

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

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## SAFE ENVIRONMENT

NOTE: If you or someone you know has been the victim of sexual misconduct on the part of a priest, deacon, or individual representing the Diocese of Crookston, its parishes, or its schools, your first call should be to law enforcement. Red Lake County Sheriff at 218-253-2996, Pennington County Sheriff at 218-681-6161, Marshall County Sheriff at 218-745-5411. In addition, the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator is available at 218-281-7895 (24-hour confidential number).

Oklee	Sunday	10/15/23	8:00 a.m.	For the People
Grygla	Sunday	10/15/23	10:15 a.m.	Jeff Blickenstaff
Goodridge	Sunday	10/15/23	12:00 p.m.	†Kathy Horachek Siverling
Oklee	Monday	10/16/23		NO MASS
Goodridge	Tuesday	10/17/23		NO MASS
Oklee	Wednesday	10/18/23		NO MASS
Oklee	Thursday	10/19/23		NO MASS
Oklee	Sunday	10/22/23	8:00 a.m.	†For the People
Grygla	Sunday	10/22/23	10:15 a.m.	Jo Ellen Lawler
Goodridge	Sunday	10/22/23	12:00 p.m.	For the People

## CLERGY COLUMN

Happy Lord's Day!

While we continue to focus on the great gift of the Eucharist during our Sunday Masses, I also want to continue highlighting the saints we celebrate during the year. October has some great saints - I suppose I say the same thing for each month during the year! □ Some of those saints' days have already passed by in the first half of the month and some are still to come, and we actually miss out on a few great saints this year because their days fall on Sundays and are overtaken by the Sundays of Ordinary Time - St. Therese of Lisieux (1st), St. Theresa of Avila (15th), and Pope St. John Paul II (22nd).

The saints that grab my attention most as I look at the calendar are those who are still to come. St. Luke (18th) was one of the Gospel writers, of course. What is less commonly known is that he also wrote the Acts of the Apostles, the book immediately following the four Gospels in the Bible. So, he is responsible for a very large chunk of the New Testament - more than 25%. That's quite a thing. We owe a deep debt of gratitude to this evangelist who literally gave his life - he's known to be a martyr for the faith - so that you and I could read about the life of Jesus and encounter the power of the Gospel. Thank you, St. Luke! Pray for us, that we may not take your sacrifices for granted.

We also have two of the Apostles coming up on the 28th - St. Simon and St. Jude. We don't know much about either of them. The *Magnificat*, a daily missalette with all of the Mass readings and some other prayers in it, says, "Simon and Jude were among the twelve men Jesus chose to lead his Church. Tradition holds that after Pentecost Simon preached the Gospel in Edessa and Jude in Egypt. The two Apostles met in Persia, where they suffered martyrdom on the same day." Among the rest of the Apostles were more prominent men of the same names - Simon, whose name was changed to Peter, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Jesus - so these two tend to be forgotten. This is why St. Jude is the patron saint of lost causes - throughout history people have hesitated to ask for his intercession, thinking that the only Jude was Judas Iscariot. Sts. Simon and Jude, pray for us!

Of course, the saints who have already passed us by on the calendar are also great. St. Francis of Assisi, who I think is one of the most misunderstood saints of history, was on the 4th. The Holy Guardian Angels, those excellent creatures who protect us and guide us, were on the 2nd. The founder of one of the greatest silent religious orders in the Church, the Carthusians, was St. Bruno. They live in almost complete silence, praying and offering sacrifices for the salvation of the world, almost always living in the mountains and eating very little. His day was on the 6th. Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, named after the same saint at the church in Oklee, was a missionary to Louisiana in the 1800s. His day was on the 5th, which is the same day as St. Faustina, who received from the Lord the image of Divine Mercy.

All of these great saints packed into one month, and I didn't even get to mention all of them! What a rich and beautiful treasure we have in the saints!

May the Lord give you his peace!

Fr. Bryan

P.S. I'll be away all week this week. I have a group of priest friends that get together for a few days every year for vacation. We usually meet up in September, but our plans were delayed until this week this year. At the end of the week, I'll be leading a retreat for some people in central Minnesota, but I'll be back by Sunday.

Oklee will also have a student, Kennedy Halvorson, receiving First Communion next Sunday. There will be a celebration after Mass, hosted by the Ladies' Aid. Please pray for Kennedy as she prepares.



## REAL PRESENCE OF JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST

During the month of October, priests around the Diocese of Crookston are tasked with preaching homilies about the Holy Eucharist, which we teach is the source and summit of our Catholic-Christian faith. While each priest may have his own approach to this preaching series, the goal set by Bishop Cozzens is that each and every Catholic in this diocese will grow in understanding of the Eucharist and, therefore, grow in love of the Eucharist.

**This week in our parishes, the focus is on the sacrificial nature of the Eucharist, which unites the Last Supper to Jesus' death on the cross.** We believe that the Last Supper and the Crucifixion are not isolated events, but instead united events. In fact, when we come together to celebrate the Paschal Triduum during Holy Week, the liturgies are seen to be one continuous liturgy - we begin with the Last Supper on Holy Thursday, continue with the Crucifixion on Good Friday, and finish with the Resurrection at the Easter Vigil. This is called the Paschal Mystery.

This way of understanding the Eucharist is very important. The heart of religion is worship and the heart of worship is sacrifice. **Whenever we worship something or someone, we are expressing that thing or person's worth - worth-ship.** In the way that we worship God, we are expressing what He is worth to us. For example, for a person who refuses to attend Mass because the time is too inconvenient, that person is expressing that time or sleep or some activity is worth more to him than God is. For the person who doesn't attend Mass when relatives are in town for the weekend, or when visiting relatives for the weekend, that person is expressing that family is worth more to her than God is. On the other hand, for the person who is willing to miss out on some important event or meeting because s/he needs to attend Mass, that person is expressing that God is more important than all else. That person is making a sacrifice of time, relationship, etc in order to offer worship to God. These little sacrifices that we make in order to offer worship to God are then united to the great Sacrifice of the Mass.

From the beginning of its existence, the Church has always understood the Mass to be a re-presentation of both the Last Supper and the sacrifice of Calvary. It's not that Jesus is being crucified again, but that the past is being made present. At the Last Supper, Jesus says, *"Do this in memory of me."* The Greek words are, *"Touto poieite eis tan eman anamnesin."* Maybe you'll recall the first week of this series mentioned that the "memorial feast" instituted both at Passover and at the Last Supper. The word "anamnesis" invokes a stronger-than-usual kind of memory, which brings the past to the present, and it also always appears in the Bible within a sacrificial context. Additionally helpful for us is to understand that the word *"poieseis"* can be translated as either *"do this"* or *"offer this"*, which points to a command from Jesus to make an offering to God. What is the offering? It is the sacrifice of Jesus' body, *"which will be given up for you,"* and blood, *"which will be poured out for you and for many."* The Didache, a first- or second-century instruction book for Christians, says about the Mass, *"Assemble on the Lord's day, and break bread and offer the Eucharist; but first make confession of your faults, so that your sacrifice may be a pure one."* Lines very similar to this can be seen in many of the Church Fathers, the earliest generations of Christians.

We participate in the true worship offered by Jesus, in the supreme Sacrifice of the Cross, when we attend Holy Mass. The priest, who is acting the Person of Christ, leads the worship on behalf of the people who participate by uniting their own sacrifices to the Sacrifice of the Mass. If a person is attending Sunday worship which does not include an understanding of sacrificial worship, then that person is missing the mark on Jesus' command at the Last Supper and on the understanding of the earliest Christian generations. Of course, for us as Catholic-Christians, we understand our Sunday worship to be sacrificial worship. What a gift that we can share in this sacrifice!

### St Francis Xavier's

Sunday, October 15, 2023  
Sacristan: Phyllis  
Lector:: Paul  
Counters: Margaret & Linda

Sunday, October 22, 2023  
Sacristan: Emily  
Lector:: MaryLynn  
Counters: Jo & Deb

Sunday, October 29, 2023  
Sacristan: Mary Lynn  
Lector:: Bob  
Counters: MaryAnn & Jan

### St Ann's

Sunday, October 15, 2023  
Lector:: Paula  
Counters: Deb & Maggie

Sunday, October 22, 2023  
Lector:: Carol  
Counters: Audrey & Marie

Sunday, October 29, 2023  
Lector:: Paula  
Counters: Deb & Maggie

### St Clement's

Sunday, October 15, 2023  
Lector:: Dawn

Sunday, October 22, 2023  
Lector:: Jim C

Sunday, October 29, 2023  
Lector:: Laurie

Sunday, November 5, 2023  
Lector:: Gary

**Benefit For Adam Cwikla**

PROCEEDS WILL GO TO ADAM TO HELP WITH MEDICAL EXPENSES

**Skippy Finns**

\$10.00 TACO IN A BAG

AUCTIONS AND DRAWINGS

There is an account set-up for Adam at Border Banks in the area or you can use Venmo

**October 27th Skippy Finns 4 PM to 9PM**

For more info Call Justin 218-689-7643 or Jarod 218-469-0064

## TITHING

### St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee

OCT 8 2023

Adult Envelopes	\$1189.00
Flowers for Altar	\$36.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$30.00</u>
Total	\$ 1255.00

### St. Ann's in Goodridge

OCT 8, 2023

Adult Envelopes	\$0.00
Endowment for Priests	\$0.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total	\$ 0.00

### St. Clement's in Grygla

OCT 8, 2023

Adult Envelopes	\$740.00
Loose Plate	<u>240.00</u>
Total	\$ 980.00

#### Recently Deceased Loved Ones

†Iona Berry  
 †Kim Johs  
 †Elias Abboud  
 †Audrey Martell  
 †Harold Cyr  
 †Judie Hendrickson  
 †Alden Morinville  
 †Kathleen Erickson  
 †Joseph Cullen  
 †Laura Nadeau  
 †Lucy Christianson  
 †Vernon Rogalla  
 †Donovan Stoneouse  
 †Adelore Plante  
 †Richard Perreault  
 †Cecelia Christianson  
 †Corlan Magnell Kleinschmidt  
 †Judy Zavoral  
 †Dean Lambert  
 †Richard Bronken  
 †Jerome Carriere  
 †Gary Paquin  
 †Gayle Radniecki Grossman  
 †Delores Longtin  
 †Lorraine Cote  
 †Lorraine LaCoursiere  
 †Tony Weber  
 †Matt Genova  
 †Elaine Radniecki

#### Pray For Those Who Are Sick

Delton Sebenaler  
 Donnie Tougas  
 Kenneth LaCoursiere  
 Shirley Dessellier  
 Michael Bachand  
 Annette LaCoursiere  
 Debra Olson  
 Ambrose Beaudoin  
 Steve Sebenaler  
 Don LaCoursiere  
 Cindy Deterrman  
 Marie Adams  
 Grace Rundell  
 MaryAnn Lambert  
 Bailey Herried Drotts  
 George Pittman  
 Bambi Lambert  
 Doris Dessellier  
 Danielle Swanson  
 Mark Stromberg  
 Sylvia Remick Morey  
 Penny Kalar  
 Jo Lambert  
 Tony Radniecki  
 Bob Radniecki  
 Darren Tougas  
 Rick Dulka  
 Richard Bourque  
 Jude Syvertson  
 Mary Radniecki  
 Dave Zavoral

Bernadette Lambert-  
 Daymunde  
 Josie Rodriguez  
 Jake Martell  
 Roy Rystad  
 Dave Longtin, Shorty  
 Bonnie Cote  
 Joyce Tougas  
 Brad Gunderson  
 Brian Peterson  
 Jim Carriere  
 Antoinette Holtusen  
 Roger Lambert  
 Theresa Mutnansky  
 Carolyn Pittman  
 Shirley Cyr  
 Cliff Melby  
 Jack Miller  
 Mike Dessellier  
 Joel Schmitz  
 Lacy Knott  
 Jim Knott  
 Adam Cwikla

Anyone wishing to have a MASS offered for a loved one you may leave name and the customary donation of \$10.00 in the offering basket in an envelope.

It is time for Our annual Traditional Thanksgiving Day Dinner served for the Oklee Community on November 24<sup>th</sup> from 11 AM to 1 PM this year at the Oklee Community Hall. We had a great success last year because of your support and are hoping to do the same this year. We served 92 people last year. We need your help to make this year a success as well, there are more options for helping this year. There are sign up sheets in the entrance of the church. Thank you for your past support. Any questions call Jo Lambert 218-796-2745

