

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

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**Wednesday:** Noon

C l e r g y C o l u m n

Dear Parishioners,

After all of our Masses today, I am departing for a pilgrimage to Germany, Austria, and Switzerland. It is an Alpine pilgrimage, and it will be my first time in the Alps. I am going with a pilgrimage group led by Fr. Bob Schreiner, and the main goal of this pilgrimage is to be immersed in Beauty. In Catholic theology there are three transcendentals: Truth, Goodness, and Beauty. These concepts are called transcendentals because they cut across space and time to speak directly into the human soul about God. When God reveals the truth to us, if we have been given the gift of faith, we can immediately recognize it as the truth and be convicted of the truth. When we see the good, we know it is good. When we see beauty, we know it is beauty. These concepts transcend human experience and make us closer to God, because God is truth itself; God is goodness itself; and God is beauty itself. When we recognize these things, we see God. This pilgrimage is largely focused on seeing God in the beauty of a snow covered mountaintop, in an Alpine valley, or in the deep, shadowy mysteriousness of the Black Forest. In addition to seeing beauty, we will visit many monasteries, chapels, and convents, chief among them the Shrine of Our Lady of Altötting. We will see Pope Benedict XVI's home town, and, since it is so close to Oktoberfest, we will definitely enjoy some delicious Bavarian beer

**While I am away, I have asked Fr. JohnMelkies Suvakeen to be on call for me to take care of any funerals or pastoral emergencies (God forbid). He can be reached at his rectory at St. Mary's Parish in Fosston. His number is (218) 435-6484. Msgr. Michael Patnode will be here next weekend to offer the Sunday Masses, and I expect to return home on Friday September 28<sup>th</sup>.**

**Weekly Schedule**

**St. Francis Xavier Parish in Oklee**

	<u>Mass Times</u>	<u>Confessions</u>
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.
Fri:	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 noon	11:45 p.m.



## THE MIRACULOUS IMAGE OF RHO

One year before his death, St. Charles Borromeo [d. 1584] heard a strange story that began in the town of Rho, just outside of Milan, Italy. The Saint was the Cardinal Archbishop of Milan and he was responsible for investigating reported miracles, one of which, this one mentioned, turned out to be true: The miracle involved a portrait of the Sorrowful Mother depicted in a seated position, with the Crucified Body of Our Lord reclining on her lap [like many "Pieta" images]. This particular portrait was already thought of as miraculous when St. Charles visited and prayed before it in the year 1570, some years earlier. Now, he assigned a group to investigate, and this is what they ascertained as fact:

Two farmers had stopped in the church at Rho on April 24, 1583 to pray before the ancient image known as Our Lady of Sorrows. They had often stopped in and were very familiar with the image. On this day they were stunned to see that the eyes of the Madonna were swollen as though the image had been crying. Thinking that they had made a mistake, they went closer to the portrait. At that moment tears of blood began pouring from her eyes. They were overwhelmed and much anguished that our Lady was so sorrowful, but they went to tell others to come and see the miracle. Someone suspected that the blood might be peeling paint, so a handkerchief was used to catch the tears of blood. Later it was obvious that the stain was made by blood and not paint.

It is not known how long the tears of blood lasted, but soon the little church was crowded with excited parishioners who were witnesses to the event and the news spread to Milan and surrounding villages, and to the Archbishop, St. Charles. He placed Carlo Bascape in charge of the episcopal investigation. A notary took depositions from 40 witnesses; the results were sent to the Holy See. The miracle of Our Lady of Sorrows was declared authentic and St. Charles promised his parishioners that he would build a basilica to honor Our Lady as Our Lady of Sorrows or the Griever as the local people called her. He died after the cornerstone had been laid.

Today the basilica is decorated with splendid carvings and priceless paintings. There are several large chapels, one of which is dedicated to St. Charles Borromeo. The custodians of this magnificent church are the Oblate Missionaries of Rho, known as the Missionaries of the Griever. Their founder was the Rev. Giorgio Martinelli [1655-1727], who was declared Venerable by Pope Paul VI. In the sacristy of the basilica is a tabernacle-like safe in which is kept a large silver reliquary in which is visible behind a crystal oval, the linen handkerchief stained with the bloody tears of the Madonna. The miraculous portrait ---- we do not have a good photo, which we someday hope to have ---- has the place of honor in the basilica. The yearly anniversary on April 24 is celebrated with impressive ceremonies, while the Feast Day of the Sorrowful Mother, which is September 15, is commemorated more solemnly. Her Feast of September 15 is one day after the Feast of the Triumph of the Cross. The first known outpouring of honoring Mary as a Sorrowful Mother go back at least as early two or more centuries before St. Charles Borromeo and the devotion has its roots in Scripture. Both the Dominican and Franciscan Orders were instrumentally in spreading this devotion, along with the Servites.

### ABOUT THE IMAGE OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

As we said, she is portrayed mostly as a Pieta with the dead Christ in her lap, to resemble the original painting in the basilica at Rho. However, she is also popularly depicted with a crown of thorns in her hands, or with her Immaculate Heart pierced with thorns, or beneath the Cross in grief and most often of all, like the image on this page, which is a popular rendition of the famous one by Carlo Dolci. All are accepted by God and her as appropriate to Christ's wish for devotion to His Sorrowful Mother to be known and practiced. Various mystics and Saints have indicated as much.

We are devoted to all the images of our Lady of Sorrows and have chosen what we think is a fair representation of the range of images possible for display. We tried not to have too much duplication from last year and chose less color and more sepia in some of the sections. The devotion to Our Sorrowful Lady is growing in modern times, almost unprecedented, but of course it is very precededent because it is in accord with the Will of God. Our Mother is very much grieving, as Our Lady of Fatima, as Our Lady of LaSalette, as Our Lady of Akita, and so forth. Could it be any different in this time of worldwide apostasy and open rebellion against the rights of God and the respect and honor due His holy Mother?

## Mass Intentions

Oklee	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>09/16/18</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>†Judith Laniel Ophus</b>
Grygla	Sunday	09/16/18	10:15 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
<b>Goodridge</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>09/16/18</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>†Mary Peterson</b>
Oklee	Tuesday	09/18/18		NO MASS
Oklee	Wednesday	09/19/18		NO MASS
Oklee	Thursday	09/20/18		NO MASS
Oklee	Friday	09/21/18		NO MASS
Oklee	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>09/23/18</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>†Fillmore Agnes</b>
Grygla	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>09/23/18</b>	<b>10:15 a.m.</b>	<b>†Frances Walls</b>
<b>Goodridge</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>09/23/18</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>†Mary Peterson</b>
Oklee	Tuesday	09/25/18		NO MASS
Oklee	Wednesday	09/26/18		NO MASS
Oklee	Thursday	09/27/18		NO MASS
Oklee	Friday	09/28/18		NO MASS
<b>Oklee</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>09/30/18</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>†Bette Nelson</b>
Grygla	Sunday	09/30/18	10:15 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
<b>Goodridge</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>09/30/18</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>†Bill Vaughn</b>

### St. Clement's Ladies Guild Meeting:

There will be a St. Clement's Ladies Guild meeting after Mass on Sunday, September 23, 2018 to discuss the annual Hunters' Supper and Raffle tickets will be available.

## Tithing

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### St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee

Adult Envelopes	\$1161.00
Loose Plate	\$75.00
Latin America Church	\$ 218.00
Flowers	<u>\$13.00</u>
Total	\$1467.00

### St. Ann's in Goodridge

Adults	\$491.00
Loose Plate	\$68.01
Latin American Church	\$17.00
<b>Men's Club</b>	\$300.00
Ladies Aid	<u>\$300.00</u>
Total	\$1176.01

### St. Clement's in Grygla

Adult Envelopes	\$485.00
Loose Plate	\$38.00
Latin America Church	<u>\$95.00</u>
Total	\$618.00

### POPE FRANCIS MONTHLY INTENTIONS SEPTEMBER 2018

#### YOUNG PEOPLE IN AFRICA

That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

It is not the sanctuary that is in danger; it is civilization. It is not infallibility that may go down; it is personal rights. It is not the Eucharist that may pass away; it is freedom of conscience. It is not divine justice that may evaporate; it is the courts of human justice. It is not that God may be driven from His throne; it is that men may lose the meaning of home; For peace on earth will come only to those who give glory to God! It is not the Church that is in danger, it is the world!" Archbishop Fulton Sheen (Seven Pillars of Peace)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PRIEST**

**FOR THEY ARE UNDER ATTACK!**

### St. Ann's Ministry

Sunday September 16, 2018

Commentary Gerri  
Lector: Cindi  
EMHC: Tony & Marie  
Usher: Darwin & Marlin  
Counter: Marie & Audrey

Sunday September 23, 2018

Commentary: Karyl  
Lector: Carol  
EMHC: Deb & Marie  
Usher: Darwin & Stanley  
Counter: Maggie & Deb

Sunday September 30, 2018

Commentator: Gerri  
Lector: Eliza  
EMHC: Eliza & Marie  
Usher: Joe & Darwin  
Counter: Louann & Maggie

### St. Clement's Ministry

Sunday, September 16, 2018

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

Sunday September 23,, 2018

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

Sunday September 30, 2018

Commentator: Gerri  
Lector: Eliza  
EMHC: Eliza & Marie  
Usher: Joe & Darwin

Life is like a cash register, in that every account, every thought, every deed, like every sale, is registered and recorded. Fulton J. Sheen

St. Francis Xavier, Oklee  
Lay Contacts

*Body*                      *Year of Term—Term Ends (Term #)*

Pastoral Council & Finance Council

Don LaCoursiere	3/3—June 2018 (2nd)	P
Phyllis Melby	3/3—June 2018 (1st)	P
Mitch Bernstein	3/3—June 2018 (1st)	F
Margaret Buer	2/3—June 2019 (1st)	P
Rick Dulka	2/3—June 2019 (1st)	P
Janet Halvorson	2/3—June 2019 (1st)	F
Virginia Weber	1/3—June 2020 (3rd)	P
David Bachand	1/3—June 2020 (2nd)	P
Jacob Melby	1/3—June 2020 (2nd)	F

Parish Trustees

Vacant	1/2—Sept. 2019(2nd)
Shirley Cyr	1/2—Sept. 2019(2nd)

St. Clement, Grygla  
Lay Contacts

*Body*                      *Year of Term—Term Ends (Term #)*

Joint Pastoral & Finance Council

Jim Carriere	3/3—June 2018 (1st)
Gary Polansky	3/3—June 2018 (2nd)
Bill Zavoral	2/3—June 2019 (1st)
Angie Kiesow	2/3—June 2019 (1st)
Jean Schulz	1/3—June 2020 (1st)
Bill Neuschwander	1/3—June 2020 (1st)

Parish Trustees

Jody Miller	2/2—Sept. 2018 (2nd)
Jack Miller	2/2—Sept. 2018 (2nd)

St. Ann, Goodridge  
Lay Contacts

*Body*                      *Year of Term—Term Ends (Term #)*

Joint Pastoral & Finance Council

Audrey Rogalla	3/3—June 2018 (1st)
Cindi Kotrba	3/3—June 2018 (1st)
Marlin Kotrba	2/3—June 2019 (1st)
Karyl Mayernik	2/3—June 2019 (1st)
Darwin Eidelbes	1/3—June 2020 (2nd)
Gerri Rustan	1/3—June 2020 (1st)

Parish Trustees

Patty Skibicki	2/2—Sept. 2018 (1st)
Vernon Rogalla	2/2—Sept. 2018 (1st)

Recently  
Deceased Loved  
Ones

† Mary Peterson  
 † Joe Frog  
 † Donna Horachek  
 † Joey Johnson  
 † Allen Paquin  
 † Kathleen Amiot  
 † Chris Tougas  
 † Larry O'Neill  
 † Yvonne Boucher  
 † Bonnie Buchmeier  
 † Janet Pearson

Pray For Those  
Who Are Sick

Delton Sebenaler  
 Donnie Tougas  
 LaVonne Radniecki  
 Kenneth LaCoursiere  
 Anne Hammer  
 Shirley Dessellier  
 Karyl Mayernik  
 Irene Kiesow  
 Michael Bachand  
 Audrey Rogalla  
 Annette LaCoursiere  
 Bob Carriere  
 Debra Olson  
 Floyd Neuschwander  
 Ann Peterson  
 Mark Stromberg  
 Frankie Cyr  
 Jack Miller

Oklee Ministry List

Sunday September 16, 2018

Sacristan: Mary Lynn Bachand  
 Lector: David Bachand  
 EMHC: David Bachand & Janet Halvorson  
 Usher: Don LaCoursiere & Frank Buer  
 Greeter: Karen Fossum & Sue Carriere  
 Counter: Anne Hammer & Dolores Grimm

Sunday, September 23, 2018

Sacristan: Rick Dulka  
 Lector: Bob Melby  
 EMHC: Mitch & Krista Bernstein  
 Usher: Mitch Bernstein & John Melby  
 Greeter: Don & Annette LaCoursiere  
 Counter: Pat Asselin & Jo Lambert

Sunday, September 30, 2018

Sacristan: Phyllis Melby  
 Lector: Carol Bachand  
 EMHC: Bonnie Cote & Audrey Bachand  
 Usher: Jake Martell & Doug Cote  
 Greeter: Ken & Shirley Boucher  
 Counter: Lora Johnson & Margaret Buer

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.