

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

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St. Francis Xavier Parish in Oklee

<u>Mass Times</u>	<u>Confessions</u>
Sun: 8:00 a.m.	7:30 a.m.
Mon: 8:00 a.m.	7:45 a.m.
Wed: 8:00 p.m.	7:45 a.m.
Thurs: 8:00 a.m.	7:45 a.m.

St. Clement Parish in Grygla

<u>Mass Times</u>	<u>Confessions</u>
Sun: 11:45a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Rotating w/ Goodridge see MASS schedules	
Tues: 5:45p.m.	5:15 p.m.

St. Ann Parish in Goodridge

<u>Mass Times</u>	<u>Confessions</u>
Sun: 10:00 a.m.	9:45 a.m.
Rotating w/ Grygla see MASS schedules	
Tues: 5:45p.m.	5:15 p.m.

CLERGY COLUMN

3rd Sunday of Easter, Year A

oggcatholic.org/homilies-audio.html

Focus: Repentance as the next response of faith.

1. Review the Kerygma

- a. Created, Captured, Rescued
- b. Response
 - i. First step: Surrender.

- 1. This, ultimately, is faith. I believe that Jesus is the only one who can lead me to the Father, so I will give him authority over my life.
- 2. Acts 2:37 → *"What are we to do, my brothers?"*

2. What's next? (Repentance.)

- a. Acts 2:38, 40 → *"Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you too shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ... Save yourselves from this crooked generation."*
- b. Matthew 3:1-12 → *"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. ...they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins."*
- c. Matthew 4:12-17 → From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, *"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."*

3. Repentance: turning away from sinful behavior and toward Godly behavior

- a. *Begins with an openness to be taught what is pleasing/displeasing to God. Surrender.*
 - i. Formed by the Word of God and the doctrine of the Church.
 - 1. 2 Tim 3:16-17 → *"All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness..."*
 - 2. John 20:21 → *"As the Father has sent me, even so I send you."*
 - ii. **The Fall:** 'I can determine for myself what is good and what is evil. I don't need God for that.'
 - 1. If we aren't open to being formed and taught by God, then we are no different from Adam and Eve. We are enslaved to the devil.
- b. Turning away from sinful behavior includes *confession of sins and amendment of life.*
 - i. John 20:22-23 → *"Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."*
 - ii. Matthew 18:18 → *"Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."*
 - iii. "The confession of evil works is the first beginning of good works." St. Augustine
 - iv. Matthew 3:8 → *"Bear fruit that befits repentance..."*
 - v. 1 Peter 1:14-18 → *"As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct...conduct yourselves with reverence during your time of sojourning, realizing that you were ransomed from your futile conduct..."*
- c. **Important distinction:** Not all sin is of equal weight (1 John 5:16-17)
 - i. *"If any one sees his brother committing what is not a mortal sin, he will ask, and God will give him life for those whose sin is not mortal. There is sin which is mortal; I do not say that one is to pray for that. All wrongdoing is sin, but there is sin which is not mortal."*
 - ii. Mortal sin = deadly sin = loss of eternal life. Repent! Save yourselves from this crooked generation!
 - 1. Three conditions: grave matter, knowledge of grave matter, free consent
 - 2. If all three conditions are met, then a mortal/deadly sin has been committed

4. Big invitation for everyone: Read through an Examination of Conscience and Go to Confession soon

- a. Precept of the Church: You shall confess your sins to a priest at least once each year.

Reflection Question and Homework

- 1. Have you surrendered your life to Jesus? Do you conduct yourself with reverence during your life?
- 2. Read: John 6; Exodus 12:1-14; John 1:29; Luke 22:7-20

Weekly Bible Study: youtube.com/@fatherbryankujawa

Oklee	Sunday	04/23/23	8:00 a.m.	For the People
Goodridge	Sunday	04/23/23	10:00 a.m.	Jaxson Hilleren
Grygla	Sunday	04/23/23	11:45 a.m.	† Conrad Peitruszewski
Oklee	Monday	04/24/23	8:00 a.m.	Michael Hilleren
Grygla	Tuesday	04/25/23	5:30 p.m.	Special Intention
Oklee	Wednesday	04/26/23	8:00 a.m.	Anna Hilleren
Oklee	Thursday	04/27/23	8:00 a.m.	Maya Vukelich
Oklee	Sunday	04/16/23	8:00 a.m.	For the People
Goodridge	Sunday	04/16/23	10:00 a.m.	Jack Miller
Grygla	Sunday	04/16/23	11:45 a.m.	Mack Hilleren



ROLLS & COFFEE—FELLOWSHIP AFTER MASS at ST. FRANCIS - May 7

Free will offering to support
Repairs for the Rectory

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE CATHOLIC?

People have chosen to enter the Catholic Church for various reasons. Members of the Church have different understandings of what makes them Catholic or why they are Catholic. However, there is a common thread that binds all Catholics together. Catholics belong to a Christ-centered faith community that views Jesus Christ as the foundation. **Catholics share Jesus' vision and model their lives after Jesus' example of love.** Catholics are called to care for one another and to use their unique gifts and talents for the good of the community and the world. Below is a listing of some of the basic beliefs and values of a Catholic:

We believe in God who is our loving Father and creator. **God's love is limitless and overflows into our hearts and lives.** God has created us out of His love that sustains and supports us daily.

We believe that God sent us his own beloved Son, Jesus Christ, who suffered, died, and rose from the dead, to save us and offer us the gift of eternal life. We profess faith in the divinity of Jesus Christ, the son of God. Jesus is our Lord and Savior, our Shepherd and King.

We believe in the Holy Spirit and in the Spirit's powerful presence in the Church today. The Spirit, given by Jesus to the Church at Pentecost, enables the Lord to continue to be present with us today and to continue his saving mission. The Spirit imparts wisdom and knowledge to us and gives us our various spiritual gifts, which are found in the Bible. We are called to recognize and share these gifts with the community. The Spirit helps us to continue to develop our faith and to grow in our relationship with God.

We strive to follow Jesus' teachings in our lives: to love God above all else and to love others, to practice forgiveness and mercy, to care for the poor and helpless.

We work for peace and justice in our world. We bring God's kingdom of peace, unity, and love to a world faced with conflict, division, and strife.

We worship and praise God by living a sacramental life. We recognize the need for forgiveness and see the Sacrament of Reconciliation as a means to receive this great gift of forgiveness. We recognize that our sin harms the community in some way and the sacramental gift of Reconciliation helps heal our relationships with others, the community, and God. We also encounter the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist and are nourished and fed by the Eucharist on a weekly basis. The Eucharist binds us together as a community and with God. We believe that the Eucharist is not merely a sign or symbol of Jesus, but rather the real body and blood of Christ. We are open to receiving this Real Presence and to becoming the body of Christ in the world. *To Back page*

TITHING

St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee

April 9, 2023

Adult Envelopes	\$924.00
Easter	\$1010.00
Good Friday	\$29.00
Flower for Altar	\$35.00
Loose Plate	\$77.00
Total	\$ 2075.00

April 16, 2023

Adult Envelopes	\$1855.00
Endowment for Priests	\$150.00
Loose Plate	\$42.00
Total	\$ 2047.00

St. Ann's in Goodridge

April 9, 2023

Adult Envelopes	\$570.00
Holy Land	\$120.00
Loose Plate	\$6.00
Total	\$706.00

April 16, 2023

Adult Envelopes	\$712.00
Endowment for Priests	\$20.00
Loose Plate	\$70.00
Total	\$872.00

St. Clement's in Grygla

April 9, 2023

Adult Envelopes	\$585.00
Holy Land	\$65.00
Loose Plate	\$1280.00
Total	\$778.00

April 16, 2023

Adult Envelopes	\$310.00
Endowment for Priests	\$50.00
Loose Plate	\$36.00
Total	\$396.00

Save the date!!

ANNUAL BLOCK PARTY

July 11

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

at The Pickel Ball Court

More information to follow

This event is in collaboration with the Lutheran Parishes.

St Francis Xavier's

Oklee, MN

Sunday, April 23, 2023
Sacristan: Margaret
Lector:: Paul
Counters: Anne & Dolores

Sunday, April 30, 2023
Sacristan: Mary Lynn
Lector:: Jacob
Counters: Lora & Margaret

Sunday, May 7, 2023
Sacristan: Emily
Lector:: Mary Lynn
Counters: Jo & Deb

Sunday, May 14, 2023
Sacristan: Phyllis
Lector:: Bob
Counters: Mary Ann & Jan



St Ann's

Goodridge, MN

Sunday, April 23, 2023
Lector:: Eliza
Counters: Deb & Maggie

Sunday, April 30, 2023
Lector:: Carol
Counters: Audrey & Marie
Sunday, May 7, 2023
Lector:: Paula
Counters: Deb & Maggie

Sunday, May 14, 2023
Lector:: Eliza
Counters: Audrey & Marie



St Clement's

Grygla, MN

Sunday, April 23, 2023
Lector:: Jim C

Sunday, April 30, 2023
Lector:: Laurie

Sunday, May 7, 2023
Lector:: Gary

Sunday, May 14, 2023
Lector:: Dawn

Sunday, May 21, 2023
Lector:: Jim C

Sunday, May 28, 2023
Lector:: Laurie



We recognize the importance of prayer and take time to develop an active prayer life. Prayer strengthens and defines our relationship with God. Without prayer, we lose touch with our loving God and we isolate ourselves from a God who desires intimacy and closeness.

We recognize the importance of reading and praying the Sacred Scriptures. **The Bible is God's Word and we strive to learn and understand the word of God by applying the Scriptures to our lives today.**

We acknowledge the primacy of the Pope and respect the office of the papacy as the true teaching authority of the Church. We seek guidance for moral decisions from the pope and the bishops in communion with him. (MAGISTERIUM)

We recognize the importance of service to others. Believing that Jesus came to serve and not to be served, we strive to follow the example of Jesus and spread his message of love. We try our best to live lives centered on the Gospel and to live for others, rather than just for ourselves.

We preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, both in word and in action. We are willing to stand up to opposition and preach Gospel values in a world whose values are often contrary to the message of Jesus. We are willing to endure suffering and rejection, as did Jesus, for the sake of the Gospel and to speak up for what we believe to be right, just, and true.

We are devoted to Mary, the Mother of God, and see the saints as true examples of holiness and faith. We pray through Mary and the saints and ask them to intercede for us.

We are committed to the protection of all of life, in all stages. We pray for the protection of all of human life, from the moment of conception until natural death. We also work to strive to respect the dignity of every human being and to eliminate prejudice, oppression, poverty, violence, and injustice.

Archdiocese of Boston

We are the Hands of Christ

Are 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?

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.

A simple "hello" goes a long way.

Say Hello!



SAFE ENVIRONMENT

NOTE: 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, your first call should be to law enforcement. Red Lake County Sheriff at 218-253-2996, Pennington County Sheriff at 218-681-6161, Marshall County Sheriff at 218-745-5411. In addition, the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator is available at 218-281-7895 (24-hour confidential number).