

6th Sunday of Easter

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# 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	05/25/25	8:00 a.m.	†Darlene Lessard Figgins
Goodridge	Sunday	05/25/25	10:00 a.m.	FTP
Grygla	Sunday	05/25/25	11:45 a.m.	Jim Morrissey
Oklee	Monday	05/26/25	8:00 a.m.	†Bernard 'Pete' Plante
Goodridge	Tuesday	05/27/25	5:30 p.m.	Michelle Morrissey
Oklee	Wednesday	05/28/25	8:00 a.m.	†Jim Dulka
Oklee	Thursday	05/29/25	8:00 a.m.	Peyton Wittenberg
Oklee	Sunday	06/01/25	8:00 a.m.	†Bernard 'Pete' Plante
Goodridge	Sunday	06/01/25	10:00 a.m.	FTP
Grygla	Sunday	06/01/25	11:45 a.m.	Conrad Pietruszewski
Oklee	Monday	06/02/25	8:00 a.m.	†Richard Bourque
Grygla	Tuesday	06/03/25	5:30 p.m.	†Johnathon Linder
Oklee	Wednesday	06/04/25	8:00 a.m.	†Louise Lessard
Oklee	Thursday	06/05/25	8:00 a.m.	NO MASS
Oklee	Sunday	06/08/25	8:00 a.m.	†Bernard 'Pete' Plante
Goodridge	Sunday	06/08/25	10:00 a.m.	FTP
Grygla	Sunday	06/08/25	11:45 a.m.	†Cody Olafson
Oklee	Monday	06/09/25	8:00 a.m.	†Jake Martel
Goodridge	Tuesday	06/10/25	5:30 p.m.	Charlie Kiesow
Oklee	Wednesday	06/11/25	8:00 a.m.	†Mary Peterson
Oklee	Thursday	06/12/25	8:00 a.m.	Ardith Altstadt



## CLERGY COLUMN

Happy Lord's Day!

### Why Do We Use Incense at Mass?

Sometimes at Mass, especially the bigger feast days and solemnities, the priest will use incense. It has been more common throughout history and is less common today, although more priests are using it more frequently. The priest or deacon swings a thurible (a metal censer) as fragrant smoke rises. Its use is based on what we find in the Bible.

### A Tradition from the Temple

In the Old Testament, God commanded Moses to burn incense on a special altar in the Tabernacle every morning and evening (Exodus 30:7–8). There was an altar just for incense! Later, in the Temple of Jerusalem, incense was offered just outside the Holy of Holies, the dwelling place of God. On the Day of Atonement, the high priest entered the Holy of Holies with incense, so that the cloud would veil the Ark of the Covenant (Leviticus 16:12–13).

This imagery inspired the psalmist:

**“Let my prayer be counted as incense before you, and the lifting up of my hands as an evening sacrifice.”** (*Psalms 141:2*)

### Heavenly Worship and Christian Liturgy

The Book of Revelation presents incense in the worship of heaven:

**“The smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, rose before God.”** (*Revelation 8:4*)

As early Christian worship developed, incense became part of the Church's liturgy, reminding us that the Mass is a participation in the heavenly worship of God.

### What Incense Means at Mass

At Mass today, incense:

- Symbolizes prayer rising to God
- Sanctifies and honors people and sacred things
- Engages our senses in the mystery of worship
- Veils the holy, recalling how God's presence was hidden in the Temple

It teaches us that worship is not casual—it is sacred. When we see the smoke and smell its fragrance, we are reminded that we are standing on holy ground.

### For Further Reading:

- Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1189*

*Psalms 141:2, Revelation 8:3–4, Exodus 30, Leviticus 16, Isaiah 6*

May the Lord give you his peace!

Fr. Bryan

For as long as I can remember, spring has been my favorite season. So much excitement fills the air when another Northland winter is over. Students and educators at all levels can see that there is an end to the school year. Families begin planning for summer camps and summer vacations. We celebrate First Communions, Confirmations, and Graduations. Increasing sunlight means the days become longer and brighter. Springtime equates to new life and new hope. (See Song of Songs 2:11-14) I would be remiss if I didn't also mention that while basking in springtime excitement, we honor and seek the intercession of our Blessed Mother in a special way all through May. As a Church, we have done this since at least the 13th century, paying homage to Mary for the new life and new hope she brought to the world in Christ's Incarnation. It is fitting that we lift up motherhood in May with Mother's Day, recognizing the invaluable contributions of mothers, grandmothers, Godmothers, aunts, and spiritual mothers of all kinds. However, this annual celebration can also be challenging for those who have lost their mothers or their children, those who are struggling to conceive, or those who have difficult mother-child relationships. As a mother myself, I can attest to the joyful and sorrowful parts of motherhood, as well as the temptation to concede to feelings of overwhelm, overstimulation, and exhaustion arising from a flurry of springtime events and expectations that I am chief cheerleader, summer activities director, and milestone party planner for my children and others. Consolation has come for me, though, when I have meditated on the infancy narratives of Christ. The depths of Mary's interior understanding of what she has been entrusted with are revealed in her reflective and receptive posture; she avoids anxiety and treasures humbly in her heart that she is set apart by God for a unique mission not entrusted to another.

May we do the same here in northwest Minnesota. Without fear and anxiety, may we reflect on the great mission God has called us to in forming and equipping missionary disciples after Christ's most Sacred Heart. With abundant hope may we offer our peace-filled prayers and daily fiats, no matter the season.

### **New vision, new life: Diocese of Crookston Leadership Summits**

By Sarah Effhauser

As the Diocese of Crookston works to equip parish leaders to begin thinking in a missionary mode, it has been a joy to host three Leadership Summits this past November, February and April. The Leadership Summits have brought parish leaders from around the diocese together to learn more about their roles as missionary disciples.

These one-day events have focused on aspects of the diocesan pastoral vision that allow us to move together toward new life: Revive, Plan and Evangelize. Although interconnected, the stand-alone events of formation and inspiration have included sacraments, prayer, a meal, community, and formation all centered around transforming our parishes from maintenance to mission.

The Diocese of Crookston looks forward to the opportunity to continue to gather leaders from around the diocese in various forms.

Our parishes must be mission centers where people are taught to fish for new disciples as Pope Francis said, "The parish encourages and trains its members to be evangelizers. If our parishes do not develop as Mission Centers, we risk becoming a nice Christian club – a place where we feel comforted when we come together, but not a place that changes the world around us. A club exists for the sake of its members, the Church exists primarily for those who do not yet belong." Excerpt from *New Life: Through the Tender Compassion of Our God*

Oklee Parish: Please pick up your serving dishes left behind from serving funerals. They are on the counter in the kitchen to your left as you enter the kitchen. Thank you!



### St Francis Xavier's

Sunday, May 25, 2025  
 Sacristan: Mary Lynn  
 Lector:: Paul C.  
 Counters: Linda & Margaret

Sunday, June 01, 2025  
 Sacristan: Brady  
 Lector:: Jacob  
 Counters: Jo L. & Paul C

Sunday, June 08, 2025  
 Sacristan: Emily  
 Lector:: Brady  
 Counters: Jan & Gerri

### St Ann's

Sunday, May 25, 2025  
 Lector:: Paula  
 Counters: Deb & Maggie

Sunday, June 01, 2025  
 Lector:: Amanda  
 Counters: Deb & Maggie

Sunday, June 08, 2025  
 Lector:: Karyl  
 Counters: Audrey & Marie

### St Clement's

Sunday, May 25, 2025  
 Lector: Laurie

Sunday, May 25, 2025  
 Lector: Gary

Sunday, June 01, 2025  
 Lector: Robbie

Sunday, June 08, 2025  
 Lector: Dawn

*Why do Catholics cross their forehead, lips & heart at the Gospel? We cross our forehead that the word of God may be in our thoughts & purify our minds. We cross our lips that our speech may be holy and incline us to share the Gospel with others. We cross our hearts to invite God to strengthen our love for Him and others.*

*This is so we may know, proclaim and love Jesus*

## TITHING

### St. Francis Xavier's in Oklee

May 18, 2025

Adult Envelopes	\$675.00
Loose Plate	42.00
Catholic University	125.00
Endowment for Priests	<u>50.00</u>
Total	\$892.00

### St. Ann's in Goodridge

May 11, 2025

Adult Envelopes	\$460.00
Loose Plate	<u>64.00</u>
Total	\$524.00

May 18, 2025

Adult Envelopes	\$2626.00
Catholic Univ. & Comm.	100.00
Endowment for Priests	<u>60.00</u>
Total	\$2,786.00

### St. Clement's in Grygla

May, 18, 2025

Adult Envelopes	\$570.00
Loose Plate	35.00
OND	12.00
Cemetery Maintenance	100.00
Endowment for Priests	280.00
Retired Priests	150.00
Catholic Communication	<u>15.00</u>
Total	\$1,162.00

#### Recently Deceased Loved Ones

†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  
 †Odette Abboud

#### 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



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.

**"The holiest things in life are never loud" (attributed to Pope Francis)**

