

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

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St Fabian & St Sebastian

January 20: Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr

Died 250
 Patron Saint of Rome
 Pre-Congregation canonization
 Elected Pope 236 A.D.
Liturgical Color: Red

St. Francis Xavier Parish in Oklee

| <u>Mass Times</u> | <u>Confessions</u> |
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| Sun: 8:00 a.m. | 7:30 a.m. |
| Mon: 8:00 a.m. | 7:45 a.m. |
| Tues: 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> |
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| Sun: 11:45a.m. | 11:30 a.m. |

St. Ann Parish in Goodridge

| <u>Mass Times</u> | <u>Confessions</u> |
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| Sun: 10:00 a.m. | 9:45 a.m. |

CLERGY COLUMN

Brothers and Sisters,

There is something coming up in about a month that I am very excited to kick-off! Let me give a little background before explaining the initiative.

Being a priest I have the privilege of interacting with a number of different people, which includes a wide range of engagement with the Catholic-Christian faith. Among those people, some have a very strong level of knowledge of why we teach what we teach and do the things we do, while some others have very little knowledge of these things, and then everything in between. Fascinatingly, some people who are very engaged with the faith have very little real knowledge of what we're up to as Catholic-Christians, while others who are not really engaged at all have a pretty strong amount of knowledge. Of course, there are always people who are very engaged and very informed, along with people who are not at all engaged and have very little knowledge, as would be expected. Another group to include would be those who would say they have the knowledge in their minds, but then I find that their knowledge is inaccurate. There are so many different layers to all of my observations. As a result, I find I keep something of a pie chart in my mind regarding the different portions of people with varying levels of knowledge and understanding. I like to "check my work" with other priests by asking about their observations. Most of us agree on one basic thing: **Most people don't know much at all about the basic, foundational understanding that we have as Christians regarding Jesus. Read that sentence again. Most Christians don't know much about what we teach about Jesus, about what he's done for us, and about how we are to respond to him.** I hope you can agree with me that this is a problem. So, at our parishes, I want to do something to help change that reality.

This brings us to what I think will be a great initiative during the seasons of Lent and Easter. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, which this year is February 22nd, and then for the following 14 Sundays, my homilies are going to focus on the foundational story of what God has done in the person of Jesus. I'll give a few more details on Ash Wednesday, but my plan is for our parishes to spend a little less than 100 days focusing on the most important Person to ever walk the earth: Jesus Christ. Of course, every homily I preach is (hopefully) focused on Jesus, but the goal of these 15 homilies will be to help you have a life-changing encounter with the One who we teach has saved us from eternal destruction and offers us eternal life in its place. You will find outlines of each homily in the bulletin on your way into the church, with the hope that you'll be able to follow along and maybe even take notes as you listen.

If you've been away from the Church for a while, I want to invite you back for at least these 14 weeks. If you haven't been coming with great consistency, I want to ask you to come for at least these 14 Sundays in a row. If you're already committed to all of this, please pray for the rest of us. This truly could be a life-changing time for all of us, regardless of our current age, political beliefs, level of engagement with the faith, etc. I am confident that God wants to do something powerful in our parishes during this time, and that could very well include doing something new in your life.

Two more quick notes: First, if you happen to attend Mass in a different town on any given weekend, the homilies will be recorded and posted to our parish website: oggcatholic.org. You can click on the Homilies link on the side of the page and listen on the date you were away. It's obviously going to be helpful to stay up to date on these. Second, since I'm not going to be preaching specifically about the readings we hear proclaimed at Mass, you might want to check out my YouTube Bible Study that will explain the readings ahead of time. This can be found at youtube.com/@fatherbryankujawa. Each week three videos are released to explain the three readings coming up at Mass.

I'm looking forward to this time with you! I hope you'll join us and come with an open heart and mind. I promise it will all be worthwhile. Be assured of my prayers for you.

May the Lord give you his peace!
Fr. Bryan

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| Oklee | Sunday | 01/22/23 | 8:00 a.m. | †Cecilia Christianson |
| Goodridge | Sunday | 01/22/23 | 10:00 a.m. | For the People |
| Grygla | Sunday | 01/22/23 | 11:45 a.m. | †Jerome Carriere |
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| Oklee | Monday | 01/23/23 | 8:00 a.m. | End to Abortion |
| Oklee | Tuesday | 01/24/23 | 8:00 a.m. | †Cecilia Christianson |
| Oklee | Wednesday | 01/25/23 | 8:00 a.m. | Enemies of the Church |
| Oklee | Thursday | 01/26/23 | 8:00 a.m. | †Cecilia Christianson |
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| Oklee | Sunday | 01/29/23 | 8:00 a.m. | For the People |
| Goodridge | Sunday | 01/29/23 | 10:00 a.m. | Cindy Sunderman |
| Grygla | Sunday | 01/29/23 | 11:45 a.m. | †Jerome Carriere |



ROLLS & COFFEE—FELLOWSHIP
AFTER MASS at ST. FRANCIS
January 22
Free will offering to support
Hospice of the Red River Valley

If you would like to help serve there will be a signup sheet in the entry on the table.

TITHING

St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee

January 15, 2023

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| Adult Envelopes | \$790.00 |
| Loose Plate | \$.00 |
| Candles | <u>0.00</u> |
| Total | \$ 790.00 |

St. Ann's in Goodridge

January 1 & 8, 2023

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| Adult Envelopes | \$1202.00 |
| Loose Plate | <u>\$160.00</u> |
| Total | \$ 1362.00 |

St. Clement's in Grygla

January 15, 2023

NA

Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr

On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him.

And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." ~Mark 1:10-11

It wasn't until 313 A.D. that Christianity was legalized by the emperor, Constantine the Great. Up until that time, Christians were widely persecuted by various emperors trying to please their gods. Fabianus (Fabian) was born into this Roman culture, most likely around the year 200. Although we know nothing about his early life, we do know that he served as pope for fourteen years.

Fabian's election to the papacy took place in a divinely inspired way. After the death of Pope Anterus, who served for only one year, Fabian, a layman, traveled from his farm to the city of Rome to attend the election of the new Bishop of Rome with the people and clergy. It is not known what status Fabian held in the Church as he traveled to Rome. Yet no one present even considered Fabian as a possible pope, since other far more noble churchmen were being considered. During the public discussions, however, all that changed. The fourth century Church historian, Eusebius, explains what happened next. "All of a sudden...a dove flew down from above and settled on his head as clear imitation of the descent of the Holy Ghost in the form of a dove upon the Savior; whereupon the whole people, as if moved by one divine inspiration, with all eagerness and with one soul cried out 'worthy,' and without more ado took him and placed him on the episcopal throne" (*Ecclesiastical History*). Just as the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus in the form of a dove at His Baptism, it appears that the Father chose an unsuspecting farmer as His Son's new vicar on Earth.

Fabian's reign as pope began during a relatively peaceful period in Rome. Prior to that, from the time of the Apostles, there had been only sporadic persecutions of Christians in the Roman Empire. Hatred of Christians first began with Nero in 64 A.D. and continued in various forms under successive emperors until the Emperor Decius rose to power in 249 A.D., thirteen years after Fabian became pope. Within a year of Decius' ascension to the emperor's throne, he issued an edict that required everyone in the empire to offer sacrifice both to the Roman gods and for the good of the emperor himself. What's more, the sacrifices had to be confirmed by the magistrate who, after witnessing the sacrifice, would issue a certificate verifying the sacrilegious deed had been completed. Those who refused could be imprisoned or killed.

In the face of persecution and the threat of death, some Christians went through the motions of offering sacrifice to save their lives. Others fled and hid. Pope Fabian was among those who looked persecution and death in the face and accepted them. Pope Fabian and many other Christians died as martyrs for the faith.

In addition to his martyrdom and his divine election as pope, Saint Fabian is also known for being a good administrator of the Church, organizing the Church into various districts with appointed leaders. He had a heart for evangelization and sent several bishops as missionaries to Christianize Gaul (present-day France). Lastly, like many other saints of his time, he stomped out heresy, working to preserve the pure and orthodox faith.

Saint Fabian, you were divinely chosen as the Vicar of Christ on earth. In your humility and obedience to the will of God, you not only bore this heavy responsibility but also died for it. Please pray for me, that I may have the same courage as you to face an un-Christian culture bravely and accept the consequences of such a choice, no matter the cost. Saint Fabian, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.

St Francis Xavier's

Oklee, MN

Sunday, January 22, 2023

Sacristan: Rick D

Lector:: Jan

Counters: Jan & Deb

Sunday, January 29, 2023

Sacristan: Margaret B.

Lector:: Paul Cyr

Counters: Anne & Dolores

Sunday, February 5, 2023

Sacristan: MaryLynn

Lector:: Jacob Melby

Counters: Lora & Margaret

Sunday, February 12, 2023

Sacristan: Emily

Lector:: Mary Lynn

Counters: Deb & Jo



St Ann's

Goodridge, MN

Sunday, January 22, 2023

Lector:: Carol

Counters: Deb & Maggie

Sunday, January 29, 2023

Lector:: Eliza

Counters: Audrey & Marie

Sunday, February 5, 2023

Lector:: Paula

Counters: Deb & Maggie

Sunday, February 12, 2023

Lector:: Carol

Counters: Audrey & Marie



St Clement's

Grygla, MN

Sunday, January 22, 2023

Lector:: Dawn

Sunday, January 29, 2023

Lector:: Jim C.

Sunday, February 5, 2023

Lector:: Laurie

Sunday, February 12, 2023

Lector:: Gary



Recently Deceased Loved Ones

†Irene Kiesow

†Joan Carpenter

†Leroy Irlbeck

†Lowell Smeby

†Dorothy Plante

†Jim Lussier

†Tim Whalen

†Iona Berry

†Kim Johs

†Elias Abboud

†Audrey Martell

†Harold Cyr

†Judie Hendrickson

†Alden Morinville

†Kathleen Erickson

†Joseph Cullen

†Laura Nadeau

†Lucy Christianson

†Vernon Rogalla

†Donovan Stoneouse

†Adelore Plante

†Richard Perreault

†Cecelia Christianson

†Corlan Magnell Kleinschmidt

†Judy Zavoral

†Dean Lambert

†Richard Bronken

†Jerome Carriere

Pray For Those Who Are Sick

Delton Sebenaler

Donnie Tougas

Kenneth LaCoursiere

Shirley Dessellier

Michael Bachand

Annette LaCoursiere

Debra Olson

Jack Miller

Ambrose Beaudoin

Steve Sebenaler

Don LaCoursiere

Cindy Determan

Marie Adams

Grace Rundell

MaryAnn Lambert

Bailey Herried Drotts

George Pittman

Bambi Lambert

Doris Dessellier

Danielle Swanson

Mark Stromberg

Sylvia Remick Morey

Penny Kalar

Jo Lambert

Tony Radniecki

Bob Radniecki

Darren Tougas

Elaine Radniecki

Rick Dulka

Greg Whalen

Richard Bourque

Jason Moe

Carolyn Pittman

Jude Syvertson

Mary Radniecki

Dave Zavoral

Bernadette Lambert-

Daymunde

Josie Rodriguez

Jake Martell

Roy Rystad

Virginia Larson

Gary Paquin

Dave Longtin, Shorty

Bonnie Cote

Joyce Tougas

Brad Gunderson



Pray for our parishioners who have been away from the sacraments.

Pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon all of us.

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).