

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

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Lenten Opportunities

Tuesdays: Mass, Adoration, and Confessions
 Mass: 6:00 p.m.; Adoration & Confessions 6:30-7:30 p.m.

March 21: St. Clement's

March 30: St. Ann's

April 4: St. Francis Xavier



PRAYER



FASTING



ALMSGIVING

Almsgiving: *Whoever possesses the goods of this world, and sees his brother to be in need, and yet closes his heart to him: in what way does the love of God abide in him? (1 John 3:17)* Giving alms might be difficult if we're on a tight budget but if we think about it most of us are much better off than much of the world's population. This is a hard fact to consider. Jesus said we must give to the poor. "...Amen I say to you, as long as you did it to one of these least of brethren, you did it to me." And though the Church has much to say about prayer and has clear guidelines on fasting the Church mostly leaves almsgiving up to the individual. For this reason, it's important for us to spend a little more time thinking about the 3rd Pillar of Lent, almsgiving. No one can escape the poverty that surrounds us.

Muslims are required to give alms as a kind of tax. "*The Arabic word for this pillar (almsgiving) is 'Zakah' better translated as purification and growth. Muslims are encouraged to do charitable acts every day of their lives and as much as possible.*" (*Voices of Faith – Muhammad Malik*) All Muslims, poor or rich are obliged to do charitable works and to be aware of the needs of others. There's no stigma to being poor in Islam. The poor are holy and close to God because they're poor. By their very existence, the poor enable others the chance for Zakah, which helps all Muslims move toward purification and growth.

Christians and Muslims are in union in the belief of the importance of almsgiving. We are encouraged to do charitable acts every day and to pay attention to the needs of others.

As Christians, we are to see Jesus in everyone. Many of us donate money or time to programs that help the poor but some of us say we can't give money to help the poor because we have family members that need regular financial help. I was surprised to learn that giving financial help to family members is considering almsgiving. Helping a family member in need is a good thing to do.

"For almsgiving delivers from death and keeps you from going into Darkness. Indeed, almsgiving, for all who practice it, is an excellent offering in the presence of the Most High," (Tobit 4:10-11)

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:	8:00 p.m.	7:45 a.m.
Thurs:	8:00 a.m.	7:45 a.m.

St. Clement Parish in Grygla

	<u>Mass Times</u>	<u>Confessions</u>
Sun:	11:45a.m.	11:30 a.m.

St. Ann Parish in Goodridge

	<u>Mass Times</u>	<u>Confessions</u>
Sun:	10:00 a.m.	9:45 a.m.

CLERGY COLUMN

4th Sunday of Lent: Sin and Its Consequences

oggcatholic.org/homilies-audio.html

Focus: The Consequences of The Fall: The Bad News

1. Quick Review:

- a. Kerygma → Proclamation:
 - i. The Goodness of Creation
 - ii. Sin and its Consequences
 - iii. God's Response to Sin
 - iv. Our Response to God
- b. Series so far: The Goodness of Creation

2. This week: The Fall; The Consequences of Sin (aka The Bad News)

- a. The Fall
 - i. Revelation 12:9 → Satan; the Devil; the *deceiver* of the whole world
 - ii. Genesis 3:1 → the most *subtle* of all creatures
 - iii. Genesis 2:15-17 → the *shamar* given to the man by the "LORD God" (YHWH)
 - iv. Genesis 3:1-3 → the first accusation of "God" (Elohim)
 - v. Genesis 3:4-5 → "If God *really* loved you..."
 - 1. His strategy: *God is suspicious. He is not good and he doesn't care about you.*
 - a. *You don't need him. You can find happiness without him.*
 - vi. Genesis 3:6 → The Fall: *I don't need God to tell me what is good and what is evil.*
- b. Relationships are broken (Gen. 3:6-8)
 - i. Man and God: They hid from him.
 - ii. Man and woman: They experienced shame for the first time.
 - iii. Man and creation: Chaos enters. Fear of creation enters.
 - iv. Man w/ self: We develop diseases of various kinds. ... We die. (Rom. 6:23)
- c. Something far worse: Spiritual Slavery
 - i. Romans 3:9 - "All men are under the power of sin."
 - ii. CCC 407: *By our first parents' sin, the devil has acquired a certain domination over man..*
 - iii. Romans 7:15, 19 - "I do not understand my own actions, for I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ... For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do."
 - iv. All people die. Nobody beats death. We are utterly helpless against it.
 - v. *Death is so great, so aggressive, so pervasive, and so militant a power that the only fitting way to speak of Death is similar to the way one speaks of God. Death is the living power and presence in this world which feigns to be God. (William Stringfellow)*
 - vi. *The controlling metaphor here is slavery and freedom. ...either one lives in service to sin and remains in spiritual bondage, or lives in obedience to God and enjoys liberation from Sin's captivity. It is a stark either/or: no fence-sitting, no third option. (Scott Hahn)*
- d. An image for your reflection.

Reflection Questions and Homework

1. What do you think about this?
2. Can you notice the strategy of Satan in your life: accusations, flattery, divisions, temptations, discouragement, etc?
3. **Read:** Genesis 21-22; Exodus 12; Luke 1; Luke 3; Matthew 26:26-30; John 19:31-37

Oklee	Sunday	03/19/23	8:00 a.m.	For the People
Goodridge	Sunday	03/19/23	10:00 a.m.	†Vernon Rogalla
Grygla	Sunday	03/19/23	11:45 a.m.	Rick McDougall
Oklee	Monday	03/20/23	8:00 a.m.	†Mary Peterson
Grygla	Tuesday	03/21/23	6:00 p.m.	John Larson
Oklee	Wednesday	03/22/23	8:00 a.m.	Randall Chisholm
Oklee	Thursday	03/23/23	8:00 a.m.	†Ray Buckner
Oklee	Sunday	03/26/23	8:00 a.m.	For the People
Goodridge	Sunday	03/26/23	10:00 a.m.	Sharon Jones
Grygla	Sunday	03/26/23	11:45 a.m.	†Conrad Peitruszewski



ROLLS & COFFEE—FELLOWSHIP
AFTER MASS at ST. FRANCIS - March 19
Free will offering to support
Local Food Shelf @ I.C.C.C.

If you would like to help serve there will be a signup sheet in the entry .

Life Care Center

The Life Care Center is in need of items for new moms. There is a Pack-n-Play in the entry of the Church for donations of Diapers, wipes, nursing pads, baby bath wash, lotion, and anything a new mom can use. Gas cards and cash are always welcome too. Thank you for your generosity.

TITHING

St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee March 12, 2023

Adult Envelopes	\$118.00
Loose Plate	\$20.00
Total	\$ 138.00

St. Ann's in Goodridge March 12, 2023

Adult Envelopes	\$0.00
Easter Flowers	\$0.00
Loose Plate	\$0.00
Total	\$0.00
	NA

St. Clement's in Grygla March 12, 2023

Adult Envelopes	\$0.00
Easter Flowers	\$0.00
Loose Plate	\$0.00
Total	\$ 0.00
	NA



FISH FRY EVERY FRIDAY OF LENT (EXCEPT GOOD FRIDAY) AT

ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH, GOODRIDGE, MN

WHEN: March 24, 31 ~ TIME: 4:00 TO 7:00 p.m.

COST: One-fillet meal at \$15.00. Two-fillet meal at \$ 20.00.

MENU: Pan-Fried Walleye, Parsley Potato,

Green Beans, Coleslaw, Homemade Roll, and Assorted Desserts

(For Take Out orders, please call 218-378-4529 starting at 4:00 p.m.)

Memorials for Easter Flowers

Which Parish? ☐ Oklee ☐ Grygla ☐ Goodridge

Offered by? _____ Please return with your offering via the collection basket.

In loving memory of? (suggested offering \$5.00 per name)

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St Francis Xavier's

Oklee, MN

Sunday, March 26, 2023
Sacristan: Rick
Lector:: Paul C
Counters: Anne & Dolores

Sunday, April 2, 2023
Sacristan: Emily
Lector:: Jacob
Counters: Lora & Margaret

Sunday, April 9, 2023
Sacristan: Margaret
Lector:: Mary Lynn
Counters: Jo & Deb

Sunday, April 16, 2023
Sacristan: Rick
Lector:: Jan
Counters: Mary Anne & Jan



St Ann's

Goodridge, MN

Sunday, March 26, 2023
Lector:: Paula
Counters: Deb & Maggie

Sunday, April 2, 2023
Lector:: Eliza
Counters: Audrey & Marie

Sunday, April 9, 2023
Lector:: Carol
Counters: Deb & Maggie

Sunday, April 16, 2023
Lector:: Carol
Counters: Deb & Maggie



St Clement's

Grygla, MN

Sunday, March 26, 2023
Lector:: Jim C.

Sunday, April 2, 2023
Lector:: Laurie

Sunday, April 9, 2023
Lector:: Gary

Sunday, April 16, 2023
Lector:: Dawn



Recently Deceased Loved Ones

†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
†Lucy Christianson
†Vernon Rogalla
†Donovan Stoneouse
†Adelore Plante
†Richard Perreault
†Cecelia Christianson
†Corlan Magnell Kleinschmidt
†Judy Zavoral
†Dean Lambert
†Richard Bronken
†Jerome Carriere
†Gary Paquin

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
Doris Dessellier
Danielle Swanson
Mark Stromberg
Sylvia Remick Morey
Penny Kalar
Jo Lambert
Tony Radniecki
Bob Radniecki
Darren Tougas
Elaine Radniecki



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

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

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.

Say Hello!



SAFE ENVIRONMENT

NOTE: 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, your first call should be to law enforcement. Red Lake County Sheriff at 218-253-2996, Pennington County Sheriff at 218-681-6161, Marshall County Sheriff at 218-745-5411. In addition, the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator is available at 218-281-7895 (24-hour confidential number).