

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

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday. A particular focus of today's readings is that the good shepherd knows his sheep and they know him. There is a mutual bond of love and intimacy. That love is compared to the deep mutual relationship that exists between Jesus and his Father. "My own know me just as the Father knows me." Again the hired man or the self-interested leader will not have such a relationship with his charges. What this means for us is that God is no stranger. He is not a remote, distant, omnipotent being that we are required to worship lest we be smote. God is loving; he knows us, and wants us to know him. Our religion is a religion of relationship. It is not brute, thoughtless, mindless worship of a deity. We worship God because we love him. He is not just any old shepherd caring for his flock; he is the good shepherd who really knows and loves each of his sheep.

Let's also remember Vocations to the priesthood today. Let's pray that our own young men will answer the call to discern the priesthood in the seminary, and let's pray that parents will be supportive if their son wants to go and not be selfish in sharing their gifts (their sons) with the Church.

Congratulations to Krystal Neuschwander who receives her First Holy Communion in Grygla Today!

Weekly Schedule

<u>St. Francis Xavier Parish in Oklee</u>			<u>St. Clement Parish in Grygla</u>			<u>St. Ann Parish in Goodridge</u>		
	<u>Mass Times</u>	<u>Confessions</u>		<u>Mass Times</u>	<u>Confessions</u>		<u>Mass Times</u>	<u>Confessions</u>
Sun:	8:00 a.m.	7:30 a.m.	Sun:	11:45 a.m.	11:30 a.m.	Sun.	10:00 a.m.	9:45 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. Francis Xavier Ladies Guild will be hosting a reception honoring our graduating RLCC seniors, Julia Bernstein and Daphney Koralewski on Sunday, May 19th. The reception will be held following the 8:00 am mass for the seniors, their families and the parish, and Margaret Circle will serve.



May the Month of Our Lady

May is the greatest Marian month of all, traditionally known as the "Month of Our Lady.". She begins the month as Queen of May, and final day of the month brings a bevy of Queenly titles. It is the month when the spring of new life flourishes.

The Catholic practice of assigning a special devotion to each month goes back to the early 16th century. Since the best known of those devotions is probably the dedication of May as the month of the Blessed Virgin Mary, it might come as a surprise that it wasn't until the late 18th century that this devotion arose among Jesuits in Rome. In the early years of the 19th century, it quickly spread throughout the Western Church, and, by the time of Pope Pius IX's declaration of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception in 1854, it had become universal.

May crownings and other special events in May in honor of Mary, such as public recitation of the rosary, stem from this time. Sadly, such communal events are rare today, but we can take the month of May as an opportunity to renew our own devotion to the Mother of God by dusting off our rosaries and adding a few more Marian prayers to our daily routine.

Parents, in particular, should encourage Marian devotion in their children, since the non-Catholic Christians they encounter today often downplay (if not denigrate) the role that the Blessed Virgin played in our salvation through her *fiat* -- her joyous "Yes" to the will of God.

Mass Intentions

Oklee	Sunday	05/12/19	8:00 a.m.	†Madonna Asselin
Goodridge	Sunday	05/12/19	10:00 a.m.	Steve Novak
Grygla	Sunday	05/12/19	11:45 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Oklee	Tuesday	05/14/19	8:00 a.m.	Ted Lussier
Oklee	Wednesday	05/15/19	8:00 a.m.	Harold Cyr
Oklee	Thursday	05/16/19	8:00 a.m.	†Ann Peterson
Oklee	Friday	05/17/19	8:00 a.m.	†Alice Bluemke
Oklee	Sunday	05/19/19	8:00 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Goodridge	Sunday	05/19/19	10:00 a.m.	LaVerne Hamre
Grygla	Sunday	05/19/19	11:45 a.m.	Mark Polansky

Tithing

St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee

May 5, 2019

Adults Envelopes	\$2692.00
Loose Plate	\$39.00
Candle Stand	\$6.00
Endowment Train Priests	\$100.00
Catholic Home Missions	<u>\$25.00</u>
Total	\$2862.00

St. Ann's in Goodridge

May 5, 2019

Adult Envelopes	\$602.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$ 33.00</u>
Total	\$635.00

St. Clement's in Grygla

May 5, 2019

Adult Envelopes	\$515.00
Loose Plate	\$24.00
Catholic Home Missions	<u>\$ 15.00</u>
Total	\$554.00



Thank you to the family of Irene Dessellier, who made donations in her memory to St. Francis Xavier Parish for kitchen improvements and elevator repairs. May she rest in peace!

St. Ann's Ministry

Sunday, May 12, 2019

Commentator :	Gerri
Lector: :	Carol
EMHC :	Deb & Marie
Usher::	Darwin & Joe
Counter;	Deb & Maggie

Sunday, May 19, 2019

Commentator :	Carol
Lector: :	Gerri
EMHC :	Tony & Marie
Usher::	Russ & Daarwin
Counter;	Maggie & Louann

St. Clement's Ministry

Sunday, May 12, 2019

Commentary:	Angie
Lector::	Dawn
EMHC:	Jean & Justin
Usher:	Tim & Chris

Sunday, May 19, 2019

Commentary:	Angie
Lector::	Laurie
EMHC:	Chris & Gary
Usher:	Justin & Bill N

St. Francis' Ministry

Sunday, May 12, 2019

Sacristan:	Phyllis Melby
Lector:	Jacob Melby
EMHC:	Bonnie Cote & Anne Hammer
Usher:	Jake Martell & Doug Cote
Greeter:	Don & Annette LaCoursiere
Counter:	Lora Johnson & Margaret

Sunday, May 5, 2019

Sacristan:	Margaret Buer
Lector:	Paul Cyr
EMHC:	Jacob Melby & Phyllis Melby
Usher:	Ken & Shirley Boucher
Greeter:	MaryAnn L. & Anne H.
Counter:	Shirley Cyr & Jan Dulka

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, and I will be happy to offer one without a stipend.
- 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.

Grief Journeys for Adults Support Group

This is a seasonal support group for adults 18 years and older who have experienced a loss through death.

Date & Time

Second and fourth Thursdays of the month in April, May and June from 10-11:30 a.m.

Location

Thief River Falls Public Library
102 1st St. E.
Thief River Falls, Minn.

Facilitated by

Jennifer Messelt, MSW, LCSW, LGSW,
bereavement specialist with Hospice of the
Red River Valley

Additional Information

This seasonal support group, offered April, May and June, is free and open to the public.

For more information or questions, call
(800) 237-4629 and ask for the bereavement
department.

When You (or someone you love) Visits the Hospital

None of us looks forward to time spent in a hospital bed. Altru Health System seeks to both help with what is wrong physically and also to support patients in other ways. That includes spiritual support.

Some of you may remember the days when the local hospital would call churches to inform pastors when a parishioner had become a patient. That went away years ago. These days a patient's privacy is protected carefully and hospitals are inspected in terms of protecting patient information and keeping it private.

So if you become a patient at Altru your information is kept private. You will have full control of who comes to see you.

“Will my pastor know I'm in so he/she can come to see me?” you might ask. There's two ways that can happen and you, the patient, control both.

One way is for you to tell your pastor, or to have your family contact the church. Your pastor wants to know. The second is to ask an Altru Chaplain to contact your pastor. Altru's Chaplains want to help and believe in the ministry and support your pastor can provide. If you ask, only if you ask, a chaplain will make that contact.

The chaplains at the hospital want to serve you and to serve the church. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pastoral Services.

Altru's Pastoral Services 701-780-5300

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Recently Deceased Loved Ones

† Alice Bluemke
† Mary Peterson
† Donna Horachek
† Joey Johnson
† Allen Paquin
† Kathleen Amiot
† Chris Tougas
† Larry O'Neill
† Yvonne Boucher
† Bonnie Buchmeier
† Janet Pearson
† David Dessellier
† Rita Bonagura Vaughn
† Ann Peterson
† Irene Dessellier
† Floyd Neuschwander
† Annette Magnell

Pray For Those Who Are Sick

Delton Sebenaler
Donnie Tougas
LaVonne Radniecki
Kenneth LaCoursiere
Shirley Dessellier
Irene Kiesow
Michael Bachand
Annette LaCoursiere
Debra Olson
Jack Miller
Kimberly Johs
Fr Don Brauckmann
Lola Dawn Neubert
Kathy Vathauer
Ambrose Beaudoin
Steve Sebenaler
Ted Lussier
Don LaCoursiere