

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

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## Lenten Opportunities

Tuesdays: Mass, Adoration, and Confessions  
 Mass: 6:00 p.m.; Adoration & Confessions 6:30-7:30 p.m.

March 7: St. Ann's      March 14: St Francis Xavier

March 21: St. Clement's      March 28: St. Ann's

April 4: St Francis Xavier



PRAYER



FASTING



ALMSGIVING

**PRAYER:** If we desire to get closer to Our Lord it may be necessary to increase our prayer life. There are many ways to add prayer to our daily prayer routine. It's up to us to evaluate how much we pray and decide what we can add. Consider finding time to pray with others at home or at church such as the Rosary or Divine Mercy Chaplet. Drop into the church for at least 10 minutes a couple of times a week, kneeling or sitting before the Blessed Sacrament, quietly loving Our Lord. Find out when your parish will be praying the "Stations of the Cross" together and mark your calendar to participate. What other ways can we add more prayer to our days?

Prayer is extremely important. Prayer bonds us to God. When we pray we let God know we believe in Him. When we pray we learn to feel God's love in our hearts. The Catechism of the Catholic Church has very much to say about prayer. I'm including these two citations that I find especially significant:

*CCC 2562: Whether prayer is expressed in words or gestures it is the whole person who prays. But naming the source of prayer Scriptures sometimes speaks of the soul or the spirit but most often from the heart (more than a 1000 times). According to Scripture it is the heart that prays. If our heart is far from God the words of prayer are in vain.*

*CCC 2564: Christian prayer is a covenant relationship between God and man in Christ. It is the action of God and man springing forth from both the Holy Spirit and ourselves, wholly directed to the Father, in union with the human will of the Son of God made man.*

The more we pray from the heart, the more we want to pray and the greater will be our ability to feel the presence of God. Remember our prayer is the holy covenant relationship between God and us.

### 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

2nd Sunday of Lent: The Goodness of Creation, Part 2

[oggcatholic.org/homilies-audio.html](http://oggcatholic.org/homilies-audio.html)

**Focus:** The grandeur of God

## 1. Quick review:

- a. Goal: Proclaim the story.
  - i. Kerygma → Proclamation
    - 1. The Goodness of Creation
    - 2. Sin and Its Consequences
    - 3. God's Response to Sin
    - 4. Our Response to God
- b. Theme verse: *"I am not ashamed of the Gospel: it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith"* (Romans 1:16)
- c. Last week: The human person is made in his image and likeness.

## 2. This week: Complete Part 1: The Goodness of Creation

- a. Look at one main verse: Genesis 1:16
  - i. *"And God made the two great lights, the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night; he made the stars also."*
- b. Try to grasp the grandeur of God: caught by awe and wonder
  - i. We have an image of God in our minds.
    - 1. He is incomprehensible.
- c. How many stars?
  - i. Milky Way Galaxy: a hundred billion stars
  - ii. Universe: ~2 trillion galaxies
    - 1. 200,000,000,000,000,000,000 (200 sextillion!)
    - 2. Imagine a sandcastle...
- d. How big are the stars?
  - i. Our Sun: small star
    - 1. You can fit about a million earths inside of the Sun.
  - ii. Canis Majoris: the Big Dog
    - 1. You can fit 7 quadrillion earths inside of Canis Majoris
      - a. A million seconds from now
      - b. A billion seconds from now
      - c. A trillion seconds from now
      - d. A quadrillion seconds from now
- e. Why is this important?
  - i. *"He determines the number of the stars, he gives to all of them their names"* (Psalm 147:4).
  - ii. *"Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name..."* (Isaiah 40:26)
- f. Which is his favorite creature?
  - i. What's the purpose of your life?
    - 1. 2 Peter 1:3-4
  - ii. Why would he design such an incredible purpose for your life and mine?
    - 1. **Love:** It's why you exist. It's where you're going. It's how you get there.

## Reflection questions and homework:

- 1. Have you ever heard that this is God's plan for you? What do you think about it?
- 2. Have you ever heard that God loves you in this way, that you're his favorite creature?

## 3. Read Genesis 3

Oklee	Sunday	03/05/23	8:00 a.m.	For the People
Goodridge	Sunday	03/05/23	10:00 a.m.	†Dominic Rolczynski
Grygla	Sunday	03/05/23	11:45 a.m.	†Jackie Dobmeier
Oklee	Monday	03/06/23	8:00 a.m.	†Sharon Carriere
Goodridge	Tuesday	03/07/23	6:00 p.m.	Dawn Chisholm
Oklee	Wednesday	03/08/23	8:00 a.m.	†Kevin Carriere
Oklee	Thursday	03/09/23	8:00 a.m.	Jason Gross
Oklee	Sunday	03/12/23	8:00 a.m.	For the People
Goodridge	Sunday	03/12/23	10:00 a.m.	†Dominic Rolczynski
Grygla	Sunday	03/12/23	11:45 a.m.	Lisa Hendrickx

## TITHING

### St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee February 26, 2023

Adult Envelopes	\$1565.00
Candle	\$2.00
Loose Plate	\$20.00
Total	\$ 1587.00

### St. Ann's in Goodridge February 26, 2023

Adult Envelopes	\$520.00
Homes Missions	\$100.00
Loose Plate	\$65.00
Total	\$685.00

### St. Clement's in Grygla February 26, 2023

Adult Envelopes	\$460.00
Home Missions	\$34.00
Loose Plate	\$47.00
Total	\$ 541.00



ROLLS & COFFEE—FELLOWSHIP  
AFTER MASS at ST. FRANCIS - March 5  
Free will offering to support

Local Food Shelf @ I.C.C.C.

If you would like to help serve there will be a sign up sheet in the entry .

#### *Life Care Center*

The Life Care Center is in need of items for new moms. There is a Pack-n-Play in the entry of the Church for donations of Diapers, wipes, nursing pads, baby bath wash , lotion, and anything a new mom can use. Gas cards and cash are always welcome too. Thank you for your generosity.



FISH FRY  
EVERY FRIDAY OF LENT  
(EXCEPT GOOD FRIDAY)  
AT  
ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
GOODRIDGE, MN

WHEN: March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

TIME: 4:00 TO 7:00 p.m.

MENU: Pan-Fried Walleye, Parsley Potato,  
Green Beans, Coleslaw, Homemade Roll, and Assorted Desserts

COST: One-fillet meal at \$15.00.

Two-fillet meal at \$ 20.00.

(For Take Out orders, please call 218-378-4529 starting at 4:00 p.m.)

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!

### St Francis Xavier's

Oklee, MN

Sunday, March 5, 2023  
Sacristan: Margaret  
Lector:: Jacob  
Counters: Lora & Margaret

Sunday, March 12, 2023  
Sacristan: Emily  
Lector:: Paul  
Counters: Jo L & Deb

Sunday, March 19, 2023  
Sacristan: Rick  
Lector:: Jan  
Counters: Mary Anne & Jan

Sunday, March 26, 2023  
Sacristan: Margaret B  
Lector:: Paul C  
Counters: Anne & Dolores



### St Ann's

Goodridge, MN

Sunday, March 5, 2023  
Lector:: Paula  
Counters: Marie & Audrey

Sunday, March 12, 2023  
Lector:: Eliza  
Counters: Deb & Maggie

Sunday, March 19, 2023  
Lector:: Carol  
Counters: Marie & Audrey

Sunday, March 26, 2023  
Lector:: Paula  
Counters: Deb & Maggie



### St Clement's

Grygla, MN

Sunday, March 5, 2023  
Lector:: Laurie

Sunday, March 12, 2023  
Lector:: Gary

Sunday, March 19, 2023  
Lector:: Dawn

Sunday, March 26, 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  
†Gary Paquin

#### 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 Determan  
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  
Darren Tougas  
Elaine 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).