

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).

"I Am With You Always!" is the theme of this year's Diocesan Annual Appeal. "Jesus wants you to experience His love. He invites you to spend time encountering His love in His Eucharistic presence. He wants to speak His words of love to your heart. If you open yourself to Him, He will fill you with His love and I invite you to be generous in your response to Him. As you prayerfully consider supporting this year's DAA, ask the Holy Spirit to show you how you are called to make Christ present by sharing His love through your sacrificial giving to the DAA." - Most Reverend Andrew Cozzens, Bishop of Crookston

Please be generous! Be on the lookout for a mailing sent to your home. Fill out the in-pew envelope today or make a gift online by using the QR code or visiting www.crookston.org/DAA.



Oklee	Sunday	02/04/24	8:00 a.m.	For the People
Goodridge	Sunday	02/04/24	10:00 a.m.	Stanley & Patty Skibicki & family
Grygla	Sunday	02/04/24	11:45 a.m.	Noah Mercil
Oklee	Monday	02/05/24	8:00 a.m.	Anna Hilleren
Goodridge	Tuesday	02/06/24	5:30 p.m.	Joe & Jody Mayo family
Oklee	Wednesday	02/07/24	8:00 a.m.	David Bachand
Oklee	Thursday	02/08/24	8:00 a.m.	Abbie Mercil
Oklee	Sunday	02/11/24	8:00 a.m.	For the People
Goodridge	Sunday	02/11/24	10:00 a.m.	†Austin Kalsnes
Grygla	Sunday	02/11/24	11:45 a.m.	Taylor Mercil
Oklee	Monday	02/12/24	8:00 a.m.	Cyndi Podner
Goodridge	Tuesday	02/13/24	5:30 p.m.	†James Haire
Grygla	Wednesday	02/14/24	5:15 p.m.	ASH WEDNESDAY
Goodridge	Wednesday	02/14/24	6:15 p.m.	ASH WEDNESDAY
Oklee	Wednesday	02/14/24	7:30 p.m.	†John Laniel
Oklee	Thursday	02/15/24	8:00 a.m.	Ambrose Altstadt

CLERGY COLUMN

Happy Lord's Day!

It's hard to believe that another month has already come and gone - January seemed to pass by very quickly for me, which I'm glad about. I'm always happy to move quickly through these winter months. Speaking of winter months, here we are in February with an extra day this year. It's too bad there isn't a saint on our liturgical calendar for February 29th.

February is dedicated to the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, which points to the Holy Family as the model of Christian virtue and holiness for all families. We don't know much about the Holy Family, since the Gospels focus mostly on the three years of ministry of Jesus, but we get a few glimpses into their lives from the time that Jesus is conceived through his adolescence. What do we see? I mentioned this on the Feast of the Holy Family on December 31st: the primary thing we see is absolute fidelity and obedience to the laws of God. They brought Jesus to the Temple for his dedication (February 2nd) in accordance with the law. They waited until the time of purification had passed, according to the law. They went to Jerusalem each year for the yearly sacrifices dictated by the law. Etc. They were faithful to God's laws, which reminds us that we also need to be faithful to God's laws. There is another characteristic displayed in the Gospels, specifically on the part of Mary: there are several times in those infancy narratives and in the event with 12-year-old Jesus at the Temple when the Gospels tell us that Mary kept these events in her heart and reflected on them. This habit of prayerful reflection is present in Mary's heart. Joseph, too, in Matthew's Gospel, turned over the situation in reflection and prayer as he tried to figure out what to do. Maybe we can turn to greater and more frequent reflection and prayer this month.

It would be a great month to do so, because Lent also begins this month. Ash Wednesday is February 14th this year. I'll remind everyone next week of the Lenten regulations, but we can look forward to entering into this season of penance. We also have some other great saints and feast days this month, including the Feast of the Chair of Peter on the 22nd. This is a great day for us to celebrate the office given by Jesus to Peter in Matthew 16:18, a great day for us to celebrate our Catholic-Christian faith, established on the rock of Peter and still standing on that rock almost 2000 years later. We have a few saints from the early days of the Church - Polycarp (23rd), Agatha (5th), and Scholastica (10th - the twin sister of St. Benedict) - one saint of more recent time - Josephine Bakhita (8th) - and a few from the days following the Protestant Revolution, when God raised up some holy saints to help defend his Church - Paul Miki and Companions (6th) and Jerome Emiliani (also the 8th). This is going to be a great month.

May the Lord give you his peace!
Fr. Bryan



PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST

After Mass today (February 4) @ St Francis Xavier Church

FREE WILL OFFERING going to Red Lake County Central Backpack Program

This program support our students in need of nutritional food over the weekends.

A Look at the State of the Church

This year there are five weeks between the end of the Christmas season and the beginning of Lent, which is on February 14th (a happy Valentine's Day for all!). During that time we're going to take an opportunity to look at the State of the Church, which will include looking at Jesus' vision for his Church, whether or not the Church is living up to his vision, our current situation around the world and in our parishes, and make something of a prediction for the future. Because of that preaching series, the Scripture readings proclaimed during Mass will not be mentioned in the homily. **I'll provide** some commentary in the bulletin.

Today's 1st Reading sets a good stage for the Gospel passage. You have probably at least heard the story of Job, if not read parts of the Book of Job. Some people suggest that the book is even older than the Book of Genesis. Anyway, this guy has it all - wealth, a beautiful and loving wife, many happy children, etc - and then the Lord allows Satan to take it all away, as a test of faith for Job. You can imagine how devastating that must have been - just try to imagine everything you know and love is either taken or dies, leaving you with basically nothing. What's more, suddenly your entire body is covered in boils and sores, leaving you emotionally empty and physically uncomfortable. Brutal. The Book of Job is a challenging book for a lot of people because people wrestle with why God would allow Satan to bring all of this evil upon Job. We won't get into answering that question in this article, but instead I'd simply invite you to consider being in Job's position.

It's no wonder that the first line from our reading today - which is not Job's first response to his misery (his first response is actually to profess a blessing of God!) - comes from Job's mouth as he says, *"Is not man's life on earth a drudgery?"* What a miserable place to be, we can hardly blame him for having such a thought. This man is broken inside and out. What does misery do in us? It makes us long for something, someone to come along and make things better. This is exactly who God is meant to be for us. Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted. It's not always the case that our faith in God is going to bring about physical relief or even emotional relief from our pain, but it is always the case that God can provide grace for us to make it through the pain and suffering.

Still, God does want to heal us in various ways. We see this in the Person of Jesus. Can you imagine being among the crowd of ill or possessed people who were healed by Jesus in our Gospel scene? It must have been incredible. These people - men, women, and children - were all longing for something or someone to come along and make them better, to set them free from their suffering. Then they met Jesus, who could surpass all of their deepest longings. What a wonderful encounter!

This is the kind of thing that a person simply can't keep to himself. St. Paul knew this so clearly. His life had been radically transformed by his encounter with Jesus on the Road to Damascus, so he knew that he had to tell people about that transformation. He isn't looking for anything in return - not looking for earthly rewards or gratitude or recognition - but instead understands that he is a steward of what belongs to God. *If I preach the gospel, this is no reason for me to boast, for an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it!*

May we be inspired with that same mentality!

St Francis Xavier's

Sunday, January 28, 2024
Sacristan: Brady
Lector:: Gerri
Counters: Mary Anne & Gerri

Sunday, February 4, 2024
Sacristan: Paul
Lector:: Paul
Counters: Anne & Dolores

Sunday, February 11, 2024
Sacristan: Margaret
Lector:: Jacob
Counters: Margaret & Lora

St Ann's

Sunday, January 28, 2024
Lector:: Paula
Counters: Audrey & Marie

Sunday, February 4, 2024
Lector:: Karyl
Counters: Deb & Maggie

Sunday, February 11, 2024
Lector:: Carol
Counters: Audrey & Marie

Sunday, February 18, 2024
Lector:: Karyl
Counters: Deb & Maggie

St Clement's

Sunday, January 28, 2024
Lector:: Jim C.

Sunday, February 4, 2024
Lector:: Laurie

Sunday, February 11, 2024
Lector:: Gary

Sunday, February 18, 2024
Lector:: Robbie

Sunday, February 25, 2024
Lector:: Dawn

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration at St. Bernard's

St. Bernard's in Thief River Falls is forming a perpetual adoration program for its new Adoration Chapel, scheduled to open at Easter! The St. Bernard's Adoration Society invites you to prayerfully consider committing to spending an hour with Jesus in the Eucharist each week.

For more information regarding perpetual adoration at St. Bernards, call Norm at the parish office at (218) 681-3571. To sign up for a holy hour, visit: stbernardscc.weadorehim.com

Men's and Women's Cursillo dates for 2024.

The dates for the men's and women's Cursillo Weekends are fast approaching. The Cursillo is an opportunity for fellowship, Study and spiritual growth which is offered by the Diocese of Crookston and will be conducted at the beautiful Pastoral Center in Crookston Minnesota. We encourage all women and men 18 years of age and up, to strongly consider attending the Cursillo weekend that works best for your schedule. A Cursillo weekend does not disappoint. Ladies and Gentlemen Jesus is patiently calling you.

Please contact Steve Klocke at Sklocke1013@gmail.com or by phone at 701-405-4848 to discuss the Cursillo weekends and to ask any of your questions regarding these very special weekends.

Following are the dates for the two men's weekends and the two women's weekends. Let this year of Eucharistic Revival be made even more special by saying yes to Jesus and attending one of the following Cursillo weekends. Space is Limited so Please register early.

Men's Spring Cursillo weekend 2024 – February 22-25

Women's Spring Cursillo weekend 2024 – March 14-17

Men's Fall Cursillo weekend 2024 – October 24-27

Women's Fall Cursillo weekend 2024 – September 26-29

TITHING

St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee

Jan 28, 2024

Adult Envelopes	\$1760.00
Church in Africa	\$29.00
Endowment for Priests	\$30.00
Flowers for Altar	\$25.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total	\$ 1844.00

St. Ann's in Goodridge

Jan 28, 2024

Adult Envelopes	\$340.00
Loose Plate	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total	\$340.00

St. Clement's in Grygla

Jan 28, 2024

Adult Envelopes	\$43000
Loose Plate	<u>\$50.00</u>
Total	\$480.00

Recently Deceased Loved Ones

- †Iona Berry
- †Kim Johs
- †Elias Abboud
- †Audrey Martell
- †Harold Cyr
- †Judie Hendrickson
- †Alden Morinville
- †Kathleen Erickson
- †Joseph Cullen
- †Laura Nadeau
- †Lucy Christianson
- †Vernon Rogalla
- †Donovan Stoneouse
- †Adelore Plante
- †Richard Perreault
- †Cecelia Christianson
- †Corlan Magnell Kleinschmidt
- †Judy Zavoral
- †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

Pray For Those Who Are Sick

- Delton Sebenaler
- Donnie Tougas
- Kenneth LaCoursiere
- Shirley Dessellier
- Michael Bachand
- Annette LaCoursiere
- Debra Olson
- Ambrose Beaudoin
- Steve Sebenaler
- Don LaCoursiere
- Cindy Determan
- Marie Adams
- Grace Rundell
- MaryAnn Lambert
- Bailey Herried Drotts
- George Pittman
- Bambi Lambert
- Doris Dessellier
- Danielle Swanson
- Mark Stromberg
- Sylvia Remick Morey
- Penny Kalar
- Jo Lambert
- Tony Radniecki
- Bob Radniecki
- Darren Tougas
- Rick Dulka
- Richard Bourque

- Jude Syvertson
- Mary Radniecki
- Dave Zavoral
- Bernadette Lambert-Daymunde
- Josie Rodriguez
- Jake Martell
- Roy Rystad
- Dave Longtin, Shorty
- Bonnie Cote
- Joyce Tougas
- Brad Gunderson
- Brian Peterson
- Jim Carriere
- Antoinette Holtusen
- Roger Lambert
- Theresa Mutnansky
- Carolyn Pittman
- Shirley Cyr
- Cliff Melby
- Jack Miller
- Mike Dessellier
- Joel Schmitz
- Lacy Knott
- Jim Knott
- Julie Paquin
- Adam Cwikla
- Tyler Larson (deployed)
- Theresa Sorenson
- Bonnie Paquin

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church
Prayer Blankets
You Matter. We care. You are not alone.

There are prayer blankets in the back of the church for those whom are sick, suffering or dying. Please sign the book to whom it is given to so we know who the prayers are for.

