

# 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).

## 2024 Diocesan Annual Appeal

Have you made a commitment to the 2024 Diocesan Annual Appeal? If you have, thank you! If not, please make your pledge or gift this weekend. You can donate online at [www.crookston.org/DAA](http://www.crookston.org/DAA). Prayerfully consider increasing your gift by 10% if you haven't increased your gift for several years. The ministries you support touch the lives of thousands of Catholics in the Diocese of Crookston! For questions about automatic sustained giving, which is the most recommended method for supporting the appeal, contact Renee Tate at [rtate@crookston.org](mailto:rtate@crookston.org) or call 218-281-4533, ext. 432.

**THANK YOU FOR MAKING CHRIST'S LOVE PRESENT IN OUR COMMUNITY!**

Oklee	Sunday	02/18/24	8:00 a.m.	For the People
Goodridge	Sunday	02/18/24	10:00 a.m.	Kennedi Mercil
Grygla	Sunday	02/18/24	11:45 a.m.	Clayton Blickenstaff
Oklee	Monday	02/19/24	8:00 a.m.	Mack Hilleren
Goodridge	Tuesday	02/20/24	5:30 p.m.	†Vernon Rogalla
Oklee	Wednesday	02/21/24	8:00 a.m.	Roy Rystad
Oklee	Thursday	02/22/24	8:00 a.m.	†Charles Bachand
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Oklee	Monday	02/26/24	8:00 a.m.	Brooklyn Blickenstaff
Grygla	Tuesday	02/27/24	5:30 p.m.	†Joyce Biegler
Oklee	Wednesday	02/28/24	8:00 a.m.	Cade Blickenstaff
Oklee	Thursday	02/29/24	8:00 a.m.	James Haire

## CLERGY COLUMN

Brothers and sisters,

I hope the series on the State of the Church was helpful for you in some way. Maybe for some of us, it was actually the most helpful to hear that the Catholic Church goes all the way back to Jesus, Peter, and the other Apostles in Matthew 16. It could be possible that you've not been taught that the Catholic Church is the one Church established by Jesus. Maybe some of us don't believe it - I'd invite you to do some research and see what you find. Saint John Henry Newman, who was an Anglican convert to Catholicism, once said, "To be deep in history is to cease being Protestant." I know some of us might not appreciate what might sound like an "attack" on Protestants, but let's remember why they are called Protestants: They are actively protesting the Catholic Church. So, it's not an attack on them, but instead a defense of the one true Church of God, which is the Catholic Church. Let's be very clear that it is not the will of God that there would be so many Christian denominations - he prayed that "all may be one" before he was arrested.

Maybe others were a bit surprised to hear God's people in the Old Testament referred to as the Church. I mentioned this in the second homily in the series: the Greek word is ekklesia, while the Hebrew equivalent is qahal. When people translated the Hebrew Bible into Greek - called the Septuagint - they translated qahal (assembly) as ekklesia. It makes sense to me that Jesus would do something in connection with the Old Testament rather than something totally new. He does this in many ways, showing us that we can't simply disregard the Old Testament, but instead we can look to the Old Testament as a way to further enlighten what he does in the New Testament.

Others of us may have been somewhat relieved to hear that the Church has been a bit messy even from Biblical times. Maybe we've heard the stories over and over before from our readings at Mass, but never put together that these Apostles are the leaders of the Church in its earliest days. It can be relieving in a strange kind of way to know that even Peter, Paul, and the other Apostles had disputes among themselves. Yet, we know that this is what Jesus has chosen. It should come as no surprise that we experience disputes and confusion in our own day. Of course, we know that these disputes and divisions are not pleasing to the Lord, especially if they cause members of the Christian community to be led astray into scandal, but we can at least know that it isn't surprising to Jesus.

Finally, maybe some of us were simply relieved to hear the current difficulties in the Church spoken about at Mass. Some of the things we see in the tabloids can be confusing and frustrating, which is only magnified if there isn't clarification given in some way. These difficulties won't just magically go away, but I hope the series was helpful for you to keep your eyes on Jesus Christ and the doctrine of his Church, even if the leaders of his Church don't always facilitate fidelity to doctrine in the best way possible. I hope we can all look forward to a future with the grace of God continuing to be poured forth through the Sacraments given to us by Jesus through his Church, a Church which will be smaller but faithful.

By all means, if you have any questions or concerns about the series, or anything for that matter, feel free to ask. May the Lord give you his peace!

Fr. Bryan

# A Year of Prayer

Our Holy Father has dedicated the year of 2024 to being a year of prayer. This was a wise choice. It will prepare us for the jubilee year, which is next year. What exactly is prayer? The Catholic Catechism of my youth defines prayer as the lifting of our hearts and minds to God. I can hear all the complaints and excuses over that last statement even before you read it!

**Let's be honest.** There are many forms of prayer. The chances are that you are already deep in prayer. Through many articles that I have written, I have stressed prayers to saints, for the souls in purgatory, prayers to the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, prayers for the sick and elderly, and finally prayers for all the living. The Rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, the Mass, Our Father's and Hail Mary's are beautiful examples of prayers.

Now, it is time to add contemplative prayer to that list of weapons we use in our day-to-day spiritual battles. **Let's make this** as easy as possible. It begins in the morning when we wake up thanking God for this new day. We may say a short Act of Contrition followed by the Act of Spiritual Communion. This is our food for the journey through this day. Next is a simple prayer that I learned in grammar school. Lord, grant that all the actions of this hour may be to thy honor and glory. We then go about performing our tasks in that hour keeping in mind that God has given us the strength to accomplish these tasks. We make these tasks a prayer when we have God constantly in our hearts and minds. When we finish the task we thank God that we were able to complete the work that He gave us.

**When we start the next task, again we say that little prayer that all the actions of the new task will be to the Lord's honor and glory, and at the end of that task we express thanks to God for everything that we accomplish.** Continue this throughout your day including when you say your formula prayers such as the Rosary and you will reform your entire life basing that life on Almighty God. This is not just a Lenten observation or practice although you can begin this in Lent and continue this practice after Lent is complete. When you have reached the end of your day, examine your conscience, recite another Act of Contrition along with the Act of Spiritual Communion for food for the journey at night. Remember, there is no guarantee that you will see another day. Why must we examine our conscience at night? Even a soul with the best of intentions commits sin. The Bible tells us that even the righteous person sins at least seven times a day. Keeping these actions will cause a definite change in your life. It will also keep you from many of the evils that come from within and defile a human being. This is a remedy to the Gospel of Mark, chapter 7 verses 14-23 read on Wednesday, February 7, 2024.

You must always keep attending Sunday Mass and of course the Mass for the Holy Days of Obligation. By keeping these small religious tasks we avoid grievous or mortal sin and greatly reduce our inclinations to commit venial sins. We are also consoling Almighty God. Think of all the wretched evil in the world. **Wouldn't you like to be a humble consolation the Lord and bring a smile to his Face?**

Until next time, Laus Tibi, Christe. Deo Gratias. Gloria Tibi Domini. Praise be to God. See you in Paradise. Amen

by Thomas Stidl Catholic 365

## St Francis Xavier's

Sunday, February 18, 2024  
Sacristan: Emily  
Lector:: Gerri  
Counters: Deb & Jo

Sunday, February 25, 2024  
Sacristan: Brady  
Lector:: Brady  
Counters: MaryAnn & Gerri

Sunday, March 3, 2024  
Sacristan: Margaret B  
Lector:: Paul Cyr  
Counters: Anne & Dolores

## St Ann's

Sunday, February 18, 2024  
Lector:: Karyl  
Counters: Deb & Maggie

Sunday, February 25, 2024  
Lector:: Carol  
Counters: Deb & Maggie

Sunday, March 3, 2024  
Lector:: Paula  
Counters: Marie & Audrey

Sunday, March 10, 2024  
Lector:: Karyl  
Counters: Deb & Maggie

## St Clement's

Sunday, February 18, 2024  
Lector:: Robbie

Sunday, February 25, 2024  
Lector:: Dawn

Sunday, March 3, 2024  
Lector:: Jim C

Sunday, March 10, 2024  
Lector:: Laurie

Sunday, March 17, 2024  
Lector:: Gary

# FISH FRY

EVERY FRIDAY OF LENT  
(EXCEPT GOOD FRIDAY)

AT

**ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
GOODRIDGE, MN

WHEN: February 16, 23, March 1, 8, 15, 22

TIME: 4:00 TO 7:00 p.m.

MENU: Pan-Fried Walleye, Baked Potato,  
Green Beans, Coleslaw, Roll,  
Assorted desserts, Milk and Coffee.

COST: One-fillet meal at \$13.00.  
Two-fillet meal at \$15.00.

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!**

(For TAKE OUT ORDERS, please call 218-378-4529 starting at 4:00 p.m.)



## DIAPER DRIVE

The Life Care Center is having a diaper drive. If you care to donate please drop off the diaper packages in the play pen in the entry of St. Francis Xavier Church. Cash donations are welcome too—those can be placed in the offertory on Sunday and designate it for the diaper drive. Your donations are greatly appreciated.



## TITHING

### St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee

Feb 11, 2024

Adult Envelopes	\$1328.00
Church of Europe	\$14.00
Endowment for Priests	\$00
Flowers for Altar	\$00
Loose Plate	\$22.00
Total	\$1364.00

### St. Ann's in Goodridge

Feb 11, 2024

Adult Envelopes	\$00
Church in Africa	\$00
Loose Plate	\$00
Total	\$NA.00

### St. Clement's in Grygla

Feb 11, 2024

Adult Envelopes	\$590.00
Easter Flowers	\$00
Loose Plate	\$10.00
Total	\$600.00

### 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  
†Richard Rolfson  
†Gary LaCoursiere

### 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 Determan  
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  
Julie Paquin  
Adam Cwikla  
Tyler Larson (deployed)  
Theresa Sorenson  
Bonnie Paquin

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.

