

Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025

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

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Confessions: 15 minutes before Mass
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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).

Goodridge	Holy Saturday	04/19/25	8:45 p.m.	FTP
EASTER				
Oklee	Sunday	04/20/25	8:30 a.m.	†Barb Bourque
Grygla	Sunday	04/20/25	10:30 a.m.	Steven & Carla Moritz Family
Oklee	Monday	04/21/25	8:00 a.m.	†Louise Lessard
Grygla	Tuesday	04/22/25	5:30 p.m.	Judy Christopherson
Oklee	Wednesday	04/23/25	8:00 a.m.	†Kimberly Johs
Oklee	Thursday	04/24/25	8:00 a.m.	†Gail Bowlin
Oklee	Sunday	04/27/25	8:00 p.m.	† Ramona Lessard
Goodridge	Sunday	04/27/25	10:00 a.m.	Fr. Matthew Kuhn
Grygla	Sunday	04/27/25	11:45 a.m.	FTP
Oklee	Monday	04/28/25	8:00 a.m.	†Pete Plante
Goodridge	Tuesday	04/29/25	5:30 p.m.	† Delton Sebenaler
Oklee	Wednesday	04/30/25	8:00 a.m.	Abbie Mercil
Oklee	Thursday	05/01/25	8:00 a.m.	Jewel Hammers
Oklee	Sunday	04/04/25	8:00 p.m.	† Ambrose Bergeron
Goodridge	Sunday	04/04/25	10:00 a.m.	FTP
Grygla	Sunday	04/04/25	11:45 a.m.	† Dorothy Hendrickson



CLERGY COLUMN

Happy Easter, everyone!

This is such a great day! It's almost hard to describe because it's so incredible. God created humanity for greatness, but we spoiled that gift by rebelling against the very source of life. Yet in response to our rebellion, God proved His love: *while we were still sinners, Christ died for us—and rose victoriously from the underworld! He offers us a new opportunity at greatness, if we believe in Him and follow His way as His disciples. What a gift!*

One of the great highlights of the Easter Vigil is the Exultet, a powerful hymn of praise sung on the most holy night of Jesus' Resurrection. **The lyrics are stunning**—rich in theology and filled with joy. The hymn is about ten minutes long and far too much to include here, but I encourage you to look it up online. Just type “Easter Exultet,” and you'll find some beautiful versions. You could even listen to a recording on YouTube if you'd like.

The focal point of the Exultet is the Paschal Candle, which provides light in the darkened church—the light of the Risen Son of God who conquers darkness and death. This candle symbolizes the pillar of fire that led the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt. That pillar lit their way through the night as they journeyed toward the Promised Land, assuring them of God's presence and protection.

The Paschal Candle also represents the divine light that leads us out of gloom and sorrow and into the joy of His Kingdom. It offers a clearer vision than anything the world can provide—especially to those trapped in sin or vice. **It's much larger than an ordinary candle, designed to burn long into the night, remaining undimmed and persevering,** even as it overcomes the darkness.

All those baptized into Christ share in the light of this sacred flame. At every baptism, the newly baptized receives a candle lit from the Paschal Candle—an outward sign of the divine light now burning in the soul of a new member of God's family. **We sing of the beautiful mystery of this flame: that it spreads to light so many other candles, and yet is never diminished by sharing its light.**

What a lovely moment when Christ rises from the dead, confirming His Gospel and proving His divine identity!

“Our birth would have been no gain had we not been redeemed!” — Exultet

We have been redeemed, and everything that has led to our reception of this redemption has been for glory—even when it didn't seem like it at the time. **This message must be spread to all corners of the world, especially in these days of such great chaos.** As a Christian community, we can become a beacon of light to the world as we proclaim the Good News of the Resurrection.

Just as Jesus' horrific Passion and Death led to His Resurrection and exaltation, so too can our own suffering be transformed by His grace into glory and blessing.

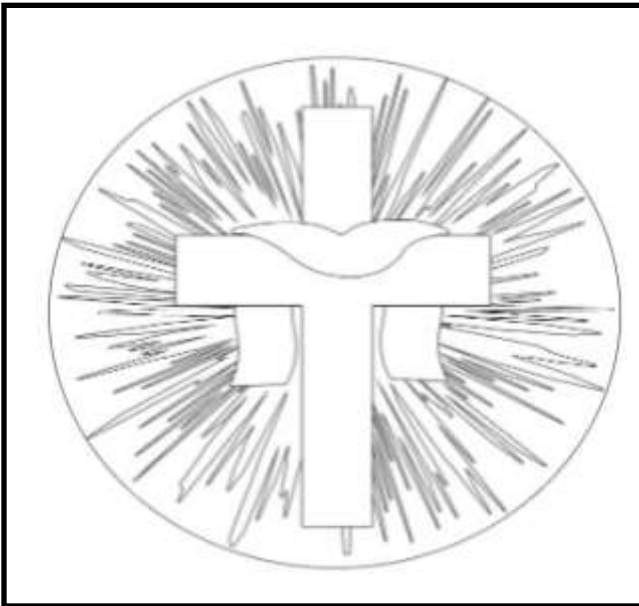
Fr. Bryan



Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

“...He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.” (ACTS 10:38)

We can't give what we don't have. Open your heart to receive God's love, mercy and forgiveness. Then, show the same to others. As God's adopted sons and daughters, we are made in His image and likeness. As Pope Benedict XVI says, “we are made for greatness.” Let our lives reflect His light to others. Pray to live a grateful and generous life. Strive for greatness! We are made for more! We are made for God!



Here are some suggestions for simple Easter meal prayers you can pray before indulging in your Easter feast:

- God, please bless this delicious food, along with the hands that harvested and prepared it. May it nourish our bodies and souls and help lead us to the amazing heavenly banquet that Jesus's victory over death promises us. Amen.
- On this Easter Day, we celebrate the empty tomb and Jesus's resurrection but think also of our brothers and sisters in need, who may not eat today. We lift them up as we pray in Jesus's name. Amen.
- God, who is the source of all the good in our lives, we ask You to bless us. We gather at this table as family and friends, united in love of You. We are filled with gratitude for the gift of this meal and the many gifts you've given us. May we carry with us tomorrow the joy that we feel today, sharing Your love and building Your kingdom here on earth. Amen.

St. Mary's Catholic Church in Warroad is inviting you to a Mercy Hour with Bishop Cozzens, Sunday, May 4th 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. St. Mary's Catholic Church is located at 511 Cedar Ave NW, Warroad. All are welcome. For more information: www.crookston.org/revival.



St Francis Xavier's

Sunday, April 20, 2025
Sacristan: Brady
Lector:: Jan D.
Counters: Jan D & Jo Lambert

Sunday, April 27, 2025
Sacristan: Margaret B.
Lector:: Paul C
Counters: Anne H & Dolores G.

Sunday, May 4, 2025
Sacristan: Emily
Lector:: Mary Lynn
Counters: Jo. L & Paul C.

St Ann's

Sunday, April 20, 2025
Lector:: Karyl
Counters: Marie & Audrey

Sunday, April 27, 2025
Lector:: Carol
Counters: Deb & Maggie

Sunday, May 4, 2025
Lector:: Amanda
Counters: Marie & Audrey

Sunday, May 11, 2025
Lector:: Paula
Counters: Deb & Maggie

St Clement's

Sunday, April 20, 2025
Lector: Laurie

Sunday, April 27, 2025
Lector: Gary

Sunday, May 4, 2025
Lector: Robbie

Sunday, May 11, 2025
Lector: Dawn

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Weekend will be held at the Diocesan Pastoral Center in Crookston on the weekend of April 25th-27th. If you want learn more or sign up, visit WWME.org or call (507)-227-8229.



TITHING

St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee

April 06, 2025

Adult Envelopes	\$2295.00
Loose Plate	20.00
Latin Mass	85.00
Flowers for the Alter	30.00
Easter Flowers	10.00
Total	\$2440.00

St. Ann's in Goodridge

April 13, 2025

Adult Envelopes	\$676.00
Loose Plate	70.00
Total	\$746.00

St. Clement's in Grygla

April 13, 2025

Adult Envelopes	\$735.00
Loose Plate	34.00
Total	\$769.00



Recently Deceased Loved Ones

- †Lorraine Cote
- †Lorraine LaCoursiere
- †Tony Weber
- †Matt Genova
- †Elaine Radniecki
- †Richard Rolfson
- †Gary LaCoursiere
- †Theresa Sorenson
- †Julie Paquin
- †Frankie Cyr
- †Cliff Melby
- †Jake Martell
- †Greg Eck
- †Annette LaCoursiere
- †Brad Gunderson
- †Larry Fossum
- †JoAnn Hamm
- †Gail (Lambert) Bowlin
- †Ambrose Bergeron
- †Richard Bourque
- †Delton Sebanaler
- †Reinold Lambert
- †Donna Bergeron
- †Bernard "Pete" Plante

Pray For Those Who Are Sick

- Donnie Tougas
- Kenneth LaCoursiere
- Shirley Dessellier
- Michael Bachand
- Debra Olson
- Ambrose Beaudoin
- Don LaCoursiere
- Cindy Determan
- Grace Rundell
- MaryAnn Lambert
- Bailey Herried Drotts
- George Pittman
- Doris Dessellier
- Danielle Swanson
- Mark Stromberg
- Sylvia Remick Morey
- Tony Radniecki
- Bob Radniecki
- Darren Tougas
- Jude Syvertson
- Rick Dulka
- Dave Zavoral
- Bernadette Lambert-Daymunde
- Josie Rodriguez
- Roy Rystad
- Dave Longtin, Shorty
- Bonnie Cote
- Joyce Tougas
- Brian Peterson
- Roger Lambert
- Theresa Mutnansky
- Carolyn Pittman
- Jack Miller
- Mike Dessellier
- Adam Cwikla
- Bonnie Paquin
- Del Determan
- Bob Carriere
- Michelle Morrissey
- Debbie Perreault
- Dorothy Sebanaler
- Arnie Paradis
- Jake Bastyr
- Julia Neubert
- Penny Kalar
- Odette Abboud



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.