

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

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Confessions: 15 minutes before Mass
 Tuesday Confessions: 1 hr. post Mass



Congratulations to Kennedy Halvorson
 First Communicant of St Francis Xavier Parish
 Reception in her honor will be held following Mass
 today in the church dining room.

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).

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| Oklee | Sunday | 10/22/23 | 8:00 a.m. | †Richard Bronken |
| Grygla | Sunday | 10/22/23 | 10:15 a.m. | Jo Ellen Lawler |
| Goodridge | Sunday | 10/22/23 | 12:00 p.m. | For the People |
| Oklee | Monday | 10/23/23 | 8:00 a.m. | †Tony Weber |
| Goodridge | Tuesday | 10/24/23 | 5:30 p.m. | Diane |
| Oklee | Wednesday | 10/25/23 | 8:00 a.m. | †Melvin Scambler |
| Oklee | Thursday | 10/26/23 | 8:00 a.m. | †James Dulka |
| Oklee | Sunday | 10/29/23 | 8:00 a.m. | †For the People |
| Grygla | Sunday | 10/29/23 | 10:15 a.m. | †Judy Hendrickson |
| Goodridge | Sunday | 10/29/23 | 12:00 p.m. | †Norman Adams |

CLERGY COLUMN

Happy Lord's Day!

Here is your first reminder about November 1st, All Saints Day, being a Holy Day of Obligation for us as Catholic-Christians. I'm trying to arrange our Mass times to be different from other local parishes, so that you may have as many opportunities to fulfill your obligation as possible. I know these non-Sunday Masses can be a little tricky sometimes with our overly busy schedules. Each of our parishes is within 20 minutes or less of another parish (Grygla to Goodridge is 20 minutes, Goodridge to TRF is 20 minutes, Oklee to Brooks is 9 minutes), so I'm confident we all can make it work. I'll let you know about local Mass times at the bottom of this article.

I hope you've been enjoying the sermon/homily series about the Eucharist, our greatest treasure as Catholic-Christians. I have been enjoying preparing the homilies and being able to take some extra time to talk about the Eucharist. Normally, it would be in my mind to try to fit everything into one homily, but this has helped to spread things out a bit. It may be the case that some of you think they are *still too much, but that's ok. We can try our best to be clear about what we believe, in hopes that those who do not believe will have an opportunity to begin believing.*

Last week I began talking about covenants, which is obviously important since it's a word we hear each and every time we attend Mass. During the Consecration of the Eucharist, we hear those words from Jesus, *"This is the chalice of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins."* Hopefully we also know that, since this is a new covenant, there were other, older covenants in the Old Testament. These included covenants with Noah, Abraham, Moses, and David. Each of these involved their own separate ritual, although they were similar in that they included God saying something such as, *"I establish a covenant with you,"* so it could be easy to see what was happening. This, of course, also happens with Jesus. He makes it abundantly clear that he is establishing a new covenant, but with one caveat: this covenant will be eternal. There will be no further covenants established between God and man. Whatever is happening at the Last Supper is meant to last all the way until the Second Coming of Jesus.

In each of these covenants, there is a mutual self-gift between God and man. Hopefully you can see the disproportion there - God certainly does not need to give himself to us, while we clearly need to make a generous and grateful return for the gift of life that has been given to us. Still, He chooses to promise himself to us, along with his care and favor. For us in the New Covenant, where does the mutual self-gift take place? At the moment of Holy Communion during Mass. Jesus says, *"Take this and eat of it, for this is my Body, which will be given up for you. Take this and drink of it, for this is the chalice of my Blood, the Blood of the new and eternal covenant."* You can read the additional article in the bulletin for more about this.

May the Lord give you his peace!

Fr. Bryan

Local Mass Times for All Saints Day (Nov 1st)

Oklee: 5:30 p.m. (Oct 31st)

Thief River Falls: 6:00 p.m. (Oct 31st)

Thief River Falls: 7:00 a.m. & 8:30 a.m. (Nov 1st)

Brooks: 8:30 a.m. (Nov 1st)

Goodridge: 5:00 p.m. (Nov 1st)

Grygla: 6:30 p.m. (Nov 1st)

Red Lake Falls: 6:30 p.m. (Nov 1st)



Thank you!

This past year St Francis Xavier parishioners have contributed to the Endowment for Priests (Education of Seminarians) \$2,197.00 which has been sent to the Catholic Community Foundation in the Diocese of Crookston. Our burse now totals \$7,221.28. Thank you to all who have continued to support the education of our Seminarians.

Communion within the context of Covenant

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.

The focus in our parishes this week is Communion within the context of Covenant. Before we can explain Communion, we have to give a brief explanation of Covenant.

The best way to talk about making a covenant with someone is to compare it with making a contract. If I make a contract with someone else, the two of us are agreeing to exchange goods and services. "If you mow my lawn, I'll pay you \$20." "If you give me a ride to the nearest gas station and back, I'll fill up your tank of gas." Things like this. With these contracts, there are conditions that must be met in order for the follow-through. If I am not prepared to pay you \$20 to mow my lawn, then you won't do it or you'll take legal action if you've already done it. There are conditions that must be met, and both parties are free to walk away from the contract without consequence (sometimes there are consequences if the legal contract has been signed with conditions attached, such as a "signing bonus").

A covenant is different from this. Instead of exchanging goods and services, two people who enter into a covenant exchange their entire person. "I give my entire self to you. I hold nothing back." What does this sound like? A marriage. Marriage is a covenant between two people - they give themselves to each other in a permanent way. They are bound to each other. What does the Bible say about people who get married? "The two become one flesh." By entering into a covenant, these two people share a oneness with each other, a communion. If one of them walks away from this covenant, there are very serious consequences, called curses.

Throughout the Bible, God establishes covenants with Noah, Abraham, Moses, and David (there is some debate about Adam). In each of these covenants, God gives himself to his people, who are also supposed to give themselves to him. *"I am your God and you are my people." As we (hopefully) know, God's people don't always keep their end of the covenant, which brings curses upon themselves rather than blessings. Jesus comes and establishes the New Covenant at the Last Supper. Jesus, who is God, is able to establish the covenant as both God and man. As God, he gives himself to us in the Holy Eucharist. As a man, he offers himself to the Father in sacrifice. It's a perfect covenant, which will last into eternity.*

What does that mean for us? When we are baptized, we are made members of the Body of Christ, which means we enter into the New Covenant. We make an agreement with God that we will give ourselves to him, holding nothing back. He, in turn, gives himself entirely to us in the Holy Eucharist and in the other Sacraments. We are bound to him (and to other baptized Christians) and he to us. We share a oneness with God, a communion with him. However, if we break the covenant through serious sin, there are grave consequences, called curses. That communion with God is broken until we repent of our sins in Confession, which restores the covenantal bond we have with God.

St Francis Xavier's

Sunday, October 22, 2023
Sacristan: Emily
Lector:: MaryLynn
Counters: Jo & Deb

Sunday, October 29, 2023
Sacristan: Mary Lynn
Lector:: Bob
Counters: MaryAnn & Jan

Sunday, November 5, 2023
Sacristan: Margaret
Lector:: Jacob
Counters: Anne & Dolores

St Ann's

Sunday, October 22, 2023
Lector:: Carol
Counters: Audrey & Marie

Sunday, October 29, 2023
Lector:: Paula
Counters: Deb & Maggie

Sunday, November 5, 2023
Lector:: Carol
Counters: Marie & Audrey

St Clement's

Sunday, October 22, 2023
Lector:: Jim C

Sunday, October 29, 2023
Lector:: Laurie

Sunday, November 5, 2023
Lector:: Gary

Benefit For Adam Cwikla

PROCEEDS WILL GO TO ADAM TO HELP WITH MEDICAL EXPENSES

Skippy Finns

\$10.00 TACO IN A BAG

AUCTIONS AND DRAWINGS

There is an account set-up for Adam at Border Banks in the area or you can use Venmo

October 27th Skippy Finns 4 PM to 9PM

For more info Call Justin 218-689-7643 or Jarod 218-469-0064

TITHING

St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee

OCT 15, 2023

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| Adult Envelopes | \$1340.00 |
| Endowment for Priests | \$65.00 |
| Loose Plate | \$87.00 |
| Total | \$ 1492.00 |

St. Ann's in Goodridge

OCT 15, 2023

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| Adult Envelopes | \$301.00 |
| Endowment for Priests | \$20.00 |
| Loose Plate | \$.00 |
| Total | \$321.00 |

St. Clement's in Grygla

OCT 15, 2023

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| Adult Envelopes | \$545.00 |
| Endowment for Priests | \$89.00 |
| Christmas Flowers | \$95.00 |
| Loose Plate | 61.00 |
| Total | \$ 790.00 |

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

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
 Adam Cwikla

It is time for Our annual Traditional Thanksgiving Day Dinner served for the Oklee Community on November 24th 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 Jo Lambert 218-796-2745



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