

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

Please remember in your prayers Monsignor Michael Patnode, who died from pancreatic cancer on Monday evening. As of this bulletin's printing, funeral details are unknown. Msgr. Patnode's final assignment before his retirement three years ago was at St. Francis de Sales in Moorhead. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Today is All Saints' Day and tomorrow is All Souls' Day. Normally I like to have a Mass in each parish for All Souls' Day, but this year I am not able to do so. I have to be down in Fargo. I will be offering Mass at 8:00 a.m. in Oklee tomorrow morning, and I invite everyone from all three parishes to come if you would like to pray for the dearly departed.

This month's First Friday Mass will be at 11:00 a.m. in Goodridge.



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.



All Saint's Day---- The Road to Sainthood is a Fascinating Journey into Human Holiness

November 1, we celebrate the Feast of All Saint's Day. Interestingly, more than 10,000 saints are venerated in the Catholic Church. How did over 10,000 people manage to be canonized? For starters, it is probably safe to say that since the Church has been around for 2000 years that only works out to five saints a year. So, as far as the numbers go, that seems irrelevant. What is relevant is the actual process of attaining sainthood. The procedure is exceptionally stringent since no mistakes as to a candidate's eligibility can go uncovered.

It should be noted that prior to the tenth century there was no set procedure for canonization. Frequently, different communities honored or venerated people whose stories were not backed by solid fact. Some stories were made up. For example, St. George the Dragon Slayer, is from the third century. He is honored by both Muslims and Christians. Is the story fact or legend? In the French countryside St. Guinefort is venerated as the protector of babies. It seems that Guinefort saved a baby from a snakebite. The only problem was, Guinefort was a dog.

Interestingly, 52 of the first 55 popes became saints during Catholicism's first 500 years. During the last one thousand years, only seven popes have attained sainthood, and that includes Pope St. John Paul II and Pope St. John XXIII.

The first saint formally canonized was St. Ulrich of Augsburg. He was canonized by Pope John XV in 993. During the 12th century, the Church, realizing they needed an orderly system, began to put a process in place. Then, in 1243, Pope Gregory IX proclaimed that only a pope had the authority to declare someone a saint. That process still exists to this day.

So, what is the actual process on the road to sainthood? We know this for sure, sainthood is not an easy honor to attain. There are five steps in the journey. The first step begins right in the neighborhood where the proposed saint lived and was known.

After a person has been dead for five years (this time frame may be

waived by the Pope), friends and neighbors may get together and document all they can about that particular person. They would then present their evidence to the local bishop requesting he begin an investigation into the person's holy and exemplary life.

If the bishop feels the evidence is worthy of the cause moving forward, he may appoint a "postulator" to represent the cause. If, after further investigation, they feel the cause is worthy, they forward it to Rome. Now the evidence goes before the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. At this point in the process, the person receives the title, "Servant of God."

The Congregation for the Causes consists of nine theologians who thoroughly review all the documentation that has been presented to them. The person's writings are examined, and all aspects of their life are picked apart. Nothing can go against the teachings of the Church.

The Congregation even has a "devil's advocate" who raises questions and objections about the candidate. The Congregation must be sure before moving forward. If they decide the candidate has been a person of "heroic virtue," they are declared "Venerable," and their cause moves on towards the next step; Beatification.

Except in the cases of martyrdom, Beatification requires one miracle. The candidate's character and holiness have already been established, but having a miracle attributed to someone can take centuries. If a person has been killed for their faith, they have been martyred "*In Odium Fidei*," which means "*In hatred of the faith*."

This death is honored with Beatification and the title Blessed is bestowed on the person. Father Jacques Hamel, who was murdered while saying Mass in France in 2016, is an example of someone experiencing this type of death.

Another death is called "*in defensum castitatis*" meaning, "*in defense of purity*." This too warrants Beatification, and the person is given the title of Blessed. Two young Catholic heroines who died in this manner are St. Maria Goretti and Blessed Pierina Morosini.

Pope Francis recently introduced a new road to sainthood. It honors those who sacrificed their lives for others. (The Mercedarians are known for this). This is called "*Maiorem hac delectionem (nemo habet)*" which means; "*Greater love than this (no man hath)*."

Lastly, there is Canonization. At this point, we are waiting for one more miracle. Upon that happening it is given to the Pope who makes the final decision. It is then a person is declared a saint.

To all you saints (and those in the queue) above, please pray for us all.

By: Larry Peterson



RETROUVAILLE MARRIAGE HELP:

Thinking about Separation or Divorce? Hurting? Angry? Feel helpless?

Retrouvaille is a lifeline for troubled marriages.

Since 1977, over 40,000 marriages saved worldwide.

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Where: Dakota Ridge Best Western Hotel, Eagan, MN

Contact: TCRRegistration@tcr-mn.org

More Information: <http://www.helpourmarriage.org>

Oklee	Sunday	11/01/20	8:00 a.m.	†Vi Bergh
Grygla	Sunday	11/01/20	10:15 a.m.	†Irene Kiesow
Goodridge	Sunday	11/01/20	12:00 p.m.	ProPopulo
Oklee	Monday	11/02/20	8:00 a.m.	†Pro Defunctis
Oklee	Tuesday	11/03/20	NO MASS	NO MASS
Oklee	Wednesday	10/04/20	8:00 a.m.	Wade Klema
Oklee	Thursday	11/05/20	8:00 a.m.	†Ryan Melby
Goodridge	Friday	11/06/20	11:00 a.m.	†Pro Defunctis
Oklee	Latin Mass	11/07/20	4:00 p.m.	†Thad Walton
Oklee	Sunday	11/08/20	8:00 a.m.	ProPopulo
Grygla	Sunday	11/08/20	10:15 a.m.	†Robert & †Lois Zavoral
Goodridge	Sunday	11/08/20	12:00 p.m.	Rober Paulson

Tithing

St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee

October 25, 2020

Adults Envelopes	\$1034.00
Loose Plate	\$00.00
Propagation of Faith	\$115.00
Priest's Training	<u>\$20.00</u>
Total	\$1169.00

St. Ann's in Goodridge

October 25, 2020

Adults Envelopes	\$0.00
Loose Plate	\$0.00
Men's club	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total	\$0.00

St. Clement's in Grygla

October 25, 2020

Adults Envelopes	\$275.00
Loose Plate	\$82.00
World Mission Sunday	\$0.00
Priest's Training	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total	\$357.00

Job Notice: we are looking for some custodial help in Oklee. Pam Asselin has been doing a fine job, but she needs to step away now. We are looking for someone to come in once a week for half an hour to tidy up the bathrooms, plus coming in one other day each month for 3 or 4 hours to do more thorough cleaning. We are willing to pay a competitive rate, and you are free to come in to work when it suits your schedule. Please pass this information on to anyone who might be interested. This could be a good job for a teenager in need of some spending money.

Weekly Reflections

"Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you (falsely) because of me." - Matthew 5:11

We are all at different points on the path to holiness, on getting to Heaven and becoming a saint. Part of the journey is being mocked and ridiculed by others. When this happens, how do you respond? Do you become silent? Do you react in anger or do you react with love? Fortunately, as one Body of Christ, we are united with the saints already in Heaven. Ask your favorite saint for guidance in defending the Faith.

St Francis Xavier's Oklee, MN

Sunday, November 1, 2020
Lector: Jacob Melby

Sunday, November 8, 2020
Lector: Mary Ann Lambert

Sunday, November 15, 2020
Lector: Mary Lynn Bachand

St Ann's Goodridge, MN

Sunday, November 1, 2020
Lector: Carol

Sunday, November 8, 2020
Lector: Eliza

Sunday, November 15, 2020
Lector: carol

St Clement's Grygla, MN

Sunday, November 1, 2020
Lector: Dawn

Sunday, November 8, 2020
Lector: Gary

Sunday, November 15, 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
 †Irene Kiesow
 †Msgr. Michael Patnode

Pray For Those Who Are Sick

Delton Sebenaler
 Donnie Tougas
 Kenneth LaCoursiere
 Shirley Dessellier
 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
 Jo Lambert
 Richard Perreault
 Tony Radniecki

