



Saint John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

1515 Western Ave

Grafton ND 58237

1st Sunday of Lent

February 18, 2018

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,
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, Matt
Beneda, 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 stjohngrafton.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.

KC Bingo – Sunday, February 18, 3 p.m. in the Parish Center. Jackpots: \$105 in 55 numbers, \$120 in 53 numbers, \$135 in 51 numbers, \$92 in the Progressive.

Monday Night Soup Nights – Each Monday during Lent (February 19 - March 19), we offer soup in Saint John's Parish Center. We will begin immediately after the 5:15 Mass (approximately 6 p.m.)

Bible Study – Follow Me: Tuesdays, 7 p.m., in the KC Room.

Faith Formation: February 21, 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.

Agape – Thursday, February 22, 6:30 p.m. at the LSTC.

Pastoral Council – Thursday, February 22, 7 p.m. in the KC Room.

Stations of the Cross – Fridays following the 5:15 p.m. Mass during Lent.

KC Fish Fry – Friday, February 23, 5-7 p.m. in St. John's Parish Center. All you can eat - \$12.00.

Nic Davidson is coming to St. John's on February 27 (Topic: Made for Relationship) & 28 (Topic: Living a Life of Trust) for our Lenten Retreat!! Nic is a Catholic Speaker and Writer (Theology of the Body, Catechism of the Catholic Church, and God's Decent Curriculum Writer). "I don't know of anyone who can share the message of Jesus Christ and His Church with as much humor and depth as Nic Davidson. He is able to make sense of our beautiful and complex faith, so that those who hear him understand God's plan for their lives. Nic Davidson is one of the best evangelists, and best men, that I know." ~Fr. Mike Schmitz. Come join us!

Chairperson Needed – for the Hospital Banquet on April 10. Please contact Rose Marie at 352-1648 or 520-0591 if you can help with this event.

God's Gift Appeal – Next weekend, February 24/25, is Commitment Weekend for the 2018 God's Gift Appeal. Please bring the personalized commitment card you received in the mail to Mass with you as we join together to support our Catholic Church.



The Spirit drives Jesus into the desert. There is no time to waste here. We begin Lent hearing the words of Mark's gospel. Mark is the shortest gospel and sometimes it feels almost breathless as he takes us through the story of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. It almost feels like a wind is pushing us, driving us onward. Jesus is driven by the Spirit like a strong, moving force to face the harshness of the desert. Just the verse before a voice came from the heavens saying, "You are my beloved Son. On you my favor rests" (Mark 1:11). That is an amazing epiphany, a new awareness of how special Jesus truly was. Now he needed a time of reflection without the distractions of life. I like what Living Liturgy has to say, "Lent calls us to face our mortality, to realize that our lives are all too brief and fragile. As Jesus was led to the desert to confront the mission before him, we are called to the desert of our hearts and spirits to confront what we are making of this time we have been given, what we want our lives to stand for, what we want to leave to those we love. Lent calls us into the deserts of our hearts to turn away from the attitudes and behaviors that mire our lives in selfishness, unhappiness, and disappointment and turn toward the values of God we seek to embrace" (Living Liturgy, page 66). If we are following Jesus we should experience that as a driving force. Every period of our lives has to be pushed by the wind of God to guide us so that our boat may arrive at the other shore in a peaceful, happy way. It is a quick trip, "Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return." "Repent and believe in the Gospel." Hopefully, our sails will always be filled with the Spirit driving us in the right direction as we fulfill what we have been called to do.

Eucharist & Intentions

Saturday, February 17

5:00 p.m. – Ida Feltman +

Sunday, February 18

7:30 a.m. – Oakwood – David Collette +

9:30 a.m. – Parishioners

Monday, February 19

5:15 p.m. – Paul & Grace Brodeur +

Tuesday, February 20

5:15 p.m. – Duane Walker +

Wednesday, February 21

10:15 a.m. – Sunset – Brian Pilon +

5:15 p.m. – Verna Gerszewski +

Thursday, February 22

1:45 p.m. – LSTC – Hilma & William McKay +

5:15 p.m. – Lola Houdek +

Friday, February 23

5:15 p.m. – Mike Staffne +

Saturday, February 24

5:00 p.m. – Diann Wosick Suda +

Sunday, February 25

7:30 a.m. – Oakwood – Parishioners

9:30 a.m. – Alice Sevigny +

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

Requests run for 3 consecutive weeks: Pat Kohmstedt, Kayden Swanson, Joanne Sevigny, Monica Rudnik, Kelly Laskowske, Glenn Lerud, Angie Carriere, Doris Rudnik, Ron Houska, Janet Nelson, Deanne Pilon, Adelaide Dvorak, Roberto Rodriguez, Emma Basting, Alvin Jochim, Hope Reis, Diane Lee, Mike Tweten, Mary Lou Gourde, JoAnn Mattson, John "Butch" Campbell, Theresa Moen, Sandy Kasprick, Dorothy Mae Scholler, Erika Garza, Deb Quirk, 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.

FORMED – Be Restored by God's Mercy

A Lent to Remember is a beautiful presentation on the transforming power of mercy in the Sacrament of Confession, using the Augustine Institute productions Symbolon and Forgiven. No matter what you have done, no matter how long you have been away, Jesus is waiting for you with open arms this Lent! Sign up now (formed.org, Parish access code: PNWMV2)! FORMED is a gift from your St. John's parish family.



The Baby Bottle Campaign to support the Pregnancy Help Center in Park River is again upon us. Bottles are located at the entrances. Please return the bottles with your contributions as soon as possible. Thanks for all your support!

St. John's Quilters – Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Many hands are needed for designing, cutting, ironing, sewing and tying! We usually quilt for 3 months.

Ministry	February 24	February 25	March 3	March 4
February Eucharistic Ministers	5:00 P.M. Paten: Mike Such, Lillian Houska Chalice: Carol Bina, Betty Feltman, Patricia Kram, Kathy Grzadzielewski 9:30 A.M. Paten: Debbie Aasand, Jim Dusek, Elaine Novak Chalice: John Dusek, Mary Dusek, JoAnn Lizakowski, Patty Leighton			
Proclaimers	Kathy Grzadzielewski	James Dusek	Janice Houska	John Dusek
Altar Servers	Matt Houska Chris Fehr	Josh Blanchard Tony Balderas Josie Suda Paige Suda	Chris Fehr Matt Houska	Tyler Mayer Robert Parsons Elijah Smallbeck Seth Smallbeck
Greeters	Delores DeSautel Robin Holt Sheila Trontvet	Rosa Aguilar Christine Bjorneby Vicki Midgarden	Theresa Lutovsky Paulette Moberg Janice Houska	David Schumacher Mickey Schumacher Pat Dusek
Money Counters		Charla Nelson Paul Bina		Robin Molde Bev Dolan

† **STEWARDSHIP** ✉

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

February 11, 2018 \$ 5,474.34

Given in 2018

\$ 35,260.72		\$355,000.00
\$	God's Gift Appeal	\$ 82,228.00
\$ 652,876.35	Sowing Seeds Campaign	\$741,989.00
\$	Kitchen	
\$	Window	
\$	Jail Ministry	
\$ 90.00	Unrestricted	
\$	Adoration Chapel	
\$	Music	
\$ 95.00	Haiti School	
\$ 30.00	Parish Center Floor	
\$	Media Upgrade	
\$ 8,445.00	Cemetery Upkeep	\$12,890.00

Stewardship Moment – "After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God..."

Do you ever think about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to come into Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that Jesus was proclaiming. It must have taken great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, following a life of stewardship takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that God will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.

Lunch with Teresa Tomeo – Monday, February 26, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sts. Anne & Joachim Church, Fargo. Bringing America Back to Life. Teresa shows us the depth of this problem and how we can engage rather than give in to the culture of death. Cost \$15/ person. Registration required, deadline February 20. Registration forms can be found on-line: www.fargodiocese.org/respectlife or call 701-356-7910.

26th Annual Spaghetti Feed - Holy Family in Grand Forks, Sunday, March 11, from 12 - 6 p.m. Free will offering with proceeds going to help those less fortunate.

Decora – Discover your Feminine Genius ~ Mind, Body and Soul. Saturday, February 24, at Sts Anne & Joachim Church in Fargo. For High School and College age women. More information: www.bisoncatholic.org.

Reconciliation Schedule – Sunday, March 4, 4 p.m. - Minto; Thursday, March 8, 7 p.m. - Park River; Friday, March 9, 5:30 p.m. - Cavalier; Sunday, March 11, 7 p.m. - Pembina; Sunday, March 18, 1 p.m. - Pisek; **Sunday, March 18, 4 p.m. - Grafton**; Sunday, March 18, 7 p.m. - Drayton; Wednesday, March 21, 7 p.m. - Walhalla; Thursday, March 22, 5:30 p.m. - Langdon.

Sacred Heart - Oakwood

Sunday: February 25, 2018

Proclaimer: Bobby Osowski

Altar Server: Kayden Swanson

February Cleaning: Group 3

Collection: 2/11/2018 \$ 245.00

Year to Date \$ 1,996.00

God's Gift Goal: \$ 7,471.00

Year to Date: \$

Lay Directors:

Ed Sevigny, Lori Cyr

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

LENT TO EASTER 2018

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church / Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Grafton, North Dakota

SUNDAY EUCHARIST (Sat) 5:00 p.m. - Grafton; 7:30 a.m. - Oakwood; 9:30 a.m. - Grafton

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: All Catholics of the age for Reconciliation are urged to come to Confession during Lent. Regular Individual Reconciliation will be weekdays at 5 p.m. (Monday - Friday) and on Saturday at 4:00 p.m. and Sunday at 8:45 a.m. Communal penance with individual sacramental Reconciliation by guest priests - Sunday, March 18, at 4 p.m. If needed you can call Fr. Tim at 520-0838 to schedule a time.

WEEKDAY LITURGIES Monday - Friday at 5:15 p.m. at Saint John's preceded by evening prayer at 4:45 p.m., and confessions at 5 p.m.. There will also be Masses on Wednesday at 10:15 a.m. at the Sunset Home and Thursday at 1:45 p.m. at the All Faiths Chapel - LSTC. Adoration and Night Prayer will be on Wednesdays at 9 p.m. during Lent.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS Fridays, immediately following Mass.

SACRAMENTS FOR HOMEBOUND: During Lent, Fr. Tim will visit homes to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick and will give Communion. Please call Fr. Tim's cell phone (520-0838). Try not to wait until the end (especially Holy Week) because he gets very busy.

MONDAY NIGHT SOUP NIGHTS: Each Monday during Lent (February 19 - March 19), we offer soup in Saint John's Parish Center. We will begin immediately after the 5:15 Mass (approximately 6 p.m.)

DIOCESAN CHRISM MASS : The special liturgy to bless the sacred oils by our bishop will be in Fargo at St. Mary's Cathedral at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 27. All members of our diocese are invited to attend.

TRIDUUM

THE GREAT THREE DAYS TO EASTER

HOLY THURSDAY, March 29, 7 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY, March 30, 5:15 p.m.

TENNEBRAE March 30, 9 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY, March 31, 9 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY, April 1

7:30 a.m. Sacred Heart, Oakwood

9:30 a.m. St. John's, Grafton

These three days are really one continuous festival, the greatest Liturgy of our entire church year. All members of our parish should attend each day with the whole family. All of Lent is meant to prepare us for this celebration. The Triduum opens **Holy Thursday** night with the Lord's supper, including a foot washing rite calling us to SERVE one another's needs. **Good Friday** celebrates our victory over the CROSS. **Holy Saturday Vigil to Easter** celebrates Jesus' resurrection and our hope that we will follow Him by living our Baptismal Life.

More information can be found in the bulletin or you can check out these websites: stjohnsgraffton.com; fargodiocese.org; or usccb.org.

Diocese of Fargo

Lent & Easter Regulations

The penitential days for the universal Church are each Friday of the whole year and the season of Lent. Ash Wednesday (February 10, 2016) marked the beginning of Lent. Lent is an opportunity to prepare our hearts and minds for the celebration of Easter. The following regulations are observed in this sacred season:



Abstinence

Catholics 14 years of age or older must abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent. It is only on the other Fridays of the year that abstinence may be substituted by another form or penance.

Fasting

Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 (inclusive) are required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. There is a limit of one full meal and no food between meals on those days. Two smaller meals are permitted as needed to maintain one's strength.

Sacrament of Penance

All the faithful who have reached the age of reason are bound faithfully to confess their grave sins at least once a year. Lent is a good time to fulfill this precept of the Church. Anyone who is aware of having committed a mortal sin must not receive Holy Communion without previously having been to sacramental confession (Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), 1457).

Holy Communion

Catholics who have received their First Holy Communion are obliged to make a worthy reception of Holy Communion at least once a year during the Lenten or Easter seasons. In the United States, this reception of Holy Communion may take place from the first Sunday in Lent (Feb 14st) through Trinity Sunday (May 22th).

Other Lenten Observances

Each weekday of Lent is also an obligatory day of penance. Some recommendations include the participation in daily Mass, increased prayer or spiritual study, self-imposed fasting or abstinence, works of charity, and participation in traditional Lenten Devotions (parish missions, Stations of the Cross, rosary).



The proper context for all Lenten discipline is the conversion of our hearts. As the Catechism states, however, "interior conversion urges expression in visible signs, gestures and works of penance." These penances help us to redirect our whole life to God and away from sin and the evil we have committed (CCC, 1430-1439).

As we celebrate our Lenten penitential practices, may we experience this conversion of heart and be strengthened in our faith in God's mercy. May our discipline, through God's grace, lead us to full participation in the eternal Easter.