

# 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-

Pray for our students

<b>Oklee</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>4/26/26</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>†Jim Dulka</b>
Goodridge	Sunday	4/26/26	10:00 a.m.	Pope Leo
<b>Grygla</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>4/26/26</b>	<b>11:45 a.m.</b>	<b>†Jackie Dobmeier</b>
Oklee	Monday	4/27/26	No Mass	
Goodridge	Tuesday	4/28/26	No Mass	
Oklee	Thursday	4/30/26	No Mass	
<b>Oklee</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>5/03/26</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>†Shirley Cyr</b>
<b>Goodridge</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>5/03/26</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>†Cody Teie</b>
Grygla	Sunday	5/03/26	11:45 a.m.	FTP
Oklee	Monday	5/04/26	No Mass	
Grygla	Tuesday	5/05/26	No Mass	
Oklee	Thursday	5/07/26	No Mass	
<b>Oklee</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>5/10/26</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>†Joyce Rock</b>
<b>Goodridge</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>5/10/26</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>†Annette Peterson</b>
Grygla	Sunday	5/10/26	11:45 a.m.	FTP
Oklee	Monday	5/11/26	8:00 a.m.	MaryEllen Nycholat
Goodridge	Tuesday	5/12/26	5:30 p.m.	†Betty Troska
Oklee	Thursday	5/14/26	8:00 a.m.	†Shirley Cyr



## CLERGY COLUMN

### Happy Lord's Day!

Many Catholics are familiar with the great saints of history—names like St. Francis of Assisi or St. Thérèse of Lisieux. But the Lord continues to raise up saints in every time and place—including right here in Minnesota. One such remarkable witness is Sister Annella Zervas, a young Benedictine sister whose cause for canonization is now underway.

Born Anna Cordelia Zervas in 1900 in Moorhead, Minnesota, she entered religious life at just 15 years old with the Benedictine Sisters in St. Joseph, Minnesota. There she received the name Sister Mary Annella and lived a quiet life of prayer, work, and fidelity to her vocation. Nothing about her life outwardly suggested greatness—but that is often how God works.

In her early twenties, Sister Annella was struck with a rare and excruciating skin disease, now known as pityriasis rubra pilaris. Her condition caused intense physical suffering: burning pain, fevers, and severe deterioration of her skin. At a time when medicine could offer little relief, she endured years of agony.

What makes Sister Annella extraordinary is not simply that she suffered, but how she suffered. She embraced her crosses with deep faith and love, consciously offering her pain to God. In a small spiritual writing known as her *“Ticket for Eternity,”* she expressed a striking desire: to accept whatever suffering God would permit, trusting that it could be united with the suffering of Christ for the salvation of souls. She once prayed, “Jesus, send me more pain, but give me the strength to bear it.” Such words are not a glorification of pain for its own sake, but a testimony to her total trust in God’s will and her desire to love Him completely.

Sister Annella died in 1926 at the age of 26. Yet her witness did not end there. For decades, people have visited her grave and sought her intercession, drawn by her example of patient endurance and deep union with Christ. In recent years, interest in her life has grown, especially here in our region. Her cause for canonization has now officially been opened, and she bears the title “Servant of God.” This is the first step in the Church’s careful process of recognizing a saint. Investigations are now underway into her life of virtue and any favors or miracles attributed to her intercession.

This is particularly significant for us in the Diocese of Crookston. Sister Annella is a daughter of northern Minnesota, and her cause represents a powerful reminder that holiness is not reserved for distant times or places. It can flourish right here, in the hidden and ordinary circumstances of daily life. Her life also offers an important spiritual lesson. In a world that often avoids suffering at all costs, Sister Annella shows us that **suffering, when united to Christ, can become a path to holiness.** Her “Ticket for Eternity” is, in a sense, an invitation to each of us: to trust God more deeply, to carry our crosses with faith, and to offer even our difficulties as an act of love.

As her cause moves forward, the Church invites the faithful to learn about her life and to ask for her intercession. Perhaps, in God’s providence, we may one day witness the canonization of a saint from our own region. In the meantime, her quiet but powerful witness continues to speak: holiness is possible—here and now. You can learn more at the website: [sisterannella.org](http://sisterannella.org)

May the Lord give you his peace!  
Fr. Bryan

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

*"The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." 1 PETER 2:7*

Every person has been given gifts from the Holy Spirit. These are called "charisms" and they are used to build God's kingdom of earth. While many people are able to recognize their natural talents and abilities, they may be unsure of their charisms. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern their charisms and how God is calling them to use them. Remember - no gift is too small or insignificant in God's salvation plan.

Saint Augustine wrote: "Whoever wishes to enter into the sheepfold, let him enter by the door; let him preach Christ; let him seek Christ's glory, not his own. Christ is a lowly door, and he who enters by this door must be lowly, if he would enter with his head whole." *Will come in and go out and find pasture:* To "go in" can refer to the contemplation of divine truth. To "go out" can refer to the sharing of the truth. "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel" (Mk 16:15).

Saint Thomas Aquinas famously spoke of the most perfect life as that which is "built on an abundance of contemplation" and which ultimately hangs on the fruits of contemplation, for "such was the life chosen by Christ."

What is the abundant life that Christ comes to give us, and that we continue to pray for and proclaim to others? The life of grace, which is already a share in his eternal and glorious life. "Eternal life in its beginnings consists in knowing God by faith, united with charity; in its consummation eternal life consists in seeing God face to face, unveiled. Jesus Christ gives us both the one and the other because he has merited it for us and because he is the source of it in all the members" (J.B. Bossuet).

### **A Prayer before Study or Tackling a new project**

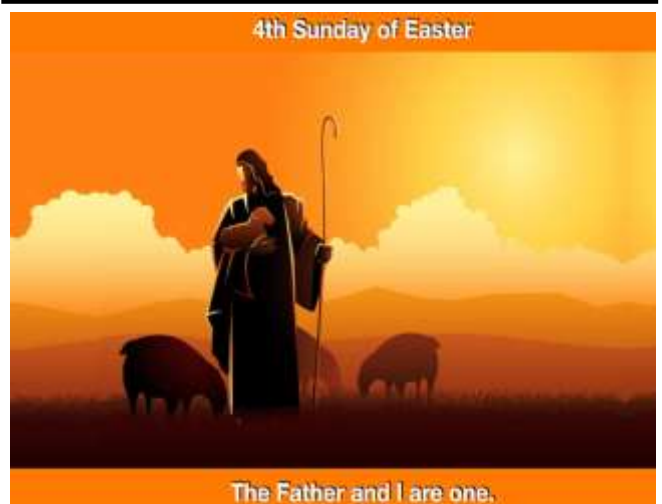
Creator of all things, true source of light and wisdom, origin of all being, graciously let a ray of your light penetrate the darkness of my understanding.

Take from me the double darkness in which I have been born, an obscurity of sin and ignorance. Give me a keen understanding, a retentive memory, and the ability to grasp things correctly and fundamentally.

Grant me the talent of being exact in my explanations and the ability to express myself with thoroughness and charm.

Point out the beginning, direct the progress, and help in the completion. I ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Oh my God, I love you above all things, with my whole heart and soul, because you are as all good and worthy of all my love. I love my neighbor as myself for the love of you. I forgive all who have injured me and I ask forgiveness of all whom I have injured. Amen.



### St Francis Xavier's

Sunday, April 26, 2026  
 Sacristan: Mary Lynn  
 Lector: Jan  
 Counters: Margaret and Lora

Sunday, May 3, 2026  
 Sacristan: Emily  
 Lector: Mary Lynn  
 Counters: Jan & Gerri

Sunday, May 10, 2026  
 Sacristan: Margaret  
 Lector: Jacob  
 Counters: Jo & Rick D.

### St Ann's

Sunday, April 26, 2026  
 Lector: Carol  
 Counters: Deb & Maggie

Sunday, May 3, 2026  
 Lector: Amanda  
 Counters: Audrey & Marie

Sunday, May 10, 2026  
 Lector: Paula  
 Counters: Deb & Maggie

### St Clement's

Sunday, April 26, 2026  
 Lector: Gary

Sunday, May 3, 2026  
 Lector: Robbie

Sunday, May 10, 2026  
 Lector: Dawn

Sunday, May 17, 2026  
 Lector: Jim C.

#### Recently Deceased Loved

- †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
- †Betty Troska

#### 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
- Emily Bernier



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.

Merciful Father, who sent your Son to be our Good Shephard, keep us from going away astray and lead us to heavenly pastures.

## TITHING

### St. Francis Xavier's, Okle

April 19, 2026	
Adult Envelopes	\$1875.00
Loose Plate	22.00
Endowment for Priest	<u>15.00</u>
Total	\$1912.00

### St. Ann's, Goodridge

April 5, 2026	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 531.00
Loose Plate	<u>201.00</u>
Total	\$732.00

April 12, 2026	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 661.00
Loose Plate	26.00
Holy Land	<u>20.00</u>
Total	\$707.00

April 19, 2026	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 535.00
Loose Plate	10.00
Endowment for Priest	<u>90.00</u>
Total	\$635.00

### St. Clement's, Grygla

April 19, 2026	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 831.00
Loose Plate	<u>26.00</u>
Total	\$857.00

