

# 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, Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator is available at 218-281-7895 (24-hour confidential num-

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| Oklee         | Sunday   | 3/08/26 | 8:00 a.m.  | FTP                               |
| Goodridge     | Sunday   | 3/08/26 | 10:00 a.m. | Jack Miller                       |
| Grygla        | Sunday   | 3/08/26 | 11:45 a.m. | † <b>Jackie Dobmier</b>           |
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| Oklee         | Monday   | 3/09/26 | 8:00 a.m.  | † <b>Don &amp; Connie Foltz</b>   |
| St. Bernard's | Tuesday  | 3/10/26 | 5:15 p.m.  | Jake Bastyr                       |
| Oklee         | Thursday | 3/12/26 | 8:00 a.m.  | John Paavola                      |
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| Oklee         | Sunday   | 3/15/26 | 8:00 a.m.  | † <b>Shirley Cyr</b>              |
| Goodridge     | Sunday   | 3/15/26 | 10:00 a.m. | FTP                               |
| Grygla        | Sunday   | 3/15/26 | 11:45 a.m. | † <b>Conrad Pietruszeski</b>      |
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| Oklee         | Monday   | 3/16/26 | 8:00 a.m.  | Ashley Hammers                    |
| Grygla        | Tuesday  | 3/17/26 | 5:30 p.m.  | Grace & Ralph Rundell             |
| Oklee         | Thursday | 3/19/26 | 8:00 a.m.  | IHM Secular Franciscan Fraternity |
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| Oklee         | Sunday   | 3/22/26 | 8:00 a.m.  | † <b>Raymond Lessard</b>          |
| Goodridge     | Sunday   | 3/22/26 | 10:00 a.m. | FTP                               |
| Grygla        | Sunday   | 3/22/26 | 11:45 a.m. | Cody Olafson                      |
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| Oklee         | Monday   | 3/23/26 | 8:00 a.m.  | † <b>Sis Christianson</b>         |
| Goodridge     | Tuesday  | 3/24/26 | 5:30 p.m.  | Mic Morrissey                     |
| Oklee         | Thursday | 3/26/26 | 8:00 a.m.  | Leigha Hammers                    |

Pray for our students

## CLERGY COLUMN

### Happy Lord's Day!

Following the Lord's Prayer during Mass comes the Sign of Peace or the Rite of Peace. There are two places where instructions are given in the Roman Missal, once right in the Order of Mass and, before that, in the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, paragraph 82. It's probably better to start with the paragraph from the GIRM.

Paragraph 82 mentions three things about the Sign of Peace: first, it is to be understood as a preparation for Holy Communion, a time for the faithful people in the pews to express to each other that we share an ecclesial communion (we are united - *hopefully we are united* - in our love for the Church and Her doctrine) and mutual charity toward one another; second, that the sign of peace to be given is established by the local conference of bishops and by local customs and cultures (in other words, what does the Sign of Peace actually look like in real time?); third, that the sign of peace is to be given in a sober manner and only to those nearest to each person. These are all very interesting points that could be expanded upon for pages, especially the third point, but we will leave it as a simple explanation for what we're looking for at this point in Holy Mass. Before we get to that explanation, let's take a look at the Order of Mass.

When you pay close attention to the priest during this part of Mass, you'll notice that he is no longer speaking to the Father, as he does almost the entire Mass, but to Jesus the Son. "*Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles...*" Some priests signify this shift in the Divine Subject by looking directly at the Eucharist, the living Body and Blood of the Lord. The priest acknowledges that it is Jesus who gives us His peace, which is supreme over any other type of peace that can be found. His peace is supernatural, while any other peace is merely natural. **It's this supernatural peace that we're seeking.** Jesus gave that peace in a number of places, but the specific reference here comes from John 14:27, which comes at the Last Supper. We can see that Jesus gave us the supreme gift of the Eucharist at the Last Supper, but he also gave us His peace, which is also an extraordinary gift to receive! When the priest has finished his prayer to Jesus, notice what he says to the congregation: "*May the peace of the Lord be with you always.*" Father is not offering you his natural peace, but the supernatural peace of Christ. And when he instructs those present to offer each other the sign of peace, it is the peace of Christ that we are supposed to be offering to those around us. Maybe this can help us see why it ought to be a sober moment rather than a chaotic one. Maybe this can also help us to see why this moment is not one for us to catch up with each other or comment to each other about the homily, but instead to focus exclusively on **desiring the peace that surpasses all understanding to rest upon each person's heart and mind.** What a profound desire to share with each other!

The reason for offering the Sign of Peace during Mass comes from the Bible and history. Jesus gives instructions to his disciples during the Sermon on the Mount that we are to make peace with our brethren, to reconcile with them if possible, before offering our sacrifice on the altar. The Sign of Peace can act as a sign (or could be an acknowledgement) of such reconciliation. St. Paul also instructs the Christians in both Corinth and Rome to give each other a holy kiss of peace (Romans 16:16, 1 Cor 16:20). Historically speaking, we can look back to our old friend St. Justin Martyr, who wrote about the worship of 2nd century Christians while he was living in that time. He mentioned that the people would greet one another with a kiss [of peace]. Over time, the Sign of Peace has been "located" in different times of the Mass and has had different appearances, but it has always been included at least as an option. Even today, it's not a strict requirement to include the large scale sign of peace, but the priest at least has to offer the peace of Christ to the congregation with the proper response.

May the Lord give you his peace!  
Fr. Bryan

## Finding Hope in Mary's Quiet Courage

There is a scene in *The Passion of the Christ* movie that quietly moves me every time I see it, and it has taken on significance in my interior journey over recent years. After Jesus is scourged and dragged away, Mary enters the courtyard. She kneels on the cold stone and begins wiping his blood from the ground with white cloths.

It is not a scene found in the Gospels, and yet it feels deeply true.

She cannot stop the suffering. She cannot undo what has happened. She cannot shield her son from the Cross that awaits him.

But she can love.

That image pierces my heart. There are moments when we cannot fix what is unfolding in the lives of those we love. We cannot take away the diagnosis, mend the broken relationship, or erase the wound. But we can remain. We can kneel. We can refuse to let suffering be treated as meaningless.

Mary's gesture is small, hidden, and quiet. And yet it is full of reverence. The world sees blood on stone; she sees a sacrifice. She treats what looks like a mess as something sacred.

Isn't that what Lent invites us to do? Through fasting, almsgiving, and prayer, we step into that courtyard with her.

**Fasting teaches us to stay when we would rather turn away.** It trains our hearts not to run from discomfort, but to unite it with Christ's suffering. It is a small way of kneeling beside him and saying, "I will remain."

**Almsgiving is love made visible.** It is bending down to care for what others might overlook: the poor, the lonely, the struggling. Like Mary gathering blood from the stones and pressing it into pure white cloths, we gather what the world often discards and treat it with dignity.

**Prayer keeps us close to the scene.** It anchors us near the heart of Jesus. When we pray, especially in silence before him, we learn to see as Mary sees — that nothing offered in love is wasted.

Lent is not about punishing ourselves; it is about learning how to love more faithfully. It is about allowing our hearts to be formed in the school of the Cross.

I find such hope in Mary's quiet courage. She did not change Good Friday, but she remained faithful within it.

This Lent, may we ask for that same grace — to kneel where we are, to honor what is sacred, and to trust that even our smallest acts of sacrifice, united to Christ, participate in redemption.

*Janelle C. Gergen, Diocese of Crookston*

**PRAY**

For

Peace

**Catholic Women's**  
group will meet  
Tuesday, March 10th,  
9 am, church kitchen.  
See you there!

**Oklee: All Church meeting**  
**Planning for Mission**  
**Discernment and feedback**  
**Thursday, March 12th at 6:00 pm**

### St Francis Xavier's

Sunday, March 8, 2026  
Sacristan: Margaret  
Lector: Jan D  
Counters: Jo & Paul

Sunday, March 15, 2026  
Sacristan: Mary Lynn  
Lector: Mary Lynn  
Counters: Margaret & Lora

Sunday, March 22, 2026  
Sacristan: Rick  
Lector: Jan  
Counters: Gerri & Jan

### St Ann's

Sunday, March 8, 2026  
Lector: Karyl  
Counters: Maggie & Deb

Sunday, March 15, 2026  
Lector: Amanda  
Counters: Audrey & Marie

Sunday, March 22, 2026  
Lector: Paula  
Counters: Maggie & Deb

### St Clement's

Sunday, March 8, 2026  
Lector: Jim

Sunday, March 15, 2026  
Lector: Laurie

Sunday, March 22, 2026  
Lector: Gary

Sunday, March 29, 2026  
Lector: Robbie

#### Recently Deceased Loved

†Frankie Cyr  
†Cliff Melby  
†Jake Martell  
†Greg Eck  
†Annette LaCoursiere  
†Larry Fossum  
†JoAnn Hamm  
†Gail (Lambert) Bowlin  
†Ambrose Bergeron  
†Richard Bourque  
†Delton Sebenaler  
†Reinold Lambert  
†Donna Bergeron  
†Bernard "Pete" Plante  
†Odette Abboud  
†Doug Cullen  
†Bud Zavoral  
†Charlie Kiesow  
†Theresa Mutnansky  
†Tony Kiesow  
†Mike Paquin  
†Daniel Cullen  
†George Pittman  
†Brian Peterson  
†Ellie Horachek  
†Shirley Cyr

#### Pray For Those Who Are Sick

Michael Bachand  
Debra Olson  
Ambrose Beaudoin  
Don LaCoursiere  
Cindy Determan  
Grace Rundell  
Bailey Herried Drotts  
Doris Dessellier  
Danielle Swanson  
Tony Radniecki  
Darren Tougas  
Jude Syvertson  
Rick Dulka  
Roy Rystad  
Roger Lambert  
Carolyn Pittman  
Jack Miller

#### Pray For Those Who Are Sick

Adam Cwikla  
Bonnie Paquin  
Del Determan  
Bob Carriere  
Michelle Morrissey  
Debbie Perreault  
Arnie Paradis  
Jake Bastyr  
Julia Neubert  
Dick Kalar  
John Lessard  
Marilyn (Bachand) Marsh



## TITHING

### St. Francis Xavier's, Okle

March 1, 2026

|                           |               |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| Adult Envelopes           | \$2545.00     |
| Loose Plate               | 31.00         |
| Flowers for Altar         | 10.00         |
| Memorials for Shirley Cyr | <u>150.00</u> |
| Total                     | \$2736.00     |

### St. Ann's, Goodridge

March 1, 2026

|                 |              |
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| Adult Envelopes | \$971.00     |
| Loose Plate     | <u>30.00</u> |
| Total           | \$1001.00    |

### St. Clement's, Grygla

March 1, 2026

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| Adult Envelopes | <u>\$807.00</u> |
| Loose Plate     | 20.00           |
| Easter Flowers  | <u>152.00</u>   |
| Total           | \$979.00        |

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.

### Lenten Fish Fry

#### St. Ann's, Goodridge, MN

March 13, 20, 27

4:00 to 7:00 pm

Walleye and all the trimmings. Take out available, call 218-378-4529

One-fillet meal at \$15.00. Two-fillet meal at \$ 20.00.

