

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

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CLERGY COLUMN

THIS IS THE LAST BULLETIN FOR AUGUST

Today is one of those special years when we celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on a Sunday. In many ways this is the preeminent Marian feast of the year...so important that it even trumps the regular Sunday Mass texts! Have a blessed day.

I will be gone from today until August 21st visiting some friends in the Twin Cities and in Madison, Wisconsin. After I have seen my friends, I will take a few days of retreat near the Carmelite Monastery in Denmark, Wisconsin. In fact, there is a young woman there from Moorhead who has entered the convent to discern her vocation. While I am in the area, I am also going to visit the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help in Champion, Wisconsin, where the Blessed Mother appeared to a Belgian immigrant woman in October of 1859. This is the only authenticated apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the United States!

Msgr. Tim McGee will substitute for me while I am gone. If you are in need of a priest in an emergency, please call Fr. Rick Lambert in Thief River Falls, Fr. John Kleinwachter in Roseau, or Fr. Bob Schreiner in Red Lake Falls.

The monthly meeting for homeschool mothers is on Thursday, August 19th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier Church in Oklee.

St. Francis Xavier Parish in Oklee

Mass Times Confessions

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.

St. Clement Parish in Grygla

Mass Times Confessions

Sun: 10:15 a.m. 10:00 a.m.

St. Ann Parish in Goodridge

Mass Times Confessions

Sun: 12:00 p.m. 11:45 a.m.

St. Maximilian Kolbe

St. Maximilian Kolbe was born as Raymund Kolbe on January 8, 1894, in the Kingdom of Poland, part of the Russian Empire. He was a Polish Conventual Franciscan friar and a martyr in the German death Camp of Auschwitz during World War II.

St. Maximilian Kolbe was very active in promoting the Immaculate Virgin Mary and is known as the Apostle of Consecration to Mary. Much of his life was strongly influenced by a vision he had of the Virgin Mary when he was 12.

"That night I asked the Mother of God what was to become of me. Then she came to me holding two crowns, one white, the other red. She asked me if I was willing to accept either of these crowns. The white one meant that I should persevere in purity, and the red that I should become a martyr. I said that I would accept them both."

One year after his vision, Kolbe and his elder brother, Francis joined the Conventual Franciscans. In 1910, Kolbe was given the religious name Maximilian, after being allowed to enter the novitiate, and in 1911, he professed his first vows.

At the age of 21, Kolbe earned a doctorate in philosophy from the Pontifical Gregorian University. He would also earn a doctorate in theology by the time he was 28.

St. Maximilian Kolbe organized the Militia Immaculata (Army of the Immaculate One) after witnessing demonstrations against Pope St. Pius X and Benedict XV. His goal was to work for the conversion of sinners and enemies of the Church, specifically, the Freemasons and he would do so with the intercession of Mary.

In 1918, he was ordained a priest



and continued his work of promoting Mary throughout Poland. Over the next several years, Kolbe took on publishing. He founded a monthly periodical titled, "Rycerz Niepokalanej" (Knight of the Immaculate). He also operated a religious publishing press and founded a new Conventual Franciscan monastery at Niepokalanow, which became a major religious publishing center.

Kolbe also founded monasteries in both Japan and India. To this day, the monastery in Japan remains prominent in the Roman Catholic Church in Japan.

In 1936, Kolbe's poor health forced him to return home to Poland, and once the WWII invasion by Germany began, he became one of the only brothers to remain in the monastery. He opened up a temporary hospital to aid those in need. When his town was captured, Kolbe was sent to prison but released three months later.

Kolbe refused to sign a document that would recognize him as a German citizen with his German ancestry and continued to work in his monastery, providing shelter for refugees - including hiding 2,000 Jews from German persecution. After receiving permission to continue his religious publishing, Kol-

be's monastery acted as a publishing house again and issued many anti-Nazi German publications.

On February 17, 1941, the monastery was shut down; Kolbe was arrested by the German Gestapo and taken to the Pawiak prison. Three months later, he was transferred to Auschwitz.

Never abandoning his priesthood, Kolbe was the victim to severe violence and harassment. Toward the end of his second month in Auschwitz, men were chosen to face death by starvation to warn against escapes. Kolbe was not chosen but volunteered to take the place of a man with a family.

It is said during the last days of his life Kolbe led prayers to Our Lady with the prisoners and remained calm. He was the last of the group to remain alive, after two weeks of dehydration and starvation. The guards gave him a lethal injection of carbolic acid. The stories tell that he raised his left arm and calmly awaited death.

St. Maximilian Kolbe died on August 14 and his remains were cremated on August 15, the same day as the Assumption of Mary feast day.

Recognized as the Servant of God, Kolbe was beatified as a "Confessor of the Faith" on October 17, 1971 by Pope Paul VI and canonized by Pope John Paul II on October 10, 1982. Pope John Paul II declared Kolbe not a confessor, but a martyr.

Kolbe's is often depicted in a prison uniform and with a needle being injected into an arm. He is the patron saint of drug addicts, prisoners, families, and the pro-life movement and his feast day is celebrated on August 14.

Oklee	Sunday	08/15/21	8:00 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Grygla	Sunday	08/15/21	10:15 a.m.	† Irene Kiesow
Goodridge	Sunday	08/15/21	12:00 p.m.	† Frank Cwikla
Oklee	Tuesday - Friday 8/17–8/20		NO MASS	
Oklee	Sunday	08/22/21	8:00 a.m.	Peter Walton
Grygla	Sunday	08/22/21	10:15 a.m.	† Melvin Verbout
Goodridge	Sunday	08/22/21	12:00 p.m.	† Philip Cwikla
Oklee	Tuesday — Friday 8/24—8/27		NO MASS	
Oklee	Sunday	08/29/21	8:00 a.m.	† Joan Carpenter
Grygla	Sunday	08/29/21	10:15 a.m.	† Jackie Dobmeier
Goodridge	Sunday	08/29/21	12:00 p.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Oklee	Tuesday	08/31/21	8:00 a.m.	In Thanksgiving (S.C.)
Oklee	Wednesday	09/01/21	8:00 a.m.	† Mamie Walton
Oklee	Thursday	09/02/21	8:00 a.m.	† Iona Berry
Goodridge	Friday	09/03/21	11:00 a.m.	† Larry Geer
Oklee	Sunday	09/05/21	8:00 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Grygla	Sunday	09/05/21	10:15 a.m.	† LeRoy Irlbeck
Goodridge	Sunday	09/05/21	12:00 p.m.	Shirley Wesley

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St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee

August 1-8, 2021

Adults Envelopes	\$5137.00
Flowers Altar	\$41.00
Endowment for Priests	\$5.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$50.00</u>
Total	\$ 5233.00

St. Ann's in Goodridge

August 1-8, 2021

Adults Envelopes	\$666.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$20.00</u>
Total	\$686.00

St. Clement's in Goodridge

August 1, 2021

Adults Envelopes	\$910.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$20.00</u>
Total	\$930.00

August 8, 2021

Adults Envelopes	\$575.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$95.00</u>
Total	\$670.00

“Our dependence on Mary is greater than we can imagine. We receive all graces, absolutely all of them, from God through the Immaculate, who is our universal mediatrix with Jesus.”
— St. Maximilian Kolbe, Let Yourself Be Led by the Immaculate

St Francis Xavier's

Oklee, MN

Sunday, August 15, 2021
Lector:: Paul Cyr
Counters: Lora J & Margaret Buer

Sunday, August 22, 2021
Lector:: Jan Dulka
Counters: Anne H & Dolores G.

Sunday, August 29, 2021
Lector:: Jacob Melby
Counters: Virginia W. & Jan D.

Sunday, September 5, 2021
Lector:: Michael Bachand
Counters: Jo Lmabert & Deb

Sunday, September 12, 2021
Lector:: MaryLynn Bachand
Counters: Lora J. & Margaret Buer

St Ann's

Goodridge, MN

Sunday, August 15, 2021
Lector:: Eliza

Sunday, August 22, 2021
Lector:: Carol

Sunday, August 29, 2021
Lector:: Ksryl

Sunday, September 5, 2021
Lector:: Carol

Sunday, September 12, 2021
Lector:: Eliza

St Clement's

Grygla, MN

Sunday, August 15, 2021
Lector: Daniel

Sunday, August 22, 2021
Lector: Dawn

Sunday, August 29, 2021
Lector:: Gary

Sunday, September 5, 2021
Lector:: Jim C.

Sunday, September 12, 2021
Lector:: Jody

Weekly Reflections

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

“And Mary said, “My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior.” Luke 1: 46

After Jesus, we look to Mary as our model of stewardship. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God’s will. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we too are called to reflect Christ to the world. We do this by living grateful and generous lives. We do this by putting other’s needs before our wants.




Father,
 you have given us
 the mother
 of your Son
 to be our queen
 and mother.
 With the support
 of her prayers
 may we come
 to share
 the glory
 of your children
 in the kingdom
 of heaven.

Taken from the Mass
of the Queenship of Mary

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.



Recently Deceased Loved Ones

- †Joey Johnson
- †Allen Paquin
- †Chris Tougas
- †Larry O’Neill
- †Yvonne Boucher
- †Bonnie Buchmeier
- †Janet Pearson
- †David Dessellier
- †Rita Bonagura Vaughn
- †Ann Peterson
- †Irene Dessellier
- †Floyd Neuschwander
- †Ted Lussier
- †LaVonne Radniecki
- †Brigitta Dobmeier
- †Mary Jean Altendorf
- †Mike Bourque
- †Florence Dunham
- †Betty Barsness
- †Floyd Charest
- †Jim Dulka
- †Avis Frazer
- †Loretta Stucy
- †Tom Toulouse
- †Marlyn Dessellier
- †Gerald Cote
- †Phyllis Martell
- †Theresa “Bergeron” Lucken
- †Jerome Hruby
- †Irene Kiesow
- †Donnie Knutson
- †Ron Rustan
- †Joan Carpenter
- †Leroy Irlbeck
- †Lowell Smeby
- †Dorothy Plante
- †Jim Lussier
- †Tim Whalen
- †Iona Berry
- †Kim Johs
- †Elias Abboud

Pray For Those Who Are Sick

- Delton Sebenaler
- Donnie Tougas
- Kenneth LaCoursiere
- Shirley Dessellier
- Michael Bachand
- Annette LaCoursiere
- Debra Olson
- Jack Miller
- Ambrose Beaudoin
- Steve Sebenaler
- Don LaCoursiere
- Cindy Deterrman
- Marie Adams
- Grace Rundell
- MaryAnn Lambert
- Bailey Herried Drotts
- George Pittman
- Bambi Lambert
- Lucille Christianson
- Doris Dessellier
- Danielle Swanson
- Mark Stromberg
- Sylvia Remick Morey
- Penny Kalar
- Jo Lambert
- Richard Perreault
- Tony Radniecki
- Darren Tougas
- Elaine Radniecki
- Bob Radniecki
- Rick Dulka
- Greg Whalen
- Richard Bourque
- Tony Weber
- Jason Moe
- Audrey Martell
- Cindi Podnar
- Joe Radniecki

