

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	01/12/25	8:00 a.m.	† Louise Lessard
Goodridge	Sunday	01/12/25	10:00 a.m.	Jack Miller
Grygla	Sunday	01/12/25	11:45.m.	Don Rindahl
Oklee	Monday	01/13/25	No Mass	
Goodridge	Tuesday	01/14/25	No Mass	
Oklee	Wednesday	01/15/25	No Mass	
Oklee	Thursday	01/16/25	No Mass	
Oklee	Sunday	01/19/25	8:00 a.m.	† Louise Lessard
Goodridge	Sunday	01/19/25	10:00 a.m.	FTP
Grygla	Sunday	01/19/25	11:45.m.	Jerry Cwikla
Oklee	Monday	01/20/25	8:00 a.m.	Steve & Carla Moritz Family
Goodridge	Tuesday	01/21/25	5:30 p.m.	Jake Bastyr
Oklee	Wednesday	01/22/25	8:00 a.m..	Conversion of our Country
Oklee	Thursday	01/23/25	8:00 a.m.	Special Intention
Oklee	Sunday	01/26/25	8:00 a.m.	Bob Carrier
Goodridge	Sunday	01/26/25	10:00 a.m.	FTP
Grygla	Sunday	01/26/25	11:45.m.	Mic Morrissey
Oklee	Monday	01/27/25	8:00 a.m.	David Hammers
Grygla	Tuesday	01/28/25	5:30 p.m.	Jack Miller
Oklee	Wednesday	01/29/25	8:00 a.m..	In Thanksgiving
Oklee	Thursday	01/30/25	8:00 a.m.	† Kim Johs
Oklee	Sunday	02/02/25	8:00 a.m.	Special Intention
Goodridge	Sunday	02/02/25	10:00 a.m.	† Judy Kunza
Grygla	Sunday	02/02/25	11:45.m.	FTP

CLERGY COLUMN

Happy Lord's Day!

We welcome this Sunday Fr. Tom Niehaus, who is normally assigned to St. Philip's in Bemidji. He has graciously agreed to come and offer Masses in these parishes this weekend while I am at the spirituality course Bishop Cozzens asked me to attend. I'm confident all will have an opportunity to grow in holiness and love through Fr. Tom's ministry today.

I didn't mention this last week, but the Solemnity of the Epiphany is not limited to only the visit of the magi that we heard about last week. It is traditionally associated with three separate events in the life of Jesus: the visit of the magi, the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River, and the wedding feast at Cana. As it turns out, the Church always celebrates the Baptism of the Lord after Epiphany Sunday. If Epiphany lands on either January 7th or 8th, then the Baptism of the Lord misses out on a Sunday Mass and ends up being celebrated on the Monday after Epiphany Sunday. This year, we have the feast day on a Sunday. Next Sunday, we'll begin our Ordinary Time Sunday readings by hearing about...the wedding at Cana! The connection is preserved, at least for this year. Interestingly enough, the wedding at Cana is not always the Gospel passage on the Sunday after the Baptism of the Lord.

I mentioned that the word epiphany means "manifestation; revelation; shining upon" and that the primary thing that is revealed is the identity of Jesus. With the visit of the magi, Jesus is revealed to be much more than an ordinary baby. He is truly extraordinary and this is revealed by visit of these men from far away lands and by the treasures that they present to Jesus. Gold, frankincense, and myrrh reveal Jesus to be a divine king who has come to offer himself as a sacrifice to God. Today, at the Baptism of the Lord, the heavens open and we hear the voice of God who reveals that Jesus is His Beloved Son! Finally, the miracle at Cana, which is only the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, reveals that Jesus can do things that only God can do. It just keeps getting better and better as the story moves along!

What's more, we also see at Cana that Mary has a certain sway over Jesus. It makes sense: being a faithful Jew, Jesus would have kept the Fourth Commandment: Honor your father and mother. There's also a deeper role that Mary holds, however. In ancient Judah, the mother of the king held the prominent position of the Queen Mother. If you read the Old Testament, whenever they mention the King of Judah, they don't mention his wife in relation to him, but instead his mother. The Queen Mother had a role in the kingdom to rule beside her son the King. With the magi, Jesus is revealed to be the divine king, born in Bethlehem of Judah, which would make Mary the queen mother. Beautiful! Maybe I'll talk more about that next week, but in the meantime we can turn to Mary and seek her prayers for us as she sits beside her Son, the King of the Universe.

May the Lord give you his peace!

Fr. Bryan



New Year resolutions, or maybe a ‘theme’ for the new year instead?

We all know about new year's resolutions. We've all made them and didn't even keep them through the end of January, let alone the whole year! The resolution to lose weight, walk more, get organized etc. Once we blow it we just quietly give up. As Catholics, we are fortunate that the Church calendar gifts us another opportunity to make resolutions later in the year after this cutoff point—namely, the start of Lent, when we can resolve to increase our devotion for a few weeks in some form or another. But Lent doesn't start until March 5th this year!

Maybe it would be better to adopt a ‘theme’ for the year instead. Let's make our theme, “Does this bring me closer to God?”

Whether you are faced with difficult decisions or the little nagging habits that you barely think about, pause and consider what you are doing and ask, “Does this really bring me closer to God? Does this really serve the goal of holiness?” In other words, will gossiping about others bring me closer to God? Will complaining about everyone or everything bring me closer to God? Will avoiding to stay after church and have coffee and getting to know fellow church members better bring me closer to God? Will coming up with an excuse to not help out bring me closer to God? Will having an excuse as to why you don't go visit others or invite others to your home or out to coffee bring you closer to God? Will not volunteering in Church bring me closer to God, what about community service? Will this bring me closer to God? Some people are very judgmental and unkind to family members that no longer go to church, does this bring you closer to God or them closer to God? Would helping neighbors with errands, yard work, or home repairs, especially those who may struggle to do so themselves bring you closer to God? Does avoiding people bring you closer to God? Does refusing to forgive someone bring you closer to God? What about those grudges you've been harboring for years, does that bring you closer to God? Does mindless scrolling on your phone for hours bring you closer to God? What about too much TV watching? Does that bring you closer to God?

Again, pause and consider what you are doing, thinking, or saying and ask, “Does this really get me closer to God? Does this really serve the goal of holiness?”

No matter where we find ourselves, by increasing our awareness of God, by striving for a year of being closer to God, regardless of what happens, we will have His peace.

More great New Years resolutions

Attend weekday Mass one day a week.
Make a weekly or even monthly Holy Hour
Support small Catholic businesses
Attend March for Life
Pray the Rosary. It can be done all at once or a decade at a time.
Read about the Saints and get to know them

Noon-day prayer

O God, grant me a moment to reflect on your gift to me of this day. Help me to see your touch in all that has already happened and to hope you will be with me in all that is still coming my way. For the tasks you have given me and for the strength to face them, I thank you Lord. Amen
Try saying this pray everyday at noon!

St Francis Xavier's

Sunday, January 12, 2025
 Sacristan: Mary Lynn
 Lector:: Jacob Melby
 Counters: Lora Johnson & Margaret Buer

Sunday, January 19, 2025
 Sacristan: Emily
 Lector:: Mary Lynn
 Counters: Paul Cyr & Anne Hammer

Sunday, January 26, 2025
 Sacristan: Brady
 Lector:: Gerri
 Counters: Rick Dulka and Jo Lambert

St Ann's

Sunday, January 12, 2025
 Lector:: Karyl
 Counters: Marie & Audrey

Sunday, January 19, 2025
 Commentator:: Amanda
 Lector:: Carol
 Counters: Deb & Maggie

Sunday, January 26, 2025
 Lector:: Paula
 Counters: Marie & Audrey

St Clement's

Sunday, January 12, 2025
 Lector: Gary

Sunday, January 19, 2025
 Lector: Robbie

Sunday, January 26, 2025
 Lector: Dawn

Sunday, February 2, 2025
 Lector: Jim C.

Cursillos

The Diocese of Crookston is offering a Men's Cursillo on the weekend of February 20-23 and a Women's Cursillo on the weekend of April 3-6 at the Crookston Pastoral Center.

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St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee

January 05, 2025

Adult Envelopes	\$2985.00
Loose Plate	1525.00
Flowers for Alter	30.00
Latin Mass	174.00
Christmas Flowers Mem.	<u>20.00</u>
Total	\$4734.00

St. Ann's in Goodridge

St. Clement's in Grygla

December 29, 2024

Adult Envelopes	\$645.00
Loose Plate	<u>114.00</u>
	\$759.00

Jan. 01, 2025

Adult Envelopes	\$740.00
Loose Plate	<u>21.00</u>
	\$761.00

Jan. 05, 2025

Adult Envelopes	\$695.00
Loose Plate	<u>35.00</u>
	\$730.00

Recently Deceased Loved Ones

†Gary Paquin
 †Gayle Radniecki Grossman
 †Delores Longtin
 †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
 †Larry Fossom
 †JoAnn Hamm
 †Gail (Lambert) Bowlin

Pray For Those Who Are Sick

Delton Sebenaler
 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
 Richard Bourque
 Rick Dulka
 Dave Zavoral
 Bernadette Lambert-Daymunde
 Josie Rodriguez
 Roy Rystad
 Dave Longtin, Shorty
 Bonnie Cote
 Joyce Tougas
 Brad Gunderson
 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



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.

March for Life
 Saturday, January 18, 2025
 12:00 Noon
 Beltrami County Courthouse