

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

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The Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord became widespread in the West in the 11th century and was introduced into the Roman calendar in 1457 to commemorate the victory over Islam in Belgrade. Before that, the Transfiguration of the Lord was celebrated in the Syrian, Byzantine, and Coptic rites. The Transfiguration foretells the glory of the Lord as God, and His Ascension into heaven. It anticipates the glory of heaven, where we shall see God face to face. Through grace, we already share in the divine promise of eternal life.

In 2023, the Feast of the Transfiguration falls on a Sunday. According to the Order of Precedence in the General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar, Feasts of Our Lord take precedence over the Sundays of Ordinary Time, so feasts such as the Transfiguration, Exaltation of the Cross (September 14) and the Presentation of the Lord (February 2) are celebrated when they fall on Sunday.

From the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #554:

From the day Peter confessed that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, the Master "began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things. . . and be killed, and on the third day be raised." Peter scorns this prediction, nor do the others understand it any better than he. In this context the mysterious episode of Jesus' Transfiguration takes place on a high mountain, before three witnesses chosen by himself: Peter, James and John. Jesus' face and clothes become dazzling with light, and Moses and Elijah appear, speaking "of his departure, which he was to accomplish at Jerusalem". A cloud covers him and a voice from heaven says: "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"

Our divine Redeemer, being in Galilee about a year before His sacred Passion, took with him St. Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, Sts. James and John, and led them to a retired mountain.

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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).

Oklee	Sunday	08/06/23	8:00 a.m.	†Matthew Genova
Grygla	Sunday	08/06/23	10:15 a.m.	For the People
Goodridge	Sunday	08/06/23	12:00 p.m.	†Vernon Rogalla
Oklee	Monday	08/07/23	8:00 a.m.	Michael Hilleren
Goodridge	Tuesday	08/08/23	5:30 p.m.	†Vernon Rogalla
Oklee	Wednesday	08/09/23	8:00 a.m.	Anna Hilleren
Oklee	Thursday	08/10/23	8:00 a.m.	†Tony Weber
Oklee	Sunday	08/13/23	8:00 a.m.	For the People
Grygla	Sunday	08/13/23	10:15 a.m.	†Lawrence Kiesow
Goodridge	Sunday	08/13/23	12:00 p.m.	†Vernon Rogalla

CLERGY COLUMN

Brothers and sisters,

I mentioned in July that I would use this column on the first Sunday of each month to talk about the devotion for each month that the Church has prescribed. Last month was the Precious Blood of Christ, a very lovely devotion. This month we turn to Mary as we honor the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This will be something of a theme throughout the year - five months have devotions related to Mary, including August, September, and October. There also seems to be a little bit of confusion about the month of August: a couple of websites I checked listed the Blessed Sacrament as the devotion for this month. Most places listed the Immaculate Heart, so I'll write about that.

I'm guessing the reason for the Marian devotion in August is due to a couple of Marian feast days this month. The first one is a big one: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on August 15th, which is a Holy Day of Obligation for us. This is a great Solemnity which is meant to provide us with hopeful expectation: Mary is taken into Heaven, body and soul, showing us our final destination and leading the way. One week later is the Memorial of the Queenship of Mary on August 22nd, which reminds us of the important role of the Queen Mother in the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus is our King and Mary is the Queen Mother, having a particular influence over him that we don't share.

These two feast days show us that Mary's heart is so pure that it needs no purification after death, that her will is always lined up with the will of God. Her heart is immaculate, preserved from all stain of sin. We'll talk more about this when we discuss the Immaculate Conception in December, but this is a heart of holiness that is worthy of our honor. We don't worship Mary, as some Protestants accuse us of doing, but we do show her the highest honor we can show to someone who is merely human.

How can we honor the Immaculate Heart of Mary? Above all, we can ask her to pray for us. Beyond that, we can do our best to imitate her best qualities by striving to avoid sin and reflecting on the Word of God. It could be good to spend some extra time at some point this month reading and meditating on the first couple of chapters from both the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, which speak most about the Infancy of Jesus and Mary's role in it. Slowly read through the stories and try to imagine what it must have been like to be Mary and to find out her role in the salvation of the world. Imagine what it would have been like for her to hold her newborn child in her arms, knowing that her child is the Savior of the world. These kinds of meditations can lead to some very lovely moments in prayer. I'll write more about the rosary in October, but praying the rosary is a great way to spend time with Mary and reflect with her on the life of her Son Jesus.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us!
May the Lord give you his peace!
Fr. Bryan



St. Francis Xavier Bake Sale: Our parish will be hosting a bake sale on Oklee Market Day, Saturday, August 12th. 9:00 am—noon. The bake sale will be held near the pickleball courts on the South end of town. Please watch for a letter that will provide details about the bake sale. A sign up sheet to work at the bake sale will be posted in the entryway at the church.



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Tradition assures us that this was Mount Thabor, which is exceedingly high and beautiful, and was anciently covered with green trees and shrubs, and was very fruitful. It rises something like a sugar-loaf, in a vast plain in the middle of Galilee. This was the place in which the Man-God appeared in His glory.

Whilst Jesus prayed, he suffered that glory which was always due to his sacred humility, and of which, for our sake, He deprived it, to diffuse a ray over His whole body. His face was altered and shone as the sun, and his garments became white as snow. Moses and Elias were seen by the three apostles in his company on this occasion, and were heard discoursing with him of the death which he was to suffer in Jerusalem.

The three apostles were wonderfully delighted with this glorious vision, and St. Peter cried out to Christ, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. Let us make three tents: one for thee, one for Moses, and one for Elias" Whilst St. Peter was speaking, there came, on a sudden, a bright shining cloud from heaven, an emblem of the presence of God's majesty, and from out of this cloud was heard a voice which said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him" The apostles that were present, upon hearing this voice, were seized with a sudden fear, and fell upon the ground; but Jesus, going to them, touched them, and bade them to rise. They immediately did so, and saw no one but Jesus standing in his ordinary state.

This vision happened in the night. As they went down the mountain early the next morning, Jesus bade them not to tell any one what they had seen till he should be risen from the dead.

—Excerpted from *Butler's Lives of the Saints*, Benziger Bros. ed. [1894]

In the Transfiguration Christ enjoyed for a short while that glorified state which was to be permanently His after His Resurrection on Easter Sunday. The splendor of His inward Divinity and of the Beatific Vision of His soul overflowed on His body, and permeated His garments so that Christ stood before Peter, James, and John in a snow-white brightness. The purpose of the Transfiguration was to encourage and strengthen the Apostles who were depressed by their Master's prediction of His own Passion and Death. The Apostles were made to understand that His redeeming work has two phases: The Cross, and glory—that we shall be glorified with Him only if we first suffer with Him.

—Rt. Rev. Msgr. Rudolph G. Bandas

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church Prayer Blankets You Matter. We care. You are not alone.

There are prayer blankets in the back of the church for those whom are sick, suffering or dying. Please sign the book to whom it is given to so we know who the prayers are for.



Thank you!!

TITHING

St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee

July 30, 2023

Adult Envelopes	\$1209.00
Loose Plate	\$74.00
Total	\$ 1283.00

St. Ann's in Goodridge

July 30, 2023

Adult Envelopes	\$.00
Loose Plate	\$.00
Total	\$ NA.00

St. Clement's in Grygla

July 30, 2023

Adult Envelopes	\$509.00
Loose Plate	\$178.00
Total	\$ 687.00



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!

St Francis Xavier's

Oklee, MN

Sunday, August 6, 2023
Sacristan: Phyllis
Lector:: Bob
Counters: MaryAnn & Jan

Sunday, August 13, 2023
Sacristan: Emily
Lector:: Jacob
Counters: Anne & Dolores

Sunday, August 20, 2023
Sacristan: Mary Lynn
Lector:: Brady G.
Counters: Margaret & Linda W.

Sunday, August 27, 2023
Sacristan: Phyllis
Lector:: Jan
Counters: Deb & Jo



St Ann's

Goodridge, MN

Sunday, August 6, 2023
Lector:: Paula
Counters: Audrey & Marie

Sunday, August 13, 2023
Lector:: Carol
Counters: Deb & Maggie

Sunday, August 20, 2023
Lector:: Paula
Counters: Marie & Audrey

Sunday, August 27, 2023
Lector:: Carol
Counters: Deb & Maggie



St Clement's

Grygla, MN

Sunday, August 6, 2023
Lector:: Dawn

Sunday, August 13, 2023
Lector:: Jim C

Sunday, August 20, 2023
Lector:: Laurie

Sunday, August 27, 2023
Lector:: Gary



Recently Deceased Loved Ones

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

Pray For Those Who Are Sick

Delton Sebenaler	Bernadette Lambert-
Donnie Tougas	Daymunde
Kenneth LaCoursiere	Josie Rodriguez
Shirley Dessellier	Jake Martell
Michael Bachand	Roy Rystad
Annette LaCoursiere	Dave Longtin, Shorty
Debra Olson	Bonnie Cote
Ambrose Beaudoin	Joyce Tougas
Steve Sebenaler	Brad Gunderson
Don LaCoursiere	Brian Peterson
Cindy Deterrman	Jim Carriere
Marie Adams	Antoinette Holtusen
Grace Rundell	Roger Lambert
MaryAnn Lambert	Theresa Mutnansky
Bailey Herried Drotts	Carolyn Pittman
George Pittman	Shirley Cyr
Bambi Lambert	Cliff Melby
Doris Dessellier	Jack Miller
Danielle Swanson	
Mark Stromberg	
Sylvia Remick Morey	
Penny Kalar	
Jo Lambert	
Tony Radniecki	
Bob Radniecki	
Darren Tougas	
Elaine Radniecki	
Rick Dulka	
Richard Bourque	
Jude Syvertson	
Mary Radniecki	
Dave Zavoral	



THANK YOU!

We had 75 people attend. This is about 25 more than last year and we had more first-timers from the Oklee Community this year as well. Thank you for donating and coming to our annual block party/picnic making it a great success. Jo

*St. Michael, the Archangel,
defend us in battle.
Be our safeguard against
the wickedness and snares
of the devil.
May God rebuke him,
we humbly pray;
and do you,
O Prince of the heavenly host,
by the power of God
cast into hell Satan
and all the evil spirits
who wander through the world
seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.*