

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



We warmly welcome Msgr. Michael Patnode to celebrate the Masses this Sunday. Msgr. Patnode, the nephew of Fr. Keogh Patnode, retired from active ministry in September. Most recently, he was the pastor of St. Francis De Sales parish in Moorhead, along with St. John’s parish in Georgetown. Upon his retirement he returned to his hometown of Bemidji, and now he generously makes himself available for substitution. Thank you!

“Let us see your face, and we shall be saved.” This line forms part of the response for the psalm of today’s Mass. We are awaiting the birth of the Christ Child. When we see him, we shall see God. The face we are looking for is the face of Jesus. This is the only face God has, because in Jesus Christ, God has been made flesh.

Please take note of the Mass Schedule for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the particular title of the Blessed Virgin Mary, under which she watches over our diocese and our nation as our principal patroness. This is a Holy Day of Obligation, so please find a way to honor Our Lord and Lady with your participation at Mass.

Thursday, December 7th	Oklee	6:00 p.m.
Friday, December 8th	Goodridge	5:30 p.m.
Friday, December 8th	Grygla	7:00 p.m.

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:	11:45 a.m.	11:30 a.m.

St. Ann Parish in Goodridge

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

Memorials for Christmas Flowers

Which Parish? Oklee

Grygla

Goodridge

Offered by? _____

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



Please return with your offering via the collection basket.

100th Anniversary
of Moving
St. Francis Xavier
Church

1917 — 2017

Saturday, December 9th

4:00 Mass and Program

5:30 Dinner



First Sunday of Advent

On the first Sunday of Advent, the first purple candle is lit. This candle is typically called the "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets, primarily [Isaiah](#), who foretold the [birth of Christ](#). Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call

him Immanuel. (Isaiah 7:14, [NIV](#))

This first candle represents hope or expectation in anticipation of the coming Messiah.

Pope's monthly Intentions December 2017

The Elderly

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

"Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time will come." - MARK 13:33

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. Our lives are so busy, many of us are planning our time - our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to what God is saying to you.

Mass Intentions

Oklee	Sunday	12-03-17	8:00 a.m.	Tom Bracken
Goodridge	Sunday	12-03-17	10:00 a.m.	Malerba Family
Grygla	Sunday	12-03-17	11:45 a.m.	†Janet Pearson
Oklee	Tuesday	12-05-17	8:00 a.m.	† Pearl Laniel
Oklee	Wednesday	12-06-17	8:00 a.m.	† Ralph Laniel
Oklee	Thursday	12-07-17	6:00 p.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Goodridge	Friday	12-08-17	5:30 p.m.	† DeWein Lappegard
Grygla	Friday	12-08-17	7:00 p.m.	† Shirley Verbout
Oklee	Saturday	12-09-17	4:00 p.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Goodridge	Sunday	12-10-17	10:00 a.m.	†Norman Adams
Grygla	Sunday	12-10-17	11:45 a.m.	†Jackie Dobmeirer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 9th -10th Fund for Retired Religious (2nd Sunday in December)

December 10th Holy Hours St. Francis Xavier Church Oklee - 3:00 p.m.



St. Francis Xavier Ladies Guild

will meet on **Wednesday, December 6th at 5:30 pm** at the church to discuss our annual giving and other business. Please pass the word, and plan to attend. This will be a one hour meeting!

Community Blood Drive—Grygla



God's love has produced many miracles, large and small. One of these is the life-sustaining power of blood. We have the ability to share this miracle of life; pass it along to others. The opportunity to share your healthy blood with those less fortunate will be on Wednesday, December 6th @ the Community Center 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in Grygla. Ralph 294-6177, Mildred 459-3436, Sheldon 294-6176, Nadine 459-3315.

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The doctrine of the immaculate conception (Mary being conceived free from original sin) is not to be confused with the [virginal conception](#) of her son Jesus. This misunderstanding of the term *immaculate conception* is frequently met in the mass media. Catholics believe that Mary was not the product of a virginal conception herself but was the daughter of a human father and mother,^[7] traditionally known by the names of [Saint Joachim](#) and [Saint Anne](#). In 1677, the [Holy See](#) condemned the belief that Mary was virginally conceived, which had been a belief surfacing occasionally since the 4th century.^[8] The Church celebrates the [Feast of the Immaculate Conception](#) (when Mary was conceived free from original sin) on 8 December, exactly nine months before celebrating the [Nativity of Mary](#). The feast of the [Annunciation](#) (which commemorates the virginal conception and the [Incarnation](#) of Jesus) is celebrated on 25 March, nine months before [Christmas Day](#).^{[9][10]} Another misunderstanding is that, by her immaculate conception, Mary did not need a saviour. When defining the dogma in *Ineffabilis Deus*, [Pope Pius IX](#) explicitly affirmed that Mary was redeemed in a manner more sublime. He stated that Mary, rather than being cleansed after sin, was completely prevented from contracting Original Sin in view of the foreseen merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race. In [Luke 1:47](#), Mary proclaims: "My spirit has rejoiced in God my Saviour." This is referred to as Mary's pre-redemption by Christ. Since the [Second Council of Orange](#) against [semi-pelagianism](#), the Catholic Church has taught that even had man never sinned in the [Garden of Eden](#) and was sinless, he would still require God's grace to remain sinless.^{[11][12]}

Tithing

November 26, 2017

St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee

Adults	\$1288.00
Loose Plate	\$78.00
St. Mary's Mission	\$309.00
Centennial	\$10.00
CCHD	<u>\$30.00</u>
Total:	\$1715.00

St. Ann's in Goodridge

Adults	\$446.00
Loose Plate	\$10.00
Ladies Aid	\$300.00
CCHD	<u>\$25.00</u>
Total:	\$781.00

St. Clement's in Grygla

Adults	\$700.00
Loose Plate	\$54.00
St. Mary's Mission	\$256.62
Christmas Flowers	<u>\$20.00</u>
Total:	\$1030.62

ST. ANN'S MINISTRY

Saturday December 10, 2017

Commentator:	Gerri
Lector:	Eliza
EMHC:	Darwin & Eliza
Ushers:	Russ & Stanley
Counter:	Marie & Audrey

ST. CLEMENT'S MINISTRY

Saturday December 10, 2017

Commentator:	Angie
Lector:	Coleen
EMHC:	Kaylani & Chris
Usher:	Jason D. & Bryan D.

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

3:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 10
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:
*St. Mary's School on Red Lake Reservation***

Recently Deceased Loved Ones

- † Janet Pearson
- † Imelda Carin
- † Richard Radniecki
- † Carol Haugen
- † Tom Karakash
- † Steven McPherson
- † Mary Ann Lessard
- † Norman Adams

Pray For Those Who Are Sick

- Susan Sunberg
- Bob Carriere
- Carter Torgerson
- Debra Olson
- Floyd Neuschwander
- Dorothy Plante
- Alice Bluemke
- Ann Peterson
- Tom Radniecki
- Del Determan
- Joey Johnson
- Cindy Stoneouse

Oklee Ministry List

Sunday December 03, 2017

Sacristan: Margaret Buer
Lector: Shirley Cyr
EMHC: Don LaCoursiere & Carolyn Rystad
Usher: Ken & Shirley Boucher
Greeter: Karen Fossum & Sue Carriere
Counter: Shirley Cyr & Jan Dulka

Sunday December 10, 2017

Sacristan: Mary Lynn Bachand
Lector: David Bachand
EMHC: Bonnie Cote & Anne Hammer
Usher: Donald LaCoursiere & Al Paquin
Greeter: Ken & Shirley Boucher
Counter: Anne Hammer & Dolores Grimm

Sunday December 17, 2017

Sacristan: Rick Dulka
Lector: Mary Lynn Bachand
EMHC: David Bachand & Phyllis Melby
Usher: Mitch Bernstein & John Melby
Greeter: Don & Annette LaCoursiere
Counter: Pat Asselin & Jo Lambert

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.
- 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.