

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

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CLERGY COLUMN

Praying for Planting Season

In this busy time of year, let's pause a moment and make certain we are asking God's blessing upon our endeavors. There will be a series of special Masses this week to pray for farming families and the opportunity to bring in some of your seed for a blessing. If you'd like a representative sample of your seed blessed, feel free to bring some to Mass in jars or baskets and place them up front, so they can be blessed at the end of Mass.

Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Goodridge
Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Oklee
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Grygla

Baccalaureate Masses

We will honor and pray for this year's seniors at Mass today in Grygla, and in Oklee on May 16th. Please join us for the reception afterward.

First Friday Mass

In honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and in reparation for our sins, we gather in prayer for Mass this Friday in Goodridge at 11:00 a.m. Following Mass we will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and will recite the prayer of reparation.

St. Francis Xavier Parish in Oklee

Mass Times Confessions

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.

St. Clement Parish in Grygla

Mass Times Confessions

Sun: 11:45 a.m. 11:30 a.m.

St. Ann Parish in Goodridge

Mass Times Confessions

Sun: 10:00 a.m. 9:45 a.m.

U.S. and Canadian Catholic Bishops to Seek Intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church, for Strength in Struggle Against COVID-19

WASHINGTON – As the world continues to face the ongoing effects of the global pandemic of the coronavirus, Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles and president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has announced that the U.S. bishops will join the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops on May 1 in renewing the consecrations of the two nations to the care of our Blessed Mother.

Through a collective dedication or entrustment of a nation to Mary, an act of consecration is meant to be a reminder to the faithful of the Blessed **Mother's witness to the Gospel and to** ask for her effective intercession before her Son on behalf of those in need. Bishop John Carroll of Baltimore, the first bishop of the United States, promoted devotion to Mary, the Mother of God, and placed the United States under her protection in a pastoral letter of 1792. The twenty-one bishops attending the Sixth Provincial Council of Baltimore in 1846 determined to name the Blessed Virgin Mary, under the title of the Immaculate Conception, as the Patroness of the United States, and Pope Pius IX approved this decision the following year. More recently, the dedication of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. in 1959 was the opportunity for the bishops to once again consecrate the nation to the Blessed Mother. Several popes have likewise consecrated the world to Mary on various occasions.

The consecration on May 1. . . follows a **similar action of the bishops' conference of Latin America and the Caribbean (CELAM)** who consecrated their nations to Our Lady of Guadalupe on Easter Sunday. The renewal of consecration planned in this country for May 1 does not change the designation of Mary as the Patroness

of the United States under the title of the Immaculate Conception. Rather, this prayer reaffirms and renews previous Marian entrustments, and unites us in solidarity with our Holy Father, who recently established the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, as a source of protection and strength.

“This will give the Church the occasion to pray for Our Lady's continued protection of the vulnerable, healing of the unwell, and wisdom for those who work to cure this terrible virus,” said Archbishop Gomez in a letter to the U.S. bishops. Each year, the Church seeks the special intercession of the Mother of God during the **month of May**. **“This year, we seek the assistance of Our Lady all the more earnestly as we face together the effects of the global pandemic,”** he continued.

Archbishop Gomez will lead a brief liturgy with the prayer of re-consecration on Friday, May 1 at 3:00 pm EDT and has invited the bishops to join in from their respective dioceses and asked them to extend the invitation to the faithful in their dioceses for their participation. A liturgy guide will be available to assist the faithful who may join in by tuning into the **USCCB's social media platforms: [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).**

Short Litany to Our Blessed Mother

Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us.

Our Lady, Comforter of the Afflicted, pray for us.

Our Lady, Help of Christians, pray for us.

Our Lady, Health of the Sick, pray for us.

Our Lady, Seat of Wisdom, pray for us.

Our Lady, Queen of Heaven and Earth, pray for us.

Amen.

Prayer of Pope Francis During the Coronavirus Pandemic

O Mary,
you always shine on our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health
of the Sick,
who at the cross took part in Jesus'
pain, keeping your faith firm.
You, Salvation of the Roman People,
know what we need,
and we are sure you will provide
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,
we may return to joy and to feasting
after this time of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon himself our sufferings
and carried our sorrows
to lead us, through the cross,
to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.



Oklee	Sunday	5/02/21	8:00 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Goodridge	Sunday	5/02/21	10:00 a.m.	Paula Mutnansky
Grygla	Sunday	5/02/21	11:45 a.m.	†Floyd Neuschwander
Goodridge	Tuesday	5/04/21	7:00 p.m.	For Farmers
Oklee	Wednesday	5/05/21	5:30 p.m.	For Farmers
Grygla	Thursday	5/06/21	7:00 p.m.	For Farmers
Goodridge	Friday	5/07/21	11:00 a.m.	†Donald Narlock
Oklee	Sunday	5/09/21	8:00 a.m.	Holly O'Shea
Goodridge	Sunday	5/09/21	10:00 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Grygla	Sunday	5/09/21	11:45 a.m.	†Irene Kiesow

Tithing

St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee

April 25, 2021

Adults Envelopes	\$1049.00
Loose Plate	\$47.00
Endowment for Priests	\$5.00
Home Missions	\$42.00
Total	\$1143.00

St. Ann's in Goodridge

April 25, 2021

Adults Envelopes	\$480.00
Home Mission	\$110.00
Loose Plate	\$21.00
Total	\$611.00

St. Clement's in Grygla

April 25, 2021

Adults Envelopes	\$395.00
Home Mission	\$35.00
Loose Plate	\$20.00
Total	\$450.00

*Congratulations to our graduating Seniors
and Confirmation Candidates*



Oklee

Dominica Bernstein
Wakely Bryll
Andrew Gryskiewicz
Lauren Melby

Grygla

Hailey Knutson



**"A nation always gets the kind of politicians it deserves. If a time ever comes when the religious Jews, Protestants and Catholics ever have to suffer under a totalitarian state, which would deny to them the right to worship God according to the light of their conscience, it will be because for years they thought it made no difference what kind of people represented them in Congress, and because they abandoned the spiritual in the realm of the temporal."
~ Fulton J. Sheen**



"QUOTES"

"The proud man counts his newspaper clippings, the humble man his blessings."

~ Fulton J. Sheen ~

St Francis Xavier's Oklee, MN

Sunday, May 2, 2021
Lector: Paul Cyr

Sunday, May 9, 2021
Lector: Bob Melby

Sunday, May 16, 2021
Lector: Michael Bachand

St Ann's Goodridge, MN

Sunday, May 2, 2021
Lector: Gerri

Sunday, May 9, 2021
Lector: Eliza

Sunday, May 16, 2021
Lector: Carol

St Clement's Grygla, MN

Sunday, May 2, 2021
Lector: Daniel

Sunday, May 9, 2021
Lector: Dawn

Sunday, May 16, 2021
Lector: Gary

Weekly Reflections

"Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." - 1 JOHN 3:18

Regarding our Catholic faith, do you "walk the talk?" Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good disciple? Are you an active participant at Sunday Mass? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you give gratefully and generously with your financial support to your parish and other Church needs? **If not, it's not too late to start!**



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!!

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.



Recently Deceased Loved Ones

†Joey Johnson
†Allen Paquin
†Chris Tougas
†Larry O'Neill
†Yvonne Boucher
†Bonnie Buchmeier
†Janet Pearson
†David Dessellier
†Rita Bonagura Vaughn
†Ann Peterson
†Irene Dessellier
†Floyd Neuschwander
†Ted Lussier
†LaVonne Radniecki
†Brigitta Dobmeier
†Mary Jean Altendorf
†Mike Bourque
†Fr. Don Braukmann
†Florence Dunham
†Msgr. Donald Krebs
†Betty Barsness
†Floyd Charest
†Jim Dulka
†Avis Frazer
†Lauretta Stucy
†Tom Toulouse
†Marlyn Dessellier
†Gerald Cote
†Phyllis Martell
†Theresa "Bergeron" Lucken
†Jerome Hruby
†Irene Kiesow
†Msgr. Michael Patnode
†Donnie Knutson
†Jerry Johnson
†Ron Rustan
†Joan Carpenter
†Leroy Irlbeck
†Lowell Smeby
†Dorothy Plante
†Jim Lussier
†Tim Whalen
†Iona Berry
†Kim Johs

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 Deterrman
David Longtin
Marie Adams
Grace Rundell
MaryAnn Lambert
Bailey Herried Drotts
George Pittman
Bambi Lambert
Lucille Christianson
Doris Dessellier
Danielle Swanson
Mark Stromberg
Sylvia Remick Morey
Penny Kalar
Jo Lambert
Richard Perreault
Tony Radniecki
Darren Tougas
Elaine Radniecki
Gary Polansky
Bob Radniecki
Rick Dulka
Greg Whalen

