angie
Lector:	Kaylani
EMHC:	Bruce & Ron
Usher:	Bill N. & Bob N.



## PRAYER BLANKETS

### St. Francis Xavier Catholic church

**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

### 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  
 † Mary Marvin  
 † Norman Adams

### 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

### Oklee Ministry List

Sunday November 26, 2017

Sacristan: Phyllis Melby  
 Lector: Krista Bernstein  
 EMHC: Bob & Emily Bernier  
 Usher: Jake Martell & Doug Cote  
 Greeter: Shirley Cyr & Delores Longtin  
 Counter: Lora Johnson & Margaret Buer

Sunday December 03, 2017

Sacristan: Margaret Buer  
 Lector: Shirley Cyr  
 EMHC: Don LaCoursiere & Carolyn Rystad  
 Usher: Ken & Shirley Boucher  
 Greeter: Karen Fossum & Sue Carriere  
 Counter: Shirley Cyr & Jan Dulka

Sunday December 10, 2017

Sacristan: Mary Lynn Bachand  
 Lector: David Bachand  
 EMHC: Bonnie Cote & Anne Hammer  
 Usher: Donald LaCoursiere & Al Paquin  
 Greeter: Ken & Shirley Boucher  
 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.