

# 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	12/15/24	8:00 a.m.	†Annette LaCoursiere
Grygla	Sunday	12/15/24	10:15 a.m.	FTP
Goodridge	Sunday	12/15/24	12:00p.m.	Mary Herried family
Oklee	Monday	12/16/24	8:00 a.m.	†Louise Lessard
Goodridge	Tuesday	12/17/24	5:30 p.m.	Patty & Stanley Skibicki family
Oklee	Wednesday	12/18/24	8:00 a.m.	†Richard Rolfson
Oklee	Thursday	12/19/24	8:00 a.m.	Benjamin Buer
Oklee	Sunday	12/22/24	8:00 a.m.	FTP
Grygla	Sunday	12/22/24	10:15 a.m.	Special Intention
Goodridge	Sunday	12/22/24	12:00p.m.	Diane Kalsnes family
Oklee	Monday	12/23/24	8:00 a.m.	Arnie Paradis
Oklee	Tuesday	12/24/24	4:00 p.m.	FTP
Goodridge	Wednesday	12/25/24	8:30 a.m.	Jodi & Joe Mayo family
Grygla	Wednesday	12/25/24	10:30 a.m.	†Edgar Miller
Oklee	Thursday	12/26/24	8:00 a.m.	Maya Vukelich
Oklee	Sunday	12/29/24	8:00 a.m.	FTP
Grygla	Sunday	12/29/24	10:15 a.m.	†Tammy Johnson
Goodridge	Sunday	12/29/24	12:00p.m.	Bonnie & Rodger Njaa fam

## Christmas Mass Times

Oklee: 12/24 @ 4:00 p.m.

Goodridge: 12/25 @ 8:30 a.m.

Grygla: 12/25 @ 10:30 a.m.

Thief River Falls: 12/24 @ 5:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.; 12/25 @ 9:00 a.m.

## CLERGY COLUMN

Happy Gaudete Sunday!

That word, gaudete, is Latin and it means “rejoice”. St. Paul today challenges us to “Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: Rejoice!” You can almost imagine him sitting down to write, pausing after that first sentence (which comes toward the end of his Letter to the Philippians) for a moment of reflection, and then having a strong resolution to emphasize the point. Rejoice! Of all people, I think Paul is toward the top of the list of those who have the credibility to actually challenge us on this point. After all, he wrote this letter while he was in prison. In fact, at the beginning of the letter he makes a point to mention that he could be in his final days, that martyrdom could be on the doorstep. As it turned out, he didn’t die quite yet, but the point remains: When looking his own martyrdom in the face, Paul’s response was to rejoice in God’s goodness, in his nearness. That’s pretty remarkable.

Further, he says, “Have no anxiety about anything...” This is equally challenging today as it was back then, maybe even moreso. Our world is becoming more and more consumed with anxiety about all kinds of things, especially among young people. For Paul to have the audacity to command us to have no anxiety about *anything seems to go too far. Of course, we can once again remember that he is in prison and on the brink of martyrdom, so he has quite a bit of credibility to what he’s saying. BUT we can also go back just a bit further to find the same command on the lips of Jesus.*

“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?... But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness... “Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Let the day’s own trouble be sufficient for the day” (Matt 6:25-34).

If we’re going to accuse Paul of going too far, then we’d also have to accuse Jesus of going too far, which is something I’m simply unwilling to do and I hope the same for you. What’s the remedy for anxiety? Paul and the Saints tell us the answer is thanksgiving. Give thanks in all circumstances, even and especially those that are most troubling, and the peace of God which goes beyond understanding will guard your hearts and minds for the day of Christ Jesus. Here’s a very nice encouragement from St. Teresa of Avila:

Let nothing trouble you.  
Let nothing frighten you.  
Everything passes.  
God never changes.  
Patience obtains all.  
Whoever has God wants for nothing.  
God alone is enough.



**May the Lord give you his peace!**  
**Fr. Bryan**

# St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

Help is needed decorating the church after Mass on

December 22nd.

All ages can help out!



I pray for focus today, Dear God, because during Advent my mind and attention tend to wonder. There are so many distractions, many of them well-meaning. But nothing gives my heart rest like resting in You. I pray that I keep you at the focus of my day, because I know the peace that only you can offer. Amen



St. Francis Xavier Ladies Guild will have a meeting on Wednesday, December 18th at 4:30 pm.

This meeting will be brief, but important to discuss year end gifting etc.

Please plan to attend



## March for Life

Saturday, January 18, 2025

12:00 Noon

Beltrami County Courthouse

### St Francis Xavier's

Sunday, December 15, 2024

Sacristan: Margaret Buer

Lector:: Jan Dulka

Counters: Jo L & Gerri

Sunday, December 22, 2024

Sacristan: Mary Lynn Bachand

Lector:: Mary Lynn Bachand

Counters: Jan D. & Gerri

Sunday, December 29, 2024

Sacristan: Emily

Lector:: Paul Cyr

Counters: Jan D. & Gerri

### St Ann's

Sunday, December 15, 2024

Lector:: Paula

Counters: Deb & Maggie

Sunday, December 22, 2024

Lector:: Amanda

Counters: Marie & Audrey

Christmas Day, December 25

Lector:: Paula

Counters: Deb & Maggie

### St Clement's

Sunday, December 15, 2024

Lector: Robbie

Sunday, December 22, 2024

Lector: Dawn

Sunday, December 29, 2024

Lector: Jim C.

Sunday, January 5, 2025

Lector: Laurie

Today is the third Sunday of Advent. Are you doing anything special during this time? Or because you are alone, your spouse doesn't participate, or you just don't know what you can do, you really aren't doing anything? We've all been there in some way, shape or form.

Here are some ideas of things you can do by yourself and/or with your family to help you prepare during Advent for Christmas.

You *could* pray the rosary daily or every other day

You *could* read in the Bible each day

You *could* read the Magnificat daily prayers, morning and/or night

You *could* go to daily Mass at least once each week, or twice since it's already the third week and there's only 10 days until Christmas Day!

You *could* go to confession, releasing grudges, ill thoughts of others, forgiving those who have hurt you, blamings, anger towards family or others, judging others, bitterness.... Confession rids our souls of what is holding us back and helps us to get our hearts and minds in the right place with respect to ourselves and others.

Give yourself the gift of confession.

No matter what you do, remember the reason. Ask God to guide you as you anticipate the coming of His birth. He is ready to welcome

## TITHING

### St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee

Dec. 18 2024

Adult Envelopes	\$1995.00
Loose Plate	22.00
Endowment for Priests	10.00
Flowers	10.00
<b>Priest's Retirement</b>	<b>10.00</b>
<b>St. Mary's Mission</b>	<b>7.00</b>
Total	\$2014.00

### St. Ann's in Goodridge

Dec. 8, 2024

### St. Clement's in Grygla

Dec. 8. 2024

Adult Envelopes	\$520.00
Loose Plate	1072.00
<b>Priest's Retirement</b>	<b>135.00</b>
Christmas Flowers	<u>50.00</u>
	\$1777.00

#### Recently Deceased Loved Ones

†Dean Lambert  
 †Richard Bronken  
 †Jerome Carriere  
 †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

#### 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



Heavenly Father, heal my heart during this season of Advent. Help me to love more fully, to forgive more generously. To wait patiently for Christmas, embracing each day and hour knowing the joy that awaits. In your name I pray,  
 Amen

*St. Michael, the Archangel,  
 defend us in battle.  
 Be our safeguard against  
 the wickedness and snares  
 of the devil.  
 May God rebuke him,  
 we humbly pray;  
 and do you,  
 O Prince of the heavenly host,  
 by the power of God  
 cast into hell Satan  
 and all the evil spirits  
 who wander through the world  
 seeking the ruin of souls.  
 Amen.*

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.