

# 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	03/24/24	8:00 a.m.	For the People
Goodridge	Sunday	03/24/24	10:00 a.m.	Kennedi Mercil
Grygla	Sunday	03/24/24	11:45 a.m.	Marge Altstadt
Crookston	Monday	03/25/24	6:30 p.m.	CHRISM MASS
Oklee	Tuesday	03/26/24	8:00 a.m.	Bonnie Paquin
Oklee	Wednesday	03/27/24	8:00 a.m.	†Larry O'Neill
Goodridge	Holy Thursday	03/28/24	7:00 p.m.	Hendrickx Family
Goodridge	Good Friday	03/29/24	3:00 p.m.	<i>Good Friday</i>
Goodridge	Holy Saturday	03/30/24	8:00 p.m.	Howard McGowan
Oklee	Easter Sunday	03/31/24	8:30 a.m.	Julie Paquin
Grygla	Easter Sunday	03/31/24	10:30 a.m.	For the People

## CLERGY COLUMN

Happy Lord's Day!

A couple of weeks ago I led a retreat for the Confirmation students at St. Bernard's in Thief River Falls, a good day all around. I began the retreat by giving them something of a pop-quiz. Here are the 12 questions I asked them:

1. Why do you exist? What is the purpose of your life?
2. Who is Jesus?
3. What is the gospel?
4. What is a sacrament?
5. What happens to us at baptism?
6. Why does any of this (Confirmation, Christianity, Catholicism, etc) matter?
7. What is the Catholic Church?
8. What does a person need to do to be saved by Jesus?
9. Will most people end up in heaven? Will most Christians end up in heaven?
10. What does it mean to be a disciple?
11. List the Ten Commandments.
12. What are the five precepts of the Catholic Church, the minimum laws that determine whether or not we are practicing Catholics?

I told them at the beginning that I didn't want them to write their names on the paper because this wasn't really a test, but instead I wanted to see how much they knew. As you may be able to tell, these are very basic questions. At the end I asked how many thought it was a difficult quiz - every hand went up, as I expected. I pointed out to them that it is fascinating to me that a group of students who have been in faith formation classes for 11 years thought that a list of twelve basic questions about our Catholic-Christian faith was very difficult. Doesn't that seem strange to you? After all, what is the point of these faith formation classes if we aren't going to be teaching the basics?

What do you think about this list of questions? Would you be able to answer them on the spot? I know I didn't learn any of these answers in my faith formation classes when I was growing up. I quickly skimmed through the answers of the students - **there were around 25 of them, so I couldn't look too thoroughly** - and some answers surprised me (in good and bad ways) while others were expected (mostly in bad ways). **while others were expected (mostly in bad ways)**. I'd bet the answers would be similar if these questions were asked to any congregation, which is unfortunate. Maybe we can commit to taking more time for studying our Catholic faith, because the answers to these questions matter to God.

Many prayers for you during this Holy Week!

May the Lord give you his peace!

Fr. Bryan

Thank you for your generosity with the Diocesan Annual Appeal. To date the diocese has received \$512,766 from 1,583 households. Your gifts to the DAA provide ministries that impact everyone in our Catholic community, especially the gift of Jesus in the Eucharist, who says to each of us **“I am with you always.”**

Parish	Received /Outstanding	Goal	Over (Under)
<b>St. Ann’s</b>	\$1,180.00	\$2,270.00	(\$1,090.00)
<b>St. Clement’s</b>	\$1,799.99	\$3,340.00	(\$1,540.01)
St Francis Xavier	\$6,800.01	\$8,123.00	(\$1,322.99)



St. Francis Xavier

Jamie Johnson and Korby Olson will receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion  
Easter Sunday at the 8:30 am Mass at St. Francis Xavier.

A reception in celebration of this sacrament for Jamie and Korby will be held Sunday, April 21st after Mass. Rebecca Circle will serve.

“And as he rode [into Jerusalem), they spread their garments on the road. As he was now drawing near, at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” (Luke 19:36-38)

Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion (the full name), the first Sunday of Holy Week within the Lenten Season, commemorates Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem preceding his passion. As he entered, the people of Jerusalem recognized Jesus as their king, saying “Hosanna to the Son of David; Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

Traditionally in the Western Church the Palm Sunday service begins with the “blessing of the palms,” where the palms used in the procession that follows are blessed. It is during this time that the story of Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem is read. Then a procession into the church building follows. If there cannot be a procession from the outside of the church, a solemn entrance, taking place entirely within the church, may be done.

Palm Sunday is also called Fig Sunday, because figs were traditionally eaten that day, memorializing the fig tree cursed by Christ after his entry into Jerusalem. In England Palm Sunday was called Olive or Branch Sunday, Sallow or Willow, Yew or Blossom Sunday, or Sunday of the Willow Boughs, named for the local replacements for the traditional palm branches. Various customs have developed to celebrate Palm Sunday. In the Slavic countries, the faithful walked through their buildings and fields with the blessed palms, praying and singing ancient hymns. They then laid palm pieces on each plot of ground, in every barn, building, and stable, as a petition was made for protection from weather and disease, and for a blessing upon the produce and property.

The pilgrim Egeria attests to a Palm Sunday procession taking place in the Jerusalem Church at the end of the 4th century. In the Gallican Bobbio Missal of the 8th century we find a reference to blessing of the palms, which symbolize the victory of Christ. The more elaborate celebrations of the Middle Ages have been replaced by simpler services in the Western Church. In most churches, the ashes for Ash Wednesday are derived from burned palms, left over from Palm Sunday liturgies.

**St Francis Xavier’s**

Sunday, March 24, 2024  
Sacristan: Brady  
Lector:: Gerri  
Counters: MaryAnne & Gerri

Sunday, March 31, 2024  
Sacristan: Margaret  
Lector:: Paul Cyr  
Counters: Anne & Delores

Sunday, April 7, 2024  
Sacristan: Brady  
Lector:: Jan  
Counters: Lora J & Linda W.

**St Ann’s**

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

HOLY WEEK

Saturday, March 30, 2024  
Lector:: Karyl  
Counters: Audrey & Marie

**St Clement’s**

Sunday, March 24, 2024  
Lector:: Robbie

Sunday, March 31, 2024  
Lector:: Dawn

Sunday, April 7, 2024  
Lector:: Jim C

Sunday, April 14, 2024  
Lector:: Laurie

Sunday, April 21, 2024  
Lector:: Gary

We've got a few plans for Lent in our parishes, some of which are already well underway. Here are some updates:

- House blessings and visits with Fr. Bryan. Even if your house has already been blessed, you can still sign up to have him over. Distance doesn't need to be a concern. You can also invite some friends to join if you'd like to have more people.
- Monday, March 25th: Chrism Mass in Crookston at 6:30 p.m. at the Cathedral. All are welcome. (no morning Mass)
- Thursday, March 28th: Holy Thursday Mass in Goodridge at 7:00 p.m.
- Friday, March 29th: Good Friday service in Goodridge at 3:00 p.m. All are encouraged to take the day off from work for a religious holiday. This is a day of fasting and penance.
- Saturday, March 30th: Easter Vigil Mass in Goodridge at 8:00 p.m.
- Sunday, March 31st: Easter Sunday Mass in Oklee at 8:30 a.m. and in Grygla at 10:30 a.m.
- Sunday, March 31st: Fr. Bryan takes a nap after Masses. ☐

Well, that turned into quite a list! May the Lord grant that this Lent will be a time of great conversion for all of us!

# TITHING

## St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee

March 17 2024

Adult Envelopes	\$1595.00
Endowment for Priests	\$45.00
Easter Flowers	\$55.00
Catholic Relief	\$10.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$22.00</u>
Total	\$1727.00

## St. Ann's in Goodridge

March 17, 2024

Adult Envelopes	\$406.00
Endowment Priests	\$40.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$47.00</u>
Total	\$493.00

## St. Clement's in Grygla

March 17, 2024

Adult Envelopes	\$475.00
Endowment Priests	\$79.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$299.50</u>
Total	\$853.50

### Recently Deceased Loved Ones

†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 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  
 Richard Bourque  
 Rick Dulka  
 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  
 Julie Paquin  
 Adam Cwikla  
 Tyler Larson (deployed)  
 Theresa Sorenson

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.

*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.*