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

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Bulletin Deadline

7:45 a.m.

Wednesday: Noon

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Thurs: 8:00 a.m.

CLERGY COLUMN

Dear Parishioners,

I hope that this find you all well as we move through this beautiful season of Advent in our preparation for Christmas and our celebration of the birth of the Savior.

In case you missed this the Bishop has appointed me as the Administrator of the parishes of Oklee, Goodridge and Grygla. That merely means that I step in and carry on the functions of the pastor until Fr. Hamness returns. This past week I was able to visit Father Hamness as he has been moved to rehab in Fargo. We talked briefly and I gave him the assurance of your prayers and know that he deeply appreciated it. He is on the road to recovery but it won't be overnight. So, we continue to keep him in our prayers.

In the coming days we will post the times for Masses for Christmas and New Year.

If you have any questions or if we can be of help in these next few weeks please call. You can contact Deb Whalen through the Parish Office at 218-796-5844 or home 218-796-5379 or you can call me on my cell phone at 218-791-0377.

Thank you for your patience and understand at this time as we continue to pray for Father Hamness and his return to the parishes. I always tell everyone to try to have a quiet and prayerful Advent Season but I know how busy our lives get in preparation for Christmas. Never the less have a blessed Advent!

Sincerely yours in Christ, Msgr. Tim McGee

St. Francis Xavier Parish in Oklee		St. Clement Parish in Grygla			St. Ann Parish in Goodridge			
Mass Times Confessions		<u>Mass Times</u> <u>Confessions</u>			<u>Mass Times</u> <u>Confessions</u>			
Sun:	8:00 a.m.	7:30 a.m.	Sun:	10:15 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	Sun:	12:00 p.m.	11:45 a.m.
Tues: Wed:	8:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m.	7:45 a.m. 7:45 a.m.						

Weekly Reflections

"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." (Philippians 4:6)

St. Paul reminds us that God is an abundant God – He is the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. Remember, that we are created in God's image and likeness. We, too, are made to be generous with all of our gifts as well. Placing our trust in God frees us from being a slave to possessions. It allows us to gratefully and generously share ourselves and our goods with others.

Prayer for Love

Heavenly Father, the whole meaning of Christmas can be explained in one little four-letter word...LOVE. You sent your gift of pure love to us that first Christmas. Love descended from heaven to be born of a virgin. Love lay in the scratchy hay of a manger in a meager barn in Bethlehem. All of your love, God, was robed in the delicate skin of a baby and wrapped in swaddling clothes. This final week of Advent helps us to reflect

on the magnitude of love that was made manifest in Jesus. The greatest gift of all came that first Christmas. It wasn't wrapped in a beautiful package and set under a decorated tree. The greatest gift came wrapped in the flesh of baby Jesus and laid in the rough wood of a manger. Our perfect gift would later

be rewrapped in the scars of our sin and nailed to the rugged wood of a cross on Calvary, all because of love.

Father, this final week of Advent, fill our hearts and minds with the significance of that truth. Thank you, Lord, for loving us enough to send Jesus. In Jesus' precious name we pray. Amen. (Hope Bollinger)

A Prayer to Prepare Our Heart for Christ's Coming

Father, just as You sent John the <u>Baptist</u> to prepare the way for Jesus, help me to clear the path in my heart, too. Show me the

distractions in my life that block me from all-out worship of You this Advent. Lord, I await Your coming! As I celebrate the first Advent—the first coming—I look toward the day where I will see You face to face. I imagine what it will be like. Give me a heart, Lord, that looks for Your coming on a daily basis. Help me to live my life where I'm constantly seeking Your presence. My offering to You today is my righteous life for I know I am only clean because of Jesus. Show me today how I need to be refined, purified, forgiven. Give me the strength to ask for forgiveness and to then change my ways. ~Sarah Martin, from "The Awe & Wonder of Advent: Day 1e"



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.

Oklee	Sunday	12/12/21	8:00 a.m.	For the People
Grygla Goodridge	Sunday Sunday		10:15 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Fr. Hamness †Richard McGee
Oklee Grygla Goodridge	Sunday Sunday Sunday		8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	



CONFIRMATION CLASSES

St Francis Xavier, St Ann's, St. Clement's

The Confirmation students will meet on Wednesday, December 15 at 7:15 pm. at St. Ann's, Goodridge. The class will be from 7:15—8:30



WE RISE BY LIFTING OTHERS!

Red Lake County Advent Giving Tree

Our parish Advent Giving Tree provides Christmas gifts to low-income children, and to group home residents, in Red Lake County. Please consider taking a tag from the Giving Tree in the Church entrance, and returning your wrapped gift by Dec. 19. If parishioners are not able to attend mass at this time, please call Red Lake Co. Social Services (218-253-3104) and we will mail a Giving Tree tag to your home. Thank you for helping to spread Christmas joy by showing love and support to our neighbors.



Tithing

St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee

November 21, 2021

Adults Envelopes	\$1355.00
Endowment Priests	\$18.00
St Mary's Mission	\$100.00
Flowers for Altar	\$25.00
Candles	\$7.00
D.Human Camp.	\$80.00
Loose Plate	\$83.00
Total	\$ 1668.00

St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee

November 28, 2021

Adults Envelopes	\$1940.00
Endowment Priests	\$50.00
D. Human Camp.	\$6.00
St Mary's Mission	\$261.00
Loose Plate	\$80.00
Total	\$ 2337.00

St. Ann's in Goodridge

November 21, 2021

Adults Envelopes	\$540.00
Loose Plate	\$20.00
Total	\$560.00

St. Ann's in Goodridge

November 28, 2021

Adults Envelopes	\$240.00
St. Mary's Mission	\$90.00
Men's Club	\$600.00
Loose Plate	\$32.00
Total	\$962.00

St. Clement's in Grygla

November 21, 2021

Adults Envelopes	\$445.00
Endowment Priests	\$155.00
D. Human Camp.	\$150.00
Loose Plate	\$53.00
Total	\$803.00

St. Clement's in Grygla

November 28, 2021

Adults Envelopes	\$525.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$46.00</u>
Total	\$571.00

St Francis Xavier's Oklee, MN

Sunday, December 12, 2021 Lector:: David Bachand Counters: Jo L. & Deb Sacristan: Mary Lynn

Sunday, December 19, 2021 Lector:: Mary Lynn Bachand Counters: Lora J & Margaret B.

Sacristan: Phyllis

Sunday, December 26, 2021

Lector:: Paul Cyr

Counters: Anne H & Dolores Grimm

Sacristan: Margie Buer

*Monday nights at 7:00 pm a Rosary will be said for Fr. Adam and all suffering and affected by COVID. Everyone is welcome and encouraged

St Ann's

Goodridge, MN

Sunday, December 12, 2021

Lector:: Carol

Sunday, December 19, 2021

Lector:: Carol

Sunday, December 26, 2021

Lector:: Karyl

Sunday, January 2, 2022

Lector:: Carol

St Clement's Grygla, MN

Sunday, December 12, 2021

Lector:: Jim C.

Sunday, December 19, 2021

Lector:: Jody

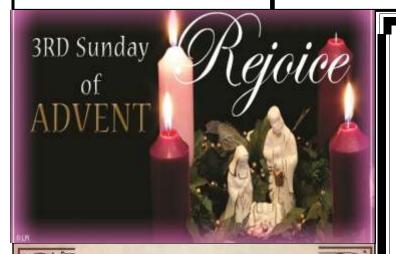
Sunday, December 26, 2021

Lector:: Gary

Sunday, January 2, 2022

Lector:: Laurie





St. Michael, the Archangel,
defend us in battle.
Be our safeguard against
the wickedness and snares
of the devil.
May God rebuke him,
we humbly pray;
and do you,
O Prince of the heavenly host,
by the power of God
cast into hell Satan
and all the evil spirits
who wander through the world
seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.

Recently Deceased Loved Ones

†Jim Dulka †Avis Frazer †Lauretta Stucy †Tom Toulouse †Marlyn Dessellier †Gerald Cote †Phyllis Martell †Theresa "Bergeron" Lucken †Jerome Hruby †Irene Kiesow †Donnie Knutson †Ron Rustan †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



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 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 Rick Dulka Greg Whalen Richard Bourque Tony Weber Jason Moe Judy Zavoral Carolyn Pittman Jude Syvertson