

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-

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

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

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

Oklee	Monday	5/18/26	8:00 a.m.	†Ray Buckner
Grygla	Tuesday	5/19/26	5:30 p.m.	†Rita Nelson
Oklee	Wednesday	5/20/26	8:00 a.m.	†Harold Cyr
Oklee	Thursday	5/21/26	8:00 a.m.	Daniel May

Oklee	Sunday	5/24/26	8:00 a.m.	FTP
Goodridge	Sunday	5/24/26	10:00 a.m.	†Rita Nelson
Grygla	Sunday	5/24/26	11:45 a.m.	†Michelle Morrissey

Oklee	Monday	5/25/26	8:00 a.m.	†Ruth Buckner
Goodridge	Tuesday	5/26/26	5:30 p.m.	†Betty Troska
Oklee	Wednesday	5/27/26	8:00 a.m.	†Shirley Cyr
Oklee	Thursday	5/28/26	8:00 a.m.	†Bill Gunkel

Pray for our students



CLERGY COLUMN

Happy Lord's Day!

After the distribution of Holy Communion has finished, the priest takes a moment to purify the sacred vessels, making sure to clean and consume every crumb and every drop, rinsing them with water and making sure nothing is wasted. The principle comes from John 6 after the multiplication of the loaves, John tells us that Jesus instructed the disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, that nothing may be lost" (John 6:12). Jesus has performed a different, better kind of miracle with bread for us, so we also want to make sure nothing of this miracle is lost. If the fragments of ordinary bread were treated with such care, how much more the Eucharist, which is truly the Body of Christ? As I mentioned in the last session, we believe even the smallest fragment of the Sacred Host or the smallest drop of the Precious Blood is the fullness of Christ, so we don't want to treat the Eucharist casually or leave those crumbs behind. They deserve our highest reverence, so it is fitting for the priest to be careful during the purification.

While the priest is purifying the sacred vessels either at the altar or the credence table, the Roman Missal provides this prayer for him to pray quietly: "What has passed our lips as food, O Lord, may we possess in purity of heart, that what is given to us in time may be our healing for eternity." The priest is praying that all who have received the gift of the Eucharist would be healed in such a way that they can abide with this living Presence of the Lord in their hearts all the way into eternal life. Just as the sacred vessels are carefully purified, the priest asks that our hearts also be purified. We always seek the Lord's continual grace of conversion, especially as we share with him in Holy Communion.

While this is happening, and during the entire time Communion is being distributed, it's very common for parishes to be singing a hymn with a Eucharistic theme or to be chanting the Communion Antiphon with an accompanying Psalm. The congregation is often invited to join in the singing or chanting as an expression of our communal sharing of the Eucharist. Some people may choose, however, to return to their pew for silent prayer. This silent prayer, even while singing is taking place, allows for personal reflection on the incredible mystery they are sharing in, which is true Communion with the Savior of the world. They may choose to offer prayers of thanksgiving and adoration, contemplating the mystery of Christ present within them, or they may choose to share with the Lord the deepest needs of their lives or of their loved ones. It can be a very sacred encounter for all.

I personally like to pray the Magnificat after I've distributed Communion and purified the vessels. The Magnificat is a beautiful prayer prayed by Mary during the Visitation (Luke 1:39-56; the Magnificat is vv 46-55). Some have suggested that this prayer is really from the baby Jesus from within the womb of Mary, expressed by Him through His Mother. As I share in a quiet moment of prayer after Holy Communion, I imagine the Lord sharing that same prayer of praise from within me, which I can then express as my own. I also like to pray the Prayer of St. Francis (which was probably not written by St. Francis, but that's another story for another day), the one that begins, "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace..." From my prayer of praise, I ask the Lord to help me be his instrument of grace for the world. Others may have their own prayers they like to pray after Communion or they may simply enjoy contemplative love shared between Lord and disciple. May the Lord grant that all of us share in the fruits of Holy Communion!

May the Lord give you his peace!

Fr. Bryan

Listen to audio sessions: <https://frbryankujawa.podbean.com/>

Happy Mother's Day to all our Mother's at St. Francis Xavier. St. Ann's and St. Clements!

Our Father, we give thanks for the gift of mothers, blending strength and love in our lives. Bless and guide all Catholic mothers, granting them wisdom and grace as they nurture their families in faith. May they find joy in their role and be strengthened in every challenge they face. Amen.

6th Sunday of Easter

"For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be God's will, than for doing evil." 1 PETER 3:17

The old line says "if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans." Many of us are diligent in our planning and making sure things are progressing smoothly. Then disaster strikes, we don't get the result we anticipated or an unforeseen problem arises. Many times we may respond negatively and ask, "Why me? I did everything right!" Here's the thing – adversity humbles us and reminds us of our dependence on God and not on our own self-reliance. Rest assured, God has a better plan in store for you.

1. Which Saint said this quote?

"I think of the soul as a castle made of a single diamond, in which there are many rooms; just as in Heaven there are many mansions"

(Answer on back page)

2. Who was this mom?

She was the wife of a difficult husband. Former over-drinker of wine in her youth. Mother of an unruly boy who was a thief, a fornicator, and a heretic. Ultimately became a saint alongside her once wayward son.



Saint Mother Teresa

Mercy in action for "the poorest of the poor" - the most forgotten, neglected, overlooked in society.

She is a relatable saint for moms because her mercy looked like small acts done with radical love.

St. Francis Xavier Ladies Guild;

We at ICCC wanted to reach out and say thank you. You Ladies have stepped up and have repeatedly supported us, by choosing to get involved with grace and compassion. We truly cannot thank you enough.

ICC Staff and Board

St Francis Xavier's

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

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

Sunday, May 24, 2026
Sacristan: Mary Lynn
Lector: Mary Lynn
Counters: Anne & Dolores

St Ann's

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

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

Sunday, May 24, 2026
Lector: Paula
Counters: Deb & Maggie

St Clement's

Sunday, May 10, 2026
Lector: Dawn

Sunday, May 17, 2026
Lector: Jim C.

Sunday, May 24, 2026
Lector: Laurie

Sunday, May 31, 2026
Lector: Gary

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.

Month of May

During the month of May, we can create a May altar in honour of Mary.

Have you ever seen a May altar before?



TITHING

St. Francis Xavier's, Okle

May 3, 2026

Adult Envelopes	\$1425.00
Loose Plate	43.00
Endowment for Priests	20.00
Total	\$1488.00

St. Ann's, Goodridge

May 3, 2026

Adult Envelopes	\$ 830.00
Loose Plate	57.00
Total	\$887.00

St. Clement's, Grygla

May 3, 2026

Adult Envelopes	\$ 828.00
Loose Plate	135.00
Total	\$963.00



1. St. Teresa of Avila
2. St. Monica, mother of Saint Augustine