



Saint John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

1515 Western Ave

Grafton ND 58237

Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2017

Mission Statement

St. John the Evangelist Parish is a Catholic Community of believers who worship God and share faith with others through welcoming, encouraging, sharing, reconciling, being faithful, praying and healing in Jesus' name.

Eucharist Schedule

Saturdays: 5:00 p.m. - St. John's
Sundays: 7:30 a.m. - Oakwood
9:30 a.m. - St. John's

Reconciliation

Saturdays: 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.
Sundays: 7:10 a.m. - Oakwood
9:00 - 9:15 a.m.

Adoration – Thursday, 5-10 p.m.

Parish Office: 352-1648

Fr. Tim's Cell phone - 520-0838

Fax number: 352-1608

Parish Kitchen: 352-0499

Pastor: Fr. Timothy Schroeder

Retired Priest in Residence:

Fr. Bernard Schneider

Deacon/Pastoral Minister:

Rev. Mr. Michael Grzadzielewski

Administrative Assist to the Pastor/

LSTC Coordinator: Rose Marie Kerner

Faith Formation/Music: Brent Hermans

Office Manager: Beverly Dolan

Parish Maintenance: Paul Bina

David Demester

Parish Lay Directors: Bryan Hurst,
Linda Schumacher.

Pastoral Council: Leanne Campbell,
David Demester, Mary (John) Dusek,
Mary (Tom) Dusek, Jesse Forster,
Monica Gorder, Paul Houdek, Ron
Houska, Nancy Miller, Todd Morgan,
Micky Schumacher, Al Szklarski, Marta
Balderas - Hispanic Ministry Liaison.

Finance Council: Rita Amiot, Russ
Carignan, Linda Schumacher, Bryan
Hurst, JoAnn Lizakowski, Kathy Maus,
Stacey Van Bruggen.

Baptism Prep Classes - Second
Thursday - 7 p.m. in the Gathering Space.
Call 352-1648 to register.

FORMED: Youth and Adult Faith
Formation at formed.org. Parish Access
code: PNWMV2

Bulletin - find it at stjohnsgrafton.com

Emails: Fr. Tim at
timothy.schroeder@fargodiocese.org
Bev at bev.stjohns@midconetwork.com

Need a ride to church? Call Frank
Janousek at 352-1567 or Jim Kosmatka at
352-3089.

Reconciliation Retreat on Sunday, December 10, for the parents of and our students who will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation this spring. The retreat will run from 1-4 p.m.

Communal Reconciliation Service – Sunday, December 10, 4 p.m.

KC Bingo – Sunday, December 10, No Bingo.

Knights of Columbus Meeting–Monday, December 11, 7 p.m., KC Room.

Bible Study – Last Class on Tuesday, December 12, at 7 p.m., KC Room.

Faith Formation – December 13, Grades 1-5 at 3:45-5 p.m. and 6:15-7:30 p.m., Grades 6-7 - 6:15-7:30 p.m., Grades 8-12 - 7:30 -8:30 p.m..

Choir – Wednesdays at 7:45 p.m. in the Church.

Finance Council – Thursday, December 14, 7 p.m. in classroom #6.

Our Lady of Guadalupe –Novena for Our Lady of Guadalupe. There will be a Mass on Tuesday, December 12, at 6 p.m. with a parish potluck to follow. For information: Marta at 360-0777.

Art and Environment – Volunteers needed!! We will be changing the Art and Environment on Sunday, December 17, immediately following Mass. We need all the help possible. More hands - faster the work is accomplished. Thank you.



Remember to take an angel

Please take an angel from the tree in the Gathering Space and return the gift by December 17.

Book of the Month – “*Jesus, Peter, and The Keys*” A scriptural handbook on the Papacy. This book is an excellent resource for anyone who wants to explain the Catholic doctrine on St. Peter and the Papacy. Fr. Mitchell Pacwa, S.J., University of Dallas.

Matching Funds for Haiti Available Through Year End – Our anonymous benefactors have extended their matching fund offer through the end of the year. All funds raised for building the school will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$100,000! There is still a little over \$36,000 left out here for the taking! We are so close, won't you help us? Please watch the video "Giants Fall" on our web page: www.stjohnsgrafton.com



As I mentioned on Sunday, Mark's gospel starts really fast. We get straight into the message: “The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God.” Mark is often portrayed as a Lion because he pounces on the subject matter immediately. Both John and Jesus are grown men when Mark takes up the story. He does not take the time to tell their conception stories when Mary and John were visited by the Angel Gabriel. That is all in Luke's gospel. John prepares the way for Jesus so immediately John makes his appearance, “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.” John is baptizing with water but Mark makes the point quickly that the whole reason Jesus came into this world was to baptize us with the Holy Spirit. Already he is jumping to the end of the story. First must come: Jesus' life, death, resurrection, ascension, and then the out pouring of the Holy Spirit upon the church. Mark gets to the point quickly that if we want to live as followers of Jesus than we must live in the Holy Spirit. Hopefully, we are guided by that Spirit as we prepare for Christmas.

Eucharist & Intentions

Saturday, December 9

5:00 p.m. – Aloys & Gertyee Lutovsky +

Sunday, December 10

7:30 a.m. – Oakwood – Parishioners +

9:30 a.m. – Percy & Agnes Davis +

Monday, December 11

9:00 a.m. – James Greenwood +

Tuesday, December 12

6:00 p.m. – Fr. James Jeffrey +

Wednesday, December 13

10:15 a.m. – Sunset – Earl Mondry +

Thursday, December 14

9:00 a.m. – Mollie Landrigan +

1:45 p.m. – LSTC – Frances Seeba +

Friday, December 15

9:00 a.m. – Brian Pilon +

Saturday, December 16

5:00 p.m. – Robert Desautel, Sr. +

Sunday, December 17

7:30 a.m. – Oakwood – Alan Collette +

9:30 a.m. – Parishioners

Prayers for the Sick: Policy for St. John's and Sacred Heart

Requests run for 3 consecutive weeks: Richard Munoz, Erika Garza, Marie Boura, Tony Schanilec, Diane Lee, Hope Reis, Patty Durand, John Schwehr, JoAnne Sevigny, Kathy Ruzicka, Jerome Carriere, Deb Quirk, Maria Lange, Jane Osowski, Jennifer Osowski, Michelle Collette Donarski, Barbara Donelan, Tom Hartje, David Moe, Roger Amiot, Suzanne Burns, Kevin Hoenke, Frances Boulduc, Connie McCarty, Adly Galle Jaehning.

Right to Life

The Christmas storytellers, Matthew and Luke, begin with Jesus' conception. When Matthew sets out to tell us about the Nativity, he first talks of events taking place during the pregnancy. Luke gives us even more details of the pregnancy. The message? Jesus was conceived through the power of the Holy Spirit. He was God from the moment of conception. *Life Date*, The National Newsletter of Lutherans for Life, Winter, 1998.

Prayer – May the Virgin Mary's care of her cousin, Elizabeth, inspire us to reach out to pregnant women in need.

Unplanned Pregnancy – call 701-284-6601

Christmas in the Park – The Lions Clubs of Grand Forks are again sponsoring Christmas in the Park (Lincoln Drive Park). Many local churches, businesses, organizations and health care facilities have been working on projects that promise to light up the holiday season. Any profits realized from this event will be used to benefit local charities and to help needy families. November 24-December 31. Open from 5:30 - 10 p.m. Car \$6, Limo \$10, Bus \$20. Plan to visit the Christmas in the Park displays.

Ministry	December 16	December 17	December 23	December 24
December Eucharistic Ministers	5:00 P.M. Paten: Mike Such, Mary Bailly Chalice: Carol Bina, Betty Feltman, Patricia Kram, Frank Janousek 9:30 A.M. Paten: Jim Dusek, Kelly Lessard, Elaine Novak Chalice: Debbie Aasand, JoAnn Lizakowski, Jim Schieffer, Dorothy Koester			
Proclaimers	Janice Houska	Paul Dolan	Cynthia Janousek	James Dusek
Altar Servers	Matt Houska Chris Fehr	Sydney Suda Josie Suda Paige Suda Kate LeClerc Laila Miller	Chris Fehr Matt Houska	Tony Balderas Josh Blanchard Smallbecks
Greeters	Theresa Lutovksy Paulette Moberg Mary (Tom) Dusek	Griselda Moreno Delores Novak Patricia Hutson	Doug & Sue Kirkeby Jesse Forster	Mike & Sue Callahan Jean Clark
Money Counters		Sue Callahan Sheila Trontvet		Cindy Holt Paul Bina

† STEWARDSHIP ☒

**Let us honor God with our first fruits
rather than the leftovers.**

December 3, 2017 \$ 7,139.15

Given in 2017

\$ 301,218.68		\$355,000.00
\$ 79,760.00	God's Gift Appeal 99%	\$ 80,740.00
\$ 644,996.70	Sowing Seeds Campaign	\$741,989.00
\$ 635.00	Kitchen	
\$ 1,220.00	Window	
\$ 40.00	Jail Ministry	
\$ 2,065.00	Unrestricted	
\$ 115.00	Adoration Chapel	
\$ 185.00	Music	
\$ 3,090.00	Haiti School	
\$ 200.00	Parish Center Floor	
\$ 60.00	Media Upgrade	
\$ 7,935.00	Cemetery Upkeep	\$12,890.00

Stewardship Moment – *“Prepare the way of the Lord.”*

Mark 1:3 We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with out gifts, does just that – it puts us on the path to holiness and it invites others to be holy, too.

Baptized – Jasmine Susan Berg on December 2, daughter of Andrew Berg and Billi Jean LeBlanc of our parish.

Our Sympathy to the family of Patricia “Pat” Stengrim, including Holly Keeley of our parish; to the family of Ronald Pokrzwinski, including Betty Feltman of our parish.

Grafton Senior Club - is sponsoring a dance on Sunday, December 10, from 2 - 6 p.m. at the Grafton Armory with music by Kathy Erickson. There is a \$5.00 admission charge.

A Magical Medora Christmas – Wednesday, December 13, at 7:30 p.m. at Grafton High School Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$25.00 and available at the Grafton Area Chamber and at Medora.com.

Benefit for Christopher Larson – Sunday, December 17, at Federated Church United Methodist from 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. \$10 a plate for a Potato bar. Chris is a Grafton native and a class of 2007 graduate and has been the voice of many extracurricular activities. Chris has faced worsening health issues since early in 2015, and nearly lost his life earlier this summer. He lives in a Mayville care facility. All funds raised will go to purchase a power wheelchair for Chris and help him with other transportation and general living expenses.

Sacred Heart - Oakwood

Sunday: December 17, 2017
Proclaimer: Ed Sevigny
Altar Server: Kayden Swanson
October Cleaning: Group 1

Collection: 12/03/2017 \$ 344.00
 Year 2017 \$28,812.71
 God's Gift Goal: \$ 8,301.00
 Year to Date: 111 % \$ 9,220.00

Lay Directors:
 Dennis LeClerc, Lori Cyr

Pastoral/Finance Council: Susan Suda, Cindy Collette, Mark Gourde, Lee Osowski, Bobby Osowski.

Volunteers for 2017

Community Christmas Eve Party

at Saint John the Evangelist

Since Christmas is a feast for all people of good will, it is most fitting that we host our 32st annual Christmas Party for anyone who would otherwise be alone. All are warmly invited to come party from 6:00-7:30 PM on Christmas Eve. If you can contribute time or food, please indicate below. Help make this our BEST CHRISTMAS Eve Party.

My name is _____ Telephone Number _____

___ 1. I will send the following food to the Christmas Party: (Check the item and indicate how much, number of cans and size) **WE MUST HAVE ALL FOOD (EXCEPT THE DINNER ROLLS) IN THE KITCHEN AT THE CENTER ON DECEMBER 20TH BY NOON! DINNER ROLLS BY NOON ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24!**

___ 100 lbs Potatoes _____	___ Bars or Cookies (how many dozen) _____ Grafton Lutheran at 352-2638
___ Carrots (#10 can) _____	___ Drip grind coffee - Amount: _____
___ Celery _____	___ Butter _____
___ Bread for Dressing _____	___ Onions _____
___ Flour - 10 lbs _____	___ Dinner Rolls _____
___ Pickles _____	

Please bring food in disposable containers or labeled containers for easy reclamation.

- ___ 2. I am willing to work in the kitchen - call Mary (J) Dusek at 520-0163.
- ___ 3. I am willing to help in the dining room as a waiter or waitress - call Sheila Slominski at 360-1891 or Katie Sieben at 360-3380.
- ___ 4. I will help where needed during the party. (Committee may call me.)
- ___ 5. I will help with cleanup

Return the sheet as soon as possible on or before December 20 by: dropping it into the collection basket, mailing to 344 W. 15th St. or hand delivering it to our parish office. Thank You!

POINSETTIAS



Enclosed is my donation:

_____ \$10.00 _____ \$15.00 _____ \$20.00

_____ \$30.00 _____ Other

(Specify)

My name is: _____

My gift is made in memory of: _____

Mail to: Church of Saint John the Evangelist, 344 W 15th St., Grafton, ND 58237
(Mark envelope: Poinsettia donation.)