

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

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**Bulletin Deadline**

**Wednesday:** Noon

## Clergy Column

What a tiresome week this has been! I felt ill with some gastrointestinal issues and difficulty breathing in the middle of Mass in Grygla last Sunday, and I had to cancel Mass in Goodridge. It seemed reasonable to be checked for coronavirus, and it took a few days to get some results. I am not infected, *Deo Gratias*, and I do not have any cold or flu symptoms, so it is good to get things back to normal. Many, many thanks to all who offered prayers for me. Evidently, they made whatever strange illness I experienced last Sunday disappear entirely.

The last sentence of this Sunday’s reading from Saint Paul’s Letter to the Romans is, perhaps, a bit tricky to understand: “For God delivered all to disobedience, that he might have mercy upon all.” It doesn’t mean that God made us all act disobediently toward him so that he would have the chance to forgive us. Remember, God’s goal is that we would *freely* choose to follow him, which means that we have to realize that this scripture passage means that God allowed us to exist in this world and make our own choices and hoped that we choose good and not evil, but the choice would still be ours, freely. He let us exist in a place where there would be testing, because if he had allowed no testing, we wouldn’t be truly free. The same ideas are expressed in the Lord’s Prayer: “Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.” It’s not that we think God is going to force us into a tempting situation and we are praying for him to relent. Instead, we know that if we are in that tempting situation, it is by our own choice, but in this prayer we are asking him to help us make wise choices, so as to avoid temptation.

**St. Francis Xavier Parish in Oklee**

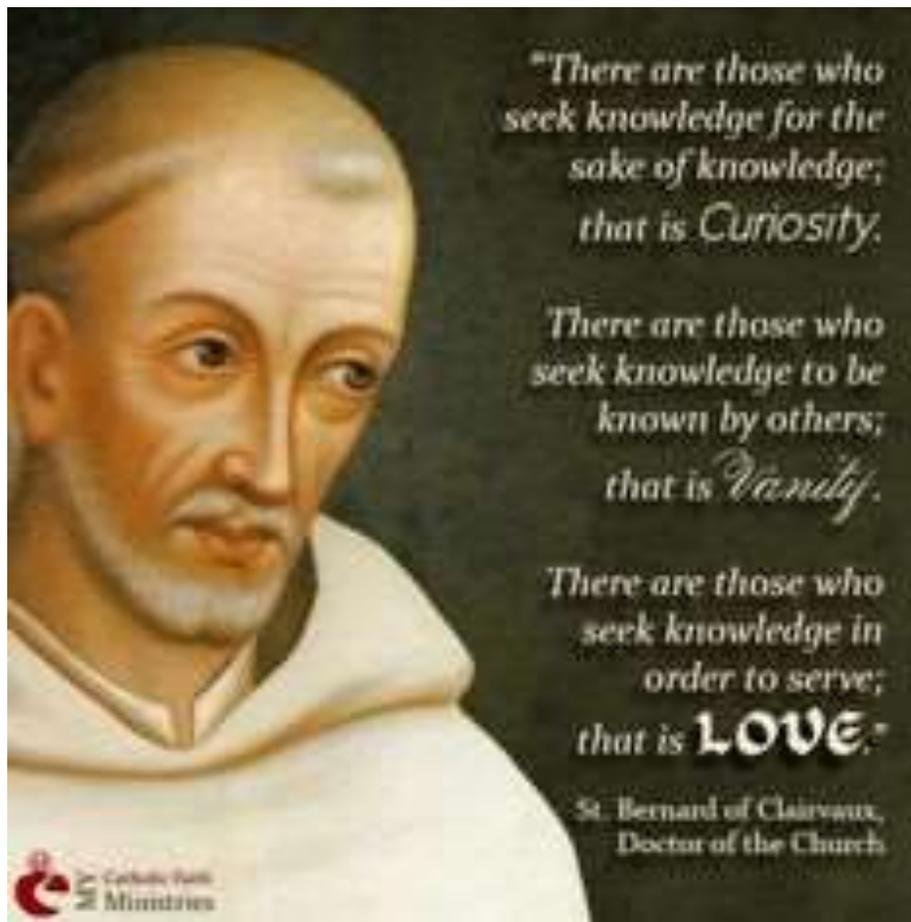
	<u>Mass Times</u>	<u>Confessions</u>
Sun:	8:00 a.m.	7:30 a.m.
Tues:	8:00 a.m.	7:45 a.m.
Wed:	8:00 a.m.	7:45 a.m.
Thurs:	8:00 a.m.	7:45 a.m.
Fri:	8:00 a.m.	7:45 a.m.

**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 p.m.	11:45 a.m.



St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church St. Bernard was born of noble parentage in Burgundy, France, in the castle of Fontaines near Dijon. Under the care of his pious parents he was sent at an early age to a college at Chatillon, where he was conspicuous for his remarkable piety and spirit of recollection. At the same place he entered upon the studies of theology and Holy Scripture. After the death of his mother, fearing the snares and temptations of the world, he resolved to embrace the newly established and very austere institute of the Cistercian Order, of which he was destined to become the greatest ornament. He also persuaded his brothers and several of his friends to follow his example. In 1113, St. Bernard, with thirty young noblemen, presented himself to the holy Abbot, St. Stephen, at Citeaux. After a novitiate spent in great fervor, he made his profession in the following year. His superior soon after, seeing the great progress he had made in the spiritual life, sent him with twelve monks to found a new monastery,

which afterward became known as the celebrated Abbey of Clairvaux. St. Bernard was at once appointed Abbot and began that active life which has rendered him the most conspicuous figure in the history of the 12th century. He founded numerous other monasteries, composed a number of works and undertook many journeys for the honor of God. Several Bishoprics were offered him, but he refused them all. The reputation of St. Bernard spread far and wide; even the Popes were governed by his advice. He was commissioned by Pope Eugene III to preach the second Crusade. In obedience to the Sovereign Pontiff he traveled through France and Germany, and aroused the greatest enthusiasm for the holy war among the masses of the population. The failure of the expedition raised a great storm against the saint, but he attributed it to the sins of the Crusaders. St. Bernard was eminently endowed with the gift of miracles. He died on August 20, 1153. His feast day is August 20.

Oklee	Sunday	08/16/20	8:00 a.m.	Shelby Ernst
Grygla	Sunday	08/16/20	10:15 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Goodridge	Sunday	08/16/20	12:00 p.m.	† <b>Lauretta Stucy</b>

Oklee	Tuesday	08/18/20	8:00 a.m.	Daniel O'Connor
Oklee	Wednesday	08/19/20	8:00 a.m.	In Thanksgiving
Oklee	Thursday	08/20/20	8:00 a.m.	† <b>Dennis Bakke</b>
Oklee	Friday	08/21/20	8:00 a.m.	Peter Bohn

Oklee	Sunday	08/23/20	8:00 a.m.	† <b>Dennis Bakke</b>
Grygla	Sunday	08/23/20	10:15 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Goodridge	Sunday	08/23/20	12:00 p.m.	Myron Narlok

## Tithing

### St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee August 9, 2020

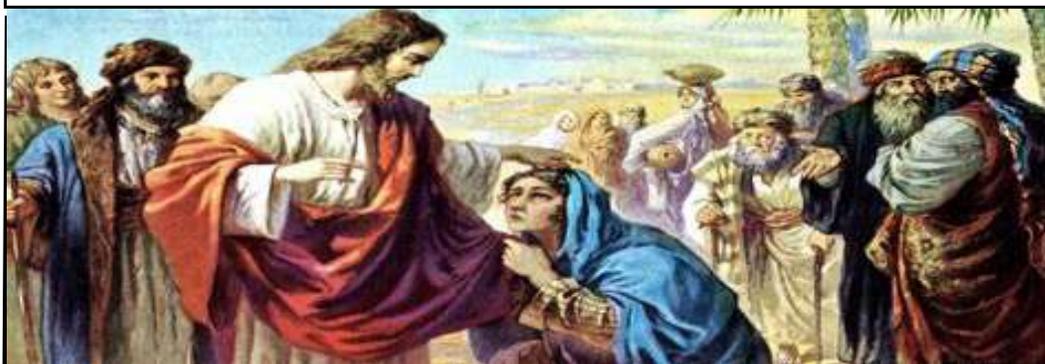
Adults Envelopes	\$2013.00
Loose Plate	\$60.00
Flowers Altar	\$11.00
Total	\$2084.00

### St. Ann's in Goodridge August 9, 2020

Adults Envelopes	\$265.00
Loose Plate	\$39.00
Total	\$304.00

### St. Clement's in Grygla August 9, 2020

Adults Envelopes	\$955.00
Loose Plate	\$110.00
Total	\$1065.00



#### Weekly Reflections

“For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable.” (Romans 11:29)

God has a special mission in mind for each of us. He has given us the gifts we need to accomplish that mission. We are called to be good stewards by using those gifts to do the work that He has planned for each of us. If we deny our gifts or fail to use them as God calls us to use them, then some part of His work will be left undone. “For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable.” (Romans 11:29)

### St Francis Xavier's Oklee, MN

Sunday, August 16, 2020  
Lector: Paul Cyr

Sunday, August 23, 2020  
Lector: Mary Ann Lambert

Sunday, August 30, 2020  
Lector: Virginia Weber

### St. Ann's Goodridge, MN

Sunday, August 16, 2020  
Lector: Carol

Sunday, August 23, 2020  
Lector: Karyl

Sunday, August 30, 2020  
Lector: Eliza

### St. Clement's Grygla, MN

Sunday, August 16, 2020  
Lector: Dawn

Sunday, August 23, 2020  
Lector: Gary

Sunday, August 30, 2020  
Lector: Jim C.

## 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.

### St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church Prayer Blankets

#### You Matter. We care. You are not alone.

There are prayer blankets in the back of the church for those whom are sick, suffering or dying. Please sign the book to whom it is given to so we know who the prayers are for.

Thank you!!

### *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" and a smile 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  
 †Annette Magnell  
 †Ted Lussier  
 †LaVonne Radniecki  
 †Brigitta Dobmeier  
 †Mary Jean Altendorf  
 †Mike Bourque  
 †Fr. Don Braukmann  
 †Florence Dunham  
 †Msgr. Donald Krebs  
 †Betty Barsness  
 †Floyd Charest  
 †Jim Dulka  
 †Avis Frazer  
 †Lauretta Stucy  
 †Tom Toulouse  
 †Marlyn Dessellier  
 †Gerald Cote  
 †Phyllis Martell  
 †Theresa "Bergeron" Lucken  
 †Jerome Hruby

#### Pray For Those Who Are Sick

Delton Sebenaler  
 Donnie Tougas  
 Kenneth LaCoursiere  
 Shirley Dessellier  
 Irene Kiesow  
 Michael Bachand  
 Annette LaCoursiere  
 Debra Olson  
 Jack Miller  
 Kimberly Johs  
 Ambrose Beaudoin  
 Steve Sebenaler  
 Don LaCoursiere  
 Cindy Deterrman  
 David Longtin  
 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

