

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

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**Tuesday & Wednesday** 8:30 a.m. — 3:30 p.m.  
**Thursday** 8:30 a.m. — 11:30p.m.

**Bulletin Deadline**

**Tuesday:** Noon

Clergy Column

“Every valley shall be exalted and every hill made low.” These words were set to music by the famous composer George Frideric Handel, in his most famous musical work: *Messiah*, which premiered in Dublin in 1741. These words are a paraphrase of the words of Elijah, the great prophet of Advent, that we heard in today’s gospel, which were quoted to us by Saint John the Baptist.

One might ask what these words are supposed to mean. They are about the coming of the Lord. When he comes, the earth shall be in tumult. Everything hidden at the bottom of a valley or at the top of the mountain will be made known. The world will be perfected; the crooked roads made straight, and the uneven roads shall be leveled. All of this is to make a path, straight as an arrow, for the coming of the Lord into the world. These words refer to more than just a physical highway for God to get to us. Most importantly they refer to the pathways of the human heart. They refer to repentance. We have to straighten out the twisted ways of our hearts, minds, and emotions so that the Lord can reach us. The leveling and straightening of these paths refers to our repentance. God will not dwell in the soul of someone who is unrepentant. We must choose to stop sinning before God will dwell in us.

I recommend that everyone find Handel’s *Messiah* online and listen to Part I during the course of Advent. It is one of only a few famous operatic works available in English, and it is glorious and beautiful! Listen to it for inspiration to turn away from sin and repent, and listen to it to increase your joy and excitement for Christmas.

**Weekly Schedule**

**St. Francis Xavier Parish in Oklee**

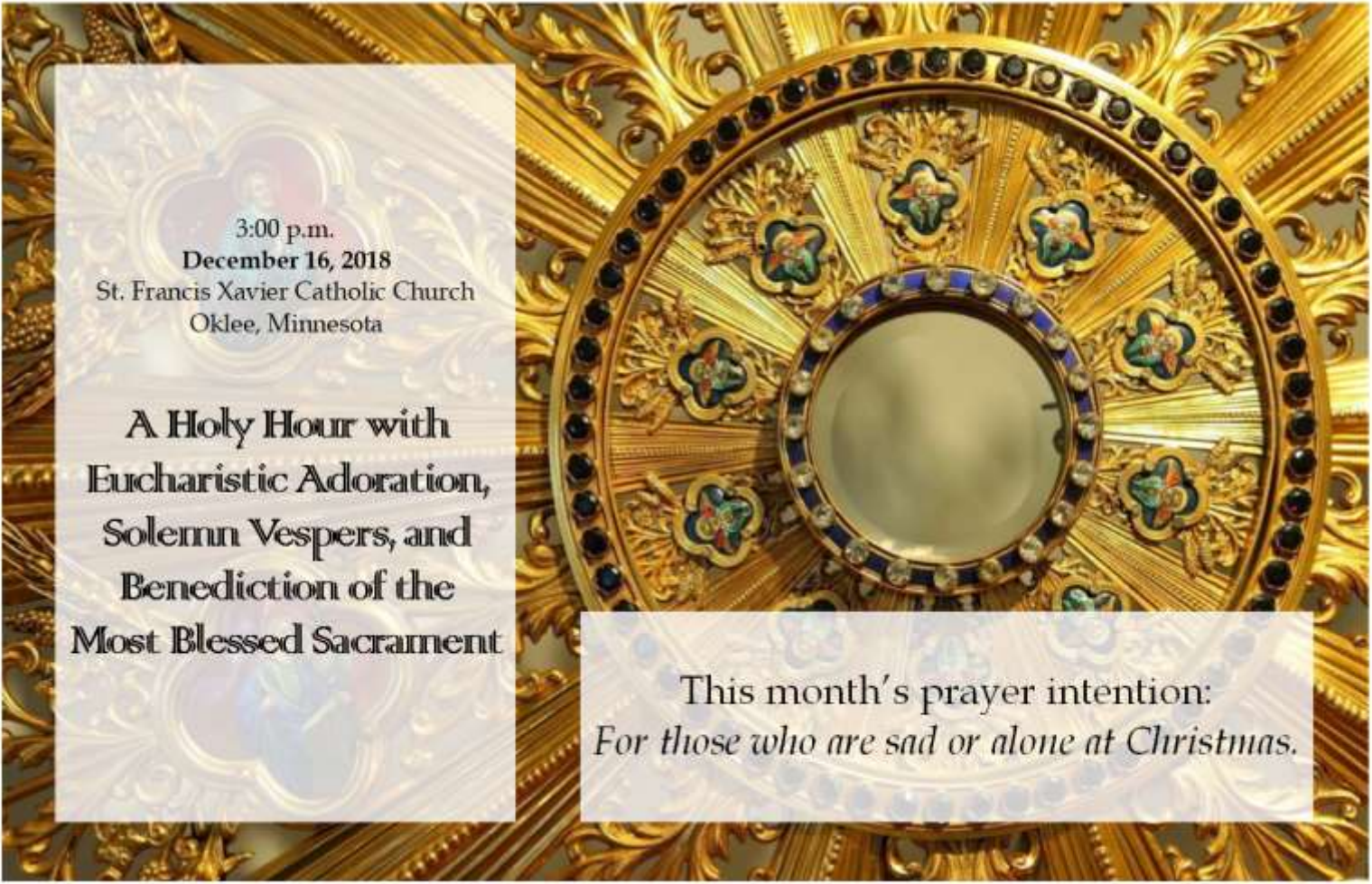
	<u>Mass Times</u>	<u>Confessions</u>
Sun:	8:00 a.m.	7:30 a.m.
Tues:	8:00 a.m.	7:45 a.m.
Wed:	8:00 a.m.	7:45 a.m.
Thurs:	8:00 a.m.	7:45 a.m.
Fri:	8:00 a.m.	7:45 a.m.

**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.



3:00 p.m.  
 December 16, 2018  
 St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church  
 Oklee, Minnesota

**A Holy Hour with  
 Eucharistic Adoration,  
 Solemn Vespers, and  
 Benediction of the  
 Most Blessed Sacrament**

This month's prayer intention:  
*For those who are sad or alone at Christmas.*

## Memorials for Christmas Flowers

Which Parish?

**Oklee**

**Grygla**

**Goodridge**

Offered by? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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## Mass Intentions

Oklee	Sunday	12/09/18	8:00 a.m.	† Ralph Laniel
Grygla	Sunday	12/09/18	10:15 a.m.	† <b>Eugene Polansky</b>
Goodridge	Sunday	12/09/18	12:00 p.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Oklee	Tuesday	12/11/18	8:00 a.m.	Bill Townsend
Oklee	Wednesday	12/12/18	8:00 a.m.	† Cal Harmoning
Pioneer	Wednesday	12/12/18	10:00 a.m.	† Margaret Braxel
Goodridge	Thursday	12/13/18	8:00 a.m.	† Pearl Laniel
Grygla	Friday	12/14/18	8:00 p.m.	† Pearl Laniel
Oklee	Sunday	12/16/18	8:00 a.m.	† <b>Bill Sevigny Sr.</b>
Grygla	Sunday	12/16/18	10:15 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Goodridge	Sunday	12/16/18	12:00 p.m.	† <b>Eunice Hammess</b>

### *CHRISTMAS EVE and CHRISTMASS DAY MASSES*

Goodridge	Monday	12/24/18	5:00 p.m.	Alyssa Partlow
Oklee	Monday	12/24/18	9:00 p.m.	† <b>Joey Johnson</b>
<b>Oklee</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>12/25/18</b>	<b>Midnight</b>	† <b>Jim Walski</b>
Grygla	Tuesday	12/25/18	9:00 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>

## Tithing

### St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee

December 2, 2018

Adults	\$1659.00
<b>St Mary's Mission</b>	\$ 200.00
Christmas Flowers	\$35.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$ 24.00</u>
Total	\$1044.00

### St. Ann's in Goodridge

Novemeber 25, 2018

Adult Envelopes	\$390.00
Loose Plate	\$45.00
<b>Men's Club</b>	\$300.00
<b>St Mary's Mission</b>	<u>\$157.00</u>
	\$892.00

December 2, 2018

Adult Envelopes	\$347.00
Loose Plate	\$30.00
Ladies Aid	<u>\$300.00</u>
	\$677.00

### St. Clement's in Grygla

December 2, 2018

Adult Envelopes	\$685.00
Christmas Flowers	\$185.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$141.00</u>
Total	\$1011.00

### St. Ann's Ministry

Sunday, December 9, 2018

Commentator::	Geri
Lector::	Eliza
EMHC:	Eliza & Deb
Usher::	Darwin & Russell
Counters	Deb & Maggie

Sunday December 16, 2018

Commentator :	Carol
Lector :	Carol
EMHC :	Tony & Marie
Usher::	Russell & Stanley
Counter;	Audrey & Marie

Sunday December 23, 2018

Commentator :	Carol
Lector :	Eliza
EMHC	Marie & Eliza
Usher::	Joe & Darwin
Counter;	Louann & Marie

### St. Clement's Ministry

Sunday, December 9, 2018

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

Sunday December 16, 2018

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

Sunday December 23, 2018

Commentary:	
Lector::	
EMHC:	
Usher:	

**Bulletin Deadline : Dead line for announcements to get into the bulletin each week is 12:00 p.m. (noon), on Tuesdays.**

### Oklee Ministry List

Sunday, December 9, 2018

Sacristan:	Mary Lynn Bachand
Lector;	David Bachand
EMHC:	Bonnie Cote & Anne Hammer
Usher:	Don LaCoursiere & Frank Buer
Greeter:	Ken & Shirley Boucher
Counter:	Anne Hammer & Delores Grimm

Sunday, December 16, 2018

Sacristan:	Rick Dulka
Lector:	Mary Lynn Bachand
EMHC:	David Bachand & Phyllis Melby
Ushers:	Mitch Bernstein & John Melby
Greeters:	Don & Annette LaCoursiere
Counters:	Pat Asselin & Jo Lambert

Sunday, December 23, 2018

Sacristan:	Phyllis Melby
Lector:	Carol Bachand
EMHC:	Audrey Bachand & Bonnie Cote
Ushers:	Jake Martell & Doug Cote
Greeters:	Mary Ann L & Anne Hammer
Counters:	Lora Johnson & Margaret Buer

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

Joyce Paquin	2/2—Sept. 2019(2nd)
Shirley Cyr	2/2—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	1/2—Sept. 2020 (3rd)
Jack Miller	1/2—Sept. 2020 (3rd)

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	1/2—Sept. 2020 (2nd)
Anthony Carin	1/2—Sept. 2020 (1st)

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

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  
 Debra Olson  
 Floyd Neuschwander  
 Ann Peterson  
 Mark Stromberg  
 Frankie Cyr  
 Jack Miller  
 Hunter Vathauer

**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” and a smile goes a long way.

**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

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.