

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

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CLERGY COLUMN

It is fitting that on Trinity Sunday, our readings are largely about Baptism. There is a straightforward reason for this. The major places in the Sacred Scriptures where the Holy Trinity is mentioned is when we are told about Baptism!

Our Lord specifically instructs that we baptize in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Over the Centuries, the Church, in her wisdom, has given further specifics. A baptism may either be full immersion three times, as in a big font or actually out in a river or other body of water, or it may just be, at a bare minimum, water poured on the top of the head three times, in each case with the proper words. This puts me in mind of certain spiritual dangers we may encounter in our lives. The simple requirements for baptism that I have explained above are necessary for a baptism to be valid. Without them, the person is simply not baptized, washed clean from original sin, or enlivened with the life of grace. There are some local “denominations” that we may encounter in our lives who have invalid or dubiously valid baptisms and you should be aware of that fact.

Definitely Invalid Baptisms (incomplete list)

- Mormons (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints)
- Jehovah’s Witnesses
- Quakers
- Salvation Army
- Spiritualist
- Unitarians
- Church of Christ the Scientist

Possibly Invalid Baptisms (incomplete list)

- Seventh Day Adventists
- Mennonite
- Pentecostal
- Hutterite

St. Francis Xavier Parish in Oklee

Mass Times Confessions

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.

St. Clement Parish in Grygla

Mass Times Confessions

Sun: 11:45 a.m. 11:30 a.m.

St. Ann Parish in Goodridge

Mass Times Confessions

Sun: 10:00 a.m. 9:45 a.m.

The Most Holy Trinity

Today we celebrate Trinity Sunday. Our gospel reading speaks of the disciple's mission to the world. Here Matthew portrays Jesus' last act of ministry, teaching His disciples the basics of ministry, of going out into the world, teaching, baptising, and making disciples.

This is Matthew's interpretation of the Great Commissioning and the scene is a mountaintop experience. Scripture has taught us that the mountain is often designated as a meeting place with God. Jesus therefore arranged to meet His disciples on a mountaintop as He intends to give them special instructions before His departure to Heaven.

This is the place where Jesus had arranged to meet them, the now remaining eleven disciples on another mountain in Galilee. It is an uneven number, and we know why. We are told "When they saw him, they fell down before him though some hesitated" (Mt 28:17).

We can only surmise that those who hesitated did so knowing Jesus had died and could not believe that He was alive again. Nor should we be surprised at either reaction: hesitancy or worship.

It was fitting for the disciples to worship Jesus. They knew He was executed and buried but now they see Him alive again, confirming beyond doubt that He is the Messiah. Now, He is the Lord of Life, executing power even over death. Nothing in their experience had prepared the disciples for this.

In response, Jesus accepted the worship of those who did. Still, He did not reject those who hesitated. He understood their doubt and frailty but spoke to their faith in calling them to carry on His work.

We can be confident, therefore, that in choosing the disciples in their frailty opens the door for Him to choose us in our imperfection to do His work.

Matthew 28:18 recounts this narrative between Jesus and His disciples: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me." This is a very important and informative admission made by the resurrected Jesus, that all authority has been given to Him, inter alia, to forgive sins, to send the Holy Spirit, to grant eternal life to those whom He chooses and to raise up on the last day, and to mediate before God and man.

This authority of which Jesus speaks and exercises was given to Him by God on completion of His earthly ministry. He became man and humbled Himself to death on a cross and became the perfect sacrifice that redeemed us from our sin. This authority/kingship spans time and place, and there is no time and place where it does not apply.

"Go therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit..." (Mt 28:19). Baptism in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit indicates that a new relationship is formed in the Trinity. This is the commission given to the disciples at the time though it applies to all of us today.

The mission is primarily to make disciples of all nations and, in so doing, we go out into the world to teach, to live and to spread the truth of the Good News. It was prophesied by the prophet Daniel, even before Jesus was born, "on him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship and all men and peoples, nations and languages became his servants" (Dn 7:14).

"...and teach them to observe all the

commands I gave you and know I am with you always: yes, to the end of time" (Mt 28:20). It is a responsibility to teach new disciples what Jesus taught, but the promise is that the risen and ascended Lord will be always with us, even to the end of time.

We are secure in this knowledge and in the fate that He will never leave us or forsake us even in this Covid pandemic. We are challenged to be witnesses in our lives and to answer this call when and where we are and in the company we find ourselves.

The gospel meditations for May were by June Renie, a retired law librarian and a graduate of the Catholic Bible Institute. She is an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist at St Anthony's parish, Petit Valley.

By June Renie

Glory be to the Father,
Who by His almighty power and love
created me,
making me in the image and likeness of
God.

Glory be to the Son,
Who by His Precious Blood delivered
me from hell,
and opened for me the gates of heaven.

Glory be to the Holy Spirit,
Who has sanctified me in the sacrament
of Baptism,
and continues to sanctify me
by the graces I receive daily from His
bounty.

Glory be to the Three adorable Persons
of the Holy Trinity,
now and forever.

Amen.



Oklee	Sunday	5/30/21	8:00 a.m.	† Dorothy Plante
Goodridge	Sunday	5/30/21	10:00 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Grygla	Sunday	5/30/21	11:45 a.m.	† David Van Heel
Oklee	Tuesday	06/01/21	8:00 a.m.	Private Intentions
Oklee	Wednesday	06/02/21	8:00 a.m.	Bob Radniecki
Oklee	Thursday	06/03/21	8:00 a.m.	† Jean Carpenter
Oklee	Friday	06/04/21	11:00 a.m.	† Jim Dulka
Oklee	Sunday	5/30/21	8:00 a.m.	Bob Radniecki
Goodridge	Sunday	5/30/21	10:00 a.m.	Will Rost
Grygla	Sunday	5/30/21	11:45 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>

St. Ann — Goodridge

Our fiscal year ends June 30, 2021 and I wanted to let the parish know how we are doing. Our budgeted goal for weekly collections (excluding all special collections, Easter and Christmas) is 26,139.00. Since July of 2020 through May 16th, we have received \$25,937.00 from the regular Sunday collections.

No. of families/members	Dollar range
2	\$1.00 - \$500.00
2	\$501.00 - \$1000.00
6	\$1001.00 - \$2000.00
3	\$2001.00 - \$3000.00
1	\$3001.00 - \$4000.00
1	\$4001.00 - \$5000.00

St. Clement's— Grygla

Our fiscal year ends June 30, 2021 and I wanted to let the parish know how we are doing. Our budgeted goal for weekly collections (excluding all special collections, Easter and Christmas) is \$30,000. Since July of 2020 through May 24th, we have received \$28,295.00 from the regular Sunday collections.

No. of families/members	Dollar range
11	\$1.00 - \$500.00
5	\$501.00 - \$1000.00
10	\$1001.00 - \$2000.00
2	\$2001.00 - \$3000.00
0	\$3001.00 - \$4000.00
2	\$4001.00 - \$5000.00

Tithing St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee May 23, 2021

Adults Envelopes	\$1730.00
Catholic Univ.	\$5.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$620.00</u>
Total	\$2355.00

St. Ann's in Goodridge May 23, 2021

Adults Envelopes	\$631.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$31.00</u>
Total	\$662.00

St. Clement's in Grygla May 23, 2021

Adults Envelopes	\$290.00
Cemetery Maint.	\$1280.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$60.00</u>
Total	\$1630.00



Congratulations goes to Caleb Kiviahio and Abram Kiviahio for receiving their First Holy Communion on Pentecost Sunday, May 23, at St. Ann's in Goodridge.

St Francis Xavier's Oklee, MN

Sunday, May 30, 2021
Lector: Jan Dulka

Sunday, June 6, 2021
Lector: Paul Cyr

Sunday, June 13, 2021
Lector: Jacob Melby

St Ann's Goodridge, MN

Sunday, May 30, 2021
Lector: Carol

Sunday, June 6, 2021
Lector: Eliza

Sunday, June 6, 2021
Lector: Carol

St Clement's Grygla, MN

Sunday, May 30, 2021
Lector: Daniel

Sunday, June 6, 2021
Lector: Dawn

Sunday, June 6, 2021
Lector: Gary

Weekly Reflections

"The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ..." - ROMANS 8:16-17

If we are heirs to the kingdom of God, shouldn't we work to build up His kingdom? Shouldn't we be good stewards of our inheritance, using our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to care for the Church that God has left to us? Our Church is a treasured heirloom from God. Do we treat it that way?



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 pray-ers 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" 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
†Ted Lussier
†LaVonne Radniecki
†Brigitta Dobmeier
†Mary Jean Altendorf
†Mike Bourque
†Florence Dunham
†Betty Barsness
†Floyd Charest
†Jim Dulka
†Avis Frazer
†Lauretta Stuey
†Tom Toulouse
†Marlyn Dessellier
†Gerald Cote
†Phyllis Martell
†Theresa "Bergeron" Lucken
†Jerome Hruby
†Irene Kiesow
†Donnie Knutson
†Ron Rustan
†Joan Carpenter
†Leroy Irlbeck
†Lowell Smeby
†Dorothy Plante
†Jim Lussier
†Tim Whalen
†Iona Berry
†Kim Johs

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 Deterrman
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
Darren Tougas
Elaine Radniecki
Bob Radniecki
Rick Dulka
Greg Whalen
Richard Bourque

