

5th SUNDAY OF LENT

March 17, 2024

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

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Confessions: 15 minutes before Mass
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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).

FISH FRY

EVERY FRIDAY OF LENT
 (EXCEPT GOOD FRIDAY)

AT
ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH
 GOODRIDGE, MN

WHEN: February 16, 23, March 1, 8, 15, 22

TIME: 4:00 TO 7:00 p.m.

MENU: Pan-Fried Walleye, Baked Potato,
 Green Beans, Coleslaw, Roll,
 Assorted desserts, Milk and Coffee.

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

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!

(For TAKE OUT ORDERS, please call 218-378-4529 starting at 4:00 p.m.)



Oklee	Sunday	03/17/24	8:00 a.m.	For the People
Goodridge	Sunday	03/17/24	10:00 a.m.	Abbie Mercil
Grygla	Sunday	03/17/24	11:45 a.m.	Jack Miller
Oklee	Monday	03/18/24	6:00 p.m.	Al Schumacher
Goodridge	Tuesday	03/19/24	5:30 p.m.	Bishop Strickland
Oklee	Wednesday	03/20/24	8:00 a.m.	†Vi Bergh
Oklee	Thursday	03/21/24	8:00 a.m.	Mildred Scambler
Oklee	Sunday	03/24/24	8:00 a.m.	For the People
Goodridge	Sunday	03/24/24	10:00 a.m.	Kennedi Mercil
Grygla	Sunday	03/24/24	11:45 a.m.	Marge Altstadt
Oklee	Monday	03/25/24	8:00 a.m.	Melvin Scambler
Oklee	Tuesday	03/26/24	8:00 a.m.	Bonnie Paquin
Oklee	Wednesday	03/27/24	8:00 a.m.	†Larry O'Neill
Goodridge	Thursday	03/28/24	7:00 p.m.	Hendrickx Family

CLERGY COLUMN

Brothers and sisters,

As I type this, I'm not yet sure what I'm going to preach about on this 5th Sunday of Lent, but I am especially drawn toward the Second Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews. Two parts, in particular, are striking to me. First, "he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, *and he was heard because of his reverence.*" The divinely inspired author found it necessary to speak of Jesus' reverence as being the reason that the Father heard him. This, to me, seems worth pondering.

We know from the Gospels that one of the things Jesus critiqued quite strongly was the merely external practices on the part of the scribes and Pharisees - they were following the laws of the Torah, but their hearts weren't in it. Two points about this: first, Jesus was not critiquing them for their fidelity to the law; second, we shouldn't assume that it's ok to be unfaithful to the law for the sake of having our hearts in it. Both points ultimately boil down to the same thing: Jesus wants us to both follow the laws and do so with love for God in our hearts. It's not one or the other, but instead both together. This is going to be helpful for us as we consider what it means to be reverent. Reverence ultimately has its roots in respect of another, another who either is superior or/and who has authority. It is a characteristic that will begin in my mind and heart - an interior recognition that Jesus is greater than I am - but will then move to my behavior - yielding to him, attentive to his needs and commands.

We can see Jesus' reverence toward the Father fairly clearly in the Agony in the Garden. Jesus prays, asking the Father to let "this cup" pass him by: he acknowledges that the Father has authority to direct the next sequence of events. Yet he finishes by saying, "*not my will, but your will be done.*" He ultimately yields to the authority of the Father. He expresses what he desires, but ultimately commits to the will of the Father. Notice how this might be different from our own tendencies in prayer, when we demand that God fix "this problem, or else." Many times our faith and trust in God depends on whether or not he is going to yield to our wishes and desires, rather than making our requests known in a spirit of reverential trust that he will provide what is truly best for us. We can move forward in fidelity to the laws of God even when they aren't what we prefer, because we recognize that He has the ultimate authority and his will is the best thing for us and for the world.

The second thing that catches my attention in the Second Reading is the phrase, "*being made perfect.*" Isn't Jesus always perfect? There is something mysterious about this phrase from Scripture. Briefly, there is a connection between the Greek word used here and the Greek translation of the Hebrew Old Testament: the way a man was "made perfect" was through his ordination/consecration as a priest in the worship in the Tabernacle/Temple. So, this passage from Hebrews is not suggesting that Jesus was ever imperfect in the sense of not being God, but instead the author is pointing to the crucifixion as being the moment of Jesus' self-offering as the Eternal High Priest. His perfection is revealed in his self-offering - incredible!

May the Lord give you his peace!

Fr. Bryan

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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PREPARE YOUR MIND AND HEART. ASK FOR THE PRESENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.



DON'T USE "FANCY" WORDS. BE SINCERE AND SPONTANEOUS.



LOOK FOR A SUITABLE PLACE TO PRAY. E.G. ADORATION.



CONCENTRATION REQUIRES DISCIPLINE: TRAIN YOURSELF TO CONCENTRATE.

8 KEYS TO PRAYER



THE QUALITY OF YOUR PRAYER IS IMPORTANT, EVEN IF IT'S SHORT.



PRAY FREQUENTLY SO YOU GAIN THE HABIT OF RECOLLECTION.



SEEK FOR SILENCE, BOTH INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR.



DISTRACTIONS ARE INEVITABLE. IGNORE THEM.

Source: Aleteia.com • 10 claves para una oración profunda y eficaz
<http://es.aleteia.org/2016/10/04/10-claves-para-una-oracion-profunda-y-eficaz/>



CatholicLink

St Francis Xavier's

Sunday, March 17, 2024
 Sacristan: Emily
 Lector:: Brady
 Counters: Deb & Jo

Sunday, March 24, 2024
 Sacristan: Brady
 Lector:: Gerri
 Counters: MaryAnne & Gerri

Sunday, March 31, 2024
 Sacristan: Margaret
 Lector:: Paul Cyr
 Counters: Anne & Delores

St Ann's

Sunday, March 17, 2024
 Lector:: Carol
 Counters: Marie & Audrey

Sunday, March 24, 2024
 Lector:: Paula
 Counters: Deb & Maggie

Saturday, March 30, 2024
 Lector::
 Counters: Audrey & Marie

St Clement's

Sunday, March 17, 2024
 Lector:: Gary

Sunday, March 24, 2024
 Lector:: Robbie

Sunday, March 31, 2024
 Lector:: Dawn

Sunday, April 7, 2024
 Lector:: Jim C

Sunday, April 14, 2024
 Lector:: Laurie

We've got a few plans for Lent in our parishes, some of which are already well underway. Here are some updates:

- House blessings and visits with Fr. Bryan. Even if your house has already been blessed, you can still sign up to have him over. Distance doesn't need to be a concern. You can also invite some friends to join if you'd like to have more people.
- Monday, March 18th: Evening Mass in Oklee at 6:00 p.m., followed by an hour of Adoration and Confessions offered. (no morning Mass)
- Wednesday, March 20th: Evening event in Thief River Falls, beginning with Mass at 5:15, followed by a meal, followed by a prayer event, *Exalt. Fr. Bryan is preaching. All are welcome. (We still have morning Mass in Oklee.)*
- Monday, March 25th: Chrism Mass in Crookston at 6:30 p.m. at the Cathedral. All are welcome. (no morning Mass)
- Thursday, March 28th: Holy Thursday Mass in Goodridge at 7:00 p.m.
- Friday, March 29th: Good Friday service in Goodridge at 3:00 p.m. All are encouraged to take the day off from work for a religious holiday. This is a day of fasting and penance.
- Saturday, March 30th: Easter Vigil Mass in Goodridge at 8:00 p.m.
- Sunday, March 31st: Easter Sunday Mass in Oklee at 8:30 a.m. and in Grygla at 10:30 a.m.
- Sunday, March 31st: Fr. Bryan takes a nap after Masses. ☐

Well, that turned into quite a list! May the Lord grant that this Lent will be a time of great conversion for all of us!

Recently Deceased Loved Ones

†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 Klein-schmidt
 †Judy Zavoral
 †Dean Lambert
 †Richard Bronken
 †Jerome Carriere
 †Gary Paquin
 †Gayle Radniecki Grossman
 †Delores Longtin
 †Lorraine Cote
 †Lorraine LaCoursiere
 †Tony Weber
 †Matt Genova
 †Elaine Radniecki
 †Richard Rolfson
 †Gary LaCoursiere

Pray For Those Who Are Sick

Delton Sebenaler
 Donnie Tougas
 Kenneth LaCoursiere
 Shirley Dessellier
 Michael Bachand
 Annette LaCoursiere
 Debra Olson
 Ambrose Beaudoin
 Steve Sebenaler
 Don LaCoursiere
 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
 Richard Bourque

Rick Dulka
 Jude Syvertson
 Mary Radniecki
 Dave Zavoral
 Bernadette Lambert-Daymunde
 Josie Rodriguez
 Jake Martell
 Roy Rystad
 Dave Longtin, Shorty
 Bonnie Cote
 Joyce Tougas
 Brad Gunderson
 Brian Peterson
 Jim Carriere
 Antoinette Holtusen
 Roger Lambert
 Theresa Mutnansky
 Carolyn Pittman
 Shirley Cyr
 Cliff Melby
 Jack Miller
 Mike Dessellier
 Julie Paquin
 Adam Cwikla
 Tyler Larson (deployed)
 Theresa Sorenson
 Bonnie Paquin

TITHING

St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee

March 10 2024

Adult Envelopes	\$975.00
Endowment for Priests	\$10.00
Flowers for Altar	\$10.00
Easter Flowers	\$0
Catholic Relief	\$217.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$39.00</u>
Total	\$1251.00

St. Ann's in Goodridge

March 10, 2024

Adult Envelopes	\$566.00
Catholic Relief	\$100.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$54.35</u>
Total	\$711.35

St. Clement's in Grygla

March 10, 2024

Adult Envelopes	\$390.00
Easter flowers	\$30.00
Catholic Relief	\$115.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$59.00</u>
Total	\$594.00

