

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

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

Congratulations to Trenten Boucher and Deborah Fitzl who were united in Marriage yesterday! The couple was married in the bride's hometown of Manley, Iowa, and they will reside in rural Oklee.

The Feast of Corpus Christi (The Body of Christ) is the paramount day of the year when we show our love and affection for Our Lord's Sacred Body and Blood which we receive in the Holy Eucharist. In my homily, I mention the joy and sweetness of being united with the Lord, but in this bulletin article, I want to make a point of addressing the matter of receiving Holy Communion worthily.

We must be in a state of grace, and not a state of mortal sin, when we receive Holy Communion. Devout reception of Holy Communion will forgive and heal any venial (lesser) sins we have committed, but it cannot repair a relationship with God that has been utterly broken by mortal sin. In fact, receiving Holy Communion in a state of mortal sin digs you in deeper into this unholy state and piles on yet another mortal sin on your soul. This is not joking matter. If you have committed grave and mortal sins, it is necessary to have them Sacramentally forgiven in the confessional before you receive Holy Communion, lest you eat and drink your own condemnation, as the Sacred Scriptures put it.

Another point of clarification...I am aware that many people in the past have given up going to Confession, or simply refuse to confess their sins. Whether you have come to this unfortunate state by the bad advice of some confused or unfaithful priest, or whether you (continued on page 2)

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.

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have made this decision entirely on your own, I am here to tell you that you cannot remain a Catholic with this attitude, and you certainly cannot continue to receive Holy Communion. One of the precepts of the Church is that everyone make a well-prepared confession at least once per year, but certainly more often if you commit mortal sin more often. This is the Church's standard advice for good and holy living. When we refuse to follow this advice, when we fail to comply with this Precept of the Church, we are (by that very fact) committing a mortal sin. How many people in our congregations are in mortal sin simply for the reason that it has been years since they have gone to confession? How many people in our congregations receive Holy Communion unworthily every Sunday? Now it's true that you have to know a thing is a sin in order for it to be a mortal sin, and some of you may have forgotten about this precept of the Church commanding you to go to confession once a year, so you might get a pass this year on it being a mortal sin, but now you have been reminded, and you know what is expected of you, and in the future you must realize that failing to make at least an annual confession is a mortal sin itself, even if you have otherwise lived a perfectly sinless life.

I am not trying to chase anyone away. I invite everyone to stay. First of all, I invite you to make a good confession, but if you are not yet ready and prepared to do that, then I invite you to keep coming to Mass, to stay close to our Lord, but simply refrain from receiving Holy Communion until you have been forgiven of your sins in the confessional. Yes, all are truly welcome to the house of the Lord. Atheists, pagans, half-believers, doubtful believers, struggling believers, repentant sinners, and faithful believers...all of these people are welcome to come into our church and join us in worship to be close to and *feel* close to the Lord, but to be united with him by receiving his Body and Blood, we must also be faithful believers, and by its very definition, a faithful believer is someone who wants to be forgiven of his or her sins as soon as possible, in the way that Our Lord Jesus Christ Himself has established. The Lord is patient and merciful. He will wait for you until you are ready, and he will forgive you, but until then, do not load your soul down with further sin by brazenly deciding to receive Holy Communion whether or not you are in a state of grace. If this is you, continue to come to Mass and stay close to the Lord, but most of all pray that you will be relieved of your fear and anxiety (and sometimes even pride), so that you may be forgiven of all your sins and be reunited with our Eucharistic Lord.

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI



The feast of Corpus Christi is a Christian observance celebrating the Eucharist — also known as Holy Communion. The feast, the date for which changes often, is celebrated mainly by Roman Catholics and it falls on the first Thursday in most countries or first Sunday in the U.S. after Trinity Sunday — 60 days after Easter.

The name "Corpus Christi" is of Latin origin meaning the body of Christ. The day commemorates the Last Supper before Jesus Christ was believed to have been crucified.

Feast of Corpus Christi is a [public holiday](#) in countries such as Austria, Bolivia, Brazil, Croatia, Dominican Republic, Poland, Portugal, and Trinidad and Tobago. However, the day is not an official holiday in countries like Australia, Canada, the United Kingdom and the U.S.

The day is celebrated with processions led by high-ranking clergy. A mile-long carpet is made out of flower petals, on which the procession is carried on. In villages, streets and doorways are decorated with flowers and leaves. While, in recent years, the practice is no longer common, some communities still follow the tradition.

Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. June 8th, the Solemnity of the **Sacred Heart** of Jesus, is a moveable **feast**, which means that it depends on the date of Easter Sunday. It is celebrated 19 days after Pentecost Sunday, which falls on the 50th day of Easter.

The Immaculate Heart of Mary, June 9th, is a devotional name used to refer to the interior life of the Blessed Virgin Mary, her joys and sorrows, her virtues and hidden perfections, and, above all, her virginal love for God the Father, her maternal love for her son Jesus, and her compassionate love for all people. The Immaculate Heart of Mary is a devotional name used to refer to the interior life of the Blessed Virgin Mary, her joys and sorrows, her virtues and hidden perfections, and, above all, her virginal love for God the Father, her maternal love for her son Jesus, and her compassionate love for all people.

Mass Intentions

Oklee	Sunday	06/03/18	8:00 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Goodridge	Sunday	06/03/18	10:00 a.m.	†Wesley Skibicki
Grygla	Sunday	06/03/18	11:45 a.m.	†Lawrence Kiesow
Oklee	Tuesday	06/05/18	8:00 a.m.	†Larry O'Neill
Oklee	Wednesday	06/06/18	8:00 a.m.	†Aurel Parenteau
Oklee	Thursday	06/07/18	8:00 a.m.	†Cal Harmoning
Oklee	Friday	06/08/18	8:00 a.m.	†Gayla Miller
Oklee	Sunday	06/10/18	8:00 a.m.	†Lawrence Kiesow
Goodridge	Sunday	06/10/18	10:00 a.m.	Audrey Rogalla
Grygla	Sunday	06/10/18	11:45 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>

Tithing

May 27 2018

St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee

Adult Envelopes	\$1166.00
Loose Plate	\$101.00
Catholic Communication	\$10.00
Priest Endowment	<u>\$10.00</u>
Total	\$1287.00

St. Ann's in Goodridge

Adult Envelopes	\$1042.00
Loose Plate	\$ 51.00
Men's Club	\$300.00
Priest Endowment	\$35.00
Catholic Communication	<u>\$143.00</u>
Total	\$1571.00

St. Clement's in Grygla

Adult Envelopes	\$450.31
Loose Plate	\$95.00
Cemetery	<u>\$1283.00</u>
Total	\$1828.31



Parish Council Meetings

Grygla	Tues., June 12	7:30 p.m.
Goodridge	Thurs. June 14	7:30 p.m.
Oklee	Wed. June 20	7:30 p.m.



St. Francis Xavier Cemetery Donations 2018

Pat Larson in memory of Milo Larson
 The family of Yvonne Lessard Boucher
 Family and friends of Al Paquin
 Barb Melby in memory of Darryl Grimm
 Carl Paquin in memory of his Grandparents
 John and Eileen Crystal in memory of family
 Pepe Feed and Seed in memory of Al Paquin



ST. ANN'S MINISTRY

Sunday June 10, 2018

Commentator:	Carol
Lector:	Carol
EMHC:	Tony & Marie
Ushers:	Russ & Stanley
Counter:	Marie & Audrey

ST. CLEMENT'S MINISTRY

Sunday June 10, 2018

Commentator:	Angie
Lector:	Gary
EMHC:	Laurie & Kaylani
Usher:	Ron & Bruce

Pope Francis pray intention for June Social Networks

That social networks may work towards that inclusiveness which respects others for their differences.

Fathers Day Collection

We will take up the Father's Day collection on the weekend of the 16th and 17th of June. This collection is very important in that it provides for the health insurance, Medicare and unreimbursed medical and dental expenses for our retired priests. Priests in the Diocese of Crookston may not retire until they are 70 years old (unless their health dictates a rest) and many continue to serve as weekend substitutes, long term substitutes, spiritual directors, chaplains and participants in reconciliation services long after they officially retire. Msgr. Mike Patnode, who most recently served as Pastor of St. Francis de Sales Parish in Moorhead will be featured on the back cover of the May 16th issue of the OND. He speaks from the heart about his first year of retirement. Enjoy the article and please give generously to the Father's Day Collection!

"Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them and they all drank from it." – MARK 14:23
 Jesus, the perfect steward, gave thanks, just before He gave Himself to us completely for our salvation. He offers us the chance to drink from His cup. In the Eucharist, we meet Christ personally and, if we listen to Him, we know what drinking from His cup means our own sacrifice – giving up some of our time, talent and treasure to do His work on earth.

Jesus, the perfect steward,

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

- † Joey Johnson
- † Allen Paquin
- † Kathleen Amiot
- † Chris Tougas
- † Larry O'Neill
- † Yvonne Boucher
- † Bonnie Buchmeier
- † Janet Pearson
- † Geraldine Agnes

Pray For Those Who Are Sick

- Shirley Dessellier
- 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 June 03, 2018

Sacristan: Rick Dulka
Lector: Shirley Cyr
EMHC: Mitch & Krista Bernstein
Usher: Mitch Bernstein & John Melby
Greeter: Karen Fossum & Sue Carriere
Counter: Pat Asselin & Jo Lambert

Sunday, June 10, 2018

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

Sunday, June 17, 2018

Sacristan: Margaret Buer
Lector: Mike Bachand
EMHC: Rick & Jan Dulka
Usher: Ken & Shirley Boucher
Greeter: Don & Annette LaCoursiere
Counter: Shirley Cyr & Jan Dulka

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.