

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

I had a very pleasant time away to visit some old friends. It was almost like a grand tour. I visited priests in Elbow Lake, Taylor’s Falls, and Saint Paul, Minnesota and one in Madison Wisconsin, along with a young couple I know who have a 4-month old baby. The weather in Wisconsin was perfect for seeing the beautiful Autumn colors. Saturday before last, I was able to visit Holy Hill, which, as you can imagine, is an enormous Catholic Church built on top of a tall hill overlooking a forested valley, about an hour’s drive from Madison. As happy coincidences are bound to happen in the Catholic world, while I was walking along the outdoor Stations of the Cross at Holy Hill, I ran into someone I know from Hallock! If you are a family that takes summer road trips, I encourage you to find at least one Catholic Shrine or Church to visit on your way. We often don’t realize it, but these special places are all over the country, nearly anywhere you’d wish to go on a Summer vacation.

The Gospel Weekly Readers have arrived for children in pre-K through 6th grade. You can pick them up after Mass. Monsignor McGee said he had a nice time substituting last Sunday, and he said that everything ran smoothly, so thank you to everyone involved in making that happen.

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.

SIMON AND JUDE THADDEUS, APOSTLES

Feast Day (Roman): October 28

Feast Day (Coptic): May 10

Canonized: Pre-Congregation

Both Simon and Jude were ordinary men who were chosen by Jesus himself to teach others about God's love and to "make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19). Their lives help us to understand that even the most average people can become saints when they decide to follow Jesus.

Both of these men were known by other names during their lives. Simon was often called "the Zealot." A zealot is a person who is strongly committed to something. In Simon's case, he firmly believed in the importance of people following Jewish law. Once he met Jesus, his life was changed and he became convinced that the most important thing was to follow Jesus and his teachings. We believe that another reason Simon had a nickname was to keep people from confusing him with the other apostle named Simon, the one Jesus called Peter.

Jude was also known as "Jude Thaddeus." People used this formal title so that he was not confused with Judas, the apostle who betrayed Jesus and handed him over to be arrested. Jude is the patron saint of hopeless cases and desperate situations. People often pray to Jude when they feel that there is no one else to turn to. They ask Jude to bring their problem to Jesus. Because Jude had such great faith, we know that nothing is impossible for those who believe in the Lord.

Simon and Jude traveled together to teach others about Jesus. Because of their eyewitness accounts of Jesus' miracles and his death and Resurrection, many people became believers and were baptized. Simon and Jude died for their



faith on the same day in Beirut. Jude's body was later returned to Rome where it was buried in a crypt under St. Peter's Basilica.

We honor their feast day on October 28. These two saints remind us to learn all we can about Jesus and to share it with others, as they did.



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.

Couples learn the tools to rediscover each other and heal their marriage. 100% confidential.

When: **December 4-6, 2020, February 5-7, 2021, April 9-11, 2021**

Where: Dakota Ridge Best Western Hotel, Eagan, MN

Contact: TCRRegistration@tcr-mn.org

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

Oklee	Sunday	10/25/20	8:00 a.m.	†Karen Langseth
Grygla	Sunday	10/25/20	10:15 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Goodridge	Sunday	10/25/20	12:00 p.m.	In Thanksgiving
Oklee	Tuesday	10/27/20	8:00 a.m.	†Larry O'Neill
Oklee	Wednesday	10/28/20	8:00 a.m.	†Karen Langseth
Oklee	Thursday	10/29/20	8:00 a.m.	Kim Johs
Oklee	Friday	10/30/20	8:00 a.m.	<i>Pro Defunctis</i>
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.	<i>ProPopulo</i>

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.

WEEKLEY REFLECTIONS



“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind.” – Matthew 22:37



Do you put other “gods” before God? Is your love of money, power, status, comfort or some personal possession greater than your love for God? Do you really recognize that everything you have and that everything you are is a gift from God? The good news – it’s not too late to put God first in all things in your life.

Tithing

St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee

October 11, 2020	
Adults Envelopes	\$2182.00
Loose Plate	\$20.00
Flowers for Altar	\$13.00
Priest's Training	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total	\$2215.00

October 18, 2020	
Adults Envelopes	\$1331.00
Loose Plate	\$20.00
Propagation of Faith	\$295.00
Priest's Training	<u>\$39.00</u>
Total	\$1685.00

St. Ann's in Goodridge

October 11, 2020	
Adults Envelopes	\$475.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$60.00</u>
Total	\$535.00

October 18, 2020	
Adults Envelopes	\$661.00
Loose Plate	\$10.00
Men's club	<u>\$600.00</u>
Total	\$1271.00

St. Clement's in Grygla

October 11, 2020	
Adults Envelopes	\$585.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$90.00</u>
Total	\$675.00

October 18, 2020	
Adults Envelopes	\$480.00
Loose Plate	\$1.00
World Mission Sunday	\$50.00
Priest's Training	<u>\$60.00</u>
Total	\$591.00

St Francis Xavier's Oklee, MN

Sunday, October 25, 2020
Lector: Virginia Weber

Sunday, November 1, 2020
Lector: Jacob Melby

Sunday, November 8, 2020
Lector: Mary Ann Lambert

St Ann's Goodridge, MN

Sunday, October 25, 2020
Lector: Eliza

Sunday, November 1, 2020
Lector: Carol

Sunday, November 8, 2020
Lector: Eliza

St Clement's Grygla, MN

Sunday, October 25, 2020
Lector: Daniel

Sunday, November 1, 2020
Lector: Dawn

Sunday, November 8, 2020
Lector: Gary

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

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

