

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

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## Making Room for the Holy Spirit in Ordinary Time -- gardening with the WORD

One of my favorite passages about the Holy Spirit is from William of Thierry, a 12th century theologian and mystic, in his Mirror of Faith. He describes what happens when we seek the Holy Spirit to understand faith, esp. when we encounter mysteries. He writes:

Hasten therefore to receive the Holy Spirit. He is with you when you call upon him; you can call upon him only because he is already present. But when he comes in answer to your prayer, he comes with an abundance of divine blessings; he is the river whose streams give way to the city of God.

William of Thierry tells us to call upon the Holy Spirit directly. How many of us do that other than around Pentecost or during Confirmation catechesis? He cautions us that when we do so, the Spirit comes with an abundance, a lavishness! Years ago, when our parish choir was working on introducing parishioners to Taizé music and meditation, we all started praying directly to the Holy Spirit, for Taizé is a celebration of the Holy Spirit, ecumenism and unity. Again and again, we were amazed at how many things **just kept falling into place. In a study afterwards of people's experiences of Taizé**, many parishioners and attendees remarked that they were now praying directly to the Holy Spirit even though they may not have done that before the Taizé service.

Raniero Catalamesa, OFM, the papal preacher for the last forty years, wrote a marvelous little book, *Contemplating the Trinity*. He gives us an inside look as to how the Trinity loves each other and how we are invited into that dynamic if we open ourselves up to the Spirit. He writes:

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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	07/30/23	8:00 a.m.	For the People
Grygla	Sunday	07/30/23	10:15 a.m.	Bishop Cozzens
Goodridge	Sunday	07/30/23	12:00 p.m.	†Alyssa Rogalla
Oklee	Monday	07/31/23	8:00 a.m.	Everett Rehor
Grygla	Tuesday	08/01/23	5:30 p.m.	Special Intentions
Oklee	Wednesday	08/02/23	8:00 a.m.	Eric Hilleren
Oklee	Thursday	08/03/23	8:00 a.m.	†Tony Weber
Oklee	Sunday	08/06/23	8:00 a.m.	†Matthew Genova
Grygla	Sunday	08/06/23	10:15 a.m.	For the People
Goodridge	Sunday	08/06/23	12:00 p.m.	†Vernon Rogalla

## CLERGY COLUMN

Happy Lord's Day!

I've mentioned this before: the Catholic Church in the United States is in the midst of a Eucharistic Revival, which is led by our bishops and intended to be spread into the parishes. Everything culminates in a big Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, IN next summer. The first year of the Revival was intended to be diocesan-led, which included several events around the diocese. The second year began in June and is intended to be much more focused on parish life. The Diocese of Crookston staff will provide some assistance with some ideas for us to consider and for us to implement. Part of this year's movement is intended to include each parish having a team of people who will help move things forward. We need people from our parishes to join the team and help our people grow in devotion to the Holy Eucharist. *If you'd be willing to be part of that team, please let me know. We especially need someone from each parish who could be a contact person who could work with me for implementing various activities or ideas in each parish.*

Bishop Cozzens has asked each parish to do **four things** during this next year:

- **Implement the Eucharistic Revival small group study on Jesus and the Eucharist**, which can be done either in the fall or the spring. This study is a seven-week study for adults, which could be done either at the church or in your home with a group of people, on Sundays before/after Mass or during the week. There is a good amount of flexibility here.
- **Begin the practice of having two minutes of prayerful silence after Holy Communion during Mass.** I'll explain more about this at Mass in the future, but this is such an intimate moment for us to be with the Lord. I hope to implement this in the fall and continue on from there.
- **A five-week preaching series on the Eucharist.** This will take place throughout the entire month of October. Bishop Cozzens even mentioned the possibility of changing the Sunday readings to fit the theme of the Eucharist (a bishop is allowed to change the readings - a priest is not). Stay tuned for more information. I know several of us in these parishes like to follow along with the readings in the missalet. We'll make sure you're still able to follow along if you'd like.
- **Short teachings on the parts of the Mass.** I'm very excited about this one, although I'm not sure what it will look like just yet. One suggestion was to do the brief teaching before Sunday Mass for several weeks. Another idea I have is to do a little more than a brief teaching so that it's not so spread out. Still another idea is to have a two-session teaching on a different day of the week. I don't know what it will look like, but I do know it has the potential to be very helpful. Most Catholics, unfortunately, don't know the meaning behind the Mass and each part of it. I am eager to help more people engage with our worship, which is the very worship that God has requested.

Stay tuned for more information. I'm sure there won't be any implementation of these until the fall - September or October. I'll plan to meet with the pastoral councils of each parish in September (dates TBD) and we'll discuss it together. It may be the case that each parish does the same things or that each parish does something unique.

May the Lord give you his peace!  
Fr. Bryan



**St. Francis Xavier Bake Sale:** Our parish will be hosting a bake sale on Oklee Market Day, Saturday, August 12th. 9:00 am—noon. The bake sale will be held near the pickleball courts on the South end of town. Please watch for a letter that will provide details about the bake sale. A sign up sheet to work at the bake sale will be posted in the entryway at the church.



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Many people after receiving the Holy Spirit in a new way and experiencing the “new Pentecost,” have been led by him to discover trinitarian prayer. At times, Jesus speaks to them of the Father, like a brother who exhorts another brother to present himself without fear to the Father of them both, almost pushing him forward gently by the shoulders. At times, it is the Father who seems eager to reveal an infinite number of things about the Son to them and to communicate his enthusiasm, his pride, and his joy in him. At times it is the Holy Spirit who teaches them to address the Father as Abba and to address the Son, Jesus, as “Lord”. There is a sense of new horizons opening up, one after another, that takes one’s breath away and leaves one speechless. The Spirit who “searches everything” allows us a glimpse into “the depths of God” (1 Cor. 2:10) . . .

For the last few Sundays, we have heard about seeds and planting and soil preparation and weeds. During the 15th Sunday of Ordinary time, we heard of the seed falling on various types of ground and whether or not it took root. We also hear that the WORD of God is really the seed and we are to do our best to cooperate with grace to prepare our own soil so that WORD sinks in and takes root. Have you ever wondered how exactly does that happen? How does that WORD take root? How does the WORD get planted into our soil in the first place? We certainly can set aside time to read the Scriptures and practice lectio divina or other such practices of meditation, but we are also called to be that WORD for others. That is really what evangelizing means: to “take the word of God with you as you go” as one popular hymn commands. Often, and I think more often than we realize, the words we say have an impact on others, and convey that Holy Spirit though we many never know how or when. I recently had one such incident come to light.

I will change the names, but a few years ago our parish began a prayer shawl ministry. I met one woman there who had a familiar name that rang a bell, let’s say, Janet Hapka, I once knew a priest with the same name, Fr. Tom Hapka. I asked her “Did you ever know Fr. Tom Hapka? (He had passed away some 40 years ago or more.) She replied, yes, she did, that he was her husband’s brother. We began relating a few stories of what a wonderful man he was even though God took him only five years after his ordination due to an allergic reaction to an anesthesia during a routine surgery. This past week, in the midst of all these readings about seeds and planting, this same woman came up to me after Mass and asked if I had a few minutes. Her husband had

due to an allergic reaction to an anesthesia during a routine surgery. This past week, in the midst of all these readings about seeds and planting, this same woman came up to me after Mass and asked if I had a few minutes. Her husband had passed away about a year ago and she was going through some of his papers. She found a set of Fr. Tom’s papers mixed in with her husband’s. She began reading them and discovered that he had had a very hard time with his faith at one point and he wrote: “I will always be grateful to Karen Howard though she will probably never know how much she has helped me.” She had told him to start praying for himself, and when he started doing so, his life began to turn around. At best estimate, that was some 45 years ago at a small parish picnic that we both attended. The relating of that story sort of made my day and my husband’s day, for he was a friend of his as well. We sometimes never know that the words we speak to others may just be the WORD some need to hear at that moment. That was an instance I think of how the Spirit speaks through us. When we were preparing for those Taizé services, we kept praying to the Spirit and begged him to just help us “get out of the way” and let his WORD prevail. I think it is still a helpful lesson, for the Spirit is all around us and while we may not know where the Spirit blows, if we open up ourselves to be his voice, grace can take over and plant those seeds on fertile soil. Happy planting! Happy gardening!

by Karen L Howard, Ph.D. Catholic 365

## TITHING

### St. Francis Xavier’s in Oklee

July 23, 2023

Adult Envelopes	\$1511.00
<b>Peter’s Pence</b>	\$100.00
Flowers	\$10.00
Endowment for Priests	\$80.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$40.00</u>
Total	\$ 1756.00

### St. Ann’s in Goodridge

July 16, 2023

Adult Envelopes	\$485.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$46.00</u>
Total	\$ 531.00

### St. Clement’s in Grygla

July 16, 2023

Adult Envelopes	\$501.00
Endowment for Priests	\$63.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$85.00</u>
Total	\$ 639.00

July 23, 2023

Adult Envelopes	\$540.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$37.00</u>
Total	\$ 577.00

## 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” goes a long way.

*Say Hello!*

### St Francis Xavier's

Oklee, MN

Sunday, July 30, 2023  
Sacristan: MaryLynn  
Lector:: MaryLynn  
Counters: Jo & Deb

Sunday, August 6, 2023  
Sacristan: Phyllis  
Lector:: Bob  
Counters: MaryAnn & Jan

Sunday, August 13, 2023  
Sacristan: Emily  
Lector:: Jacob  
Counters: Anne & Dolores

Sunday, August 20, 2023  
Sacristan: Mary Lynn  
Lector:: Brady G.  
Counters: Margaret & Linda W.

### St Ann's

Goodridge, MN

Sunday, July 30, 2023  
Lector:: Carol  
Counters: Deb & Maggie

Sunday, August 6, 2023  
Lector:: Paula  
Counters: Audrey & Marie

Sunday, August 13, 2023  
Lector:: Carol  
Counters: Deb & Maggie

Sunday, August 20, 2023  
Lector:: Paula  
Counters: Marie & Audrey



### St Clement's

Grygla, MN

Sunday, July 30, 2023  
Lector:: Gary

Sunday, August 6, 2023  
Lector:: Dawn

Sunday, August 13, 2023  
Lector:: Jim C

Sunday, August 20, 2023  
Lector:: Laurie



#### 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 Klein-  
schmidt  
†Judy Zavoral  
†Dean Lambert  
†Richard Bronken  
†Jerome Carriere  
†Gary Paquin  
†Gayle Radniecki Grossman  
†Dolores Longtin  
†Lorraine Cote  
†Lorraine LaCoursiere  
†Tony Weber  
†Matt Genova

#### Pray For Those Who Are Sick

Delton Sebenaler	Bernadette Lambert-
Donnie Tougas	Daymunde
Kenneth LaCoursiere	Josie Rodriguez
Shirley Dessellier	Jake Martell
Michael Bachand	Roy Rystad
Annette LaCoursiere	Dave Longtin, Shorty
Debra Olson	Bonnie Cote
Ambrose Beaudoin	Joyce Tougas
Steve Sebenaler	Brad Gunderson
Don LaCoursiere	Brian Peterson
Cindy Deterrman	Jim Carriere
Marie Adams	Antoinette Holtusen
Grace Rundell	Roger Lambert
MaryAnn Lambert	Theresa Mutnansky
Bailey Herried Drotts	Carolyn Pittman
George Pittman	Shirley Cyr
Bambi Lambert	Cliff Melby
Doris Dessellier	Jack Miller
Danielle Swanson	
Mark Stromberg	
Sylvia Remick Morey	
Penny Kalar	
Jo Lambert	
Tony Radniecki	
Bob Radniecki	
Darren Tougas	
Elaine Radniecki	
Rick Dulka	
Richard Bourque	
Jude Syvertson	
Mary Radniecki	
Dave Zavoral	



#### THANK YOU!

We had 75 people attend. This is about 25 more than last year and we had more first-timers from the Oklee Community this year as well. Thank you for donating and coming to our annual block party/picnic making it a great success. Jo

*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.*