

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	5/24/26	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
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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
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Oklee	Sunday	5/31/26	8:00 a.m.	FTP
Goodridge	Sunday	5/31/26	10:00 a.m.	Steve Kiesow
Grygla	Sunday	5/31/26	11:45 a.m.	†Judy Hendrickson
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Oklee	Monday	6/01/26	8:00 a.m.	†Shirley Cyr
Grygla	Tuesday	6/02/26	5:30 p.m.	Fuzz Hammers
Oklee	Wednesday	6/03/26	8:00 a.m.	Steve & Doddie Hammers
Oklee	Thursday	6/04/26	8:00 a.m.	†Anita Gunkel
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Oklee	Sunday	6/07/26	8:00 a.m.	FTP
Goodridge	Sunday	6/07/26	10:00 a.m.	†Betty Troska
Grygla	Sunday	6/07/26	11:45 a.m.	†Richard Dobmeier
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Oklee	Monday	6/08/26	8:00 a.m.	†Shirley Cyr
Goodridge	Tuesday	6/09/26	5:30 p.m.	Marge Scheef Family
Oklee	Wednesday	6/10/26	8:00 a.m.	Jim & Karen Hammers
Oklee	Thursday	6/11/26	8:00 a.m.	†Bob Hammers

CLERGY COLUMN

Happy Lord's Day!

Today's Catholic Masterclass will focus on the use of bells during the Eucharistic Prayer. The GIRM provides this instruction: A little before the consecration, when appropriate, a server rings a bell as a signal to the faithful. According to local custom, the server also rings the bell as the priest shows the host and then the chalice (GIRM, no. 150).

Two simple points about this: first, it is optional, not required, to use bells just before the consecration (often interpreted as the epiclesis) and at the elevation of the Sacred Host and Chalice after the gifts are consecrated; second, the common practice when bells are used is that there is one ring at the epiclesis and three rings at each of the elevations. A smaller number of parishes also ring the bell one time immediately after the priest consumes the Body and Blood of the Lord.

The purpose of the bells comes from traditional liturgies when the Mass was offered in a language other than the vernacular (the common language of the people in any given location), mostly in Latin. The Traditional Latin Mass (TLM) was offered in Latin, of course, but also with the priest facing the same direction as everyone else (*ad orientem*), which made it more difficult for people to hear and see what was happening at the altar. What's more, the priest was speaking quietly, so often the only people who could hear anything were the altar servers. The servers would ring the bells at those times which were most worth paying attention to, namely the calling forth of the Holy Spirit on the gifts, the moment when the people had a chance to adore Jesus in the Eucharist, and at the completion of the sacrifice. The ringing of the bells helped people to be drawn toward the altar when they were perhaps focusing on some other prayers or meditations. Today, even though Mass is often offered in the common language and with the priest facing the people (*versus populum*), the bells are still helpful because humans still tend to get distracted at inopportune times. They can help to call our minds back to the present moment to focus on the only truly important thing taking place, which is the worship of God ordained by Jesus.

May the Lord give you his peace!

Fr. Bryan

We have our final faith formation class in Oklee this Wednesday. I'll miss those kids very much, along with the kids in Grygla. They are among the greatest treasures of this assignment. Memorial Day always marks the beginning of summer for me and the end of the school year. It also marks the "one month to go" line of my time in this assignment. I will be around for most of the month of June, though I am going to take a few days to help out at one of our Diocesan camps toward the end of the month and I'll also be leading a retreat for some deacons for a couple days. I think my final day in Oklee will be June 29th, the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, and then I'll pack my car and head toward Greenbush.

May the Lord give you his peace!

Fr. Bryan

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

Did you know?

St. Francis Xavier was born in Spain and with St. Ignatius Loyola became one of the seven who founded the Society of Jesuits. He preach for six months in Africa on his way to Asia where he spent the rest of his life spreading the word of God in India, Japan and the Philippines.

While in Japan The local daimyo warmly received Xavier, but forbade his subjects from converting to Christianity. In addition to the legal obstacle, Xavier found language to be a barrier. The Japanese language was different than any other he had previously encountered. Xavier was surprised to find that his poverty was a barrier to his communication. Poverty was not respected in feudal Japan as it was in Europe, so Xavier was compelled to change his strategy. On one occasion, when meeting with a local prince, Xavier arranged to be finely dressed and for his fellow missionaries to wait on him. He had gifts from India delivered to him. The charade had the desired effect and improved his reputation.

St. Ann is a central figure in Christian tradition, particularly in the Catholicism. She is believed to be the mother of Mary, the mother of Jesus. St. Ann's absence from the canonical Bible is notable. Her story and significance are primarily found in apocryphal texts and Christian tradition.

One of the most well-known apocryphal texts related to St. Ann is the "Protoevangelium of James," which provides details about her life, marriage to Joachim, and the miraculous conception of Mary. The feast of St. Ann is celebrated on July 26th each year. This day is dedicated to honoring her memory and seeking her intercession in matters of faith and family.

St. Clement was born in Rome during the time that the Christian faith was being spread and Christians were being persecuted by the Roman Emperors. He was of Jewish descent and a freeman of Rome. He worked as a tanner during the early part of his life. He was then converted to Christianity and became a disciple of St. Peter and of St. Paul. Following the death of Saint Peter he became the fourth Pope and Bishop of Rome continuing to convert Romans from the religion of the old Roman gods to Christianity. Saint Clement was banished from Rome during the reign of the Emperor Trajan (53 - 117 AD) due to his beliefs and unpopularity with the Roman rabble. He was banished to Chersonesus, which was an ancient Greek colony under Roman rule. There he was sentenced to work with other prisoners in a stone quarry where he continued to convert people. The number and success of his conversions attracted the attention of the Roman prefect who sentenced him to death. Clement was bound to an anchor and cast into the sea. He died in A.D.100. His feast day is November 23.

Pentecost Sunday

"To each is given the manifestation of the spirit for the common good."

To receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit you must open your heart and invite Him in! Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your thoughts, words and actions every day! Be grateful for all the gifts God has given you! Regardless of our individual circumstances, God has given us many blessings. What we do with these gifts is our gift back to God! By generously sharing everything we have and everything we are, we become more 'God-centered' and less 'self-centered' and our lives truly reflect God's light, love and mercy.



Who is this Saint? His feast day is this Tuesday, the 26th of May.

This Saint dedicated his life to God. He spent 13 years involved in prayer and building relationships with people in all walks of life. He lived his private life as a hermit, unknown to all those around him.

He spent much time in prayer in the catacombs and only ate bread and water, sometimes sprinkled with herbs.

St Francis Xavier's

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

Sunday, May 31, 2026
 Sacristan: Rick Dulka
 Lector: Jan
 Counters: Jo L & Paul C.

Sunday, June 7, 2026
 Sacristan: Phyllis
 Lector: Bob
 Counters: Margaret & Linda

St Ann's

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

Sunday, May 31, 2026
 Lector: Amanda
 Counters: Deb & Maggie

Sunday, June 7, 2026
 Lector: Karyl
 Counters: Audrey & Marie

St Clement's

Sunday, May 24, 2026
 Lector: Laurie

Sunday, May 31, 2026
 Lector: Gary

Sunday, June 7, 2026
 Lector: Robbie

Sunday, June 14, 2026
 Lector: Dawn

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 Klesow
- †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
- Cindy Determan
- Grace Rundell
- Bailey Herried Drotts
- Doris Dessellier
- Tony Radniecki
- Jude Syvertson
- Rick Dulka
- Roy Rystad
- Carolyn Pittman
- Jack Miller
- Adam Cwikla
- Bonnie Paquin
- Del Determan
- Bob Carriere
- Debbie Perreault
- Jake Bastyr
- Julia Neubert
- Dick Kalar
- John Lessard
- Emily Bernier



Come Holy Spirit!

TITHING

St. Francis Xavier's, Okle

May 10, 2026

Adult Envelopes	\$ 875.00
Loose Plate	80.00
Catholic Communication	35.00
Endowment for Priests	70.00
Flowers for Alter	<u>40.00</u>
Total	\$ 1100.00

St. Ann's, Goodridge

May 17, 2026

Adult Envelopes	\$ 435.00
Loose Plate	60.00
Catholic Communications	20.00
Endowment for Priests	<u>60.00</u>
Total	\$ 575.00

St. Clement's, Grygla

May 10, 2026

Adult Envelopes	\$ 1095.00
Loose Plate	41.00
Endowment for Priests	10.00
Catholic Communications	<u>45.00</u>
Total	\$ 1191.00

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.

O holy St. Philip Neri, patron saint of joy, you who trusted Scripture's promise that the Lord is always at hand and that we need not have anxiety about anything, in your compassion heal our worries and sorrows and lift the burdens from our hearts. We come to you as one whose heart swells with abundant love for God and all creation. Hear us, we pray, especially in this need (make your request here). Keep us safe through your loving intercession, and may the joy of the Holy Spirit which filled your heart, St. Philip, transform our lives and bring us peace. Amen

Answer: St. Philip Neri