

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

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Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday: Noon

Clergy Column

As Autumn has progressed, I've watched day by day as the apples have been falling from my apple tree. There were a superabundance of apples this year, and I certainly can't eat them all, but the yellow jackets and Asian beetles seem to enjoy them, and maybe they will attract some deer into my yard for me to spy on. As I think about these apple trees and the multitude of apples, I am reminded of a beautiful old Christmas hymn: Jesus Christ the Apple Tree. Take a moment to meditate on the lyrics this week, and if you have the internet, I suggest you do a search for this hymn and listen to it online. The music is beautiful as well.

Jesus Christ the Apple Tree

The tree of life my soul hath seen
Laden with fruit and always green
The tree of life my soul hath seen
Laden with fruit and always green
The trees of nature fruitless be
Compared with Christ the apple tree

His beauty doth all things excel
By faith I know but ne'er can tell
His beauty doth all things excel
By faith I know but ne'er can tell
The glory which I now can see
In Jesus Christ the apple tree.

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Weekly Schedule

St. Francis Xavier Parish in Oklee

	<u>Mass Times</u>	<u>Confessions</u>
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.
Fri:	8:00 a.m.	7:45 a.m.

St. Clement Parish in Grygla

	<u>Mass Times</u>	<u>Confessions</u>
Sun:	10:15 a.m.	10:00 a.m.

St. Ann Parish in Goodridge

	<u>Mass Times</u>	<u>Confessions</u>
Sat:	5:00 p.m.	4:45 p.m.

**JOURNEY WITH OUR LADY OF
FATIMA**

All are invited to join together in the closing celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Fatima Apparition. The closing Mass of the centennial observances will be held at St. Joseph's-Red Lake Falls on Friday, October 13th beginning at 6:30 p.m. with recitation of the rosary followed by Mass and ending with a light reception. No RSVP needed. If you have questions, contact: Fr. Bob Schreiner at St. Joseph's-Red Lake Falls: frschreier@rlccatholic.org or 218-253-2188



Please join us for our annual **Rosary Rally** which will be held on **Saturday, October 14, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.** at St. Joseph's Church, Red Lake Falls. Our country is in great need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. In this historic year of the Fatima Centennial (1917-2017), we ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother.

A lunch will be served following the Rosary Rally.

For more information, please contact Dan Schmitz at 218-253-2556.

Oklee—100th Anniversary of Rolling the Church

- One hundred years ago, our ancestors rolled our church across the field on logs in the dead of winter, from Lambert Town to its present location in Oklee. We are celebrating this joyous anniversary on Saturday, December 9th, 2017. Please clear your calendars for that day, and let's not permit anything to stand in the way of our parish celebration. There will be a special Mass at 4:00 p.m., directly followed by an Anniversary Program. Afterward, a nice meal will be served.
- As with any celebration, there will be expenses, and it is my hope that you would consider using your offering envelope labeled "Centennial Celebration" to contribute to the costs.
- I am also asking that you send in a list of former parishioners who have moved away (including your relatives and adult children, friends, and neighbors). Please include a mailing address for those whose names you submit. I would like to send out notices to them, so they can join us at least in spirit, if not in body.

If you have any questions about the 100th Anniversary celebrations, you can contact one of the committee members: Janet Halvorson, MaryAnn Lambert, Barb Melby, Lori Melby, and Dorothy Sebenaler.

Oklee 100th Anniversary of Moving the Church

We are requesting photos of our church and the parishioners throughout the years, so that we can make a slideshow of our history. Johnson Funeral Service has agreed to scan the photos and compile them into a slideshow on our behalf. We hope that you would be willing to share your memories and photographs with us. Any photos you submit will be returned undamaged.

If you are willing to share your photos, please write your name on the back of each photograph, and put them in an envelope, also with your name on it. You can drop them off at the rectory or in the collection basket.

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b e g i n n i n g i n O c t o b e r



The Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County has announced the opening of the largest exhibit in its history. It will feature 68 original folios of The Saint John's Bible. This is the first illuminated, handwritten Bible commissioned by a Benedictine monastery in 500 years. The exhibit will also include tools, sketches and rare books which tell the story of The Saint John's Bible.

The exhibit will be open from Oct. 1 through Dec. 31 at the Hjemkomst Center located at 202 1st Ave N, Moorhead. It is open from 12 p.m. – 5 p.m. on Sundays and Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., with the exception of Tuesdays when it is open until 8 p.m.

According to information provided by the Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County, The Saint John's Bible was commissioned by Saint John's Abbey and University in Collegeville, Minn. It was executed by Donald Jackson, Senior Scribe to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's Crown Office. Its 1,130 pages were made using vellum, ancient inks, gold and silver leaf and platinum. It was written by a team of scribes using quill pens cut from goose, turkey and swan feathers. Each volume of The Saint John's Bible is 2-feet by 3-feet and weighs 30 to 40 pounds. The imagery in the Bible reflects the images, passions and multiculturalism of the modern world.

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VICTIM ASSISTANCE STATEMENT OF THE DIOCESE OF CROOKSTON

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, please contact Cindy Hulst, LSW, the diocesan Victim's Assistance Coordinator at 218-281-7895 (24-hour confidential number).

Mass Intentions

Goodridge	Saturday	09-23-17	5:00 p.m.	†Imelda Carin
Oklee	Sunday	09-24-17	8:00 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Grygla	Sunday	09-24-17	10:15 a.m.	†Lawence Kiesow
Oklee	Tuesday	09-26-17	8:00 a.m.	NO MASS
Oklee	Wednesday	09-27-17	8:00 a.m.	†Betty Mowitt
Pioneer	Wednesday	09-27-17	10:00 a.m.	Vernon Kleppe
Oklee	Thursday	09-28-17	8:00 a.m.	†Melton George
Oklee	Friday	09-29-17	8:00 a.m.	Bill Vaughan
Oklee	Sunday	10-01-17	8:00 a.m.	Holly O'Shea
Goodridge	Sunday	10-01-17	10:00 a.m.	Phylis Malerba
Grygla	Sunday	10-01-17	11:45 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>

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For happiness I long have sought
And pleasure dearly I have bought
For happiness I long have sought
And pleasure dearly I have bought
I missed of all but now I see
"Tis found in Christ the apple tree.

I'm weary with my former toil
Here I will sit and rest a while
I'm weary with my former toil
Here I will sit and rest a while
Under the shadow I will be
Of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

This fruit does make my soul to thrive
It keeps my dying faith alive
This fruit does make my soul to thrive
It keeps my dying faith alive
Which makes my soul in haste to be
With Jesus Christ the apple tree.



Jo Lambert would like to thank the wonderful people who sponsored her for the Walk for Life. Because of your help, she was able to raise nearly \$300 for the

Pregnancy Center in Thief River Falls. Thank you!



ST. MARY'S FOSSTON SUNDAY SEP-
tember 24th, serving Turkey-
Serving Time 11:00 a.m.—1:30 P.M.

ST. ANN'S GOODRIDGE SUNDAY OC-
tober 8th, serving Pig roast,
Serving time 11:00 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

Tithing

September 17, 2017

St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee

Adults	\$2236.00
Loose Plate	\$54.00
Hurricane Relief	\$472.57
Latin American Collection	\$20.00
Centennial	\$130.00
Flowers	<u>\$5.00</u>
Total:	\$2917.57

St. Ann's in Goodridge

Adults	\$505.00
Loose Plate	\$42.00
Latin American	<u>\$25.00</u>
Total:	\$572.00

St. Clement's in Grygla

Adults	\$590.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$36.00</u>
Total:	\$626.00

ST. ANN'S MINISTRY

Saturday October 01, 2017

Commentator:	Karyl
Lector:	Gerri
EMHC:	Tony & Marie
Ushers:	Russell & Stanley
Counter:	Marie & Louann

ST. CLEMENT'S MINISTRY

Saturday October 01, 2017

Commentator:	Angie
Lector:	Jody M.
EMHC:	Jean & Justin
Usher:	Bill Z. & Jim C.

ST. CLEMENT'S FALL DINNER

There will be **NO** dinner after Mass on October 8th at St. Clement's due to the Fall Dinner at St. Ann's in Goodridge

Adult Volunteers Needed for 7th-12th Grade Religious Education

We are in need of adult volunteers to assist with 7th-12th grade Religious Ed. classes. Volunteers will help by sharing their faith with the kids, leading group discussion, crowd control, discipline, and with maintaining a safe environment, in accordance with our Safe Environment policy. Our classes generally meet twice a month on Wednesday evening in Oklee from 7:15-

Announcement about Religious Education

7th—12th Grade Religious Ed:

Once again, I will be teaching all students (7th—12th grade) from all three parishes twice a month on Wednesday Evenings during the school year. Our classes meet at the Church in Oklee. Our first class will be held on **Wednesday, October 4th from 7:15 until 8:30.** At our first session the students will receive the schedule of classes for the year. There is no need to register, please just send your students.

"So the last will be first and the first last" - MATTHEW 20:16

You've heard the saying "it's not where you start, but how you finish." This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our gratitude and generosity helps us live "God-centered" lives and not "self-centered" lives.

St. Francis Xavier, Oklee Lay Contacts

Body *Year of Term—Term Ends (Term #)*

Pastoral Council & Finance Council

Virginia Weber	3/3—June 2017 (2nd)	P
David Bachand	3/3—June 2017 (1st)	P
Jacob Melby	3/3—June 2017 (1st)	F
Don LaCoursiere	2/3—June 2018 (2nd)	P
Phyllis Melby	2/3—June 2018 (1st)	P
Mitch Bernstein	1/3—June 2018 (1st)	F
Margaret Buer	1/3—June 2019 (1st)	P
Rick Dulka	1/3—June 2019 (1st)	P
Janet Halvorson	1/3—June 2019 (1st)	F

Parish Trustees

Al Paquin	2/2—Sept. 2017(1st)
Shirley Cyr	2/2—Sept. 2017 (1st)

St. Clement, Grygla Lay Contacts

Body *Year of Term—Term Ends (Term #)*

Joint Pastoral & Finance Council

Ron Kiesow	3/3—June 2017 (2nd)
Tom Morrissey	3/3—June 2017 (1st)
Jim Carriere	2/3—June 2018 (1st)
Gary Polansky	2/3—June 2018 (2nd)
Bill Zavoral	1/3—June 2019 (1st)
Angie Kiesow	1/3—June 2019 (1st)

Parish Trustees

Jody Miller	1/2—Sept. 2018 (2nd)
Jack Miller	1/2—Sept. 2018 (2nd)

St. Ann, Goodridge Lay Contacts

Body *Year of Term—Term Ends (Term #)*

Joint Pastoral & Finance Council

Darwin Eidelbes	3/3—June 2017 (2nd)
Gerri Rustan	3/3—June 2017 (1st)
Audrey Rogalla	2/3—June 2018 (1st)
Cindi Kotrba	2/3—June 2018 (1st)
Marlin Kotrba	1/3—June 2019 (1st)
Karyl Mayernik	1/3—June 2019 (1st)

Parish Trustees

Patty Skibicki	1/2—Sept. 2018 (1st)
Veron Rogalla	1/2—Sept. 2018 (1st)

Recently Deceased Loved Ones

†	Imelda Carin
†	Richard Radniecki
†	Carol Haugen
†	Tom Karakash
†	Steven McPherson
†	Mary Ann Lessard
†	Mary Marvin
†	Norman Adams
†	John Fournier
†	Lawrence Kiesow
†	Therese Maxson
†	Vivian Gable

Pray For Those Who Are Sick

- Susan Sunberg
- Bob Carriere
- Carter Torgerson
- Debra Olson
- Floyd Neuschwander
- Dorothy Plante
- Alice Bluemke
- Ann Peterson
- Tom Radniecki
- Del Determan

Oklee Ministry List

Sunday September 24, 2017

Sacristan:	Rick Dulka
Lector:	Mike Bachand
EMHC:	Mitch & Kristin Bernstein
Usher:	Mitch Bernstein & John Melby
Greeter:	Don & Annette LaCoursiere
Counter:	Pat Asselin & Jo Lambert

Sunday October 01, 2017

Sacristan:	Phyllis Melby
Lector:	Carol Bachand
EMHC:	Mike & Audrey Bachand
Ushers:	Jake Martell & Doug Cote
Greeter:	Ken & Shirley Boucher
Counter:	Lora Johnson & Margaret Buer

Sunday October 08, 2017

Sacristan:	Margaret Buer
Lector:	Mary Lynn Bachand
EMHC:	Rick & Jan Dulka
Usher:	Ken & Shirley Boucher
Greeter:	Mary Ann Lambert & Anne Hammer-
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.
- 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.