

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	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.	†Larry O'Neill
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
Oklee	Monday	03/03/25	8:00 a.m.	Kelly Hammers
Grygla	Tuesday	03/04/25	5:30 p.m.	†Fr. Joe DeCrans
Goodridge	Ash Wednesday	03/05/25	5:00 p.m.	
Grygla	Ash Wednesday	03/05/25	6:00 p.m.	
Oklee	Ash Wednesday	03/05/25	7:30 p.m.	Franciscan Sisters of Dillingen
Oklee	Thursday	03/06/25	8:00 a.m.	Howard McGowan

CLERGY COLUMN

Happy Lord's Day!

The greeting is the topic for today's Catholic Massterclass: The Lord's Day.

Last week, we discussed worship being an expression of how much God is worth to us. We come to Mass not to "get something out of it," but to give God the adoration, reverence, and praise that we owe Him. He has given us everything, so He is worth everything to us. Our primary focus at Holy Mass is on Him and not as much on what we need from Him.

In that same strand of thought, I want to talk more this week about worship. If you can, step outside of the mentality that worship is exclusively meant for God. Try to go back to the first definition of the word, which is simply an expression of what a person or thing is worth to you: worship → worth-ship. In a way, we can offer this type of worship to many different things and people - the way we treat people and interact with them can be an expression of worth-ship if they have value in our mind. Sometimes moments will arise when different people make different requests of us and sometimes those requests can conflict with each other. Our response to those conflicts is going to be a representation of the value each person, event, or thing has in our mind. The person we value most will receive a greater priority. We will express greater worth-ship to those who have higher value to us. Hopefully, the conflicts don't happen very often, but when they do we make choices based on values and priorities. This is an important backdrop for the next point.

In the Bible, God, who is meant to have the highest value of all other things and people in our minds and hearts, makes several requests - the Ten Commandments (and other laws, but we don't need to get into them right now) - and one of them specifically deals with the day that all of His people are requested to worship Him, requested to prioritize Him above all other things, events, and people. For the Jewish people, that day is called the Sabbath, which is Saturday, the seventh day. He commands that they stop all commerce and work on Saturday so they can worship Him in an official, public way and rest from their labors. Why does He make such a command? He doesn't give all of His reasons, but in His wisdom He knows that humans need regular rest and they need to worship together. It's a real need because we were made to share life with God and with each other, and worship and rest are the supreme way to do both. In keeping this Commandment, God's people were imitating the pattern of God in creation, who worked for six days and rested on the seventh day. To properly communicate this need, He provided very strict consequences for those who refused to worship, including death and exile. The severity of these consequences communicate the severity of our need to worship Him on His terms.

After the Resurrection of Jesus and the institution of the New Covenant by Jesus, the followers of Jesus knew that they needed to maintain the day of rest and worship, but they switched that day to Sunday, the day of the Resurrection, which is called the Lord's Day. The Resurrection was understood to be a new beginning to creation and it took place on a Sunday. Disciples of Jesus were committed to gathering together on the Lord's Day for fellowship, prayer, and "the breaking of bread," which is Mass. We do the same. Just like the Old Testament practices of the Jewish people, there are severe consequences for those who refuse to worship on the Lord's Day. We are not to die physically, but the Church has always taught that there is a spiritual death that really takes place, which is called mortal sin. On the flip side, when we prioritize our Sunday worship of God, we participate in his pattern of creation, which is to take a day each week for rest and worship.

May the Lord give you his peace!

Fr. Bryan



2025 Diocesan Annual Appeal

Today is the beginning of the 2025 Diocesan Annual Appeal (DAA). Our theme is **“A Future Full of Hope”**, which is an invitation to give the gift of hope today. Our DAA goal this year is \$975,000. This goal is shared and pro-rated among our 66 parishes.

Our three parish goals for 2025 is St. Ann’s, Goodridge \$2191, St. Clement’s, Grygla \$3442 and St. Francis Xavier, Oklee \$8479. Your gifts to the DAA provide essential funding for Missionary in Discipleship, Youth & Young Adult Ministries, Campus Ministries, Safe Environment, The Office of the Bishop, Vocations and Seminarians, Catholic Schools, Communications, Marriage Tribunal, Administration of the Pastoral & Retreat Center; ministries that affect everyone in our Catholic communities!

Please, prayerfully review the mailing you have received at home. Visit www.crookston.org/DAA to watch Bishop’s video and make your gift online, or to view additional information about all the good you do when you support the DAA! Thank you for your generosity!

Litany of Trust

From the belief that I have to earn Your love Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear that I am unlovable Deliver me, Jesus. From the false security that I have what it takes Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear that trusting You will leave me more destitute Deliver me, Jesus.

From all suspicion of Your words and promises Deliver me, Jesus.

From the rebellion against childlike dependency on You Deliver me, Jesus.

From refusals and reluctances in accepting Your will Deliver me, Jesus.

From anxiety about the future Deliver me, Jesus.

From resentment or excessive pre-occupation with the past Deliver me, Jesus.

From restless self-seeking in the present moment Deliver me, Jesus.

From disbelief in Your love and presence Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of being asked to give more than I have Deliver me, Jesus.

From the belief that my life has no meaning or worth Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of what love demands Deliver me, Jesus.

From discouragement Deliver me, Jesus.

That You are continually holding me, sustaining me, loving me Jesus, I trust in You.

That Your love goes deeper than my sins and failings and transforms me Jesus, I trust in You.

That not knowing what tomorrow brings is an invitation to lean on You Jesus, I trust in You.

That You are with me in my suffering Jesus, I trust in You.

That my suffering, united to Your own, will bear fruit in this life and

That You will not leave me orphan, that You are present in Your Church Jesus, I trust in You.

That Your plan is better than anything else Jesus, I trust in You.

That You always hear me and in Your goodness always respond to me Jesus, I trust in You.

That You give me the grace to accept forgiveness and to forgive others Jesus, I trust in You.

That You give me all the strength I need for what is asked Jesus, I trust in You.

That my life is a gift Jesus, I trust in You.

That You will teach me to trust You Jesus, I trust in You.

That You are my Lord and my God Jesus, I trust in You.

That I am Your beloved one Jesus, I trust in You.

Written by the Sisters of Life

St Francis Xavier's

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

Sunday, March 02, 2025
 Sacristan: Paul Cyr
 Lector:: Paul Cyr
 Counters: Anna Hammer and Dolores Grimm

St Ann's

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

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

Sunday, March 02, 2025
 Lector:: Paula
 Counters: Marie & Audrey

St Clement's

Sunday, February 16, 2025
 Lector: Gary

Sunday, February 23, 2025
 Lector: Robbie

Sunday, March 2, 2025
 Lector: Dawn

Sunday, March 9, 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.

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

TITHING

St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee

February 9, 2025

Adult Envelopes	\$1060.00
Loose Plate	22.00
Flowers for Altar	10.00
Total	\$1092.00

St. Ann's in Goodridge

February 9, 2025

Adult Envelopes	\$460.00
Loose Plate	55.00
Total	\$515.00

St. Clement's in Grygla

February 9, 2025

Adult Envelopes	\$585.00
Loose Plate	34.01
Total	\$619.01

Recently Deceased Loved Ones

†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
 †Richard Bourque

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
 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.

Prayer is not about *doing* something.
 It's about *being* with Someone – God Himself.