

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

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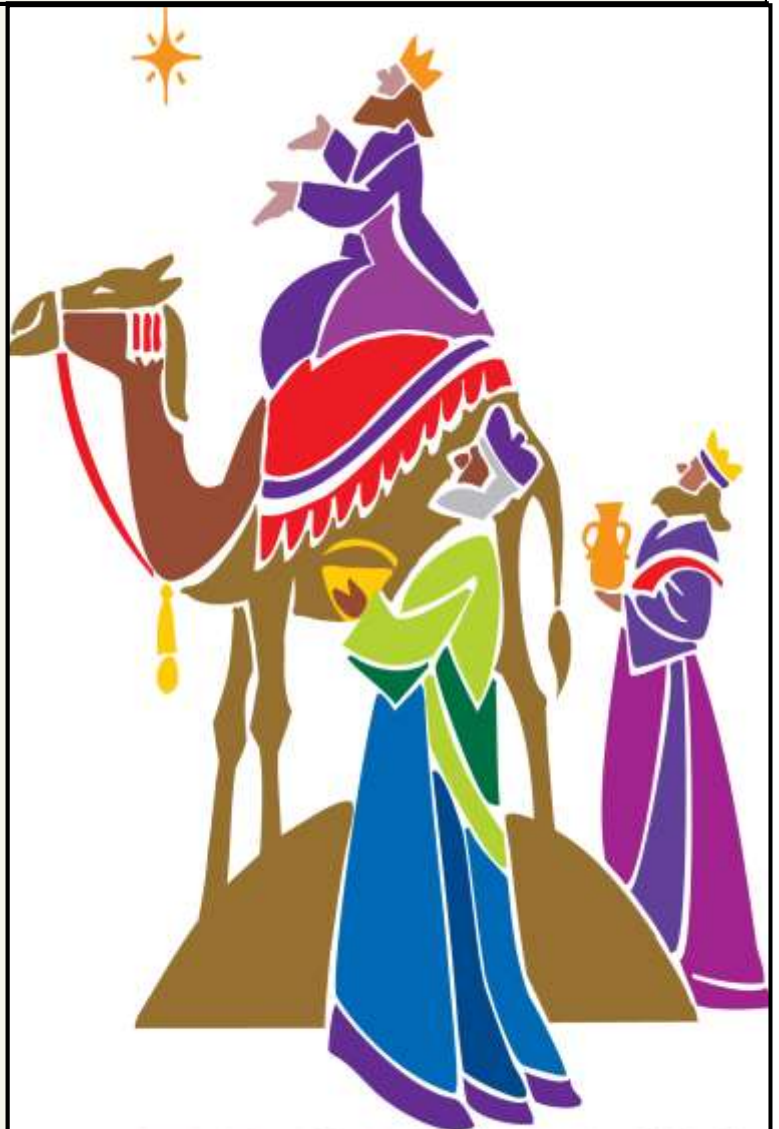
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## Office Hours

Thursday 8:30 a.m. — 11:30a.m.

## Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday: Noon



# EPIPHANY

### St. Francis Xavier Parish in Oklee

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

### St. Clement Parish in Grygla

<u>Mass Times</u>	<u>Confessions</u>
Sun: 11:45a.m.	11:30 a.m.

### St. Ann Parish in Goodridge

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

## CLERGY COLUMN

Inviting Jesus into the Mess.

It could be good to close your eyes between steps. Take a posture that is comfortable, but not one that is going to make you fall asleep. Maybe open your hands in your lap, as a sign of openness to what Jesus might want to do for you during this time.

**Pray. “In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”**

Step 1. Pay attention to the unpleasant feelings and try to reflect on them. Can you name the specific feelings (e.g. sadness, anger, confusion, betrayal, discouragement, despair, anxiety, etc.)? Why do you think they’re so strong? What caused them? Was it a specific event? Who is involved? What have been the lasting consequences or how has all of this affected your life?

Step 2. You’ll have to use images in your mind for this step. Imagine taking all of that - the feelings, the events, the people, the consequences - and putting it into a box in front of you. Take each thing, one by one, and put it into the box. Everything you’re currently experiencing is now inside that box in front of you.

Step 3. In your mind, look up and see Jesus standing in front of you. He’s been watching you put all of that into the box. You pick up the box with your hands - you’re strong enough - and tell Jesus, *“Jesus, I need you to see all of this. I need you to take it all, because I can’t hang on to it anymore. You can decide what to do with it.”*

Step 4. Jesus comes and takes the box. He’s got a smile on his face because he’s so glad you’ve decided to share all of this with him and give it to him. He sets the box down between you and him, and he starts going through it all with you. Each thing, each feeling, each part of the box he picks up and looks at it. He looks at you with a look that says, *“I see how difficult and challenging this has been for you. I’m sorry you felt like you were going through it alone. I’m with you now. I was with you then, too, experiencing all of these things with you, but you didn’t really know it. But now you know that I’m here.”*

Step 5. As he goes through each part of the box, he throws away all of the parts that are unhelpful for you. He just tosses them over his shoulder like they aren’t important. There are some parts of the box, however, that can be helpful for you. They can help you grow as a person and as a follower of Jesus. Those parts he puts back in the box because he wants you to grow and he knows you have what it takes to carry those parts. He looks right at you and says, *“This was a pretty difficult thing for you to go through. I’m so proud of you for making it this far. All of these parts of the box that are left are going to be helpful for you in the future. They are your experiences and they will help to form you into the person you are to become. They might still be heavy to carry sometimes, but they won’t always be heavy. Someday you’ll actually see that they’re going to make other experiences and feelings lighter.”*

Step 6. Jesus turns around and picks up his own box. You notice that his box has all of the unhelpful things from your box and a lot more unhelpful things from the boxes of other people. You watch him pick it up with a little difficulty at first, but then you see that he doesn’t have any problems carrying his box. He looks at you and says, *“Come with me. You carry your box and I’ll carry mine. Whenever you have more unpleasant or uncomfortable experiences, we’ll go through them together. There will be some difficulties, but I’ll make sure you can make it through. Follow me.”*

Closing Prayer.

*Lord Jesus, thank you for coming into this mess. Thank you for whatever healing and strength you have provided. I’m so grateful that you’ve made my box lighter today. Help me now to grow as I carry my box and follow you. Help me to remember that you are with me in every difficult and unpleasant experience, that you see me when I’m going through every mess, and that you love me in those times. Amen.*

Oklee	Sunday	01/08/23	8:00 a.m.	For the People
Goodridge	Sunday	01/08/23	10:00 a.m.	Special Intention
Grygla	Sunday	01/08/23	11:45 a.m.	Bishop Cozzens
Oklee	Monday	01/09/23	8:00 a.m.	Holly O'Shea
Oklee	Tuesday	01/10/23	8:00 a.m.	†Pope Benedict
Oklee	Wednesday	01/11/23	8:00 a.m.	†Pope Benedict
Oklee	Thursday	01/12/23	8:00 a.m.	†Pope Benedict
Oklee	Sunday	01/15/23	8:00 a.m.	For the People
Goodridge	Sunday	01/15/23	10:00 a.m.	†Pope Benedict
Grygla	Sunday	01/15/23	11:45 a.m.	†Conrad Pietruszewski



## ROLLS & COFFEE—FELLOWSHIP AFTER MASS at ST. FRANCIS

January 8

Free will offering to support  
Violence Intervention

If you would like to help serve there will be a signup sheet in the entry on the table.



Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord.

"The Lord and ruler is coming; kingship is his, and government and power." With these words the Church proclaims that today's feast brings to a perfect fulfillment all the purposes of Advent. Epiphany, therefore, marks the liturgical zenith of the Advent-Christmas season. — Pius Parsch

The Solemnity of the Epiphany is celebrated either on January 6 or, according to the decision of the episcopal conference, on the Sunday between January 2 and January 8.

The young Messiah is revealed as the light of the nations. Yet, as the antiphon for the *Magnificat* at Second Vespers reminds us, three mysteries are encompassed in this solemnity: the adoration of the Christ Child by the Magi, the Baptism of Christ and the wedding feast at Cana. Extra candles and/or lamps may be placed around the sanctuary and in other parts of the church to honor Christ revealed as the Light of the Gentiles (*Ceremonial of Bishops*). It is customary to replace the images of the shepherds at the crib with the three Magi and their gifts. — *Ceremonies of the Liturgical Year*, Msgr. Peter J. Elliott, Ignatius Press.

## TITHING

### St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee

December 25, 2022

Adult Envelopes	\$1263.00
Christmas Offering	\$4225.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$104.00</u>
Total	\$ 5592.00

December 31, 2022

Adult Envelopes	\$804.00
Christmas Offering	\$79.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$100.00</u>
Total	\$ 983.00

### St. Ann's in Goodridge

December 18, 2022

Adult Envelopes	\$532.00
Endowment Priests	\$20.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$65.00</u>
Total	\$ 617.00

December 25, 2022

Adult Envelopes	\$355.00
Christmas Offering	\$170.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$100.00</u>
Total	\$ 625.00

### St. Clement's in Grygla

December 18, 2022

Adult Envelopes	\$440.00
Endowment Priests	\$45.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$36.00</u>
	\$521.00

December 25, 2022

Adult Envelopes	\$430.00
Christmas Offering	\$380.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$691.00</u>
Total	\$ 1501.00

January 1, 2022

Adult Envelopes	\$605.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$56.00</u>
Total	\$ 661.00

## CORRECTIONS

Add to the Christmas Flowers Memorials for St Francis Xavier Church Oklee:

Linda Whalen - deceased family members

Thanksgiving Day Dinner a thank you also goes out to:

Red Lake County Community Thanksgiving Day fund.

### St Francis Xavier's

Oklee, MN

Sunday, January 8, 2023  
Sacristan: Mary Lynn  
Lector:: Jacob Melby  
Counters: Lora & Margaret.

Sunday, January 15, 2023  
Sacristan: Emily  
Lector:: MaryLynn  
Counters: Deb & Jo L.

Sunday, January 22, 2023  
Sacristan: Rick D  
Lector:: Jan  
Counters: Jan & Deb

Sunday, January 29, 2023  
Sacristan: Margaret B.  
Lector:: Paul Cyr  
Counters: Anne & Dolores



### St Ann's

Goodridge, MN

Sunday, January 8, 2023  
Lector:: Paula  
Counters: Deb & Maggie

Sunday, January 15, 2023  
Lector:: Eliza  
Counters: Audrey & Marie

Sunday, January 22, 2023  
Lector:: Carol  
Counters: Deb & Maggie

Sunday, January 29, 2023  
Lector:: Eliza  
Counters: Audrey & Marie



### St Clement's

Grygla, MN

Sunday, January 8, 2023  
Lector:: Laurie

Sunday, January 15, 2023  
Lector:: Gary

Sunday, January 22, 2023  
Lector:: Dawn

Sunday, January 29, 2023  
Lector:: Jim C.



#### Recently Deceased Loved Ones

†Irene Kiesow  
†Joan Carpenter  
†Leroy Irlbeck  
†Lowell Smeby  
†Dorothy Plante  
†Jim Lussier  
†Tim Whalen  
†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 Kleinschmidt  
†Judy Zavoral  
†Dean Lambert  
†Richard Bronken  
†Jerome Carriere

#### 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  
Doris Dessellier  
Danielle Swanson  
Mark Stromberg  
Sylvia Remick Morey  
Penny Kalar  
Jo Lambert  
Tony Radniecki  
Bob Radniecki



Pray for our parishioners who have been away from the sacraments.

Pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon all of us.

#### 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!*



#### 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).