

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

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CLERGY COLUMN

THIS IS A TWO-WEEK BULLETIN

I was told this week that someone has used my name and email address to send strange messages. This is a scam! Please do not respond to them if they seem bizarre or are asking for money or information.

As of July 4th, our Mass times will change in Grygla and Goodridge. Mass will be at 10:15 in Grygla and Noon in Goodridge.

Living through the Covid-19 pandemic has interested some of our families in homeschooling their children. For those who are just curious or those looking to get started this Fall, there will be a meeting at St. Francis Xavier Church in Oklee on Thursday, July 8th at 7:00 p.m. There will also be information about starting a regional, Catholic homeschool support group.

We have parish council meetings coming up in the next two weeks. Please see the dates and times in this bulletin.

It's First Friday again! Our special Mass and devotions in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus will take place in Grygla this month, at 11 am.

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.

Patriotism

The treatise on Patriotism in the writings of the greatest philosopher of all times, St. Thomas Aquinas, is to be found under the subject of "Piety." This at first may strike as strange those who think of piety as pertaining only to love of God. But once it is remembered that love of neighbor is inseparable from love of God, it is seen that love of our fellow citizens is a form of piety.

In these days when so many subversive activities are at work, a reminder of the necessity of loving our country is very much to the point. Consciously or unconsciously our citizens are grouping themselves around the only two possible ultimate answers to the questions vexing our country.

The first answer is that the essence of Americanism is revolution; the second answer is that the essence of Americanism consists in the recognition of the sacredness of human personality...

The essence of Americanism is not revolution, but the recognition of the sacredness of human personality and the inherent inalienable rights which every man possesses independently of the State. That is why, when our country began, our Founding Fathers were most anxious to find some basis for human rights, some foundation for human liberties, some guarantee of human personality which would be above the encroachment of tyranny and abuse.

But where find the basis for the right of a man to be his own master, captain of his own soul, free in his right to pursue his ultimate end with a free conscience? Where root and ground the right to own property as the extension of personality? Where find the rock of all liberties which would be strong enough to withstand governments and powers and states which would absorb them as the monarchies did, then, and as certain dictatorships do now?

For such a foundation the Fathers looked first to England. There the theory was advanced that our liberties and rights are rooted in Parliament. This theory they rejected on the ground that if Parliament gives rights and liberties, then the Parliament can take them away. Next they looked to France, where it was held that the liberties and rights of man are rooted in the will of the majority. The Fathers equally rejected this on the ground that if the rights of man are the gift of the majority, then the majority can take away the rights of the minority. Where find the source of the liberties and the rights of man? On what stable foundation are they to be reared? What is their

source? The answer they gave was the right one. They sought the foundations of man's rights and liberties in something so sacred and so inalienable that no State, no Parliament, no Dictator, no human power could ever take them away, and so they rooted them in God. Hence our Declaration of Independence reads: all men "are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights. . . among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

Note that the word used is "unalienable"; that means that these rights belong to the sacredness of human personality and are not the gift of the State or the Dictator, whether Fascist, Nazi, or Communist. In other words, man's right to own private property, man's right to educate his own family, man's right to adore God according to the dictates of his conscience, come not from the Constitution, the Government, Parliament, or the will of the majority, but from God.

Therefore no power on earth may take them away. This is the essence of Americanism. Now, if the essence of Americanism is the sacredness of human personality as created by God, who is doing most to preserve that Americanism? The schools that never mention His name? The universities and colleges that dissolve the Deity into the latest ultimate of physics or biology? The professors who adjust their ethics to suit unethical lives?

The answer obviously is, that the forces that are building constructive Americanism are those that take practical cognizance of the existence of God. It is the non-religious schools which are out of the tradition of Americanism; they are on the defensive. In the beginning of our national life practically all of our schools and colleges were religious schools. It was assumed by our Constitution and by its spirit that they would be religious.

The reason was obvious. If human dignity and liberty come from God, then it follows that loss of faith in Him means loss of faith in those liberties which derive from Him. If we wish to have the light we must keep the sun; if we wish to keep our forests we must keep our trees; if we wish to keep our perfumes we must keep our flowers – and if we wish to keep our rights, then we must keep our God. It is just as vain to try to keep triangles without keeping three-sided figures, as to try to keep Liberty without the spirit which makes man independent of matter and therefore free...

In other words, we take very seri-

ously the Declaration of Independence which derives the rights of man from God.

In conclusion, true Americanism is the belief in the freedom of man as a divine derivative. For that reason if we wish to keep pure Americanism we must keep our religion. To this is to be added the important fact that dictatorships, such as the Communistic, regard man only as a stomach to be fed by the State, or as a tool to amass wealth for the State. Put men on that level and they need no religion, any more than animals need religion, or a monkey wrench needs liturgy.

But to put them on that level is to de-personalize and mechanize them down to the very core of their being. A democracy needs religion, for it assumes that man has not only a stomach but also a soul which is the seat of his rights; and since that soul must be fed as well as the body, he must have religion.

Democracy has to rely not on force, but on freedom and liberty. But freedom and liberty are inseparable from responsibility, and responsibility is inseparable from conscience, and conscience is inseparable from religion.

It is our solemn duty as Catholics, therefore, to be conscious of our duty to America, and to preserve its freedom by preserving its faith in God. . . .

But as we talk about patriotism, it might be well to remind ourselves that in a crisis like this even devotion to the stars and stripes is not enough to save us. We must look beyond them to other stars and stripes, namely the stars and stripes of Christ, by Whose stars we are illuminated and by whose stripes we are healed!

Note: This column is an excerpt from an address then Father Sheen delivered on The Catholic Hour radio program on February 20, 1938.



Oklee	Sunday	06/27/21	8:00 a.m.	† Dick Bott
Goodridge	Sunday	06/27/21	10:00 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Grygla	Sunday	06/27/21	11:45 a.m.	† Elias Abboud
Oklee	Tuesday	06/29/21	NO MASS	NO MASS
Oklee	Wednesday	06/30/21	6:30 p.m.	† Babies killed by Abortion
Oklee	Thursday	07/01/21	8:00 a.m.	Greg Whalen
Grygla	Friday	07/02/21	11:00 a.m.	† Leroy Irlbeck
Latin Mass	Saturday	07/03/21	4:00 p.m.	† Priests in Purgatory
Oklee	Sunday	07/04/21	8:00 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Grygla	Sunday	07/04/21	10:15 a.m.	† Philip Cwikla
Goodridge	Sunday	07/04/21	12:00 p.m.	† Steve Panek
Grygla	Tuesday	07/06/21	6:30 p.m.	† Brigitta Dobmeier
Goodridge	Wednesday	07/07/21	6:30 p.m.	Fr. Andrew
Oklee	Thursday	07/08/21	8:00 a.m.	† Jim Lussier
Oklee	Friday	07/09/21	8:00 a.m.	† Joan Carpenter
Oklee	Sunday	07/11/21	8:00 a.m.	† Kim Johs
Grygla	Sunday	07/11/21	10:15 a.m.	† Lawrence Kiesow
Goodridge	Sunday	07/11/21	12:00 p.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>

Tithing

St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee

June 20, 2021

Adults Envelopes	\$1350.00
Flowers for Altar	\$30.00
Retired Priests	\$135.00
Endowment Priests	\$7.00
Loose Plate	\$50.00
Total	\$1572.00

St. Ann's in Goodridge

June 20, 2021

Adults Envelopes	\$360.00
Retired Priests	\$120.00
Loose Plate	\$0.00
Total	\$480.00

St. Clement's in Grygla

June 20, 2021

Adults Envelopes	\$330.00
Loose Plate	\$5.00
Endowment Priests	\$50.00
Retired Priests	\$100.00
Total	\$485.00

Blessed Lord
we pray today for our nation...

Give our country peace; let us live in joy
 Give our country wisdom; let us live in faith
 Bless everyone who celebrates today
 A nation with generosity of spirit
 And grace of purpose: Amen.

Parish & Finance Council Meetings Schedule

St Francis Xavier ~ Oklee	Wednesday	June 30	7:00 p.m.
St. Clement ~ Grygla	Tuesday	July 6	7:00 p.m.
St. Ann ~ Goodridge	Wednesday	July 7	7:00 p.m.



St Francis Xavier's Oklee, MN

Sunday, June 27, 2021
Lector: Bob Melby

Sunday, July 4, 2021
Lector: Paul Cyr

Sunday, July 11, 2021
Lector: Jan Dulka

St Ann's Goodridge, MN

Sunday, June 27, 2021
Lector: Carol

Sunday, July 4, 2021
Lector: Eliza

Sunday, July 11, 2021
Lector: Carol

St Clement's Grygla, MN

Sunday, June 27, 2021
Lector: Daniel

Sunday, July 4, 2021
Lector: Dawn

Sunday, July 11, 2021
Lector: Gary

Weekly Reflections

“He asked them, *Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?*” – MARK 4:40

Do you really trust God? Is God your first choice or last resort? Is your faith something you just do on Sunday or do you live the Gospel message every day of the week? Many of us know about God. How many of us have a personal relationship with Him? Start now, open your heart to receive our Lord. Talk and listen to Him throughout the day, in all circumstances.



SOME PEOPLE COME
IN YOUR LIFE AS
BLESSINGS.



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LESSONS.

Mother Teresa

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
†Florence Dunham
†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
†Donnie Knutson
†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
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
Bob Radniecki
Rick Dulka
Greg Whalen
Richard Bourque
Tony Weber
Jason Moe

