

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).

Oklee	Sunday	04/06/25	8:00 a.m.	†Gail Bowlin
Goodridge	Sunday	04/06/25	10:00 a.m.	Joe & Jodi Mayo Family
Grygla	Sunday	04/06/25	11:45.m.	FTP
Oklee	Monday	04/07/25	8:00 a.m.	†Louise Lessard
Grygla	Tuesday	04/08/25	5:30 p.m.	†Dorothy Miller
Oklee	Wednesday	04/09/25	8:00 a.m.	†Joey Johnson
Oklee	Thursday	04/10/25	8:00 a.m.	†Darlene Lessard Figgins
Palm Sunday				
Oklee	Sunday	04/13/25	8:00 a.m.	†Harry Rushing
Goodridge	Sunday	04/13/25	10:00 a.m.	Fr. Joe Herzing
Grygla	Sunday	04/13/25	11:45.m.	FTP
Holy Week				
Oklee	Monday	04/14/25	8:00 a.m.	No Mass, (Chrim Mass, Crookston)
Grygla	Tuesday	04/15/25	5:30 p.m.	†Jackie Dobmeier
Oklee	Wednesday	04/16/25	6.30 p.m.	†Jake Martell
Triduum				
Goodridge	Holy Thursday	04/17/25	7:00 p.m.	Arlene Thune
Goodridge	Friday	04/18/25	3:00 p.m.	Good Friday
Goodridge	Holy Saturday	04/19/25	8:45 p.m.	FTP
EASTER				
Oklee	Sunday	04/20/25	8:30 a.m.	†Barb Bourque
Grygla	Sunday	04/20/25	10:30 a.m.	Steven & Carla Moritz Family



CLERGY COLUMN

Happy Lord's Day!

The Beauty of Priestly Vestments: From the Jerusalem Temple to the Catholic Mass

From the earliest days of divine worship, beauty has played a vital role in expressing reverence for God. In both the Old Covenant and the New, the garments worn by priests serve not only functional purposes but also symbolize the holiness of the liturgy. The expectation of beauty in priestly vestments is evident in the rich traditions of the Jerusalem Temple and continues in the Catholic Mass today.

In the Old Testament, God commanded Moses to make sacred vestments for Aaron and his sons, saying, "You shall **make holy garments for your brother Aaron, for glory and for beauty**" (Exodus 28:2). **The High Priest's garments were** elaborate and adorned with gold, blue, purple, and scarlet threads. The ephod, the breastplate encrusted with twelve precious stones, and the finely woven turban signified his consecration and dignity. Even the regular priests wore linen tunics and belts, emphasizing purity and devotion. The beauty of these vestments was not merely for show but was meant to reflect the glory of God and the sacred nature of Temple worship.

Similarly, Catholic priestly vestments uphold the tradition of beauty in worship. The flowing chasuble, the alb of pure white, and the stole worn across the shoulders are not simply practical garments but are rich in symbolism. Just as the **High Priest's ornate garments marked his sacred role, the Catholic priest's vestments signify his participation in Christ's** priesthood. The use of different colors for liturgical seasons—white for glory, red for sacrifice, purple for penance—further deepens the connection between vestments and the sacred mysteries they celebrate.

The beauty of vestments also serves to elevate the hearts and minds of the faithful. Worship is not a common activity but an encounter with the divine, and beautiful vestments reflect the heavenly reality of the Mass. Revelation describes the heavenly liturgy in terms of splendor and majesty (Rev. 4:4-11), a reality mirrored in Catholic worship. Just as the **Temple priests entered God's presence adorned in sacred garments, so too do Catholic priests approach the altar clothed in beauty, signifying their role in offering the one perfect sacrifice of Christ.**

Beyond the vestments of priests, bishops wear additional garments that further express the fullness of the high **priesthood. The mitre, a tall ceremonial headdress, represents the bishop's authority and role as a successor to the** Apostles. The pectoral cross, worn over the chest, serves as a reminder of his duty to preach Christ crucified. The crozier, a shepherd's staff, signifies his **pastoral responsibility over his diocese. These vestments reflect the bishop's unique role** in governing, sanctifying, and teaching the faithful, much as the High Priest in the Old Covenant held a position of leadership and intercession for Israel.

From the vestments of Aaron to the chasubles of today, the expectation of beauty in priestly attire has always pointed beyond itself—to the holiness of God, the dignity of divine worship, and the splendor of heaven breaking into our midst.

May the Lord give you his peace!

Fr. Bryan



The Most Reverend Andrew H. Cozzens invites all the faithful of the Diocese of Crookston to the **2025 Chrism Mass on April 14th, at 6:30 P.M.** at the **Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception!**

Each year, the oils for sacramental anointing used in the diocese are blessed at the Chrism Mass. These oils include: the oil of the infirm, used for the sick and dying to give them strength to bear their suffering, resist evil and obtain forgiveness for sin; the oil of the catechumens, used to give strength to renounce sin and the devil; and the Sacred Chrism, the chief anointing oil, used at Baptism, Confirmation and Ordination as well as the anointing of altars and walls of churches being dedicated for Christian worship.

Pastors or other parish representatives will receive the blessed oils and take them to their parishes

5th Sunday of Lent

"...For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ..." (PHILIPPIANS 3:8)

The first commandment says that we should not put other gods before the Lord. Sharing all of our gifts - our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works, and our treasure to support the Church helps us keep God first in everything. It helps us from putting other gods before God. It helps us from becoming a slave to our possessions. It helps us to use our gifts for the glory of God and not for the glory of ourselves.

April: Renew Your prayer life

Feast Connection: Easter Sunday (April 20th)

The joy of Resurrection calls us to deepen our connection with the Risen Christ

Goal:

Dedicate 15 minutes each day to silent prayer of scripture reflection, focusing on the hope and new life Christ offers.



FISH FRY

EVERY FRIDAY OF LENT

(EXCEPT GOOD FRIDAY)

ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

GOODRIDGE, MN

WHEN: March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4 & 11

TIME: 4:00 TO 7:00 p.m.

MENU: Pan-Fried Walleye, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Coleslaw, Homemade Roll, and Assorted Desserts, milk, coffee.

COST: One-fillet meal at \$15.00.

Two-fillet meal at \$ 20.00.

(For Take Out orders, please call 218-378-4529 starting at 4:00 p.m.)

St. Joseph's Annual
SPRING AUCTION
WHERE
St. Joseph's Parish Hall ~ Middle River, MN
DATE
April 6, 2025
TIME
3:30 PM
AUCTIONEER
Pam Cwikla
All are welcome!
Coffee and goodies will be served.

St Francis Xavier's

Sunday, April 6, 2025
 Sacristan: Paul Cyr
 Lector:: Jacob
 Counters: Lora Johnson and Margaret

Sunday, April 13, 2025
 Sacristan: Emily
 Lector:: Mary Lynn
 Counters: Paul Cyr & Jo Lambert

Sunday, April 20, 2025
 Sacristan: Brady
 Lector:: Jan D.
 Counters: Jan D & Gerri

St Ann's

Sunday, April 6, 2025
 Lector:: Carol
 Counters: Marie & Audrey

Sunday, April 13, 2025
 Lector:: Amanda
 Counters: Deb & Maggie

Sunday, April 20, 2025
 Lector:: Karyl
 Counters: Marie & Audrey

St Clement's

Sunday, April 6, 2025
 Lector: Dawn

Sunday, April 13, 2025
 Lector: Jim C.

Sunday, April 20, 2025
 Lector: Laurie

Sunday, April 27, 2025
 Lector: Gary

"Lent is a time of spiritual growth. How is the spiritual growth going in your marriage? Worldwide Marriage Encounter is coming up. If you want learn more or sign up, visit WWME.org or call (507)-227-8229.

Oklee Parish: If you would like to buy an Easter flower in memory of a loved one, there are Easter Flower forms in the back of the church.



TITHING

St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee

March 23, 2025

Adult Envelopes	\$875.00
Loose Plate	45.00
Home Missions	10.00
Catholic Relief	110.00
Endowment for Priests	5.00
Total	\$1045.00

March 30, 2025

Adult Envelopes	\$1355.00
Loose Plate	75.00
Flowers for Easter	30.00
Catholic Relief	370.00
Total	\$1830.00

St. Ann's in Goodridge

March 16 & 23, 2025

Adult Envelopes	\$725.00
Loose Plate	95.00
Endowments for Priests	40.00
Total	\$860.00

March 30, 2025

Adult Envelopes	\$916.00
Loose Plate	15.00
Catholic Relief	270.00
Total	\$1201.00

St. Clement's in Grygla

March 23, 2025

Adult Envelopes	\$390.00
Easter Flowers donation	40.00
Total	\$430.00

March 30, 2025

Adult Envelopes	\$785.00
Loose Plate	20.00
Total	\$805.00

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.