

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).

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| Oklee | Sunday | 02/09/25 | 8:00 a.m. | †Larry Fossum |
| Goodridge | Sunday | 02/09/25 | 10:00 a.m. | David Hammers |
| Grygla | Sunday | 02/09/25 | 11:45.m. | FTP |
| Oklee | Monday | 02/10/25 | 8:00 a.m. | Kari Hammers |
| Grygla | Tuesday | 02/11/25 | 5:30 p.m. | Theresa Mutnansky |
| Oklee | Wednesday | 02/12/25 | 8:00 a.m.. | Roy Rystad |
| Oklee | Thursday | 02/13/25 | 8:00 a.m. | Jaxson Hilleren |
| Oklee | Sunday | 02/16/25 | 8:00 a.m. | †Ambrose Bergeron |
| Goodridge | Sunday | 02/16/25 | 10:00 a.m. | FTP |
| Grygla | Sunday | 02/16/25 | 11:45.m. | †Donnie & Connie Foltz |
| Oklee | Monday | 02/17/25 | 8:00 a.m. | Cory Mercil |
| Goodridge | Tuesday | 02/18/25 | 5:30 p.m. | Grace Jones |
| Oklee | Wednesday | 02/19/25 | 8:00 a.m.. | †Louise Lessard |
| Oklee | Thursday | 02/20/25 | 8:00 a.m. | Steve & Carla Moritz Family |
| Oklee | Sunday | 02/23/25 | 8:00 a.m. | †John Deignan |
| Goodridge | Sunday | 02/23/25 | 10:00 a.m. | FTP |
| Grygla | Sunday | 02/23/25 | 11:45.m. | Jerry Kunza |
| Oklee | Monday | 02/24/25 | 8:00 a.m. | Immaculate Heart of Mary Fraternity |
| Grygla | Tuesday | 02/25/25 | 5:30 p.m. | Paulette & Tim Kassa Family |
| Oklee | Wednesday | 02/26/25 | 8:00 a.m.. | Ardith Alstadt |
| Oklee | Thursday | 02/27/25 | 8:00 a.m. | Cade Blickenstaff |
| Oklee | Sunday | 03/02/25 | 8:00 a.m. | †Louise Lessard |
| Goodridge | Sunday | 03/02/25 | 10:00 a.m. | †Jim Mutnansky family |
| Grygla | Sunday | 03/02/25 | 11:45.m. | FTP |

CLERGY COLUMN

Happy Lord's Day!

We start this week with a new series of explanations on Holy Mass. Each Sunday, I'll start the homily by taking 2-3 minutes to explain some aspect of our worship, specifically Holy Mass. The idea in my mind is to walk slowly through and see each little bit of it. I'll also write my bulletin article about it each week, so you can read about what I said during those few minutes. Then, I'll still preach a normal homily about the readings - the homily portion won't be quite as long as they normally are, since I'll be taking a few extra minutes during the explanation. I'm excited about all of it!

These first few weeks are going to focus on "bigger picture" things, beginning this week with one simple question: What is worship? We all know the jargon: "Going to Mass" and "going to church" are probably the two most common ways for Catholics to state what they are doing on Sunday mornings (or Saturday evenings). Another way to state our time together on Sundays is "worship of God". It doesn't quite roll off the tongue like those other two statements, so I don't blame anyone for not using this phrase, but it's still accurate, and I think it's the most helpful way to describe our time together.

The word worship originates from the Old English word *weorþscipe* (pronounced "worth-ship"), which combines *weorþ* (meaning "worth" or "honor") and *-scipe* (a suffix denoting a state or condition, similar to "-ship" in modern English). Originally, it referred broadly to showing honor, respect, or reverence to someone or something of worth. Over time, its usage became more specific, coming to signify the reverence or adoration directed toward a deity or sacred being. The etymology reflects the idea of assigning "worth" to a figure or object of devotion, which aligns closely with the modern concept of worship.

What does this mean, practically speaking? When I worship someone or something, my focus is on that person or thing as I show how much s/he/it is worth to me by showing honor, respect, or reverence. For us as Christians, we worship God - we show Him how much He is worth to us - by the way we live our lives and, especially, by the way we spend our time on Sundays. As we show Him how much He is worth, it's important to remember that we remember that He gave us the very life that we live. He gives us the breath that we breathe. We could go on and on about even the most basic of things that God has given to us. All of that is to say, God is worth everything to us! So, we come together to worship Him in adoration and praise. Our focus is meant to be not on what He can give us during our time of worship, but on what we can give Him. Outside of our time of worship, we can turn to Him and seek his blessings and graces, but our time of worship is meant to be a time for us to leave our ego at the door and focus exclusively on Him and His glory. If we can remember that our time together on Sundays is not about us, but about Him, then we'll be off to a good start.

Next week, we'll continue to look at worship and the different types of it.

May the Lord give you his peace!
Fr. Bryan



5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?’ ‘Here I am,’ I said, ‘send me!’” - Isaiah 6:8

Every day, in little ways and in big ways, God asks, “Whom shall I send?” Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry, to give a friendly smile to a stranger or to say a word of encouragement to a friend, God constantly provides opportunities to help someone in need. God is always talking to us; we just need to pay more attention. When you hear God calling have the courage to walk through the door and say, “Here I am, Lord.”

God our Father, help us to seek holiness in our everyday occupations and doings.

The Mass is the most perfect form of prayer.

Pope Paul VI



“God won’t allow you to be lost if you persist in your determination not to lose Him.”

This quote from St. Padre Pio offers hope and encouragement, especially when you are going through a hard period in your life. God remains close even when you are more distant or have gotten weak in your faith. We must continue on, persevere, continue to seek God no matter what is happening. God will reward you for your perseverance with the grace you need to increase your faith and trust despite the distractions and difficulties you are experiencing.

Why do Catholics use holy water? The Catholic Church teaches that Christ instituted seven “sacraments” — means by which grace is conferred. Holy water is a “sacramental.” Actions (such as the sign of the cross) can be sacramentals, as well.

When you dip your finger into the holy water font at the entrance to the church and make the sign of the cross, you are touching your forehead, your shoulders and your heart with a sacramental. If this simple action is performed in faith, it imparts grace to the believer. The holy water reminds us of our baptism and our union with Christ.

St Francis Xavier's

Sunday, February 9, 2025
 Sacristan: Margaret
 Lector: Jacob
 Counters: Lora Johnson & Margaret Buer

Sunday, February 16, 2025
 Sacristan: Emily
 Lector: Gerri
 Counters: Rick Dulka & Jo Lambert

Sunday, February 23, 2025
 Sacristan: Brady
 Lector: Brady
 Counters: Paul Cyr & Gerri

St Ann's

Sunday, February 9, 2025
 Lector: Carol
 Counters: Marie & Audrey

Sunday, February 16, 2025
 Lector: Amanda
 Counters: Marie & Audrey

Sunday, February 23, 2025
 Lector: Karyl
 Counters: Maggy & Deb

St Clement's

Sunday, February 9, 2025
 Lector: Laurie

Sunday, February 16, 2025
 Lector: Gary

Sunday, February 23, 2025
 Lector: Robbie

Sunday, March 2, 2025
 Lector: Dawn

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.

Applications are available at your parish office or at crookstonscursillo.weebly.com

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St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee

February 2, 2025

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| Adult Envelopes | \$2710.00 |
| Loose Plate | 52.00 |
| Endowment for New Priests | 20.00 |
| Flowers for Altar | <u>25.00</u> |
| Total | \$2807.00 |

St. Ann's in Goodridge

February 2, 2025

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| Adult Envelopes | \$885.00 |
| Loose Plate | <u>26.00</u> |
| Total | \$911.00 |

St. Clement's in Grygla

February 2, 2025

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| Adult Envelopes | \$750.00 |
| Loose Plate | <u>30.00</u> |
| Total | \$780.00 |

Recently Deceased Loved Ones

†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
 †Brad Gunderson
 †Larry Fossum
 †JoAnn Hamm
 †Gail (Lambert) Bowlin
 †Ambrose Bergeron

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
 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.