

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

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Confessions: 15 minutes before
 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, Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator is available at 218-281-7895 (24-hour confidential num-

Pray for our students

Oklee	Sunday	5/03/26	8:00 a.m.	†Shirley Cyr
Goodridge	Sunday	5/03/26	10:00 a.m.	†Cody Teie
Grygla	Sunday	5/03/26	11:45 a.m.	FTP
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Oklee	Monday	5/04/26	No Mass	
Grygla	Tuesday	5/05/26	No Mass	
Oklee	Thursday	5/07/26	No Mass	
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Oklee	Sunday	5/10/26	8:00 a.m.	†Joyce Rock
Goodridge	Sunday	5/10/26	10:00 a.m.	†Annette Peterson
Grygla	Sunday	5/10/26	11:45 a.m.	FTP
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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
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Oklee	Sunday	5/17/26	8:00 a.m.	†Shirley Cyr
Goodridge	Sunday	5/17/26	10:00 a.m.	†Odette Abbud
Grygla	Sunday	5/17/26	11:45 a.m.	FTP
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Oklee	Monday	5/18/26	8:00 a.m.	Tray Buckner
Grygla	Tuesday	5/19/26	5:30 p.m.	†Rita Nelson
Oklee	Thursday	5/21/26	8:00 a.m.	Daniel May



CLERGY COLUMN

Happy Lord's Day!

Planning for Mission Update - St. Francis, St. Ann, and St. Clement

Here is a timeline of the Planning for Mission in our parish cluster up to this point, going all the way back to the beginning:

- **October 8, 2024: Bishop Cozzens met with all the priests of our diocese and told us that we would be embarking on a process for Planning for Mission in our diocese**, which would take a few years to implement. He asked us to submit some names for people who could be invited to Leadership Summits taking place over the next year around the diocese. I submitted several names, including email addresses or physical addresses, from all three parishes.
- **November 2, February 22, and April 26 of 2024 into 2025: Leadership Summits took place in Crookston, Bemidji, and Detroit Lakes.** People from all over the Diocese of Crookston attended. Over the course of these three events, two attended from St. Francis, two from St. Ann, and five/six from St. Clement.
- **Summer 2025: One of our priests had to suddenly retire, causing an immediate shortage of priests.** Fr. John Kleinwachter came out of retirement to become Administrator of two parishes.
- **September/October 2025: Bishop Cozzens, with the Personnel Board, decided to change a few priest assignments, which would leave our cluster of parishes without a pastor.** It was announced that each parish would be reorganized, beginning July 2026, and the Planning for Mission process would become more intensive for our new clusters. Bishop's letter, dated October 19th, 2025 stated: *"We will have to form new clusters of parishes in the area, and we will have to discern together the best way to carry out the mission Christ gives us in those clusters."* **As part of this process, Fr. Bryan would need to recruit a team from each parish to represent their parish in the process, while the other pastors would need to do the same for each of their parishes.** In the meantime, Bishop Cozzens said he wanted to meet with each parish to talk through the process.
- **November 3, 5, and 6: Bishop met with St. Ann, St. Francis, and St. Clement. 16, 31, and 12 (16 if you count the kids) people came to each meeting from each of those parishes.** At that meeting, Bishop spoke about the difficulty we have in our diocese regarding a lack of priests, which will continue to decrease over time, and the loss of Mass attendance over time (30% in the past ten years), but also about the opportunity we have for sharing our faith and growing our parishes by being on mission in our communities. People were invited to reflect on their experience of the faith and could give feedback at these meetings. He laid out the process which would take place and the possible resolutions for any given parish, which included remaining as a parish, becoming an oratory (a prayer space used for Mass only for special occasions), or closing the parish, always seeking to be good stewards of our resources and looking for the best path for the mission of the Church which is to evangelize and grow. Bishop also mentioned that he is requesting each priest to offer no more than 3 Masses per weekend.
- **November 9: Fr. Bryan shared an update at Mass and invited people to consider whether they would like to be on the team for their parish, which included participating in meetings throughout January-May.** There were zero volunteers from St. Francis, 3 from St. Ann's (though only one of them was chosen due to other members), and at least 1 from St. Clement's (though the team had already been set by that point). Fr. Bryan asked some people to join. The team members from each parish were:
 - **Paul Cyr, Gerri Rustan, and Margie Buer from St. Francis Xavier**
 - **Audrey Rogalla, Carol Eidelbes, Tony and Marie Carin from St. Ann**
 - **Robbie Anderson, Jean Schulz, and Dawn Larson from St. Clement**

• **December 6: Bishop Cozzens and the Diocese of Crookston hosted a Regional Leadership Summit for our area (TRF, RLF, Oklee, Brooks, Goodridge, Grygla).** Many names from each parish and contact information was submitted to the Diocese well ahead of time (this event was planned to take place way back in October 2024). Invitations were sent multiple times from the Diocese. St. Francis had two people attend (plus one who attended the first hour or so), St. Ann had six, and St. Clement had five. The conversation at this gathering was adjusted to fit within our Planning for Mission needs.

• **January-April 2026: Several meetings took place for all three new clusters in various locations.** The focus of the meetings included:

- Formation in Discipleship, The Essential Need for Discernment and Prayer in the process, and Becoming a Mission-Centered Parish (all with discussion and prayer included)
- Each team took time for examination of their parish's Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities for growth, and Threats that keep them from growth (SWOT). There was sharing amongst the teams of their examinations.
- A buildings and facilities evaluation.
- A Prayer, Discernment, and Feedback Meeting, which also invited the entire parish to participate. There was a video from Bishop Cozzens, a look at some data, which showed the challenges we have with numbers of priests (down to 23 by 2033 for 68 current parishes) and people, an invitation to prayerfully reflect on the goodness and challenges of each parish, and an opportunity to give large-group feedback. These meetings were held in all three of our parishes in March and April. Unfortunately, the meeting in Oklee included a snow storm, so only six people came, but their feedback was representative of the entire parish. Notes were taken from each meeting.
- Each team met separately to put together a Proposal for the Diocese regarding the future of their cluster, including whether any parishes should be closed or turned to an oratory, a suggested Mass schedule, and possible ways the Proposal would help to advance the mission of the Catholic Church. These Proposals were then sent, with all of the other notes from all of the meetings, to the Diocesan Planning Commission (DPC). The DPC will meet with Bishop Cozzens at the end of May to prayerfully look over and discuss all the material. The DPC will make a recommendation to the bishop, who will then make a decision regarding the future of each cluster. The bishop will then, either: (a) ask for more or other considerations for the process, or (b) communicate to us a decision on how we are to move forward. **We have been told to expect further communication by mid-June, though there may need to be some transition time into later summer and the fall. Fr. Bryan will be moving on July 1st.**

I'm grateful for all of the team members who have participated in the Planning for Mission process. I know it's taken a lot of time and energy for them to think through and pray through all of these meetings and tasks. One very important note: Zero of our three teams suggested closing their parishes. I don't know what decisions will be made, but I think that's an important thing to point out. I have some other thoughts that I would like to share, but I'll save those for another day. I hope this review has been helpful for you. I know it's lengthy and includes a lot of information. I've also shared some updates at Masses from time to time, though I know I could have done so more frequently. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to talk to me.

May the Lord give you his peace!
Fr. Bryan

St. Clements, Grygla

Congratulations on your first communion to

Peter Miller, Lennix Bakke, and Westyn Bakke

And to Cole & Kaylani on the baptism of their baby,

Iva Sheef

God's blessing on all of you!

Oklee: Please sign up to be a greeter. Sign up sheet in front entrance.

Oklee: Don't forget to sign up to serve coffee & treats after Mass! Sign up sheet in front entrance.

St Francis Xavier's

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

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

Sunday, May 17, 2026
 Sacristan: Brady
 Lector: Brady
 Counters: Margaret and Linda

St Ann's

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

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

Sunday, May 17, 2026
 Lector: Carol
 Counters: Marie & Audrey

St Clement's

Sunday, May 3, 2026
 Lector: Robbie

Sunday, May 10, 2026
 Lector: Dawn

Sunday, May 17, 2026
 Lector: Jim C.

Sunday, May 24, 2026
 Lector: Laurie

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.

O God, who chose the Mother of your Son to be our Mother also, grant us that, persevering in penance and prayer for the salvation of the world, we may further more effectively each day the reign of Christ. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever

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St. Francis Xavier's, Okle

April 26, 2026	
Adult Envelopes	\$1395.00
Loose Plate	20.00
Home Missions	<u>330.00</u>
Total	\$1745.00

St. Ann's, Goodridge

April 26, 2026	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 606.00
Loose Plate	<u>50.00</u>
Total	\$656.00

St. Clement's, Grygla

April 26, 2026	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 665.00
Loose Plate	<u>295.00</u>
Total	\$960.00

Oklee Catholic Women's group meets Tuesday, May 5th, 9:00 am in Church kitchen. Join us!