

4th SUNDAY OF LENT

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

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Confessions: 15 minutes before Mass
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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).

FISH FRY

EVERY FRIDAY OF LENT
 (EXCEPT GOOD FRIDAY)

AT
ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH
 GOODRIDGE, MN

WHEN: February 16, 23, March 1, 8, 15, 22

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

MENU: Pan-Fried Walleye, Baked Potato,
 Green Beans, Coleslaw, Roll,
 Assorted desserts, Milk and Coffee.

COST: One-fillet meal at \$15.00.
 Two-fillet meal at \$20.00.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!

(For TAKE OUT ORDERS, please call 218-378-4529 starting at 4:00 p.m.)



Oklee	Sunday	03/10/24	8:00 a.m.	For the People
Goodridge	Sunday	03/10/24	10:00 a.m.	Jaden Mercil
Grygla	Sunday	03/10/24	11:45 a.m.	Andrew & Kristine Moritz
Oklee	Monday	03/11/24	8:00 a.m.	Mike Dessellier
Grygla	Tuesday	03/12/24	5:30 p.m.	†Jackie Dobmeier
Oklee	Wednesday	03/13/24	8:00 a.m.	Jeff Blickenstaff
Oklee	Wednesday	03/13/24	6:45 p.m.	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Oklee	Thursday	03/14/24	8:00 a.m.	†Paul Beach
Oklee	Sunday	03/17/24	8:00 a.m.	For the People
Goodridge	Sunday	03/17/24	10:00 a.m.	Abbie Mercil
Grygla	Sunday	03/17/24	11:45 a.m.	Jack Miller
Oklee	Monday	03/18/24	6:00 p.m.	Al Schumacher
Goodridge	Tuesday	03/19/24	5:30 p.m.	Bishop Strickland
Oklee	Wednesday	03/20/24	8:00 a.m.	†Vi Bergh
Oklee	Thursday	03/21/24	8:00 a.m.	Mildred Scambler

CLERGY COLUMN

Happy Lord's Day!

We welcome Fr. Bob Schreiner with us this morning from Red Lake Falls and Brooks. He asked me to offer a Lenten reflection this morning in Red Lake Falls, so we swapped our Mass schedules. He's a great priest and one of the main reasons I'm a priest, so I'm delighted that you get a chance to worship with him this weekend. I know he's been assigned to Grygla in the past and that some of our Oklee people have gone to Mass in Red Lake Falls or Brooks for Sunday Mass or Holy Days, so maybe some of you are already familiar with him and rejoice to have him here. Praise the Lord!

A couple of reminders:

- In Oklee, we have Stations of the Cross led by our children's faith formation this coming Wednesday at 6:45 p.m. Praying the Stations of the Cross in Lent is such a rich tradition, meditating on the Passion and Death of Jesus, I hope you'll consider attending.
- On Saturday I am leading a retreat day for anyone who would like to attend at St. Bernard's in Thief River Falls, starting with Mass at 9:00 a.m. and finishing around 3:00 p.m. that afternoon. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided. The title of the retreat is *The Eucharistic Heart of Mary. It would be great to have you attend.*

Today is the 4th Sunday of Lent, which is also called *Laetare Sunday*, which complements Gaudete Sunday, the 3rd Sunday of Advent. The idea is to notice that we're halfway through Lent, a penitential season. We've entered into the season of penance with self-denial and repentance in mind, hopefully even leading us toward repentance in Confession and toward self-denial in our Lenten penances. That can be hard work - it's not easy to admit failure to live up to God's standards and it's not fun to deny myself of certain pleasures and comforts. So, when I reach the halfway point, then I want to celebrate each day that I can see Easter on the proverbial horizon.

The word *laetare* is a command to rejoice - the opening antiphon for Mass today is from Isaiah 66: *Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast. We who mourn over our own sins and the sins of the world are commanded by Scripture and by the Church to be joyful today, for the Lord sees our repentance and our penance, and he is moved to compassion. In some ways, we see this played out in the First Reading in today's Mass. Because of the sinfulness of his people, the Lord allows them to be brought off into exile in a foreign land, Babylon. But because of his compassion, he inspires the foreign king to send them back to Jerusalem in order that they may rebuild the city and, more importantly, the Temple where they can once again offer worship to the Lord. We can try to imagine the great joy of the people as they entered back into the Promised Land, which might lead us to open our own ears a little wider as we seek to hear the Good News which is only a few short weeks from being proclaimed in a fresh way at Easter. What a gift!*

May the Lord give you his peace!

Fr. Bryan

Stations of the Cross

St. Francis Xavier Church Faith Formation students will be leading the Stations of the Cross at 6:45 p.m. on Wednesday, March 13. Please come and pray with the students and show your support in their faith journey.



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LENT

PILLARS OF LENT

PRAYER



WHAT IS IT?

It is action that leads man, released by fasting from excessive attachments to the world, **to turn to God**, to gaze upon and contemplate, to listen and talk to him, to read his words and meditate on them, to be one with him sacramentally, **celebrating joyfully the mysteries of Redemption**. It is what gives meaning to Lenten practices, which should draw us closer to Him.

BIBLE VERSES TO MEDITATE

MT 6: 1-18

"But when you pray, go to your private room, shut yourself in, and so pray to your Father who is in that secret place, and your Father who sees all that is done in secret will reward you"

AC 2: 42-47

"All who believed were together and had all things in common... Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes"

HOW CAN WE LIVE IT? •



▶ Meditation on the Holy Scripture, readings of saints, fathers of the Church, spiritual authors, etc.



▶ Receiving the sacraments regularly (Confession and Communion)



▶ Daily acts of consecration or personal devotion.

▶ Attend Lent retreats, spiritual exercises, etc.

EXAMPLES

▶ Praying the Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent.

▶ Reflect on a Bible verse each day, especially those related to the Passion of Christ.

▶ Attend daily Mass or other days besides Sundays. Confess regularly.

▶ Pray when you wake up and/or before going to bed.

"PRAYER MAKES YOUR HEART BIGGER, UNTIL IT IS CAPABLE OF CONTAINING THE GIFT OF GOD HIMSELF"

MOTHER TERESA



PILLARS OF LENT | Information obtained from Catholic.net

St Francis Xavier's

Sunday, March 10, 2024
Sacristan: Margaret B
Lector:: Jacob
Counters: Lora & Margaret

Sunday, March 17, 2024
Sacristan: Emily
Lector:: Brady
Counters: Deb & Jo

Sunday, March 24, 2024
Sacristan: Brady
Lector:: Gerri
Counters: MaryAnne & Gerri

St Ann's

Sunday, March 10, 2024
Lector:: Karyl
Counters: Deb & Maggie

Sunday, March 17, 2024
Lector:: Carol
Counters: Marie & Audrey

Sunday, March 24, 2024
Lector:: Paula
Counters: Deb & Maggie

Sunday, March 31, 2024
Lector:: Karyl
Counters: Audrey & Marie

St Clement's

Sunday, March 10, 2024
Lector:: Laurie

Sunday, March 17, 2024
Lector:: Gary

Sunday, March 24, 2024
Lector:: Robbie

Sunday, March 31, 2024
Lector:: Dawn

Sunday, April 7, 2024
Lector:: Jim C

We've got a few plans for Lent in our parishes, some of which are already well underway. Here are some updates:

- House blessings and visits with Fr. Bryan. Even if your house has already been blessed, you can still sign up to have him over. Distance doesn't need to be a concern. You can also invite some friends to join if you'd like to have more people.
- Wednesday, March 6th: Confessions will be offered to the faith formation students and to anyone else in the evening in Oklee. Fr. Bryan will give a brief explanation of Confession/Reconciliation at 6:45 and then will be in the Confessional for about an hour (or for as long as necessary).
- Thursday, March 7th, and Tuesday, March 19th: Evening Mass in Goodridge at 5:30 with Stations of the Cross, Confessions, and Adoration for an hour after Mass.
- Sunday, March 10th: Fr. Bob Schreiner will preside at all of the Sunday Masses. Fr. Bryan will preside in Red Lake Falls and Brooks and lead a reflection after Sunday Mass in Red Lake Falls.
- Tuesday, March 12th: Evening Mass in Grygla at 5:30, followed by Stations of the Cross, followed by Confessions and Adoration for about a half hour.
- Wednesday, March 13th: Stations of the Cross in Oklee at 6:45, led by our children's faith formation group.
- Saturday, March 16th: Fr. Bryan is leading a retreat in Thief River Falls, *The Eucharistic Heart of Mary, 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. All are welcome, no registration required.*
- Monday, March 18th: Evening Mass in Oklee at 6:00 p.m., followed by an hour of Adoration and Confessions offered. (no morning Mass)
- Wednesday, March 20th: Evening event in Thief River Falls, beginning with Mass at 5:15, followed by a meal, followed by a prayer event, *Exalt. Fr. Bryan is preaching. All are welcome. (We still have morning Mass in Oklee.)*
- Monday, March 25th: Chrism Mass in Crookston at 6:30 p.m. at the Cathedral. All are welcome. (no morning Mass)
- Thursday, March 28th: Holy Thursday Mass in Goodridge at 7:00 p.m.
- Friday, March 29th: Good Friday service in Goodridge at 3:00 p.m. All are encouraged to take the day off from work for a religious holiday. This is a day of fasting and penance.
- Saturday, March 30th: Easter Vigil Mass in Goodridge at 8:00 p.m.
- Sunday, March 31st: Easter Sunday Mass in Oklee at 8:30 a.m. and in Grygla at 10:30 a.m.
- Sunday, March 31st: Fr. Bryan takes a nap after Masses. ☐

Well, that turned into quite a list! May the Lord grant that this Lent will be a time of great conversion for all of us!

TITHING

St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee

March 3, 2024

Adult Envelopes	\$2485.00
Endowment for Priests	\$20.00
Flowers for Altar	\$48.00
Easter Flowers	\$165.00
Catholic Relief	\$10.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$47.25</u>
Total	\$ 2775.25

St. Ann's in Goodridge

March 3, 2024

Adult Envelopes	\$751.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$40.00</u>
Total	\$791.00

St. Clement's in Grygla

March 3, 2024

Adult Envelopes	\$713.00
Easter flowers	\$155.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$40.00</u>
Total	\$908.00

St. Michael, the Archangel,
defend us in battle.
Be our safeguard against
the wickedness and snares
of the devil.
May God rebuke him,
we humbly pray;
and do you,
O Prince of the heavenly host,
by the power of God
cast into hell Satan
and all the evil spirits
who wander through the world
seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.