



St. John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

August 25, 2019
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

1515 Western Ave.
Grafton, ND 58237

Mission Statement

**To walk by Faith,
to be known by Love
and to be a Beacon of Light
in our community.**

We are asking that you pray 3 Hail Marys after each Mass for people to come back to their Catholic Faith.

Eucharist Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm - St. John's, Grafton
Sunday: 7:30 am - Sacred Heart, Oakwood
9:30 am - St. John's, Grafton
11:30 am - Mass in Spanish, Grafton

Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 pm - St. John's
Sunday: 7:10 am - Sacred Heart, Oakwood
9:00 - 9:15 am - St. John's

Parish Office: 352-1648
Fr. Jeff's Cell phone - 1-314-750-8937
Parish Kitchen: 352-0499

Pastor: Fr. Jeff Eppler
Retired Priest in Residence:
Fr. Bernard Schneider
Deacon/Pastoral Minister/Faith
Formation Director:
Rev. Mr. Michael Grzadzielewski
Asst. Faith Formation Director/Music:
Brent Hermans
Parish Secretary: DeeDee Vogsland
Environmental Services:
David Demester, Paul Bina

Parish Lay Directors: Paul Houdek,
Mary (John) Dusek

Pastoral Council: Jeff Blanchard, Leanne
Campbell, Kelly Dokken, Paul Dolan,
Brittany Dusek, Ernie Dusek, Sandra
Irmien, Lee Lessard, Denise Moe, Sean
Osowski, Micky Schumacher, Al Szklarski,
Marta Balderas - Hispanic Ministry
Liaison.

Finance Council: Matt Beneda, Mary
(John) Dusek, Paul Houdek, JoAnn
Lizakowski, Kathy Maus, Donny Suda,
Stacey Van Bruggen

Baptism Prep Classes - On the 2nd
Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm in the
Gathering Space. Call 352-1648 to register.
Training for EMOC - on the 2nd Thursday
of the month at 6:15 pm

FORMED: Youth and Adult Faith Formation
at formed.org Parish Access code:PNWMV2
Bulletin - find it at stjohngrafton.com+
Emails: Father Jeff at
fr.jeff@stjohngrafton.com
DeeDee at
deedee@stjohngrafton.com
Need a ride to church:
Call Frank Janousek at 520-1730
or Jim Kosmatka at 360-2061
Bulletin Deadline - Wednesday 4:00 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be on Sunday, September 1st from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Please join us for some or all of this time of prayer.

The 2nd Collection will be going to our Helping Hands Fund. It supports the poor at the door in Grafton and the surrounding area.

Faith Formation Teachers are needed for
Grades 1-2, 3:45-5:00
Grades 1-6, 6:15-7:30
Please contact Deacon Mike,
Brent Hermans or the Church office at
352-1648 if you feel God calling you to teach.



Jesus said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch" (Lk 5:4). The last two weeks I briefly addressed the role of the body and senses in prayer, which we call vocal prayer. Vocal prayer, though necessary, probes the shallow end of the pond. It's time to cast our nets into deeper spiritual waters.

A human soul is comprised of two major things: intellect and will. Lets focus on the intellect. What exactly is the intellect? It is our *power to know*. We are a rational being, which means we have the capacity for reason and self-knowledge. This gives us the ability to genuinely love, making us different from any other creature on the face of the earth. This is reflective of being made in God's image and likeness.

Our body and soul work together as a compact unit. Our intellect is the spiritual and our brain is the physical. Together they form what we call our *mind*. When God became man, He assumed a human body and soul. Jesus has a perfect, sinless mind that is united to His divinity. St. Paul says we are to put on the mind of Christ and not consider things in the natural, earthly way, but comprehend them in the Spirit (ref. 1 Cor 6:14).

Truly, then, our intellect isn't meant for simply knowing facts; it's meant for knowing *someone*. That someone is God Himself. And God wants everyone to know Him. Even a person whose mind is impaired because their brain is damaged can still be intimate with God because their intellect is spiritual in nature. Also, when our brains stop functioning at death, our intellect doesn't. We'll still have a keen awareness of who we are and what we're doing after we pass into the next life.

The initial ingredient in forming a relationship is knowledge. We can't love someone we don't know. We don't normally see couples getting married the moment they meet. They spend time getting to know each other first. God desires to be our spouse. He wants us to know Him so we can love Him.

Next week, I will explain how to do meditative prayer, which is the active use of our intellect in communion with God.

May God be praised and may you be blessed!

9,000 Rosaries for Grafton!
Pray, Pray, Pray!

Fr. Jeff will be gone from August 26-September 6.



Eucharist & Intentions

Saturday, August 24

5:00 p.m. - Terry Eppler +

Sunday, August 25

7:30 a.m. Oakwood - Parishioners

9:30 a.m. - John Desautel +

11:30 a.m. Spanish - Allen Groven +

Monday, August 26

No Mass

Tuesday, August 27

5:15 p.m. - Ann Fayette +

Wednesday, August 28

10:15 a.m. Sunset - Lynn Ebert +

Thursday, August 29

9:00 a.m. - Orell Sevigny +

1:45 p.m. LSTC - Michael Frank Misialek +

Friday, August 30

9:00 a.m. - Charles Wilkes +

Saturday, August 31 - Fr. Dennis Dugan, Guest Priest

5:00 p.m. - June French +

Sunday, September 1 - Fr. Dennis Dugan, Guest Priest

7:30 a.m. Oakwood - Alan Collette +

9:30 a.m. - Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Spanish - Charles Wilkes +

Prayers for the Sick -

Frances Schuster, Aldo Rodriguez, Barb Estad-Foerster, Daryle MacDonald, Mary Lou Gourde, Marvin French, Kevin Bailly, Brian Fehr,

Larry & Shirley Durand, Glenn Schneider, Francis Boulduc, Paul Lunski, Bonnie Shannon, Linda Loveless, Judy Wolter, Michelle Such, Robert Carroll, Jon Hills, Richard Anderson, MaryAnn Brockway, Mike Callahan, Judy Jiskra, Suzanne Burns, Jodi McCarthy, Diane Lee, Hope Reis, David Moe, Patrice & Thea Katz, Brad Schuster, Hiladore Osowski, Ron Nowacki, Monica Rudnik, Chad Demers, Jeanne Silewski, Ann (Mickey) Shaver, Judith McMillian, Ray Capp, JoAnn & Roger Mattson, Ryan Suda, Emma Basting, John Campbell, Theresa Moen, Jennifer Osowski, Michelle Collette Donarski, Roger Amiot, Kevin Hoenke, Adly Galle Jaehning, Kathy Ruzicka

Note: Please let us know when any of the names can be removed from the prayer list if they have recovered. Thank you for your help!

Please save your empty ice cream pails for use at the Fall Supper - you can put them in the kitchen.

If you are interested in going to Haiti in early January, please contact the parish office (352-1648) before October 2nd to sign up.



STEWARDSHIP

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

August 25, 2019 \$9,059.00

Given in 2019

\$222,071.58

Goal for 2019

\$385,000.00

\$ 63,033.00 God's Gift (Pledged 66,476.00) \$ 82,942.00

The Fall Dinner is Coming in October!

If you are willing to donate your time, items or money, it would be greatly appreciated. We will be doing the Mini-Raffle, so we are asking for new raffle items. The Country Store will need produce, baked goods and decorations to sell. The kitchen is asking for food items and volunteers to help before, during and after the event. We can use everyone's talents to make the day a success! Please call the office to sign up. 352-1648

Stewardship Moment - "For behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last."

Luke 13:30

Our standards in society are different from God's standards. We often rank people by what they have, how powerful they are, or how successful they are. Jesus reminds us that God will not judge us by the same earthly standards. When God asks you, "What have you done with the gifts I have given you?" How will you respond?

Weekly Prayer of the Faithful Petitions - That through our good stewardship, we may build up God's kingdom here on earth and earn a place at God's eternal banquet.

Fall into Faith All Parish Celebration and Welcome for Father Jeff

Sunday, September 15 after 9:30 am Mass

Please see posters in Gathering Space!

UPCOMING DATES AT ST. JOHN'S:

Labor Day	Office Closed
Baptism Prep. Class	Thursday, Sept. 12, 7:00 pm
Fall into Faith	Sunday, Sept. 15
Deanery Pastoral Council	Tuesday, Sept. 17, 7:00 pm
Faith Formation begins	Wednesday, Sept. 18
Finance Council	Thursday, Sept. 19, 7:00 pm
Faith Formation	Wednesday, Sept. 25
Choir Practice	Wednesday, Sept. 25, 7:45 pm
Pastoral Council	Thursday, Sept. 26, 7:00 pm
Fall Dinner	Sunday, October 13th

Sacred Heart - Oakwood

Sunday: September 1, 2019

Proclaimer: Ed
Altar Server: Kayden & Zachary Swanson
September Cleaning: Group 2

Collection: Aug. 25 \$ 998.00
Year to Date \$20,609.00
God's Gift Goal \$ 7,816.00
Pledged Amt. \$ 7,320.00
Amount Given \$ 6,715.00

Lay Directors: Ed Sevigny, Lori Cyr
Pastoral/Finance Council: Susan Suda, Cindy Collette, Mark Gourde, Lee Osowski, Bobby Osowski

Ministry	August 31	September 1	September 7	September 8
September Eucharistic Ministers	5:00 pm Paten: Doris Dahlgren, Sheila Trontvet Chalice: Lillian Houska, Cindy Janousek, Brigita Bovaird, Kathy Grzadzielewski 9:30 am Paten: John Dusek, Pat Dusek, Elaine Novak Chalice: Greg Dusek, Mary Dusek, Jon Jelinek, JoAnn Lizakowski			
Proclaimers	Dean Collette	Roger Allmaras	Kathy Grzadzielewski	Greg Campbell
Altar Servers	Matt Houska Chris Fehr	Joshua Blanchard Sydney Suda Tony Balderas	Chris Fehr Matt Houska	Ethan Lund Robert Parsons Tyler Mayer
Greeters	Bob & Sharon Mlcoch Betty Feltman	Ron & Dorothy Koester Christine Bjorneby	Frank & Cindy Janousek Betty Feltman	Jack & Kathy Maus Paddy Hutson
Money Counters		LaRae Osowski Robin Molde		Cynthia Collette Bev Dolan

