

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	02/02/25	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
Oklee	Monday	02/03/25	8:00 a.m.	Sarah Emery
Goodridge	Tuesday	02/04/25	5:30 p.m.	Denver Rogalla
Oklee	Wednesday	02/05/25	8:00 a.m..	†Richard Rolfson
Oklee	Thursday	02/06/25	8:00 a.m.	†Louise Lessard
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

CLERGY COLUMN

Happy Feast Day!

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is celebrated every year on February 2nd. Some Feast days are overridden by the Sunday liturgy, but others override Sunday. This is one such day, which caught me by surprise. I don't remember celebrating this day on a Sunday before, which might be due to a faulty memory or to leap years causing February to skip Sundays for a bit of time. Either way, here we are.

I was a little bummed to have to skip the readings for the 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, especially because the Gospel passage would have completed last week's Gospel passage. We finished last week with Jesus declaring that he is the fulfillment of the Jubilee prophecy from Isaiah, which is a pretty strong claim. You can go and read Luke 4 for yourself, but the people begin responding with pleasant words, only for Jesus to then provoke anger from them. It's a striking scene that ends with their attempt to kill Jesus. Imagine that - He goes to Nazareth, his hometown, and they want to kill him by the end of his visit. It's Jesus! The people can't believe that Jesus is such an important person, so they want to get rid of him. And yet, I can't help but notice that their anger comes only because he intentionally provokes it. It's actually a pretty strange scene, and I'm sad to miss out on talking about it during Sunday Mass. As I said, you can read it for yourself and think/pray about it some more.

Today's Feast day is a good one, nonetheless. It was formerly called the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, named so because of the first line from the Gospel passage. In Israel, a woman needed to take a certain period of time for ritual purification after giving birth. For a baby boy, that period of time was 40 days - can you believe it's already been 40 days since Christmas? This is found in the Jewish law in Leviticus chapter 12. We know from the previous passage to this in Luke chapter 2 that Jesus was circumcised 8 days after his birth - the Octave Day of Christmas - and that would have been in Bethlehem where he was born, maybe at the synagogue or maybe at the house where they were staying. Going to the Temple in Jerusalem was another level up. As a part of going to the Temple, the parents of the baby were to offer an animal sacrifice, which was usually a lamb. If they could not afford a lamb, then they could offer a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons (Leviticus 12:8), which Joseph and Mary offered. This is the primary passage that we can point to for an understanding that Joseph and Mary were not wealthy, but perhaps poor. This also is remarkable. The King of the Universe takes on our human nature and enters not into the life of a wealthy king, but instead into the life of a poor, humble family. This, I think, can bring great comfort and consolation for all who come from humble financial situations, especially for those who struggle to make ends meet. He sees you, he knows you, and he is with you. Beautiful.

May the Lord give you his peace!
Fr. Bryan

P.S. Look forward next week to the beginning of my brief explanations about the Mass. We're going to move very slowly, but I'm hopeful that it will be helpful.

The Presentation of the Lord

“Because he himself was tested through what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.” – Hebrews 2:18

When we join a support group, there is comfort in sharing our pain with people who have experienced the same thing; they understand what we are going through. The next time you experience suffering, talk to Jesus. He has experienced more suffering than most of us, He understands. Plus, Jesus knows us better than we know ourselves. Only He can fill the hole you feel in your heart.

Ponderings

Reading in Luke 10:38-42; “Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, ‘Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.’ But the Lord answered her, ‘Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.’”

I don’t know about you , but I felt kinda bad for Martha. Was she disappointed or hurt when Jesus did not seem to be as impressed with her work as she thought he would be? I think this is a good lesson for us. We need to place a value on our time with Jesus. Look at the example Mary sets for us in this story. She sits at the feet of Jesus and hangs on His every word. Of course she could have been helping Martha with the work of the house, but instead she chose listening to Jesus ahead of everything else.

So what does this mean in our lives? How do we prioritize our time? I think we have the tendency to have too many things going on all the time. We are always so busy being busy. We get so caught up in all that we do that it keeps us from really important things, like time with Jesus.

Do you really take the time each day to spend with Jesus? Or is that something that you will get around to when you catch up on all your work and everything else?

Even though we are busy there is still a tendency to feel unfulfilled or even sad. Is there a way you can manage your time better so that you are not always so busy? Would you consider spending 10-15 minutes in prayer when you get up in the morning? Maybe 5 minutes at noon and then another 10-15 minutes before bed? Maybe pray the rosary once a week? Worth a try, how about it?

St Francis Xavier's

Sunday, February 2, 2025
 Sacristan: Paul Cyr
 Lector: Paul Cyr
 Counters: Ann Hammer & Dolores Grimm

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

St Ann's

Sunday, February 2, 2025
 Lector: Karyl
 Counters: Deb & Maggie

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

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

St Clement's

Sunday, February 2, 2025
 Lector: Jim C.

Sunday, February 9, 2025
 Lector: Laurie

Sunday, February 16, 2025
 Lector: Gary

Sunday, February 23, 2025
 Lector: Robbie

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

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St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee

January 26, 2025

Adult Envelopes	\$2345.00
Loose Plate	2.00
Church in Africa	40.00
Endowment for New Priests	50.00
Flowers for Altar	<u>10.00</u>
Total	\$2447.00

St. Ann's in Goodridge

January 26, 2025

Adult Envelopes	\$615.00
Loose Plate	<u>22.00</u>
Total	\$637.00

St. Clement's in Grygla

January 26, 2025

Adult Envelopes	\$415.00
Loose Plate	20.00
Endowment for New Priests	<u>20.00</u>
Total	\$455.00

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



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.