

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

This is National Religious Freedom Week! It began on June 22nd, which was the feast day of St. Thomas More and Saint John Fisher. These two saints were executed because they clung to their Catholic Faith and opposed a tyrannical King, Henry VIII of England. They opposed him because he divorced his wife of 24 years, so that he could marry another woman and obtain a son to inherit his throne. When the second wife didn't give birth to a son, she was beheaded, and so this continued for a total of 6 wives. St. Thomas More, a married layman, who was the second most powerful man in England, along with Bishop John Fisher, the Bishop of Rochester, were the two most prominent Englishmen to oppose the king's divorce. Ultimately, it was their refusal to sign an "oath of supremacy" that led them to be executed. King Henry VIII claimed to be the supreme head of the Church in England (instead of the Pope), asserting sovereign power over English Christians. Neither Fisher nor More could abide this claim, and their steadfastness to their consciences put them in conflict with the king. They were convicted of treason. When More made his way to the gallows, he is said to have stated, "I die the King's good servant, but God's first." Both More and Fisher were patriots. They never rose up to incite rebellion or foment revolution. They were no traitors. But when the law of the king came into conflict with the law of Christ, they chose Christ. These men gave their lives for the freedom of the Church and for freedom of conscience. They bear witness to the truth that no government can make a claim on a person's soul. **Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher, pray that we too will be good servants to our country, but God's first! (Continued 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:	10:15 a.m.	10:00 a.m.

St. Ann Parish in Goodridge

	<u>Mass Times</u>	<u>Confessions</u>
Sun.	12:00 noon	11:45 p.m.

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Note: There will not be daily Mass on Thursday and Friday of this week. I am holding a camp for some boys from the Catholic homeschool group from Crookston and Grand Forks. I will teach some lessons earlier in the day, and then head to the Oklee “pit” for some fishing, swimming, and games. Hopefully we can cultivate some priestly vocations in these boys, so please keep us in your prayers!

The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

S a i n t o f t h e D a y f o r J u n e 2 4

Saint John the Baptist’s Story

Jesus called John the greatest of all those who had preceded him: “I tell you, among those born of women, no one is greater than John....” But John would have agreed completely with what Jesus added: “[Yet the least in the kingdom of God is greater than he” (Luke 7:28).

John spent his time in the desert, an ascetic. He began to announce the coming of the Kingdom, and to call everyone to a fundamental reformation of life. His purpose was to prepare the way for Jesus. His baptism, he said, was for repentance. But one would come who would baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. John was not worthy even to untie his sandals. His attitude toward Jesus was: “He must increase; I must decrease” (John 3:30).

John was humbled to find among the crowd of sinners who came to be baptized the one whom he already knew to be the Messiah. “I need to be baptized by you” (Matthew 3:14b). But Jesus insisted, “Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness” (Matthew 3:15b). Jesus, true and humble human as well as eternal God, was eager to do what was required of any good Jew. Jesus thus publicly entered the community of those awaiting the Messiah. But making himself part of that community, he made it truly messianic.

The greatness of John, his pivotal place in the history of salvation, is seen in the great emphasis Luke gives to the announcement of his birth and the event itself—both made prominently parallel to the same occurrences in the life of Jesus. John attracted countless people to the banks of the Jordan, and it occurred to some people that he might be the Messiah. But he constantly deferred to Jesus, even to sending away some of his followers to become the first disciples of Jesus. Perhaps John’s idea of the coming of the Kingdom of God was not being perfectly fulfilled in the public ministry of Jesus. For whatever reason, when he was in prison he sent his disciples to ask Jesus if he was the Messiah. Jesus’ answer showed that the Messiah was to be a figure like that of the Suffering Servant in Isaiah. John himself would share in the pattern of messianic suffering, losing his life to the revenge of Herodias.

Reflection

John challenges us Christians to the fundamental attitude of Christianity—total dependence on the Father, in Christ. Except for the Mother of God, no one had a higher function in the unfolding of salvation. Yet the least in the kingdom, Jesus said, is greater than he, for the pure gift that the Father gives. The attractiveness as well as the austerity of John, his fierce courage in denouncing evil—all stem from his fundamental and total placing of his life within the will of God.

Saint John the Baptist is the Patron Saint of Baptism

W h o w a s t h e f i r s t m a r t y r o f t h e c h u r c h ?

The First Martyrs of the Church of Rome were Christians martyred in the city of Rome during **Nero's** persecution in 64. The event is recorded by both Tacitus and Pope Clement I, among others. They are celebrated in the Roman Catholic Church as an optional memorial on 30 June.

Mass Intentions

Oklee	Sunday	06/24/18	8:00 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Goodridge	Sunday	06/24/18	10:00 a.m.	†Patrick Mayernik
Grygla	Sunday	06/24/18	11:45 a.m.	†Lawrence Kiesow
Oklee	Tuesday	06/26/18	8:00 a.m.	†Larry O'Neill
Oklee	Wednesday	06/27/18	8:00 a.m.	†Gerard Lessard
Pioneer Home	Wednesday	06/27/18	10:00 a.m.	†Ray Lessard
Oklee	Thursday	06/28/18	8:00 a.m.	NO MASS
Oklee	Friday	06/29/18	8:00 a.m.	NO MASS
Oklee	Sunday	07/01/18	8:00 a.m.	†Gerard Lessard
Grygla	Sunday	07/01/18	10:15 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Goodridge	Sunday	07/01/18	12:00 p.m.	Alyssa Rogalla

Religious Liberty Week

Sunday

Pray that the Holy Spirit would give us the courage to bear witness to the truth of the Gospel, even in the face of social and legal pressure.

Monday

Pray for our sisters and brothers in the Middle East: that through the intercession of the Apostles,

who established these most ancient churches, Christians and all religious minorities would be freed from violent persecution.

Tuesday

Pray that the Lord would protect all migrants and refugees, and that all those who work with people on the move may be free to serve.

Wednesday

Pray that nurses, doctors, therapists, and all ministers of healing, may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit in their imitation of Christ's compassion and care for the sick.

Thursday

Pray that Catholic schools will have the freedom to teach and bear witness to the truth about God and creation.

Friday

Pray that we will work to build a culture that recognizes and respects the dignity of all people.

Saturday

Pray that children waiting to be placed in a loving home, and the caregivers who selflessly serve those children; would find strength & support from the Church.

Tithing

June 17, 2018

St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee

Adult Envelopes	\$830.00
Loose Plate	\$74.00
Retired Priest	\$820.00
Priest Endowment	<u>\$25.00</u>
Total	\$1749.00

St. Ann's in Goodridge

Adult Envelopes	\$336.00
Loose Plate	\$101.00
Priest Retirement	<u>\$87.00</u>
Total	\$524.00

St. Clement's in Grygla

Adult Envelopes	\$310.00
Loose Plate	\$140.00
Retired Priest	\$260.00
Priest Endowment	<u>\$55.00</u>
Total	\$765.00

ST. ANN'S MINISTRY

Sunday July 01, 2018

Commentator:	Gerri
Lector:	Eliza
EMHC:	Eliza & Deb
Ushers:	Russell & Darwin
Counter:	Deb & Maggie

ST. CLEMENT'S MINISTRY

Sunday July 01, 2018

Commentator:	Angie
Lector:	Dawn
EMHC:	Jean & Justin
Usher:	Tim & Chris

Pope Francis pray intention for June
Social Networks

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

“The first direct, human limitation of infant life in the history of Christianity took place in the village of Bethlehem through an infant-controller whose name was Harod. The prevention of infant life was simultaneously an attack upon Divinity in the person of God made man, Jesus Christ our Lord. No one strikes at birth who does not simultaneously strike at God, for birth is earth's reflection of the Son's eternal generation.” Archbishop Fulton Sheen (Three to Get Married)

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

† Donna Horachek
 † Joey Johnson
 † Allen Paquin
 † Kathleen Amiot
 † Chris Tougas
 † Larry O'Neill
 † Yvonne Boucher
 † Bonnie Buchmeier
 † Janet Pearson

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 24, 2018

Sacristan: Mary Lynn Bachand
 Lector: David Bachand
 EMHC: Don LaCoursiere & Carolyn Rystad
 Usher: Don LaCoursiere & Frank Buer
 Greeter: Mary Ann Lambert & Anne Hammer
 Counter: Anne Hammer & Dolores Grimm

Sunday July 01, 2018

Sacristan: Rick Dulka
 Lector: Carol Bachand
 EMHC: Bob & Emily Bernier
 Usher: Mitch Bernstein & John Melby
 Greeter: Shirley Cyr & Delores Longtin
 Counter: Pat Asselin & Jo Lambert

Sunday July 08, 2018

Sacristan: Phyllis Melby
 Lector: Jacob Melby
 EMHC: Bonnie Cote & Anne Hammer
 Usher: Jake Martell & Doug Cote
 Greeter: Karen Fossum & Sue Carriere
 Counter: Lora Johnson & Margaret Buer

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.