

# 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	10/01/23	8:00 a.m.	For the People
Grygla	Sunday	10/01/23	10:15 a.m.	Poalnsky Grandchildren
Goodridge	Sunday	10/01/23	12:00 p.m.	†Kathy Horachek Siverling
Oklee	Monday	10/02/23	8:00 a.m.	†Tony Weber
Grygla	Tuesday	10/03/23	5:30 p.m.	Lucy Schik
Oklee	Wednesday	10/04/23	8:00 a.m.	Kari Anderson & Sons
Oklee	Thursday	10/05/23	8:00 a.m.	Special Intentions
Oklee	Sunday	10/08/23	8:00 a.m.	For the People
Grygla	Sunday	10/08/23	10:15 a.m.	Mark Poalnsky
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## CLERGY COLUMN

Happy Lord's Day!

This month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary.

I think I've mentioned before that one of my grandfathers strongly encouraged me to lead the rosary prior to the Wednesday Mass at the Cathedral in the summertime when I had just had my conversion in high school. Other than those days, I didn't often pray the rosary. Sometimes we would break up into pairs in the youth group and go on what we called a "rosary walk" around the area of the Cathedral, but otherwise I didn't have a lot of interest in it. I have grown to greatly appreciate the rosary over the years. Now it's a devotional prayer I pray nearly every day, almost always while I'm on the move - driving, walking, cooling down after a run, etc. I have found it to be a great way to remain mostly prayerful even while I'm going from place to place.

I know some people can get a little worried about being distracted while praying the rosary. Of course, it would be ideal to be able to pray the entire five mysteries (called "decades") of the daily rosary without any distractions, and we can keep our sights set on the ideal while we struggle to offer less than that. The point of the rosary is to be with Mary as together you reflect on some of the main moments of her Son's life. To have a devotion to praying the rosary is really to have a devotion to reflecting on the life of Jesus - it's a truly Christian prayer. Mary is a holy woman and the mother of Jesus who is God. It is only fitting that we would want to invite her to pray with us and for us as we consider the mystery of her Son. There is more to having a healthy prayer life than only praying the memorized prayers, but there is something nice about the memorized characteristic of the rosary, allowing us to kind of get lost in the meditation as we go through all of the prayers.

I want to encourage you to spend this month with Mary in the rosary. Whether that means praying the rosary every day, once each week, or anything else - that can be between you and the Lord. If you need some help with learning to pray the rosary, there are so many resources online - pamphlets, outlines, even some videos of people praying the rosary that you can follow as you pray - just type in "how to pray the rosary" and some good options will show up. If we pray the rosary, we'll spend more time reflecting on the life of Jesus. If we spend more time reflecting on the life of Jesus, we're providing him a greater space to speak to us and lead us closer to himself. What a beautiful gift!

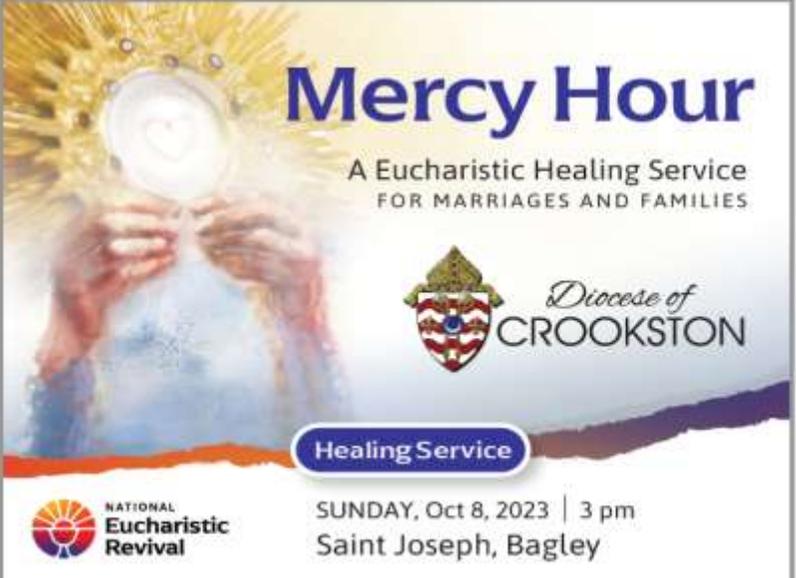
Here's a nice quote from Pope Benedict XVI:

Today, together we confirm that the Holy Rosary is not a pious practice banished to the past, like prayers of other times thought of with nostalgia. Instead, the rosary is experiencing a new Springtime. Without a doubt, this is one of the most eloquent signs of love that the young generation nourish for Jesus and his Mother, Mary. In the current world, so dispersive, this prayer helps to put Christ at the center, as the Virgin did, who meditated within all that was said about her Son, and also what he did and said. When reciting the Rosary, the important and meaningful moments of salvation history are relived. The various steps of Christ's mission are traced. With Mary the heart is oriented toward the mystery of Jesus. Christ is put at the center of our life, of our time, of our city, through the contemplation and meditation of his holy mysteries of joy, light, sorrow and glory.

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

# Joyful Mysteries

The Five Joyful Mysteries are traditionally prayed on Mondays, Saturdays, and, during the season of Advent, on Sundays:

## The Annunciation

“In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin’s name was Mary.” - Luke 1:26-27

Fruit of the mystery: Humility

## The Visitation

“During those days Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, ‘Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.’” - Luke 1:39-42

Fruit of the mystery: Love of Neighbor

## The Nativity

“In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.” - Luke 2:1-7

Fruit of the mystery: Poverty

## The Presentation in the Temple

“When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

“When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, ‘Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord,’ and to offer the sacrifice of ‘a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons,’ in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord.” - Luke 2:21-24

Fruit of the mystery: Purity of Heart and Body

## The Finding in the Temple

“Each year his parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers.” - Luke 2:41-47

Fruit of the mystery: Devotion to Jesus



# TITHING

## St. Francis Xavier’s in Oklee

Sept 24, 2023

Adult Envelopes	\$116100
Loose Plate	\$122.00
Total	\$ 1283.00

## St. Ann’s in Goodridge

Sept 24, 2023

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

## St. Clement’s in Grygla

Sept 24, 2023

Adult Envelopes	\$570.00
Loose Plate	\$140.00
Total	\$710.00

## St Francis Xavier Church

### Religious Education Classes

Kick off for the RE program will be October 1 after Mass with a breakfast and a free will offering to go towards the RE Programming for our parish.

Classes will begin October 1 after Mass with classes being held the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month thereafter.

If you know of children that should be attending please invite them participate.

Sign up sheets in entry.



### St Francis Xavier's

Sunday, October 1, 2023  
Sacristan: Phyllis  
Lector:: Brady  
Counters: MaryAnn & Jan

Sunday, October 8, 2023  
Sacristan: Margaret  
Lector:: Jan  
Counters: Anne & Delores

Sunday, October 15, 2023  
Sacristan: Phyllis  
Lector:: Paul  
Counters: Margaret & Linda

### St Ann's

Sunday, October 1, 2023  
Lector:: Paula  
Counters: Marie & Audrey

Sunday, October 8, 2023  
Lector:: Carol  
Counters: Audrey & Marie

Sunday, October 15, 2023  
Lector:: Paula  
Counters: Deb & Maggie

### St Clement's

Sunday, October 1, 2023  
Lector:: Gary

Sunday, October 8, 2023  
Lector:: Robbie

Sunday, October 15, 2023  
Lector:: Dawn

Sunday, October 22, 2023  
Lector:: Jim C

## Eucharist as the fulfillment of the Passover

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 the Eucharist as the fulfillment of the Passover established by God with Moses and the Israelites. There are some very important connections between the Passover in the Book of Exodus and the Last Supper, which are two of our readings during Mass today.

The Passover meal is instituted by God's instruction in Exodus 12, although there is a lot of context that can be gathered from Exodus 1 onward. Most of us know the story. The Israelites, God's people, are enslaved in Egypt, poorly treated and forced to do cheap manual labor. God sees the problem and decides to act. He reveals himself to Moses in the burning bush and tells Moses that he will set his people free from their slavery. Pharaoh refuses to let them go, which prompts God to bring about the ten plagues as a judgment against the Egyptians and their false gods. Pharaoh's heart remains stubborn, so God gives the instructions for the Passover meal. They are to take a lamb, a year-old male without blemish, and slaughter it. They are told to apply some of its blood to the doorposts of their house and eat its flesh that night. The LORD will see the blood and pass over their houses when he goes through the land to strike down all the first-born in the land. You can read the entire thing in Exodus 12.

This is exactly how things played out. The Egyptians woke up to their horror and begged the Israelites to leave the land. Eventually the people cross the Red Sea, completely free from the rule of the Egyptians. The Passover meal and their obedience to the instructions of the LORD about the lamb set them free from slavery. In order that they would always remember the gift of God, the LORD then commands them to share the Passover meal on a yearly basis as a ritual meal, a "memorial feast". Each year they are to "remember" the Passover in such a way that the original Passover becomes present to them - this is no ordinary memorial, but something which makes the past present.

Now, it's obvious from the Last Supper narratives that the Last Supper was a Passover ritual meal. The Gospels tell us that it is a Passover meal and also describe some of the different elements of the meal. Who is leading the meal? Jesus, who John the Baptist calls the Lamb of God (John 1:29), who is without any sin. What does he do at the Last Supper? He takes bread and says, *"This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."* Then he takes the chalice filled with wine and says, *"This chalice is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."* The Lamb of God tells those at the Last Supper, a Passover ritual meal, to eat his flesh and drink his blood, and he institutes a new memorial ritual when he says, *"Do this in remembrance of me."* When we come together to participate in the Lord's Supper at Mass, we are entering into the memorial ritual, which is something that makes the past present. We believe we are transported in time back to the Last Supper, eating the flesh of the Lamb of God and drinking his blood. What does this memorial ritual do? It preserves us from spiritual slavery, giving us life instead of death. 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."* He fulfills this saying by giving us his flesh and blood at the Last Supper - incredible!