

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

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## Bulletin Deadline

**Wednesday:** Noon

## CLERGY COLUMN

Here is an excerpt from a letter that Bishop Pates sent to us on Thursday: *“The Diocese of Crookston will join the other five Minnesota dioceses in re-instating the Sunday obligation to attend Mass on July 1 and thus will be effective the weekend of July 3 and 4. The decision is made in line with the guidance of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Minnesota Department of Health. Especially noteworthy is that as of June 1, the percentage of adults vaccinated in the state of Minnesota was 65%. Heartfelt thanks are to be expressed to those who have taken this step. Because of vaccination, the country has experienced a significant decline in the incidence of COVID-19.”*

While the normal obligation of attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days returns as of the first of next month, and while we might start to see some more people in church, I'd first like to say, look around right now and see how many people are coming when they are technically dispensed from the obligation. It is amazing! How many of you, as surly teenagers, thought that you would bother to wake up on Sunday morning and go to Mass if you didn't have to? Yet, here you are! It's a testament to the call you feel in your heart to be near to the Lord. Let's do our best to invite everyone else back to Mass. Now is the time to tell them how your faith has seen you through these trying times.

-Friday is the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. There will be a special Mass in Oklee at 5:45 p.m.

-Saturday we have Bishop Pates coming for the Sacrament of Confirmation in Oklee.

### 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 Sacred Heart of Jesus



In Catholic churches and homes, one of the most popular images of Jesus is the image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It is the image of God's love revealed in the pierced heart of His Son. It is the symbol of a love that conquers sin and transcends death, the symbol of the One who loved us to the end.

Love has always been associated with the heart, so it was only natural that the love of God became represented by a heart, the heart of his Son Jesus. In him, God the Father revealed his infinite love for us. On the Friday after the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

The Church was born from the pierced heart of Jesus on the cross. In the first creation, Eve was born from the side of Adam. In the new creation, the Church was born from the side of Jesus. The Bride from the Heart of the Bridegroom! When the soldier thrust his lance into Jesus' side, immediately blood and water flowed out. Saint John Chrysostom had this to say about this passage: *Beloved, do not pass over this mystery without thought; it has yet another hidden meaning, which I will explain to you. I said that water and blood symbolized baptism and the holy eucharist. From these two sacraments the Church is born: from baptism, the cleansing water that gives rebirth and renewal through the Holy Spirit, and from the holy eucharist. Since the symbols of baptism and the eucharist flowed from his side, it was from his side that*

*Christ fashioned the Church, as he had fashioned Eve from the side of Adam ... As God took a rib from Adam's side to fashion a woman, so Christ has given us blood and water from his side to fashion the Church. God took the rib when Adam was in a deep sleep, and in the same way Christ gave us the blood and the water after his own death.*

Since the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ, from his Sacred Heart, this should have great meaning for us. In prayer, we contemplate the pierced Heart of our Savior. We contemplate his incredible love. We reflect on the mercy, compassion and love that God has bestowed upon us. We become enthralled by Christ, like Saint Paul, who prayed that Christ might dwell in the hearts of the Ephesian Christians through faith and that they might know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge. When Christ dwells in our hearts, when we know his love deeply, in our minds and hearts, we are moved to live the great commandments of love of God and neighbor. We are motivated by the Sacred Heart of Jesus to open our hearts to him so that they are filled with love for our brothers and sisters. **In this way, we learn to live Jesus' commandment: *Love one another as I have loved you.***

The Church, born from the pierced heart of Jesus, has a mission in the world to proclaim the redeeming love of God in Christ. This is a great mission. There are many systems of thought and action which seek to construct the human world on the basis of wealth, power, force, science or pleasure. **But that's not the Christian system.** Our mission, our work, is to proclaim love, salvation, redemption, eternal life. The Sacred Heart of Jesus is precisely the image that expresses our mission. It is the image of the infinite and merciful love which the heavenly Father has poured out upon the world through his Son. The goal of all we do in the Church should be to lead people to encounter this love. Only this love, the love of the Heart of Christ, can transform the human heart and bring true peace to the world.

In our lives and in our work in the Church, we must place all our hope in the One who said *Come to me, all you who labor*

*and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart.* This is one of the most beautiful scriptural references to the heart of Jesus. His heart, the symbol of his redeeming love, is also a symbol of his meekness and humility. Jesus invites us to learn from his heart and to imitate his love, his meekness, and his humility. This aspect of devotion to the Sacred Heart is evident in the common prayer or invocation: *Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make my heart like unto thine.*

I invite you to cultivate a devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The month of June is a month when this devotion is practiced more intensely. Some wonderful practices include praying the Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, making a consecration to the Sacred Heart or having the image of the Sacred Heart enthroned in your home. These devotions are not just some relics of the past. They have continued relevance today. When we draw close to Christ in the mystery of his heart, this enables us to dwell on the great mystery of our faith, that *God is love*. This also strengthens us and inspires us to imitate his love and to help build the civilization of love. From the Sacred Heart of Jesus, our hearts learn meekness, humility, mercy, and love.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is profoundly Eucharistic. It finds its summit at Mass where we lift up our hearts to the Lord. We unite our hearts with the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the offering of the Eucharistic Sacrifice. At Mass, we are nourished at the Paschal banquet of our Redeemer's Body and Blood. The Eucharist is the sacrament of charity. It is a school of love where we are educated by Jesus. We pray in the prayer after Communion on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart: *May this sacrament of charity, O Lord, make us fervent with the fire of holy love, so that, drawn always to your Son, we may learn to see him in our neighbor.* The Eucharist has been called "the outstanding gift of the Heart of Jesus", the Heart that gives life to the Church and to all of us, her members.

Oklee	Sunday	06/06/21	8:00 a.m.	Bob Radniecki
Goodridge	Sunday	06/06/21	10:00 a.m.	Will Rost
Grygla	Sunday	06/06/21	11:45 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Oklee	Tuesday	06/08/21	8:00 a.m.	†Jim Lussier
Oklee	Wednesday	06/09/21	8:00 a.m.	†Iona Berry
Oklee	Thursday	06/10/21	8:00 a.m.	†Joan Carpenter
Oklee	Friday	06/11/21	5:45 p.m.	†Jim Dulka
Oklee	Saturday	06/12/21	5:00 p.m.	Confirmation Students
Oklee	Sunday	06/13/21	8:00 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Goodridge	Sunday	06/13/21	10:00 a.m.	Robb Brown
Grygla	Sunday	06/13/21	11:45 a.m.	†Irene Kiesow

## Tithing

### St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee

May 30 2021

Adults Envelopes	\$2418.00
Catholic Univ.	\$5.00
Endowment for Priests	\$10.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$135.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2568.00</b>

### St. Ann's in Goodridge

May 30, 2021

Adults Envelopes	\$520.00
<b>Men's Club</b>	<b>\$300.00</b>
Loose Plate	<u>\$62.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$882.00</b>

### St. Clement's in Grygla

May 30, 2021

Adults Envelopes	\$300.00
Cemetery Maint.	\$70.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$0.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$370.00</b>



Saturday, June 12 - 5:00 p.m. St Francis Xavier—Oklee

*CONGRATULATION TO OUR  
CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES*

*St. Francis Xavier ~ Oklee*

Dominica Bernstein - The Blessed Virgin Mary

Wakely Bryl - Saint Isidore the Farmer

Andrew Gryskiewicz - Saint Nicholas

Lauren Melby - Saint Mary Magdalene

*St. Clement ~ Grygla*

Hailey Knutson - Saint Cosmas

Please pray to the chosen Patron Saints listed for the Confirmands.

*Reception to follow with a meal being served by the Margaret Circle*

## *Quotes*

*"Far better it is for you to say: "I am a sinner," than to say: "I have no need of religion." The empty can be filled, but the self-intoxicated have no room for God."*

*~ Fulton J. Sheen*

### **St Francis Xavier's** Oklee, MN

Sunday, June 6, 2021  
Lector: Paul Cyr

Sunday, June 13, 2021  
Lector: Jan Dulka

Sunday, June 20, 2021  
Lector: David Bachand

### **St Ann's** Goodridge, MN

Sunday, June 6, 2021  
Lector: Eliza

Sunday, June 13, 2021  
Lector: Carol

Sunday, June 20, 2021  
Lector: Eliza

### **St Clement's** Grygla, MN

Sunday, June 6, 2021  
Lector: Dawn

Sunday, June 13, 2021  
Lector: Gary

Sunday, June 20, 2021  
Lector: Laurie

## Weekly Reflections

*"Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them and they all drank from it." - MARK 14:23*

Jesus, the perfect steward, gave thanks, just before He gave Himself up for us, completely for our salvation. He offers us the same chance to drink from His cup. In the bread and wine, we meet Christ personally. If we follow Him, drinking from His cup means our own self-sacrifice, using all of our gifts for the benefit of others and to do His work on earth.

The Rosary is the best therapy for these distraught, unhappy, fearful, and frustrated souls precisely because it involves the simultaneous use of three powers: the physical, the vocal, and the spiritual

Archbishop Fulton Sheen



### 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!!

#### 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 Stucy  
†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  
Tony Weber

