

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

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## Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday: Noon

## **St Bridget of Sweden ~ July 23 Feast Day**

July 23, the Church celebrates the feast day of St. Bridget of Sweden. Bridget received visions of Christ's suffering many times throughout her life, and went on to found the order of the Most Holy Savior.

Daughter of Birger Persson, the governor and provincial judge of Uppland, and of Ingeborg Bengtsdotter, Bridget was born in Sweden in 1303. From the time she was a child, she was greatly devoted to the passion of Jesus.

When she was only ten, it is recorded that she had a vision of Jesus on the cross and heard him say, "Look at me, my daughter." "Who has treated you like this?" cried little Bridget.

Jesus answered, "Those who despise me and refuse my love for them." From that moment on, Bridget tried to stop people from offending Jesus.

When she was 14, Bridget married an 18-year old man named Ulf. Like Bridget, Ulf had set his heart on serving God. They had eight children, of whom one was St. Catherine of Sweden. Bridget and Ulf also served the Swedish court, Bridget as the queen's personal maid. Bridget tried to help King Magnus and Queen Blanche lead better lives, however for the most part, they did not listen to her.

All her life, Bridget had marvelous visions and received special messages from God. In obedience to them, she visited many rulers and important people in the Church. She explained humbly what God expected of them.

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### St. Francis Xavier Parish in Oklee

<u>Mass Times</u>	<u>Confessions</u>
Sun: 8:00 a.m.	7:30 a.m.
Mon: 8:00 a.m.	7:45 a.m.
Tues: 8:00 a.m.	7:45 a.m.
Wed: 5:15 p.m.	5:00 p.m.
Thurs: 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>
Sun: 12:00 p.m.	11:45 a.m.

## CLERGY COLUMN

Brothers and sisters,

Happy Lord's Day! Before we get "back to the basics", I thought I would share with you a little bit about my spiritual history as a way to give a bit of context for my life. The whole story could take awhile, so I'll just give the bare bones. By all means, feel free to ask questions whenever you see me.

When I was growing up in Crookston, I rarely attended Sunday Mass. We were a pretty classic example of what I call Holiday Catholics - pretty much just attending Mass on Christmas, Easter, and for special family functions. I attended faith formation classes, but didn't bother to pay attention to them. When I was preparing for Confirmation in 10th/11th grade, everything changed for me: I attended a retreat for a week during the summer and had a big conversion. I went to Confession for the first time since my first Confession, I started going to Mass every Sunday and sometimes even during the week, I started praying daily, and I started spending time with friends who were helpful for my spiritual growth. By no means did I become a saint overnight (I'm still far from that), but I made a conscious decision to follow Jesus and be an active member of his Church.

There was so much that I didn't know, so much that I was never taught. I quickly found out that the Bible is something that can actually come alive, that each Mass is such an incredible moment, that Jesus is real and to believe in him and follow his ways is a reasonable thing to do. Wanting to act with integrity, as my parents taught me as a child, I decided I would act upon the things I learned about our Catholic-Christian Faith. Eventually I started helping lead these types of retreats. After pursuing my dreams of becoming a college football coach for a couple of years, a series of events led me to switch gears and go to seminary. After an initial struggle, some difficult moments of setting aside desires for marriage, some growth in discipline and prayer, growth in my love for Mass, and much more, I was ordained in May 2015. Two of the things I love most about being a priest is teaching and preaching, sharing the Faith to those who have either known it for years or have never really been given a clear explanation of things, or anyone in between. I hope my time here can provide for all of us, myself included, many opportunities to come to know God better and, thus, love him more completely with our hearts, minds, souls, and strength. Be assured of my prayers for you as we strive to grow together.

On an unrelated note, I'll be away for a few days this week - Tuesday after Mass until Saturday night - spending time with some family friends at a lake place (an annual thing where they invite their priest friend and so get daily Mass right there in the cabin) and then a day with my family. I'll look forward to seeing you all on Sunday again.

May the Lord give you his peace!

Fr. Bryan

### *Weekly Reflections*

*"...I am a minister in accordance with God's stewardship given to me to bring to completion for you the word of God." Colossians 1:25*

We are all called to evangelize – to convert individuals and society by the divine power of the Gospel. Our faith is more attractive to others by our actions than by our words alone. We may not be called to evangelize like St. Paul, but we should look for opportunities to share our faith through our actions and words, especially with those closest to us, like our family, friends and neighbors. Pray for the courage to joyfully express your faith the next time the opportunity arises.

Oklee	Sunday	07/17/22 8:00 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Grygla	Sunday	07/17/22 10:15 a.m.	† <b>Lawrence Kiesow</b>
Goodridge	Sunday	07/17/22 12:00 p.m.	† <b>Joseph Cullen</b>

Oklee	Monday	07/18/22 8:00 a.m.	† <b>Harold Cyr</b>
Oklee	Tuesday	07/19/22 8:00 a.m.	† <b>Jim Dulka</b>
Oklee	Wednesday	07/20/22 NO MASS	NO MASS
Oklee	Thursday	07/21/22 NO MASS	NO MASS

Oklee	Sunday	07/24/22 8:00 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Grygla	Sunday	07/24/22 10:15 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Goodridge	Sunday	07/24/22 12:00 p.m.	† <b>Joseph Cullen</b>

### Market Day~Oklee

Saturday, August 13th.

Each parish family is asked to contribute \$15.00 in baked goods or donate \$20.00. Checks may be written to St. Francis Xavier Ladies Guild. The monetary donations may be given to Phyllis Melby, mailed to her at P.O. Box 275, Oklee, or dropped in the offertory labeled "Bake Sale". A list with prices will be at the back of the church. Thank you for your contributions to this fundraiser.



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After her husband died, Bridget put away her rich clothes and lived as a poor nun. Later, in 1346, she began the order of the Most Holy Savior, also known as Bridgettines. She still kept up her own busy life, traveling about doing good everywhere she went. And through all this activity, Jesus continued to reveal many secrets to her, which she received without the least bit of pride.

Shortly before she died, the saint went on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. At the shrines there, she had visions of what Jesus had said and done in each place.

All St. Bridget's revelations on the sufferings of Jesus were published after her death.

St. Bridget died in Rome on July 23, 1373. She was proclaimed a saint by Pope Boniface IX in 1391.

*"True wisdom, then, consists in works, not in great talents, which the world admires; for the wise in the world's estimation . . . are the foolish who set at naught the will of God, and know not how to control their passions." --Saint Bridget of Sweden.*

*From: Catholic News Agency*

## TITHING

### St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee



July 10, 2022

Adult Envelopes	\$114400
Endowment Priests	\$5.00
Flowers Altar	\$5.00
<b>Peter's Pence</b>	\$123.00
Loose Plate	\$25.00
Total	\$1302.00

### St. Ann's in Goodridge



July 10, 2022

Adult Envelopes	\$37500
Loose Plate	\$00
Total	\$375.00

### St. Clement's in Grygla



July 3, 2022

Adult Envelopes	\$710.00
Retired Priests	\$20.00
Loose Plate	\$40.00
Total	\$ 770.00

July 10, 2022

Adult Envelopes	\$310.00
OND	\$12.00
Loose Plate	\$50.00
<b>Peter's Pence</b>	\$25.00
Total	\$ 397.00



### St Francis Xavier's

Oklee, MN

Sunday, July 17, 2022  
Sacristan: Margaret Buer  
Lector:: Jacob Melby  
Counters: Anne & Dolores

Sunday, July 24, 2022  
Sacristan: Phyllis Melby  
Lector:: Bob Melby  
Counters: Lora & Margaret

Sunday, July 31, 2022  
Sacristan: Rick Dulka  
Lector:: Paul Cyr  
Counters: Jo L & Deb

Sunday, August 7, 2022  
Sacristan: Phyllis Melby  
Lector:: Bob Melby  
Counters: Mary Anne & Jan



### St Ann's

Goodridge, MN

Sunday, July 17, 2022 (NOON)  
Lector:: Eliza

Sunday, July 24, 2022 (NOON)  
Lector:: Carol

Sunday, July 31, 2022  
Lector:: Eliza

Sunday, August 7, 2022  
Lector:: Paula

Sunday, August 14, 2022  
Lector:: Eliza



### St Clement's

Grygla, MN

Sunday, July 17, 2022 (10:15 a.m.)  
Lector:: Gary

Sunday, July 24, 2022 (10:15 a.m.)  
Lector:: Jim C.

Sunday, July 31, 2022  
Lector:: Laurie

Sunday, August 7, 2022  
Lector:: Dawn

Sunday, August 14, 2022  
Lector:: Gary



#### Recently Deceased Loved Ones

†Jim Dulka  
†Avis Frazer  
†Lauretta Stacy  
†Tom Toulouse  
†Marlyn Dessellier  
†Gerald Cote  
†Phyllis Martell  
†Theresa "Bergeron" Lucken  
†Jerome Hruby  
†Irene Kiesow  
†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  
†Joseph Cullen  
†Laura Nadeau

#### 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



Pray for our parishioners who have been away from the sacraments.

Pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon all of us.

#### Employment Ad

The Diocese of Crookston has two positions available for its new Pastoral and Retreat Center. The following positions are available:

**Maintenance Person:** This person will perform maintenance work in the Pastoral and Retreat Center. The person who is hired for this position must have or be willing to get a Special or Second Class C boiler license, as well as the ability to operate light machinery. This position is a full-time position and includes a full benefit package with health and dental insurance, pension, and paid time off.

**Food Service Worker:** This person will be serving prepared meals to the Sisters of Mount Saint Benedict who are living at the Center as well as to people who are involved in weekend retreats. The employee will work an 8 hour shift 3-4 days per week, including alternating weekends.

Additional information on these positions can be found at [www.crookston.org/employment](http://www.crookston.org/employment).

Applications should include a resume and cover letter. Applications or inquiries for more information should be e-mailed to Chad Ryan at [cryan@crookston.org](mailto:cryan@crookston.org) or mailed to Diocese of Crookston, PO Box 610, Crookston MN 56716.