

# 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	04/27/25	8:00 a.m.	† <b>Ramona Lessard</b>
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	05/04/25	8:00 a.m.	† <b>Ambrose Bergeron</b>
Goodridge	Sunday	05/04/25	10:00 a.m.	FTP
Grygla	Sunday	05/04/25	11:45 a.m.	† <b>Elmer Hendrickson</b>
Oklee	Monday	05/05/25	8:00 a.m.	For those suffering with pain
Goodridge	Tuesday	05/06/25		No Mass
Oklee	Wednesday	05/07/25		No Mass
Oklee	Thursday	05/08/25		No Mass
Oklee	Sunday	05/11/25	8:00 a.m.	† <b>Harry Rushing</b>
Goodridge	Sunday	05/11/25	10:00 a.m.	FTP
Grygla	Sunday	05/11/25	11:45 a.m.	† <b>Dorothy Hendrickson</b>
Oklee	Monday	05/12/25		No Mass
Goodridge	Tuesday	05/13/25		No Mass
Oklee	Wednesday	05/14/25		No Mass
Oklee	Thursday	05/15/25		No Mass



## CLERGY COLUMN

Happy Easter, everyone!

Today we return to our Massterclass after the two-week break. We're going to spend some time, multiple weeks, looking at the Temple in Jerusalem and all that went on there, comparing it to our worship and arrangements in Catholic churches. There are some very neat connections.

Today's focus is on the access given to various groups of people in the Temple area. There were six main areas in the Temple and there were distinct groups of people that were granted access to each of these areas, building from the most common access to the holiest, most restricted access.

First was the Court of the Gentiles - this is the area where Jesus cleansed the Temple in the Gospels, driving them out with whips and telling them that they had forsaken the command of God to let His house be a house of prayer - which primarily granted access to non-Israelite people. It was meant to be a place of prayer for those who believed in God but who were not part of the Israelite people. Israelites had access to this Court, but it was primarily set aside for Gentiles.

Second and third was the Court of Women and the Court of Israel, which were the primary places for Israelite women and men who were ritually pure to worship God and pray to Him. The Israelite men and women brought their offerings to the priests, who would offer them at the altar. The Levites often assisted in organizing and supporting the process, but only the priests could receive and offer the sacrifices.

The next two places are where most of the sacrifices took place: the Court of the Priests and the Holy Place. Both places were reserved for ordained priests from the descendant line of Aaron. The Levites could move around these places if they had specific tasks to fulfill, such as bringing the offerings of the people or assisting in the sacrifices in some way, but they could not remain here. The Court of the Priests contained the altar of sacrifice and a bronze laver for the priests to ritually wash themselves prior to offering sacrifice. Incense was also burned both here and in the Holy Place. Also in the Holy Place was the famous menorah, a golden altar for the incense, and the Bread of the Presence.

Finally, there was the Holy of Holies, which was reserved for only one person, the High Priest, who would enter one time each year to offer sacrifice on the Day of Atonement, or Yom Kippur. The Holy of Holies was the holiest place in the entire Temple, because it was the place where the Ark of the Covenant was kept, which was the dwelling place of God.

Our Catholic churches have a similar, but less complex layout. We have our church buildings, which anyone can enter even if they don't believe in Jesus. Then is the body of the church, the nave, which is the place where non-ordained Christians come to participate in worship by their prayerful offerings and intentions, something of a Court of the Faithful. Finally, there is the sanctuary, which is where the altar and tabernacle are located. This area is reserved for ordained clergy, who are assisted by non-ordained people.

The point here is not to say that one group of people is better than the other, but instead to point to the reality that God draws us into His holiness. When we come to Mass, as we approach the altar and as the sacrifice of the Eucharist is being offered, we are drawing close to the holiness of God. This can be forgotten sometimes, but these distinct places reveal different levels of God's holiness. We are privileged to be drawn close to them.

May the Lord give you his peace!  
Fr. Bryan



## Sunday of Divine Mercy

“Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’” (JOHN 20:21)

Peace – the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world, so too, He sends us. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be compassionate and merciful; and not with just those who are our friends, but also with our “enemies.” Think of someone in your life who you need to reconcile with. Call them right now or better yet, go visit them.

## Why Pope Francis' Reflections on Mercy Matter

In a world burdened by guilt, division, and despair, Pope Francis has boldly proclaimed that God’s mercy is greater than any sin. He reminds the faithful - and the world - that no one is beyond redemption, no one is forgotten by God.

His reflections challenge us not only to receive mercy but also to extend it, in our families, parishes, and communities.



*They say it only takes a little faith  
To move a mountain  
Good thing  
A little faith is all I have right now  
But God, when You choose  
To leave mountains unmovable  
Give me the strength to be able to sing  
It is well with my soul*

### **THE SEVEN Spiritual WORKS OF MERCY**

- 1 To share knowledge
- 2 To give advice to those who need it
- 3 To comfort the suffering
- 4 To be patient with others
- 5 To forgive those who hurt you
- 6 To give correction to those who need it
- 7 To pray for the living and the dead

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](http://www.crookston.org/revival).

..when speaking on mercy;  
“God waits. Always. He does not get tired. He waits with his heart in his hands.”

Pope Francis

### St Francis Xavier's

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.

Sunday, May 11, 2025  
Sacristan: Margrette  
Lector:: Jan D  
Counters: Gerri & Rick D.

### St Ann's

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 27, 2025  
Lector: Gary

Sunday, May 4, 2025  
Lector: Robbie

Sunday, May 11, 2025  
Lector: Dawn

Sunday, May 18, 2025  
Lector: Jim C



“Mercy will always be greater than any sin, and no one can place limits on the love of God who is ever ready to forgive.”

Pope Francis

## TITHING

### St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee

April 20, 2025

Adult Envelopes	\$930.00
Loose Plate	62.00
Endowment for Priests	110.00
Good Friday Holy Land	130.00
Easter Offering	1070.00
Easter Flowers	20.00
Total	\$2322.00

### St. Ann's in Goodridge

April 20, 2025

### St. Clement's in Grygla

April 20, 2025

Adult Envelopes	\$870.00
Loose Plate	40.00
Holy Land	5.00
Total	\$915.00



### 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.