

<b>St Francis Xavier's</b>  Sunday, February 23, 2025 Sacristan: Brady Lector:: Brady Counters: Paul Cyr & Gerri  Sunday, March 2, 2025 Sacristan: Paul Cyr Lector:: Paul Cyr Counters: Anne Hammer & Dolores Grimm  Sunday, March 9, 2025 Sacristan: Margaret Lector:: Jacob Melby Counters: Lora Johnson & Margaret	<b>St Ann's</b>  Sunday, February 23, 2025 Lector:: Karyl Counters: Maggy & Deb  Sunday, March 2, 2025 Lector:: Paula Counters: Marie & Audrey  Sunday, March 9, 2025 Lector:: Karyl Counters: Maggy & Deb	<b>St Clement's</b>  Sunday, February 23, 2025 Lector: Robbie  Sunday, March 2, 2025 Lector: Dawn  Sunday, March 9, 2025 Lector: Jim  Sunday, March 16, 2025 Lector: Laurie
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Cursillos

The Diocese of Crookston is offering 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](http://crookstoncursillo.weebly.com)

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  
†Delton Sebenaler  
  
†Reinold Lambert

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.



TITHING

St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee

February 16, 2025

Adult Envelopes \$2710.00  
Loose Plate 52.00  
Endowment for New Priests 20.00  
Flowers for Altar 25.00  
Total \$2807.00

St. Ann's in Goodridge

February 16, 2025

Adult Envelopes \$753.00  
Loose Plate 30.00  
Endowment for New Priests 40.00  
Total \$823.00

St. Clement's in Grygla

February 16, 2025

Adult Envelopes \$385.00  
Loose Plate 14.00  
Front Rail Donation 1000.00  
Total \$1399.00

Heavenly Father,  
I come before You with humility and faith. Just as Jesus taught with authority, grant me the wisdom to understand Your will. Help me to seek Your guidance in all I think, say and do. And to trust in Your divine plan.

7th Sunday Ordinary Time

February 23, 2025

Bulletin for the Catholic Parishes of Oklee, Grygla, and Goodridge

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Confessions: 15 minutes before Mass  
Tuesday Confessions: 1 hr. post Mass

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	02/23/25	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
Goodridge	Tuesday	03/04/25	5:30 p.m.	†Fr. Joe DeGrans
Goodridge	Wednesday	03/05/25	5:00 p.m..	Ash Wednesday
Grygla	Wednesday	03/05/25	6:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday
Oklee	Wednesday	03/05/25	7:30 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Franciscan Sisters of Dillingen
Oklee	Thursday	03/06/25	8:00 a.m.	Howard McGowan
Oklee	Sunday	03/09/25	8:00 a.m.	†Ramona Lessard
Goodridge	Sunday	03/09/25	10:00 a.m.	†Joe Mutnansky
Grygla	Sunday	03/09/25	11:45.m.	FTP

CLERGY COLUMN

Catholic Massterclass

Brief review:

- Mass is an act of worship, a moment for us to come and express to God what He is worth to us. Our primary focus is on Him, not on ourselves.
- We worship on Sundays because of His command to keep the Sabbath holy. The Jews understood this to mean Saturdays, but the early Christians transferred the fulfillment of this commandment to Sundays, the day that Jesus rose from the dead. We worship on Sundays as an expression of obedience to this command, but also because this obedience will lead to our flourishing. It’s not about us, but following God’s commands leads us to become the people God created us to be. That’s important.
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This week, we’re looking at the Mass as a sacrifice. To be sure, this is probably too big of a topic for just one session, but we’ll do our best.

Mirriam-Webster Dictionary defines sacrifice as “an act of offering to a deity something precious”. Ultimately, worship has this sense of sacrifice at its core - God is worth every sacrifice, every precious offering. Toward the beginning of Genesis, we’re told that the offering most favorable to God was the offering made by Abel from among the “best firstlings” of his flock. He offered something precious to God in worship and it was acceptable to the Lord.

Later on, while the pattern of sin continues to grow in the world, God establishes a system of worship (we’ll talk more about the structure next week), which has at its heart the sacrifice of animals and other offerings. There is something about these animal sacrifices that bring atonement for sin - they repair, imperfectly and temporarily, the damage caused by sin and restore the family relationship (covenant) between the people and God. The animal sacrifices could be called “ritualized self-offering”, which means the person offering the animal in sacrifice is symbolically offering himself to God in sacrifice. We could imagine how precious an offering this may have been, since it was symbolic of offering one’s own life to God. These sacrifices are so clearly at the heart of the people’s relationship with God in the Old Testament - they included animal sacrifices (bloody) and sacrifices of bread/grain (unbloody).

When Jesus came along, He instituted the New Covenant sacrifice at the Last Supper. With the bread and the chalice of wine, He no longer symbolically offered Himself to the Father: “This is my body, which will be given up for you. ... This is the chalice of my blood, which will be poured out for you.” He made a connection between the Eucharist and the Crucifixion that would take place the next day. The Crucifixion was a bloody self-sacrifice offered to the Father in obedience and worship, while the Eucharist is the unbloody self-sacrifice offered to the Father in union with the Crucifixion. When He said, “Do this in memory of me,” his disciples understood that this unbloody sacrifice was to be offered as the sacrifice of the New Covenant, a new memorial ritual to be offered. This time, however, there is no mere symbolic offering, but the same self-offering of Jesus on the cross and at the Last Supper in an unbloody way. When the priest offers the Mass, he is doing so in the Person of Christ, which means it is Jesus acting through and in him. Jesus transports us back to the Last Supper and to the Cross all at one moment where we take part in His self-offering to the Father. Hebrews chapters 9 & 10 help us to see that the sacrifice of Jesus is eternal, perpetual, so the Mass is our way of participating in that one sacrifice.

May the Lord give you His Peace      Fr. Bryan

7th Sunday of Ordinary Time

”But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend without expecting anything back...” - LUKE 6:35

Easier said than done, right? But, if we are to imitate Christ, most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently. Start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive. Instead of plotting revenge on that person, try saying a quick prayer for that person. Praying for our enemies doesn’t change them, it changes us. Mercy and compassion will keep us on the path to holiness.

Fix Your Eyes on His Healing Touch

In Mark 8:22-26, while Jesus was in Bethsaida, some people brought him a blind man and begged Jesus to touch him. Jesus took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village. He then put saliva on his eyes and laid His hands on him and asked the blind man if he could see anything. The blind man said he could see people, but they looked like walking trees. Jesus laid his hands on him again and the blind man’s sight was restored.

The love of Jesus is not just for one act or moment. He is the God of abundance; He always has more healing for you. He never tires revisiting the area of your life He has already touched. He desires to lay His hands where we need Him to the most so He may completely restore you with His healing touch.

Have you made a commitment to the 2025 Diocesan Annual Appeal? If you have, thank you! If not please make your pledge or gift this weekend. You can **donate on line at [www.crookston.org/DAA](http://www.crookston.org/DAA)**. Prayfully consider joining many others in the Bishop’s Guild. The ministries you support touch the lives of thousands of Catholics in the Diocese of Crookston!

For questions about automatic sustained giving, which is highly recommended, contact Renee Tate at [rtate@crookston.org](mailto:rtate@crookston.org) or call 218-281-4533, ext. 432. Thank you for your generosity to the Diocesan Annual Appeal!

**Your gifts make Christ’s love present in our Community!**