

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

Each year, on the Second Sunday of Advent, we hear about St. John the Baptist from one of the Gospels. The theme of this Sunday is always the basic message that John the Baptist preached. He preached about repentance. Repentance begins by having the honesty to acknowledge to ourselves that we have sinned. So many of us get stuck at this point. So many of us refuse to acknowledge, even just to ourselves, that we have sinned. We want to continue living our lives with a fundamental conception that we are good people, and too many of us fear that if we begin to acknowledge our sins, then our whole world will begin to fall apart. It is hard to acknowledge when we sin, because it changes so much of our reality. This kind of honesty with ourselves is difficult because acknowledging a failing in one area often leads to having to honestly acknowledge failings in many other areas. Too many of us are afraid of this, so we place immense pressure on ourselves to live under a mental conception that permits us to see ourselves a “good person,” in an attempt to justify the decisions we make and the ways we live. This is not exactly a great strategy for living in the peace of Christ. Having a self-conception that we are basically good people often leads to this exhausting struggle. Instead, if we take our lessons from St. John the Baptist and all the other saints who have ever lived, we should eagerly acknowledge that we are sinners in need of redemption and healing. Instead of thinking, “I’m a pretty good person, and I’m ok with God,” we should think instead, “Jesus, show me your mercy; I am a sinner.” If you are having trouble finding peace in your life, try switching to this as your default mode of thinking. We can only repent and be healed once we first admit that we’ve sinned, and after all of that, we really can live in the peace of Christ.

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.

Memorials for Christmas Flowers

Which Parish? Oklee

Grygla

Goodridge

Offered by? _____

In loving memory of? *(suggested offering \$5.00 per name)*



Please return with your offering via the collection basket.

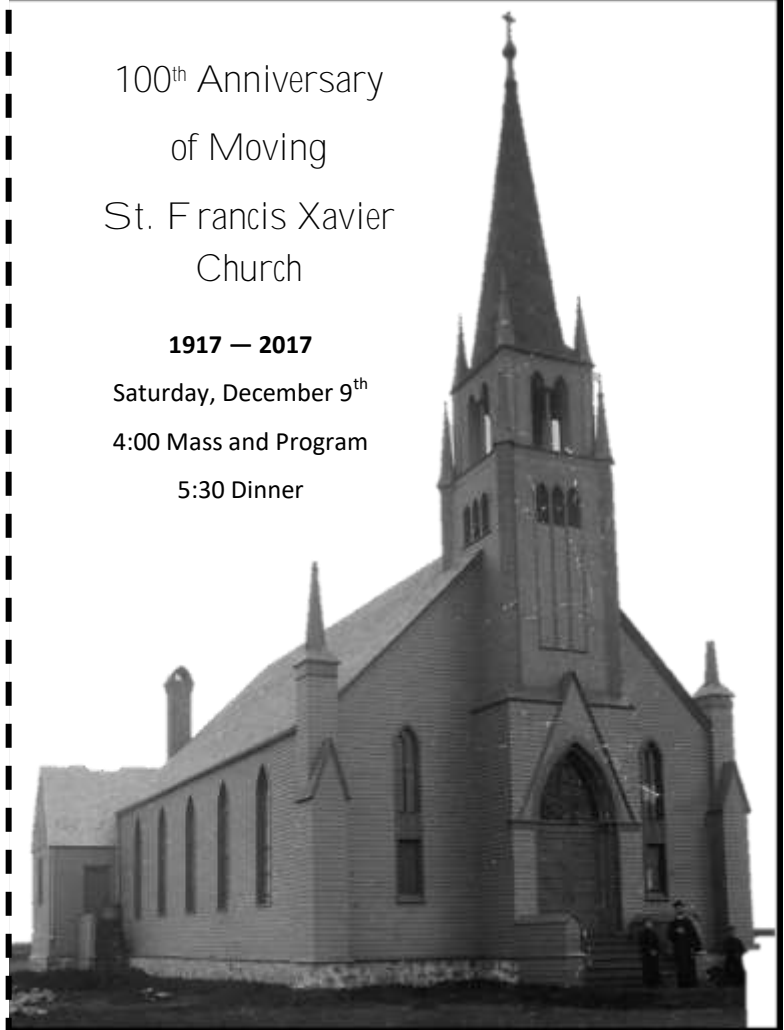
100th Anniversary
of Moving
St. Francis Xavier
Church

1917 — 2017

Saturday, December 9th

4:00 Mass and Program

5:30 Dinner



Pope's monthly Intentions December 2017

The Elderly

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.



On the second Sunday of Advent, the second purple candle is lit. This candle typically represents **love**. Some traditions call this the "**Bethlehem** Candle," symbolizing Christ's **manger**:

"This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." (Luke 2:12, NIV)

"He who later on called Himself the Living Bread descended from Heaven was born in Bethlehem – which in Hebrew means house of bread. And He was laid in a manger – a place of food – as if to show us that as we have bread for our bodies, so He would be the Bread of our souls." Archbishop Fulton Sheen (Jesus, Son of Mary)

"Prepare the way of the Lord..." - MARK 1:3

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, does just that – it puts us on the path to holiness and it invites others to be holy, too.

Mass Intentions

Oklee	Saturday	12-09-17	4:00 p.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Goodridge	Sunday	12-10-17	10:00 a.m.	†Norman Adams
Grygla	Sunday	12-10-17	11:45 a.m.	†Jackie Dobmeier
Oklee	Tuesday	12-12-17	8:00 a.m.	NO MASS
Oklee	Wednesday	12-13-17	8:00 a.m.	NO MASS
Oklee	Thursday	12-14-17	8:00 a.m.	NO MASS
Oklee	Friday	12-15-17	8:00 a.m.	NO MASS
Oklee	Sunday	12-17-17	8:00 a.m.	†Dan Smith
Goodridge	Sunday	12-17-17	10:00 a.m.	†Bobby Love
Grygla	Sunday	12-17-17	11:45 a.m.	†Janet Pearson

Tithing

December 03, 2017

St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee

NO REPORT

St. Ann's in Goodridge

Adults	\$481.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$33.00</u>
Total:	\$514.00

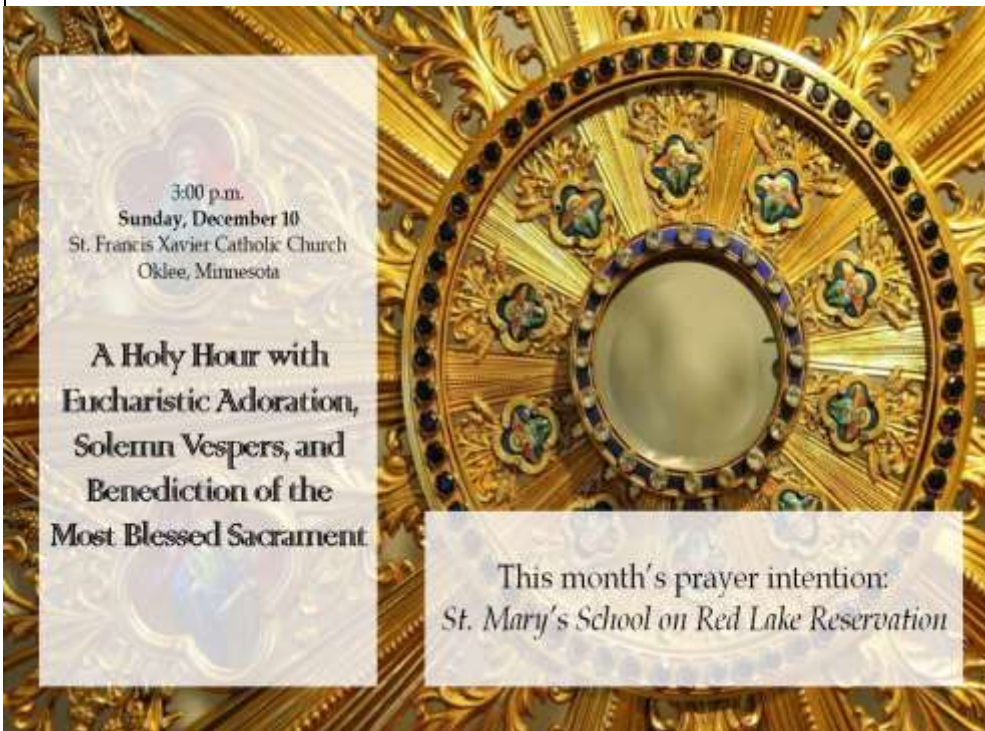
St. Clement's in Grygla

Adults	\$375.00
Loose Plate	\$93.00
Christmas Flowers	<u>\$155.00</u>
Total:	\$623.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 9th -10th Fund for Retired Religious (2nd Sunday in December)

December 10th Holy Hours St. Francis Xavier Church Oklee - 3:00 p.m.



3:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 10
St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church
Oklee, Minnesota

**A Holy Hour with
Eucharistic Adoration,
Solemn Vespers, and
Benediction of the
Most Blessed Sacrament**

This month's prayer intention:
St. Mary's School on Red Lake Reservation

"If Christmas were just the birthday of a great teacher, like Socrates or Buddha, it would never have split time into two, so that all history before the advent of Christ is called B.C. and all history after, A.D." Archbishop Fulton Sheen (On Being Human)

ST. ANN'S MINISTRY

Saturday December 17, 2017

Commentator:	Gerri
Lector:	Cindi
EMHC:	Deb & Marie
Ushers:	Marlin & Joe
Counter:	Deb & Maggie

ST. CLEMENT'S MINISTRY

Saturday December 17, 2017

Commentator:	Angie
Lector:	Laurie
EMHC:	Ron & Coleen
Usher:	Justin & Tim

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

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 for full details or contact Janelle Gergen with inquiries at jgergen@crookston.org or 218-281-4533.

On the last day, Jesus will say, "show me your hands", What will yours look like?



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 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

Sunday December 17, 2017

Sacristan: Rick Dulka
Lector: Mary Lynn Bachand
EMHC: David Bachand & Phyllis Melby
Usher: Mitch Bernstein & John Melby
Greeter: Don & Annette LaCoursiere
Counter: Pat Asselin & Jo Lambert

Saturday December 23, 2017 (5:00 p.m.)

Sacristan: Phyllis Melby
Lector: Bob Melby
EMHC: Mike & Audrey Bachand
Usher: Jake Martell & Doug Cote
Greeter: Mary Ann Lambert & Anne Hammer
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.