

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

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Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday: Noon

Clergy Column

Here is a funny story I discovered on a famous priest’s web-site. I have brazenly stolen it from him for your amusement.

Police Detained A Parrot For Warning Its Owner About A Drug Raid. A parrot was detained by police in Brazil after the feathered fiend warned its drug-dealing owners that police were approaching. The parrot started yelling as the police approached its home Monday afternoon, The Guardian reported. The bird shouted “Mama, police!” authorities said. “He must have been trained for this,” one officer who was part of the raid told Brazilian media outlets. “As soon as the police got close he started shouting. Since being detained, the bird, whose name has not been released according to The Guardian, **has kept its beak shut.** One Brazilian journalist described the animal as a “super obedient” bird. **“So far it hasn’t made a sound ... completely silent,”** said the reporter, who appears to have attempted to interview the winged whistleblower. A veterinarian in the area, Alexandre Clark, told one Brazilian media outlet that ““Lots of police officers have come by and **he’s said nothing,**” referring to the parrot. Brazilian media outlet Meio Norte (Media North) posted footage of the bird refusing to answer questions. In the video, the bird sits atop police documents in what looks like an interview room, ignoring questions.

As suggested by the priest from whose website I found this, the story of the parrot is a great cautionary tale about how to avoid sin. How many sins would we avoid if we simply kept our mouths shut?

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	05/05/19	8:00 a.m.	†Andrew Weber
Goodridge	Sunday	05/05/19	10:00 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Grygla	Sunday	05/05/19	11:45 a.m.	†Janet Pearson
Oklee	Tuesday	05/07/19	NO MASS	
Oklee	Wednesday	05/08/19	NO MASS	
Oklee	Thursday	05/09/19	8:00 a.m.	†Lois Jahnke
Oklee	Friday	05/10/19	8:00 a.m.	†Therese Maxon
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>

Tithing

St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee April 28, 2019

Adults Envelopes	\$2273.00
Loose Plate	\$190.00
Endowment Train Priests	\$135.00
Catholic Home Missions	<u>\$190.00</u>
Total	\$2788.00

St. Ann's in Goodridge April 28, 2019

Adult Envelopes	\$450.00
Loose Plate	\$ 74.31
Catholic Home Missions	<u>\$125.00</u>
Total	\$649.31

St. Clement's in Grygla April 28, 2019

Adult Envelopes	\$381.00
Loose Plate	\$84.00
Catholic Home Missions	<u>\$ 107.00</u>
Total	\$572.00



St. Ann's Ministry

Sunday, May 5, 2019

Commentator : Gerri
Lector: : Eliza
EMHC : Darwin & Eliza
Usher:: Russell & Stanley
Counter: Marie & Audrey

Sunday, May 12, 2019

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

St. Clement's Ministry

Sunday, May 5, 2019

Commentary: Angie
Lector:: Daniel
EMHC: Bruce & Gary
Usher: Jason D & Bryan D

Sunday, May 12, 2019

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

St. Francis' Ministry

Sunday, May 5, 2019

Sacristan: Rick Dulka
Lector: Carol Bachand
EMHC: Bob & Emily Bernier
Usher: Mitch Bernstein & John Melby
Greeter: Ken & Shirley Boucher
Counter: Pat Asselin & Jo Lambert

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

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.

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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