

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

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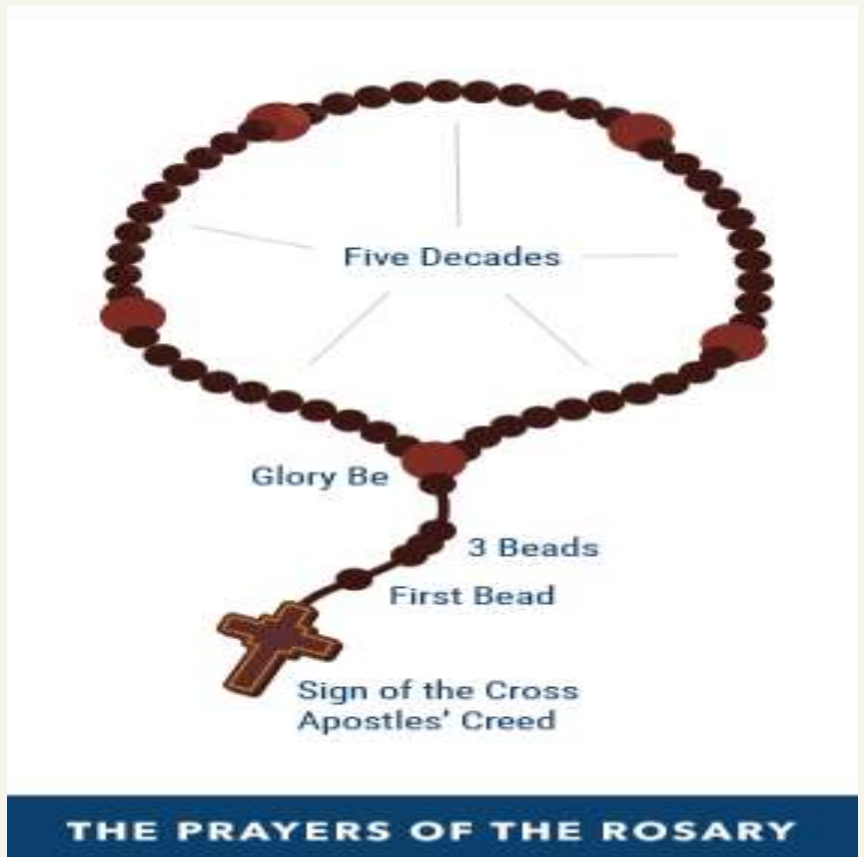
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## SAFE ENVIRONMENT

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).

## THE PRAYERS OF THE ROSARY

Oklee	Sunday	10/08/23	8:00 a.m.	For the People
Grygla	Sunday	10/08/23	10:15 a.m.	†Mark Poalnsky
Goodridge	Sunday	10/08/23	12:00 p.m.	†Kathy Horachek Siv- erling
Oklee	Monday	10/09/23	8:00 a.m.	Matt
Goodridge	Tuesday	10/10/23	5:30 p.m.	Jo Ellen Lawler
Oklee	Wednesday	10/11/23	8:00 a.m.	Jeremy & Kelly Hammers Family
Oklee	Thursday	10/12/23	8:00 a.m.	†Richard Bronken
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## CLERGY COLUMN

Brothers and sisters,

I'm excited about this homily series on the Eucharist! I'm not particularly excited about changing the readings for Mass - I love the way the Lectionary leads us through the Gospel - but I understand why the bishop chose to do so. The Word of God will lead us into the mystery of the Eucharist. As you may have already noticed, I'll have copies of the readings printed out for anyone who likes to follow along. I always mark the readings in my bible and follow along in that way, because seeing the words helps me be more attentive and less distracted.


One of the reasons I love this series is that, for far too long, we as a Church have failed to be direct and clear about what we call the “source and summit” of our Catholic-Christian faith. Too many Catholics have not been clearly taught what we believe about the Eucharist and our foundation for believing it. This series will provide the priests of our diocese with an opportunity to be clear about the biblical foundations for what we believe is the greatest Sacrament. From those biblical foundations, priests will have the opportunity to explain how the Church has always understood and taught about the Eucharist. This just might build faith, confidence, joy, understanding, knowledge, and reverence in the minds and hearts of the Catholic members of our diocese. Who knows, it might even draw some non-Catholics toward the Church of God - what a gift that would be!

There are five Sundays in October this year, so we will focus on the Eucharist for five homilies. Of course, we'd need more than five weeks to exhaust our understanding of the Eucharist, but this will provide a good foundation. Last week (10/1) you heard me speak about the Last Supper as a fulfillment of the Passover in the Book of Exodus. I hope the explanation was helpful for you. This week (10/8) I'm speaking about the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, which will hopefully help you further understand that the Eucharist is not so much a “what” as a “who”. Next week (10/15) the focus will be on the sacrificial nature of the Eucharist in the Mass. The following week (10/22) will be about what it means for us to share Communion with the Lord and with each other. Our final Sunday (10/29) will seek to show how the Eucharist is meant to heavily influence each and every area of our lives.


This is going to be good! I'll be writing an extra bulletin article each week to summarize the theme for each week. As always, the homilies can be found on our parish website ([oggcatholic.org](http://oggcatholic.org)) by clicking on the Homilies/Audio tab. You can also find my homilies on any podcast app by searching for my name. One final note for now: St. Bernard's in Thief River Falls is doing the series in November, not October, so you'll hear the normal readings if you attend Mass there at any point during this month.

May the Lord give you his peace!  
Fr. Bryan


Saint Joseph's Catholic Church in Bagley is inviting you to a Mercy Hour with Bishop Cozzens, **Sunday, October 8 at 3:00 PM**. Mercy Hours are services of healing for marriages and families. -married, single, divorced, widowed – every person belongs to a family and has a place in this experience. Mercy Hours include exposition/adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, a talk by Bishop Cozzens, prayers and intercessions, music and prayer stations all culminating in an intimate moment of a Eucharistic encounter offered for you as an individual, a couple or as a family. Saint Joseph's is located at 16 Red Lake Ave NW, Bagley. All are welcome. For more information: [www.crookston.org/revival](http://www.crookston.org/revival).



**Mercy Hour**  
A Eucharistic Healing Service  
FOR MARRIAGES AND FAMILIES

 *Diocese of*  
**CROOKSTON**

Healing Service

 NATIONAL  
Eucharistic  
Revival

SUNDAY, Oct 8, 2023 | 3 pm  
Saint Joseph, Bagley

## 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 what we call the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, which a person could argue is the most important aspect of the Catholic doctrine on the Eucharist. We believe a real change takes place in the bread and the wine during Mass, such that we teach that there is no more bread and wine present on the altar when the priest says the words of Jesus at the Last Supper.

The homily today will be able to explain more than this article, but our teaching about the Eucharist takes Jesus at his word. I mentioned this quote last week in and we heard it again this week in our Gospel Reading: Jesus says in John 6, *"Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you; he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed."* Some Christians try to explain this phrase away by saying that Jesus is speaking only in symbolic language, that he doesn't actually mean we should eat his flesh and drink his blood. It's as though they are saying, "I know he says this very clearly, but he's not actually saying this." A helpful indicator here can be found by looking at the response of the people. How did they understand what Jesus said? Go and read all of John 6, looking especially at the part of the chapter when things get most heated: verses 41-71. The people clearly think that Jesus is actually saying that we must eat his flesh and drink his blood in order to have eternal life. And Jesus doesn't correct them. He allows them to walk away from him and go back to their former way of life - the people abandon Jesus because of how they interpret his teaching about eating his flesh and drinking his blood! That doesn't sound like they think he is speaking symbolically or metaphorically. And instead of calling them back to explain things differently, Jesus allows them to go.

We believe the Eucharist is the fulfillment of this teaching from Jesus. He changes the bread and wine into his Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity at the Last Supper and at each and every Catholic Mass. The word we use here is "transubstantiation", which is the kind of change that takes place underneath the surface while the surface appears to remain the same. The elements still look, smell, taste, and feel like bread and wine - our senses are deceived - but we hear the words of Someone who has proven that he can perform miracles. He performs yet another miracle by giving his living Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity - his entire self - for us to consume, thus fulfilling the command given in John 6 and at the Last Supper.

Jesus is really Present in the Eucharist, from the moment the words are spoken by the priest until they are consumed. Which means that the Eucharist doesn't change back into bread once Mass is over. The Eucharist remains the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus, which is why we preserve the consecrated hosts in the tabernacle. Jesus is truly present in the tabernacle, waiting for you and for me to visit him for prayer and adoration. This is truly incredible! Can you think of anything better, any better place in the towns of Oklee, Goodridge, and Grygla? I can't. Wouldn't it be appropriate for us to visit Jesus in the tabernacle more often, even on a daily basis? He's waiting for us, waiting to have a moment of quiet with us.

## TITHING

### St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee

OCT 1, 2023

Adult Envelopes	\$3100.00
Mission Sunday	\$10.00
Flowers for Altar	\$10.00
Endowment for Priests	\$20.00
Loose Plate	\$47.00
Total	\$ 3187.00

### St. Ann's in Goodridge

OCT 1, 2023

Adult Envelopes	\$0.00
Endowment for Priests	\$0.00
Loose Plate	\$0.00
Total	\$ 0.00

### St. Clement's in Grygla

OCT 1, 2023

Adult Envelopes	\$975.00
Loose Plate	\$99.00
Total	\$1074.00

## St Francis Xavier Church

### Religious Education Classes

Classes have begun and will be held the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month hereafter. If you know of children that should be attending please invite them participate.

After Mass on these Sundays Coffee and rolls will be served. We would like volunteers to do this. A Free will offering will go to a worthy cause in the area. Sign up sheets will be in the entry.

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### St Francis Xavier's

Sunday, October 8, 2023

Sacristan: Margaret

Lector:: Jan

Counters: Anne & Delores

Sunday, October 15, 2023

Sacristan: Phyllis

Lector:: Paul

Counters: Margaret & Linda

Sunday, October 22, 2023

Sacristan: Emily

Lector:: MaryLynn

Counters: Jo & Deb

### St Ann's

Sunday, October 8, 2023

Lector:: Carol

Counters: Audrey & Marie

Sunday, October 15, 2023

Lector:: Paula

Counters: Deb & Maggie

Sunday, October 22, 2023

Lector:: Carol

Counters: Audrey & Marie

### St Clement's

Sunday, October 8, 2023

Lector:: Robbie

Sunday, October 15, 2023

Lector:: Dawn

Sunday, October 22, 2023

Lector:: Jim C

Sunday, October 22, 2023

Lector:: Laurie

#### Recently Deceased Loved Ones

†Tona 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

†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

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



Pray for our parishioners who have been away from the sacraments and Pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon all of us.

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