

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

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Confessions: 15 minutes before Mass  
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Oklee	Sunday	11/24/24	8:00 a.m.	†Joey Johnson
Grygla	Sunday	11/24/24	10:15 a.m.	For the People
Goodridge	Sunday	11/24/24	12:00p.m.	Tim & Paulette Kassa family
Oklee	Monday	11/25/24	8:00 a.m.	†Joseph & Louise Lambert
Grygla	Tuesday	11/26/24	5:30 p.m.	Thomas Anderson
Oklee	Wednesday	11/27/24	8:00 a.m.	†Floyd Charest
Oklee	Thursday	11/28/24	8:00 a.m.	†Annette LaCoursiere
Oklee	Sunday	12/01/24	8:00 a.m.	†Jake Martell
Grygla	Sunday	12/01/24	10:15 a.m.	FTP
Goodridge	Sunday	12/01/24	12:00p.m.	Joe Mutnansky
Oklee	Monday	12/02/24	8:00 a.m.	†Annette LaCoursiere
Oklee	Tuesday	12/03/24	5:30 p.m.	FTP
Oklee	Wednesday	12/04/24	8:00 a.m.	†Floyd Charest
Goodridge	Thursday	12/05/24	5:30 p.m.	†Fr. Joe DeCrans

## 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).

Have a Blessed  
 Thanksgiving  
 everyone!

CLERGY COLUMN  
Eucharistic Miracle

Happy Lord's Day!

Just a little rehash of my homily from last week with the connections between the Temple sacrifices of the Old Testament and the sacrifice of Jesus:

*The Tamid sacrifice (Numbers 28) consisted of a lamb, a grain offering (i.e. bread), and a drink offering (i.e. wine) and was offered each day at both 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., morning and evening. This sacrifice consisted of both a bloody sacrifice and an unbloody sacrifice.*

*The Todah sacrifice (Leviticus 7) was a grain and drink offering made in thanksgiving to God.*

*An ancient Jewish belief was that all of the Temple sacrifices would someday cease, except for the todah sacrifice, which would continue on.*

*Jesus, the Lamb of God, was nailed to the Cross at 9:00 a.m. on Good Friday and died on the Cross at 3:00 p.m. on the evening of the same day. He was sacrificed as an offering to God. What's more, he provided at the Last Supper bread and wine for his disciples, which he changed into his Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. He then instructed them: offer this in memory of me. He provided a bloody sacrifice and an unbloody sacrifice. This unbloody sacrifice is called the Eucharist, which means thanksgiving.*

Still more, about 40 years after Jesus ascended into Heaven, the Jerusalem Temple was destroyed. The Jewish sacrifices were only allowed to take place in that Temple - no other location was allowed - so with the destruction of the Temple brought an end to all of the Jewish sacrifices, except for the new sacrifice of the Eucharist - the sacrifice of Thanksgiving - which continues to this day in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass every day in Catholic churches throughout the world.

The connections are truly remarkable! This shows me that there are real and substantial reasons for being Catholic. No other Christian denomination (except the Orthodox Church) believes their time of worship is sacrificial worship. Even those communities that have their version of communion (e.g. Lutherans) don't believe their communion is offered as a sacrifice. Again, that is remarkable. Not only that, but there are also real and substantial reasons to desire all people to become Catholic and to be active in their attendance at Catholic Mass. The reason is not merely because we want them to be on our "team", but instead the primary reason is that they need to be part of this worship because it is the worship provided by Jesus himself!

It's unfortunate that too many Christians don't understand the importance of these connections (or even know about them). Maybe you could bring this to their attention and invite them to join us for Sunday Mass and then join us as members of the Church that has its roots all the way back to Jesus and the Apostles. If you aren't confident in your ability to explain it, you could still try. I think there could be great meaning and graces that could come from seeing someone be willing to struggle through something so important. But you could also pass along this article and encourage your friends and family to reach out with questions and comments.

May the Lord give you his peace!  
Fr. Bryan



There are a couple of ongoing opportunities that I'd like to invite you to consider:

First, I purchased several subscriptions to a missalette called *Magnificat*, which is a monthly missalette that contains the Mass readings for each day of the week, Morning and Evening Prayer options, short biographies of saints, little essays throughout the month, and the Mass parts. It's an excellent resource for a person who would like to grow in prayer and understanding of the saints. I first discovered *Magnificat* back in seminary and found it very helpful to follow along with the readings at Mass and even to take notes during the homily or notes from my own reflections. These will be available to parishioners each month - please take one! There are 120 subscriptions between the three parishes. Our October number was around 160, which includes children and babies, so there should be enough for almost everyone to have their own. Even if you're not able to attend daily Mass, you could still take one and read the Readings for that day's Mass to follow along.

Second, each month there is an event at St. Bernard's in Thief River Falls called *Exalt*. The evening technically begins with an optional Mass at 5:15, followed by pizza at 5:45 (free will offering), but the event itself begins at 6:45 in the church at St. Bernard's. Someone gives a reflection for a few minutes, which is followed by a time of Eucharistic Adoration, praise and worship music, Confessions offered, and a final blessing. Everything finishes around 7:30/7:45 p.m. It would be great for you to join us! The next *Exalt* is Wednesday, December 4th. Future dates are January 8th, February 12th, March 12th, and April 9th.

St. Frances Sunday School dates: 1st & 3rd Sundays

	February 2nd
	February 23rd
December 1st	March 2nd
December 15th	March 16th
January 5th	April 6th
January 19th	April 27th

Please sign up to serve coffee & treats on  
The Sundays we have Sunday School

Sign up sheet in church entry  
Thank you!



**St Francis Xavier's**

Sunday, November 24, 2024  
Sacristan: Margaret B  
Lector:: Jacob M  
Counters: Jan & Gerri

Sunday, December 1, 2024  
Sacristan: Brady  
Lector:: Brady  
Counters: Anne H & Dolores G

Sunday, December 8, 2024  
Sacristan: Margaret Buer  
Lector:: Paul Cyr  
Counters: Lora & Margaret

**St Ann's**

Sunday, November 24, 2024  
Lector:: Paula  
Counters: Deb & Maggie

Sunday, December 1, 2024  
Lector:: Carol  
Counters: Marie & Audrey

Sunday, December, 2024  
Lector:: Amanda  
Counters: Deb & Maggie

**St Clement's**

Sunday, November 24, 2024  
Lector: Jim C.

Sunday, December 1, 2024  
Lector: Laurie

Sunday, December 8, 2024  
Lector: Gary

Sunday, December 15, 2024  
Lector: Robbie

# Happy Thanksgiving

## It's time for the Annual Thanksgiving Meal in Oklee

Thursday, November 28th  
Serving from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Menu: Turkey, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy,  
Green Beans, Dinner Roll, Pie & Beverage.

Reservations (up to 140 reservations) will be taken  
at the Oklee Cafe. Sign up in person or  
call 218-796-5999 by November 22nd.

Meals will be served out of the Oklee Community Hall,  
can be Delivered to homes in the town of Oklee,  
or Picked up.

**Volunteers are needed!**  
If you would like to help!  
Call Jo Lambert at 218-796-4527

Sponsored by Northern Pride,  
Peatland Reds, Jumpin' Jax Cafe,  
St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, and  
Oklee Lutheran Parish (Zion & Salem)



# TITHING

## St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee

Nov. 17, 2024

Adult Envelopes	\$634.00
Loose Plate	23.00
Endowment for Priests	10.00
Flowers	6.00
Campagne for Human Dev	150.00
Total	\$823.00

## St. Ann's in Goodridge

Nov. 17, 2024

Adult Envelopes	\$ 471.00
Loose Plate	70.25
Endowment for Priests	20.00
Total	\$ 561.25

## St. Clement's in Grygla

Nov. 17, 2024

Adult Envelopes	\$960.00
Loose Plate	168.00
Endowment for Priests	80.00
Total	\$1208.00

### Recently Deceased Loved Ones

†Dean Lambert  
†Richard Bronken  
†Jerome Carriere  
†Gary Paquin  
†Gayle Radniecki Grossman  
†Delores Longtin  
†Lorraine Cote  
†Lorraine LaCoursiere  
†Tony Weber  
†Matt Genova  
†Elaine Radniecki  
†Richard Rolfson  
†Gary LaCoursiere  
†Theresa Sorenson  
†Julie Paquin  
†Frankie Cyr  
†Cliff Melby  
†Jake Martell  
†Greg Eck  
†Annette LaCoursiere  
†Larry Fossom

### Pray For Those Who Are Sick

Delton Sebenaler  
Donnie Tougas  
Kenneth LaCoursiere  
Shirley Dessellier  
Michael Bachand  
Debra Olson  
Ambrose Beaudoin  
Don LaCoursiere  
Cindy Determan  
Grace Rundell  
MaryAnn Lambert  
Bailey Herried Drotts  
George Pittman  
Doris Dessellier  
Danielle Swanson  
Mark Stromberg  
Sylvia Remick Morey  
Tony Radniecki  
Bob Radniecki  
Darren Tougas  
Jude Syvertson  
Richard Bourque

Rick Dulka  
Dave Zavoral  
Bernadette Lambert-Daymunde  
Josie Rodriguez  
Roy Rystad  
Dave Longtin, Shorty  
Bonnie Cote  
Joyce Tougas  
Brad Gunderson  
Brian Peterson  
Roger Lambert  
Theresa Mutnansky  
Carolyn Pittman  
Jack Miller  
Mike Dessellier  
Adam Cwikla  
Bonnie Paquin  
Del Determan  
Bob Carriere  
Michelle Morrissey  
Justin Kiesow  
Debbie Perreault  
Dorothy Sebanaler  
Arnie Paradis  
Jake Bastyr



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

Pray for our parishioners who have been away from the sacraments.

Pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon all of us.

*St. Michael, the Archangel,  
defend us in battle.  
Be our safeguard against  
the wickedness and snares  
of the devil.  
May God rebuke him,  
we humbly pray;  
and do you,  
O Prince of the heavenly host,  
by the power of God  
cast into hell Satan  
and all the evil spirits  
who wander through the world  
seeking the ruin of souls.  
Amen.*